UNDERGROUND WIRES.

THE BILL SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

WHAT DR. NORVIN GREEN SAYS—NECESSITY OF THE USE OF POLES.

Among the bills signed by the Governor on Saturday was one requiring telegraph, telephone and electric-light wires to be placed underground. The full text of the law is not at hand, but it is understood that all wires must be laid below the surface before November 1, 1885. Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, said of the act yesterday:

The bill provides (1) that in cities of 500,000 inhabitants all wires must hereafter be laid under the surface; (2) that companies owning wires must remove them and place them under ground before November, 1885; (3) that the cities shall remove the wires of such companies as neglect to place them under ground, and (4) that no city shall make the laying of wires under ground a monopoly. I am not certain that the bill has not been modified in its passage, but as I understand it, this is substantially the one signed by the Governor. The first and fourth sections the Legislature had a perfect right to adopt, but the second and third ought not to have become a law. The Legislature cannot tell me to take down the wires now erected by this company any more than it can order me to tear down this building. The third section directs cities to remove the wires not put under ground by a certain date, but it is not mandatory.

I am not a lawyer but the bill seems to be defective in not having a repealing clause. Unrepealed, the statutes giving us power to build telegraph lines are still as good in law as the one just signed compelling us to put the wires underground. No, I cannot say that this company will, or will not, oppose the law. We have not contested it in committee or anywhere else. There are other companies which have greater reasons to oppose it, for we own only 20,000 to 25,000 miles of wire on poles in this city, while the telephone companies have probably 60,000 miles. The Western Union has already placed under ground its trunk lines from the general office south and west, to the exchanges, and on the north the wires are ready to be placed in underground tubes as far as Twenty-third-st. We have decided to extend this line to Forty-second-st. and the Grand Central Depot. Long before the end of the period named in the bill all our trunk lines in this city will probably be underground. It is hardly probable, however, that the city would enforce the law. No penalty for disregarding it has been provided. Paris and London have large underground systems, but in addition perfect networks of overhead wires. I do not think that New-York will ever remove all its pole wires. The people will insist upon having conveniences which they now enjoy. This company, for instance, has 147 branch offices in the city, but if this law should be enforced more than half of them would be closed at once. Should we run wires under ground to a remote office which now is kept open merely for public convenience? But the effect of the law would be still greater on telephone and district messenger companies. The service would be restricted so that it would be almost useless. In the business parts of the city where the receipts are large and the distances short the companies might put their wires under ground, but they could not possibly afford to do so in other sections of the city. It would not take long to convince people of the inconvenience caused by the law. I am quite sure that the opposition companies would suffer much more than we should if the law should be enforced. It would not cost us much more to carry all our trunk lines out of the city under ground, but our opponents would have to begin at the beginning. That reminds me that some persons say that we are not making money. Do you realize that, when we have paid the dividend for this quarter, we shall have paid out since January 1, 1881, exactly $18,000,000 in dividends? In the same three and a half years we have added to the plant $5,700,000, which makes a total of $23,700,000. We have sold in that time $1,000,000 bonds, for which we received about $1,100,000, and a few other things, amounting perhaps to $200,000. All the rest of these payments have been from earnings, for we have no floating debt of any kind. And still there are persons who say we are not earning money. Where do we get it?

RECEPTION ON THE STEAMSHIP EMS.

ELABORATE DECORATIONS—SCENES FROM THE "NIEBELUNGENLIED."

Messrs. Oelrichs & Co., the agents for the North German line of steamships, issued invitations for the inspection of the new steamer Ems, and between 2 and 5 p. m. yesterday a continuous stream of people poured up the gang-plank and filled the vessel. The total number of visitors was over 3,000, and all were enthusiastic over the luxurious appointments of the vessel. The first cabin saloon was the chief point of attraction. This is furnished with black walnut chairs, covered with fine olive plush. The tables are of mahogany. All around the room are panels filled with tapestry. These panels were to be painted with various designs, but the artist who was to do the work has not been able to finish it. He has, however, painted four beautiful pieces in the four squares of the dome, from the "Niebelungenlied," representing the four elements, fire, water, air and earth. The subjects are "Wotan taking leave of Brunnhilde," "The Rhine Maidens Guarding the Treasure," "The Valkyre Bearing the Body of the Slain Warrior to Walhalla," and "Siegfried Slaying the Dragon." Above these pictures are panels painted with fine cloud effects, and all are framed in exquisite carvings from the solid wood. The artist is Dielitz, of Berlin, who was employed by Mr. Villard to paint the scene at the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

The staterooms are all furnished with electric lights, the Swan lamps and Siemens dynamos being used, and with candles for use when the electric current is shut off. Electric calls connecting with the steward's room are in each stateroom. In fact, all the conveniences of the best modern hotel may be found in the vessel, so that the trip to Europe, to one who is not affected by the rolling and pitching of the vessel, would be little more than a week's stay in one of the great city hotels. The visitors were cordially received by Captain Charles Leist, commander of the company's fleet, First Officer Engelbart, who was until lately captain of the Donau and Mr. Schwab, of Oelrichs & Co. Major Henry Gaines, chief of the Measurer's Department, of the Custom House, who dined with Captain Leist yesterday, and who is familiar with every vessel which comes into this port, said that the vessel was perfect, and could not be improved upon. The Ems is similar in dimensions to the Elder, of the same line, but is more elaborately fitted up.

KELLY WAS ONLY FINED $100.

James E. Kelly, the notorious pool seller, and his clerks, Thomas Murray and John S. Stow, who were arrested last week for carrying on the unlawful business at No. 15 West Twenty-eighth-st. and Jerome Park, yesterday were placed at the bar of Special Sessions Court. Kelly pleaded guilty last Friday, and his clerks yesterday interposed a similar plea. Ex-Recorder Smith appeared in the prisoner's behalf and Anthony Comstock for the prosecution. The former referred to the injunction issued in the Supreme Court a year ago, prohibiting interference by the police with the selling of pools at Jerome Park. Mr. Comstock stated that since Kelly entered his plea last week he had been engaged at pool selling at the Sheepshead Bay race course, assisted by his clerks. He also submitted to a lengthy affidavit sworn to by himself and Agent Britton, setting forth that Kelly has for more than twenty years been engaged in gambling schemes, and during that time he has borne the reputation of being one of the principal pool gamblers in this city as well as in Queens and Kings Counties. He referred to the raid made by himself on the rooms of Kelly & Bliss in Long Island City, on October 9, 1882, when gambling implements valued at $7,000 were seized, and asserted that numerous cases had come to his notice of young men and others who had been induced to commit breaches of trust and larceny through the influences of pool gambling on horse races. He denounced as false the allegation that Kelly was in the habit of boasting that he had "seen" him and arranged with him so as not to interfere with Kelly's unlawful business.

Justice Ford consulted his colleagues, Justices Smith and Welde, and then imposed a fine of $100 on Kelly, and fined his two clerks $10 each. Ex-Recorder Smith filled out a check on the National Shoe and Leather Bank for the amount of the fines, and the men were released.

RUBIERA ARRESTED AND DISCHARGED.

On a charge of shipping two kegs of dynamite on board the Avieto, a schooner loaded here for Havana, Señor Rubiera, Editor of *El Separatista*, the Cuban journal in this city, was arrested at his office, No. 36 Vesey-st., yesterday morning. The offence was in shipping explosives without placing them in metallic case, surrounded by plaster of paris and marked "dangerous."

Señor Rubiera said: "This morning two United States Deputy Marshals Horton and Bible arrested me under a warrant issued by Commissioner Shields. The complaint was sworn to by John C. Meehan, of Pinkerton's agency, employed by the Spanish Government. I was taken before Commissioner Shields, and I requested a short time in which to send for my lawyers. In the meantime Mr. Shields went to call Assistant District-Attorney Foster, who assured the Commissioner that there was no case against me, and I was at once honorably discharged."

It seems that Rubiera is under constant surveillance by the Spanish Government, a detective occupying the room next to him in his residence. On Sunday he escaped the detective's vigilance, and did not appear until yesterday morning, when he and the kegs, which contained only gunpowder, were simultaneously brought before the Commissioner. He thinks that the detectives know who put the kegs on board the Avieto; and that the Spanish emissaries desire to move the United States authorities to shut him up in an American prison.

SHIPWRECKED IN SOUTHERN WATERS.

The steamer Alene, of the Atlas Line, Captain Seiders, which arrived yesterday from the West Indies, brought Captain O. B. Anderson and a crew of eight men, who had been shipwrecked at the mouth of the Magdalena River, South America, on May 12. The men were shipped on the Swedish brig Dagmar, which left Newport, England, for Barraquilla, with a cargo of railway iron and railway supplies. On May 12 the brig ran aground. The masts were cut away to steady her. A boat with five men was sent ashore for assistance. As night advanced there were indications that the vessel was breaking up. The crew were clinging to the stump of the mainmast. Finally this, too, was washed overboard. At 1 a. m. on the 13th the customs officer, who had been taken on board at Savanilla, was lost in a wave. The crew clung to the fore-rigging until daybreak; then the captain, mate and two men got on a piece of the brig's deck and floated off. The pilot taken on with the customs officer refused to go along, saying that they would be washed out to sea. Shortly after the men pushed off the brig went to pieces and the pilot was lost. The raft drifted ashore. They were cared for yesterday by the Swedish Consul.

THE NEW DYNAMITE GUN.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS AT FORT LAFAYETTE—A FORMIDABLE WEAPON.

Amid the ruins of Fort Lafayette, of which only the walls are standing, a party of men assembled yesterday to witness the experiments with the new dynamite gun, conducted by First Lieutenant E. L. Zalinski, 5th Artillery, United States Army. Among them were Henry Steers, of the Naval Advisory Board, C. G. Francklyn, Tewfik Pacha, Turkish Minister at Washington, Captain Ali Riza, Naval Attache of the Turkish Legation, General Abram Duryee, Colonel William Shaffer, W. E. D. Stokes, S. D. Schuyler, Charles Heckscher, James Flanagan, David A. Burr, W. A. Bartlett, Lester A. Bartlett and George H. Reynolds, superintendent of the Delamater Iron works. The gun with which the experiments were made is something entirely different from any ordnance heretofore used. It is a narrow, seamless brass tube 41½ feet long and 3⅝ inches in diameter, mounted on an angle-iron trestle, and connected with an air reservoir containing fifteen charges. To this was united small iron pipe running into one of the casemates where there was a steam air compressor. The projectile was a thin brass tube three feet long, in which the dynamite cartridges were placed against a percussion fuse to be detonated by fulminate of mercury at the moment when the iron head should strike the object aimed at. This dynamite arrow was feathered by a long wooden sabot.

The target was a bank of sodded earth south of Fort Hamilton and was 700 yards away. Compressed air was suddenly admitted to the long pneumatic tube by pulling the lanyard. An explosion followed and, after a brief interval, another much louder as the projectile struck the bank and the dynamite dug a deep hole in the earth. Five shots were fired, four sending two dynamite shells into the bank, one against the sea-wall below it, and one into the water near it. The fifth threw a shell two miles away, into the water. For the first shot the shell was not charged. For the second, 16¾ pounds of dynamite were used. For the third 17, and for the fourth and fifth, each 15 pounds. Each shot was fired with an air pressure of 500 pounds to the square inch. Every shot struck within three feet of the point aimed at, and Lieutenant Zalinski declared that the gun worked as accurately and as easily as any rifled gun. The four charges of dynamite exploded on striking. An explosion of "free dynamite" was made on the western face of the fort. Ten pounds were placed on twelve sheets of boiler iron, without any "tamping," and in the open air. The thickness of the iron sheets, laid one over the other, was ten inches, and they were supported on three heavy timbers one foot square. Ten of the plates were perforated by the discharge and the two others were deeply indented. The experiments were entirely satisfactory to all present. Seventy-five pounds of dynamite were used, costing only 21 cents a pound. A new engine is to be constructed within ten days, by which an air-pressure of 2,000 pounds to the square inch can be utilized for a propelling power, and experiments will be made with a gun of 6 inches calibre, carrying the projectiles, charged with 100 pounds of dynamite, three miles.

THE WILD AND WHOOPING WEST.

ITS BEAUTIES SHOWN BY "BUFFALO BILL" AT THE POLO GROUNDS—COWBOYS AND "INDIANS."

A lawn tennis shirt and a large, white sombrero hat, with a cord twisted round the crown, seemed to be part of the correct costume at the Polo Ground yesterday. Buckskin trousers were also the latest things in summer suiting. Two or three thousand persons were watching for the appearance of "Buffalo Bill" and his band of braves. In the meantime those of the wild cowboys whom contact with eastern civilization had rendered able to cope with the effete "tenderfoot" without emphasizing their remarks with bowie-knife or six-shooter, moved about the crowd clad in the regulation far western garb and rendered things pleasant for the visitors with true occidental politeness. At 2:30 o'clock a tall, handsome man, with long, curling hair, and clad in a pair of deerskin trousers and a dark silk shirt embroidered daintily down the front, rode into the enclosure, which looked little changed from its usual aspect, except that in the centre was a small log cabin with one window, a chimney and a door. The horseman, who was William F. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill," was followed by a mounted troop of cowboys, Mexicans and Indians, including Captain A. H. Bogardus, the champion "wing-shop," Major Frank North, the "Pilot of the Prairie," "Oklahoma" Payne, the "Progressive Pioneer," "Buck" Taylor, "King of the Cowboys," Con Groner, the Cow-Boy Sheriff of the Platte," to quote from the programme, and a host of frontier worthies long as to hair and sunburned and good-humored as to face. Then began a series of scenes which, as one of the sunbreroed persons remarked, "show ye more 'n ye'd see during twenty year on the plains, by thunder!" The remark was incontrovertible, for few of the spectators had an intimate acquaintance with prairie life found elsewhere.

There were pony races, lassoings, whooping and firing of Winchester rifles without number. The most striking incident was the portrayal of an attack on a stage-coach. A stage was drawn by six mules in front of the grand stand. Some passengers drawn from the audience, one of whom, at least, is a well-known figure on the race track, went on board. The bearded "Yuba Bill" cracked his whip, the truculent-looking guard lay flat on his back on top of the rickety conveyance and round the grounds they went. Soon a blood-curdling yell was heard and a band of ferocious looking Indians galloped from the upper part of the grounds and gave chase to the coach, firing off their revolvers and receiving back the fire of the guard and passengers of the coach. They were finally driven off by a band of cowboys, chief among whom was the redoubtable "Bill" himself, firing his rifle with ease and agility. After this there was pictured an attack on the log-cabin, in which the bloodthirsty red men again succumbed to the cowboys. Then an unfortunate steer was lassoed and held down until a "greaser" mounted his back, and despit his ferocious plunging and kicking rode him gallantly into camp. Then Bogardus and his boys, Edward, Peter and Henry, did some surprising things in the way of shooting imitation pigeons and glass balls.

BRUTALLY ATTACKED IN CENTRAL PARK

Louis Adderhalden, of No. 118 East Eighty-fifth-st., who was assaulted in Central Park on Saturday morning, spent an hour at his business place yesterday in Liberty-st. A TRIBUNE reporter saw him at his home. His head was covered with bandages. He is a fine looking man of sixty years, though he looks to be not over fifty. He told this story:

"I have been walking over the same path every summer morning for four years. On Saturday morning as I passed under the arch near the Obelisk I met a man who looked hard at me as we passed. When I reached the south side of the reservoir a man sprang from behind the bushes and struck me in the head with a stone. I felt stunned. He threw a second stone as I was lying on the ground, again striking me in the head. In a moment I was blinded with blood, which flowed down my face and neck and saturated my clothing. Springing up I dashed at the cowardly scoundrel with my umbrella. I must have scared him, for he turned and ran. He was the same man who met me under the arch, and I think he has been watching me for some time. I walked a quarter of a mile and met a cartman who called a policeman, with whom I went home. The man must have been a robber and an inexperienced highwayman. He wore rough clothing, and had no beard on his bad-looking face. I should know him if I saw him again."

Captain Beaty, of the Central Park Police, said: "I have been here for eighteen years, and this is the first case of this kind that has come to my knowledge. We have 125 men on the Park police force. They are scattered in all the parks from the Battery to High Bridge. Central Park has ninety men. The Commissioners have asked for an appropriation to increase the force. I think we ought to have twenty-five more men. Our men are on the alert all the time, and there are few complaints."

UNVEILING BOLIVAR'S STATUE.

The following order of exercises will be carried out at the dedication of Bolivar's Statue, in Central Park, to-day: Initiatory address, by General Egbert L. Viele, president of the Department of Public Works; address of presentation, by General Guzman Blanco, ex-President of Venezuela; unveiling of the statue, by A. M. Sotelido, Minister from Venezuela to the United States; music, National airs of Venezuela, by the band of the United States flagship Tennessee; address of acceptance, by Mayor Edson; oration on "The Life and Character of General Bolivar," by Frederick R. Coudert. The United States troops, marines and sailors, under command of Colonel John Hamilton, will land at the foot of Seventy-ninth-st., North River, where they will be received by the Veteran Corps of the 7th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Locke W. Winchester. The line will be formed at 3:45 p. m., and march up Riverside-ave. to Eighty-eighth-st., through Eighty-eighth-st. to Eighth-ave., through Eighth-ave. to the Eighty-first-st. entrance to Central Park, thence around the statue, the right resting opposite Eighty-fourth-st. A National salute will be fired at the unveiling of the statue by the naval squadron anchored in the Hudson River, opposite the site of the statue. On the conclusion of the ceremonies General Blanco and suite will be entertained at Irving Hall by the Veteran Association of the 7th Regiment.

A BAD HOUSE TO LIVE IN.

A policeman on Sunday evening found John McQuirk, of No. 549 West Fortieth-st., kneeling on his wife, holding her by the throat, while he flourished a large knife over her head and cried, "Give me my money! Give me my money!" The woman was badly cut about the head and was nearly insensible. She was taken to Roosevelt Hospital and her husband was locked up without bail. Later in the evening the officer found a woman in the same house suffering from a severe blow on her head, which had been inflicted by Cornelius Moohan. On being arrested Moohan told the Justice that he had intended to strike his wife, but had missed his mark and hit the wrong woman.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Victoria Hotel.—Baron Fava, Italian Minister at Washington, and Baroness Fava.....*Windsor Hotel*—J. G. de Amaral Valente, Brazilian Charge d' Affaires at Washington; George M. Pullman, of Chicago, and General J. L. Donaldson, of Baltimore.....*Union Square Hotel*—Ex-Governor Samuel Merrill, of Iowa.....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—Dr. George B. Loring, United States Commissioner of Agriculture, and Henry L. Pierce and T. Bailey Aldrich, of Boston.....*Sturtevant House*—Ex-Congressman William Loughridge, of Iowa.....*Westminster Hotel*—Ex-Congressman L. D. Shoemaker, of Pennsylvania.....*Grand Hotel*—Colonel W. M. Wherry, United States Army.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Coney Island Jockey Club races, Sheepshead Bay, 3 p. m.
Republican County Committee, No. 55 West Thirty-third-st., 8 p. m.
Unveiling General Bolivar's statue, Central Park, 3 p. m.
Departure of Democratic delegates for Saratoga.
Twelfth Infantry public drill, Manhattan Athletic Grounds, 4 p. m.
St. John's College commencement, Fordham.
Auction sale of Fox estate, No. 111 Broadway, noon.
Celebration of the Battle of Bunker Hill, No. 52 Union square, 2 p. m.
Independent Republican Conference.
Hoyt will contest, Surrogate's Court.
Sons of the Revolution celebration, Fraunce's Tavern, 4 p. m.
Commissioners in Havemeyer case, 4 p. m.
Van Norman Institute commencement, Central Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p. m.
Packer Collegiate Institute commencement, 8 p. m.
Metropolitan-Columbus baseball game, Metropolitan Park, 4 p. m.
Martin Luther Society, No. 64 Madison-ave., 8 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

An unknown man, age thirty-five years, fell from the ferryboat Warren, while on a trip from Brooklyn last night, and was drowned.

Lewis A. Mitchell has bought the property on the northeast corner of Fifth-ave. and Eighty-sixth-st., from James C. Varney, for $200,000.

Four liquor dealers, arrested for violating the Excise law on Sunday, were held in $100 bail each yesterday at Jefferson Market.

Mrs. Nancy Ropies, of No. 85 Columbia-st., was arrested yesterday with having pawned ninety-six pairs of trousers given to her to be made.

An unknown man about fifty years old, whose dress indicated poverty, became ill and died in front of No. 123 Washington-st. yesterday.

Mrs. Mary T. Keep writes to THE TRIBUNE that the agreement with her husband, Charles D. Keep, was that he should pay her $20 per week, and not $12 50 as erroneously stated.

New-Yorkers wishing to witness the unveiling of the statue of ex-Governor Buckingham at Hartford to-morrow, can go easily and cheaply by the New-Haven steamers, which connect with special trains.

DROWNED WHILE ROWING.

A rowboat with three boys in it upset opposite West Tenth-st. last night and spilled them into the river. Two of them swam ashore, but Sherwood Crawford, age fourteen, of No. 3 Ninth-ave., was drowned.

FRACTURED HIS SKULL BY FALLING.

Oliver Chamberlin, age six years, fell from the fire escape of the Hotel Brighton, at Forty-second-st. and Broadway, last night, and fractured his skull and thigh. His parents live in the hotel.

NO CITY MONEY FOR A REVIEWING STAND.

Controller Grant informed the Board of Estimate yesterday that there was no fund which could be drawn on to pay the $500 which was appropriated by the Aldermen to build a reviewing stand for the parade on Decoration Day.

HIS TROUBLE IS NOT YET ENDED.

Sigmund Kopp two weeks ago tried to commit suicide by cutting his throat. He succeeded so poorly that he was arraigned before Justice Duffy in the Yorkville Court yesterday, and said he was tired of life. He was held in $1,000 bail for trial.

FOUND IN THE RIVER.

The body of Frederick Skipstead, of No. 215 East Ninth-st., was found in the East River at the foot of Fourth-st. yesterday. He was sixty-one years old. It is supposed that he was accidentally drowned.

PROPOSING A PARK AT COENTIES SLIP.

Commissioner Thompson has thought for some time that a public park at Coenties Slip would be an ornament and a convenience to the city; so he had his engineers draw him a plan and he presented it to the Board of Estimate yesterday. It was promptly referred to the Park Commissioners.

GRANT AND WARD'S OFFICES CLOSED.

The offices of Grant & Ward at No. 2 Wall-st. have been closed. The furniture, books, etc., were removed yesterday to the office of Davies, Work & McNamee, in the new Mutual Life Insurance Company's building, where Mr. Davies has set apart room for the conduct of the business as receiver for the firm.

IDENTIFIED BY HIS VICTIM.

Vincenzo Carlatino, a stoutly built Italian, was arrested last night on the charge of having assaulted Joseph Gallo on May 3 in Greenpoint. Carlatino struck Gallo over the head with a shovel, fracturing his skull. The wounded man was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and will doubtless die. He identified the prisoner.

ANY MAN CAN WEAR A BLUE UNIFORM.

The Corporation Counsel told the Police Commissioners yesterday that employes of private corporations could not be arrested for wearing uniforms similar to those worn by policemen unless they endeavored to pass themselves off as policemen, or wore exact copies of the police shields and buttons.

CHANGE OF POLICE SERGEANTS.

Roundsman Hugh Clark, of the Fifteenth Precinct, was appointed a sergeant yesterday and sent to the Thirteenth Precinct; Sergeant Adam Cross, of the Eighth, was transferred to the Twenty-ninth; Sergeant Tims, of the Twenty-ninth, was sent to the Ninth, and Sergeant Carpenter, of the Ninth, was transferred to the Eighth.

MEETING DEATH SUDDENLY.

While driving a sand cart in Fourth-ave. yesterday, Thomas White, of No. 347 East Thirty-fifth-st., fell in front of the wheels and was run over. He died while he was being moved to a hospital. Thomas Mills, of Tremont, fell from the fifth story of No. 342 Madison-st., and was killed. William Glass, of Henry-st., Brooklyn, was killed by a fall from the roof of No. 20 Dey-st.

NOT THEIR WAY OF DOING BUSINESS.

Best & Co., of Nos. 60 and 62 West Twenty-third-st., proprietors of the Liliputian Bazar, state that the Fourteenth-st. merchant who was arrested on Saturday on a charge of assault, and who was represented as being the proprietor of the Liliputian Bazar, had no connection with their store. Their rule is to refund cheerfully money for all purchases not entirely satisfactory. Therefore no controversy of the kind referred to in that article would occur with them.

WORK OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE.

The Controller was authorized at a meeting of the Board of Estimate, yesterday, to issue $5,000 in bonds, bearing interest at not more than 3 per cent, to pay for preliminary surveys of a bridge to be built across the Harlem River, above High Bridge. Assessment bonds amounting to $14,162.84 will also be issued to pay the awards for land used for drains in the Twenty-third Ward.

SWINDLING HIS COUNTRYMEN.

Francisco Capra, of No. 13 Jersey-st., was held for trial in the Tombs Police Court yesterday, charged with swindling a number of his countrymen. On Friday he was paid $8 by each of thirty-five men for whom he promised work on a railroad in Pennsylvania, at $1 25 a day. The men having reached their destination learned how they had been duped, and those who had sufficient money returned to this city and caused Capra's arrest.

A DEAF BURGLAR SENTENCED.

Clarence McCarthy, a sailor, was found by James B. Neal, the florist, in his store, at No. 226 Bowery, early on the morning of May 24. McCarthy had been so noisy in entering the building that he awakened Mrs. Neal. McCarthy is deaf and could not hear Mr. Neal until the latter fired a pistol. The prisoner was arrested after a struggle. McCarthy pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary and was sentenced yesterday by Recorder Smyth to five years in the State Prison.

WELCOMING METHODIST DELEGATES.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in Fourth-ave. gave a reception yesterday to the Rev. Messrs. Robert Milton Young and Sylvester Whitehead, delegates from the Wesleyan Methodist Church, England, to the General Conference recently held in Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. Spellmeyer presided and the Rev. Dr. O. H. Tiffany delivered an address of welcome to which the delegates responded. The Rev. Drs. Chadwick and Goodell also made addresses.

WISHING SALARIES EQUALIZED.

The Primary Teachers' Association held a meeting yesterday in Grammar School, No. 47, in East Twelfth-st. Miss I. L. Favor was elected president, and said that the association had failed to meet the expectation and hope its friends of in not having the salaries of the Primary and Grammar school teachers equalized. Miss Jenny B. Morrill delivered an address upon the instruction of small children in arithmetic.

WAR IN EMIGRANT RATES.

The war in emigrant rates between the transatlantic steamship companies continues. Yesterday the Inman Line led in a reduction from $18 outward and $21 prepaid to $15. The Guion, White Star, Cunard and Anchor Lines followed with the same reduction. The State Line fixed the rate at $14 both ways. A representative of the National Line said that his rates were still $17 outward and $19 prepaid, but agents of the other lines said the National was also selling tickets at $14.

INDICTED FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Christian A. Busch, age nineteen, who was discharged by Coroner Levy but was held by Police Justice Duffy on a charge of killing Joseph McGuire, was yesterday indicted by the Grand Jury for murder in the first degree. Busch was one of three brothers who were in the liquor store of Mark Thomas on the morning of May 18, when a quarrel arose in which Busch drew a knife and stabbed McGuire in the heart. Busch declared that he had been first assaulted by McGuire, and the Coroner's jury declared that the killing was done in self-defence.

NATIONAL LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association was held at the Hotel Brunswick on Saturday evening, June 7. There were present Messrs. Berkely, Mostyn, Frazer, Glyn and Clark. Mr. Conover, of the Newark Club, was elected secretary, in place of Mr. Farnum, of the Young America Club. The Ayers ball was again adopted as the regulation one. It was decided to hold the annual tournament of the association at the Casino, Newport, in the last week in August.

ALARMED AT A CAT'S BITE.

A white cat ran into the beer-shop at No. 28 Christopher-st. on June 7, and Philip Graffe, the proprietor, took it in his arms. As he was stroking it the animal became frightened and bit his right forefinger. Mr. Graffe thought little of the injury at first and permitted the cat to escape. He became alarmed on the following day, however, when his hand swelled and pains darted through his arm as far as his shoulder. Under medical treatment the swelling gradually disappeared, and Mr. Graffe's finger was nearly well yesterday. He said that he did not know what became of the cat.

AN ENGLISH FORGER TO BE SENT HOME.

United States Commissioner Osborn, who has had under consideration for several days the case of Gerald Thomas Tully, who, when arrested, called himself Richardson, decided yesterday to hold Tully for extradition. The prisoner was one of the officers of the Bank of Preston, England, and was charged with forging a statement of the deliveries of notes, bills of exchanges and other securities to the amount of £38,000, which he had embezzled from the bank. Two of the directors of the bank came to this country to obtain Tully's extradition. The prisoner will be sent to England in a few days.

FAILURE OF S. SOMMERICH AND CO.

S. Sommerich & Co., wholesale dealers in millinery goods, No. 635 Broadway, made an assignment yesterday to Jonas H. Goodman with forty-one preferences, amounting to $26,054 99. The firm consists of Solomon and Joseph Sommerich. The senior member began business about thirty years ago with Joseph Sinfonsfield as a partner, the firm name being then, as now, S. Sommerich & Co. In 1868 Mr. Simonsfield withdrew and Joseph Sommerich became a partner, the firm name remaining unchanged. The firm made a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in 1875, with liabilities of $87,000, and compromised at 30 per cent. The indebtedness on the present failure is said to be about $60,000.

OUT OF THE PENITENTIARY INTO PRISON.

Denis O'Brien, who was imprisoned for one year in the Penitentiary and whose term expired last week, was arraigned yesterday before Recorder Smyth on two charges of assaulting keepers at the Penitentiary. Andrew Wilson, a keeper, testified, that on the night of January 4 O'Brien, while confined in a dark cell, began making such a noise that he kept the other prisoners awake, and when the Keeper went into the cell the prisoner attacked him with a stick and a knife. O'Brien attacked Keeper McManus on June 4, and struck him on the temple after throwing a coffee can at him. O'Brien pleaded guilty to the charges against him and was sent to the State Prison for two years and six months.

TWO LAWYERS QUARREL OUT OF COURT.

In the Tombs Police Court yesterday, John W. Reynolds, a lawyer of No. 27 Spring-st., was a prisoner, charged by Henry Morange also a lawyer, of No. 132 Madison-st., with assault. Mr. Morange had a slight discoloration under his left eye, which was the result of a blow from Reynolds. The counsellors had been engaged in a suit brought by Dr. E. R. Hill, and as Morange was in City Hall Park yesterday, Reynolds demanded his share of the fees. The former replied that he had not yet received the money, whereupon Reynolds called him a liar. He then threw Morange to the ground, and hit him several times in the face. Reynolds demanded to be tried before a jury in the General Sessions Court, and Justice Weld fixed bail at $300, in default of which the prisoner was committed to jail.

BROOKLYN.

The Brooklyn Directory for 1884-'85 has made its appearance. It contains over 180,000 names.

Thomas Shields, age thirty, was killed yesterday on the New-York and Sea Beach Railway at the junction with the Manhattan road

Frederick Hoffman, a German tailor, age fifty-four, while in a fit of despondency, committed suicide yesterday by taking Paris green at his home, No. 184 Marion-st. He was unmarried and owned the house in which he lived.

The dog pound was opened yesterday in the old ferry house at the foot of Bridge-st. One hundred kennels have been built there, and an iron cage that will "accommodate" a dozen dogs at a time has been obtained for it. Samuel Stratton is the superintendent.

John Tracy has begun a suit in the United States Court against the owner of the steamship St. Ronans, for $5,000 damages, for injuries received while in the performance of his duty. He had his leg broken by stumbling over some lumber into the hatchway, and alleges that the Captain kept him on duty without having his injuries properly cared for. He is now in the City Hospital.

The corner-stone of the extension to the Old Ladies' Home, known as the Graham Institute, No. 320 Washington-ave., was laid yesterday afternoon. Mrs. David M. Stone presided, and forty or fifty lady managers were present. Addresses were made by David M. Stone, the Rev. Dr. Farley and others. The extension is 50 by 37 feet in size, and extends from the main building back to Waverly-ave. The cost of the new building and furniture will be $19,000.

While Officer Mahoney, of the Seventh Precinct, was patrolling on Manhattan-ave., Greenpoint, yesterday morning, at 3:30 o'clock, he found a man lying on the sidewalk near Eagle-st., with five bad wounds on his head and body. The man had evidently been drinking heavily. At the police station he gave the name of Thomas Masten, of No. 183 Greenpoint-ave. He could give no account of his injuries, and was sent to the Eastern District Hospital. His condition is critical. Detectives are investigating the case.

The old suit of Kessel against Zeiser, pending since June, 1876, has been settled. In 1878 Moses Kessel and Andrew Zeiser were candidates for the office of Charity Commissioner in Kings County. Kessel was declared elected, and entered upon his duties. On June 1, 1878, suit was brought against Kessel. Four months later he was ousted, and Zeiser took the office. Kessel appealed to the General Term, which reversed the judgment of the lower court. He then sued Zeiser for the salary he had drawn and obtained judgment. An appeal to the General Term resulted in affirming the judgment, Judge Clement writing the opinion and Judge Reynolds concurring.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

HOW BRIDGEPORT REGARDS THE BOLT.

Since the Chicago nominations the stand taken by *The New-York Times* has been severely censured in Bridgeport, and the sale of that paper has decreased fifty per cent. With three exceptions, the men who ordered their paper changed now take THE TRIBUNE. Among the newsdealers the following facts were obtained yesterday: F. J. Courtier, *The Times* every Sunday. Last Sunday he only sold 40; his average week day sale, which was 40, now is 20, and every patron, with one exception, now takes THE TRIBUNE. P. Kane, on week days, formerly sold 106 copies of *The Times*; his present daily sales are 85. On Sunday he averaged 60 *Timeses*, but only 30 last Sunday. All of his patrons, with two exceptions, have become readers of THE TRIBUNE. Mr. Connors, who on Sundays heretofore sold 150 *Timeses*, last Sunday sold only 64. The 82 patrons who have changed their paper, with one exception, all take THE TRIBUNE.

JERSEY CITY.

Five of the gamblers arrested at Weehawken last Sunday were yesterday sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and costs.

SUNDRY NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

MATAWAN.—There was a slight frost yesterday morning, but the fruits and berries were not damaged.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.—Professor Hart, of Rutgers College, and Miss Lucy Carpender will be married on Thursday.....The third annual reunion of the veterans of the First New-Jersey Brigade will be held at the Opera House on June 30.

ELIZABETH.—Work was begun on the new Presbyterian Church in Madison-ave yesterday..... At a large temperance meeting of the Red Ribbon Club on Sunday, Chauncey Shafter of New-York said that he would live to wave the flag of Prohibition over New-Jersey and New-York.

LONG ISLAND.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—Ex-Policeman Patrick Casey will be placed on trial this morning, before Judge Bartlett, for the murder of Sergeant Cummiskey.

MASPETH.—About two hundred men from New-York and Brooklyn on Sunday night attacked Thomas Dickson, a special deputy sheriff, of Newtown, and beat him severely. Dickson fired his revolver into the crowd; hitting John Tallere, and inflicting a scalp wound.

JERICHO.—The body of the man found hanging from a tree between Norwich and Jericho on Sunday by John Seaman is believed to be Jacob Brandt, an architect. A bak book bearing the name of Jacob Brandt, showing a deposit of $25 in the Bowery Savings Bank, and fifty-four cents in money and a silver watch were found upon the body.

ALONG THE SOUND.

GREENWICH.—The Rev. B. M. Yarrington, who has been pastor of Christ Church for forty-five years, has been ill from pneumonia but is now recovering.....There was a frost in some portions of the town on Sunday night.

BRIDGEPORT.—Reports from the Housatonic and Naugatuck Valleys state that severe frosts appeared on Saturday and Sunday nights, injuring crops. Andrew McKnight, a market gardener of Straitsville, estimates his loss at $1,700.....A number of spurious ten dollar greenbacks were discovered in circulation yesterday.

DANBURY.—A horse belonging to Benjamin Paddock walked across the bridge on the New-England Railroad near the milk factory at Brewster's, Saturday, making his way on the tin guard on the outside of the ties. This guard is eighty feet high, 200 feet in length and only about one foot in width.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

MOUNT VERNON.—Crafton and Kent, two young men engaged in selling pictures, last week made the acquaintance of Katie Cleaveland and Mary Weisse, and induced them to elope. One couple was married in Yonkers and the other in New-Rochelle.

TROUBLES OF A HOUSEKEEPER.

Charles B. Thorpe, of Kansas, two months ago secured rooms in the house of Mrs. Eliza Blackwell at No. 226 West Fortieth-st. He ran up a bill of $17, and last Saturday gave her a check on the Sixth National Bank for $26 85, which purported to be drawn by Newman, Furnbacher & Co., undertakers, of No. 399 Bowery. Yesterday Mrs. Blackwell found that the firm had no account at the bank in question. As she had given Thorpe money in change for the check, she told him of the inquiries. He seemed much surprised, and offered to go to his friend and rectify matters. Mrs. Blackwell agreed to go with him and take her son William. As they reached the Prescott House, in Broadway, Thorpe said that he wanted to see a man and if they would kindly hold his bundle he would step inside for a moment. Instead of coming out at the Broadway entrance, where he had gone in, he came out on the Spring-st. side, and met William, who had gone around the corner. Thorpe tried to run away, but was pursued by young Blackwell and arrested. In the Jefferson Market Police Court Justice Smith held the prisoner in $500 bail.

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