

NEW POLICE SYSTEM.

Commissioners Adopt Boston's Plan of Promoting Officers.

Extraordinary Service, Not Length of Service, to Count.

Six Months' Probation Follows Civil-Service Examination.

The Board of Police Commissioners to-day adopted the system in vogue in Boston for the promotion of policemen.

According to the new system promotions will be made only on the merit list, which is to be composed of men who have rendered extraordinary service.

If he passes the examination satisfactorily he will be appointed as Acting Sergeant, Captain or Inspector, as the case may be, for six months.

After the expiration of the six months he will be promoted to the rank of sergeant, captain or inspector, as the case may be, if he has proved himself capable of the promotion.

Appointments will only be made from the eligible list, and only the three highest names on the list shall be eligible.

Policeman Edward P. McCann, of the 41st Precinct, was the first to be promoted.

The charge against McCann was that he rendered himself unfit for police duty by excessive use of liquor.

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IN THE SEA SERPENT SEASON.



SHE—What is that terrible monster approaching the shore? HE—I thought it was a sea serpent, but it's only Roosevelt trying to keep the fishes from drinking.

Forty-seventh street, it was drier than before, but I am not yet satisfied.

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MIKE CALLAHAN FINED.

Disorderly Conduct.

Ex-Assemblyman Michael J. Callahan, charged with disorderly conduct by Police Officer of the Elizabeth street station, was arraigned in the Tombs Police Court today and fined \$5.

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STOCKS QUIET AND STEADY.

Extensive Realizations Mark the Opening Hours on 'Change.

Chicago Gas Exceptionally Strong on a Late Sharp Covering.

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LILY LOW MYSTERY.

No Effort Was Made at the Inquest to Get at the Facts.

After all the promises made by Police Capt. Pickett, that he would certainly be able to clear up the mystery which surrounds the suicide of Lily Low, the result of the inquest, held yesterday before Coroner O'Meara, furnishes no explanation whatever of the motive which impelled the unfortunate girl to take her life, or of the mysterious circumstances connected with the act.

As a matter of fact, the proceeding before the Coroner was superficial and almost farcical in its character.

Dr. Biggs, who is known to have been one of the dead girl's most intimate friends, was not even questioned, nor was Miss Hanson nor Henry Champney called to the witness stand.

All that the witnesses examined were allowed to testify to was that the girl's body was found in the woods at Fort George, and that the surrounding circumstances pointed to the fact that she had taken her own life.

Not one fragment of evidence was offered to explain why she had been driven to this desperate act, or what her motive in it was.

HE SWALLOWED POISON.

A Brother of Playwright Blumenthal Kills Himself in the Bowery.

Eugene Blumenthal, a brother of the German playwright Oscar Blumenthal, committed suicide this morning by taking poison in his room in the Great Northern Hotel, at 338 Bowery.

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EVIDENCE FOR MARIA.

New Facts Which May Bring About a New Trial.

Nardo Tavolacci Says She Had to Kill Cataldo.

That He Reached for His Stiletto, and She Cut Him.

New evidence has been brought to light in connection with the killing of Dominico Cataldo by Maria Barberi, the Italian girl whom he betrayed and deserted, and who is now under sentence of death at Sing Sing prison, which it is believed will not only save her from the death chair, but will result in securing a new trial and a complete exoneration of the unfortunate woman.

This is the discovery of the man who was playing cards with Cataldo in the saloon at 48 East Thirteenth street, on the evening morning of April 29 last, and who is the only witness of the tragedy, except the condemned girl.

His name is Nardo Tavolacci, and he is said to be still in the city, and living with his wife in a second room in the rear of 62 East Thirteenth street, in the midst of one of the most densely populated blocks in the city.

George Porcino, a barber, of 283 Bowery, knows Tavolacci well, and the latter told his story of the killing of Cataldo in Boreca's shop not many days ago.

According to his statement, Cataldo had a stiletto in his pocket, which he drew during his quarrel with Maria after she had come into the saloon and demanded that he marry her.

Tavolacci says that while Maria and Cataldo were struggling together near the door of the saloon he saw the man grasp his stiletto, and then Maria, with a quick movement, cut the fatal gash in his throat.

Before the struggle occurred Tavolacci asserts that Cataldo had taunted the girl with her shame, and that she had all the appearance of a woman who