FORGED ELEVATED TICKETS.

AN EXTENSIVE PLAN TO ROB THE ROADS.

A FORMER EMPLOYE'S EASY ROAD TO RICHES—MANY TICKET SELLERS IMPLICATED.

Colonel Hain, manager of the Manhattan Elevated Railway, told Inspector Byrnes recently that the company was being robbed by ticket agents. A number of agents had been discharged for dishonesty, but the trouble was not abated. Several detective-sergeants soon ascertained that some of the agents had keys to the drop-boxes at the stations, and that tickets were taken from the boxes and resold. Later it was ascertained that forged tickets were being sold at some of the stations. The detectives were puzzled to account for the forging of the tickets. Suspicion was directed at length toward J. B. Cole, who had been in the employ of the company for three years, and had been discharged for dishonesty. He was seen in the company of some of the ticket agents, and it was learned that he lived at No. 28 Irving-st., Woodside, N. J., and came to the city nearly every night and transacted mysterious business at the elevated stations. Among the ticket sellers with whom he seemed to be familiar was William Pinder, employed in the up-town station of the Sixth-ave. road at Twenty-third-st. Early on Tuesday morning Pinder was arrested after he had started toward his home, at No. 2 Waldo-ave., Jersey City. In his pockets were found some genuine and a number of counterfeit tickets. He was locked up at Police Headquarters and remanded by a police justice into the custody of Inspector Byrnes.

A telegram was sent to Cole in Pindar's name asking for an immediate interview at a place in this city near one of the ferries. Cole answered the summons in the afternoon and was arrested. Nothing of a suspicious character was found on him and he refused to make any statement. Sergeant Slevin and three other officers were sent that evening to search Cole's house, where they found 18,000 counterfeit and about 1,000 genuine tickets. They also found some memorandums and notes which indicated that the work of counterfeiting had been done by August C. Speth, a lithographer at No. 59 Maiden lane. The detectives returned to Police Headquarters at 4 a. m. yesterday. Later in the morning they went to Maiden lane to look after the lithographer. Learning that Speth lived at No. 1,873 Atlantic-ave., Brooklyn, and that he had partners at No. 59 Maiden lane, they suspected that he did the counterfeiting at his home. A note was sent to his office asking Speth to meet Mr. Cole in Broadway. He left the office at once and was arrested. Detective-Sergeants Radford and O'Connor went to Brooklyn and searched Speth's house, finding four large lithographic stones and six smaller ones, all used for printing counterfeit elevated railroad tickets, a printing press, a large number of counterfeit tickets in sheets and a quantity of paper. The property was seized, placed on a truck and carried to Police Headquarters.

When confronted with the evidence of their guilt the three prisoners made confessions. The scheme was laid by Cole, who said that while he was an agent in the employ of the Manhattan Company he made a false key for the drop-box in the station where he was employed to sell tickets. He stole tickets from the box, pressed out the punch marks between damp cloths, and resold the tickets. Before he was discharged he made about $14,000 in that way. When he lost his place he formed a new plan of robbery. It was to procure counterfeit tickets to the amount of $100,000 and have them sold by trusted confederates among the ticket agents who remained in the employ of the company. He knew that tickets taken from the drop-boxes in the regular way were destroyed every day after being counted. When one of his confederates sold a lot of counterfeit tickets he was to deliver to Cole an equal number of genuine tickets. Cole expected that the counterfeiting business would not be discovered until he had genuine tickets worth $100,000 in his possession. Then all materials used in making the counterfeits were to be destroyed, and the intention of Cole was to offer packages of genuine tickets for sale in the streets at reduced rates. He expected in that way to make about $50,000 in six months, after paying liberal commissions to the ticket sellers and $10,000 to Speth. The confessions of the prisoners implicated about a dozen ticket agents who probably will be arrested today. They and Pindar will be charged with conspiracy. Cole and Speth will be held on charges of forgery.

THREE RUFFIANS ASSAULT A WOMAN.

A woman's screams from the centre of the block in Twenty-fourth-st., between Third and Lexington aves., at 9 o'clock on Tuesday night, attracted the attention of Policeman Cassidy, of the Eighteenth Precinct. The block is entirely occupied by stables. It is said to be the loneliest place in the precinct after nightfall. Cassidy rapped on the pavement and rushed to the place whence the sound came. In the stable of Solomon Mehrbach, at No. 152 East Twenty-fourth-st., he found a young woman with dishevelled clothing, weeping bitterly. She told the policeman that a white man had dragged her into the stable as she was passing through the street. Then two negroes appeared and the three men locked the girl in a room and assaulted her. When her cries drew the officer the men ran away.

Cassidy was joined by other officers and a search was made which resulted in the arrest of Charles Harrison, a short, thick-set negro who is a hostler in Mehrback's stable. He was identified by the young woman, who gave her name as Lizzie Kemp, age twenty-two. Harrison was taken to the Twenty-second Street Police Station and locked up, and the girl was sent to Bellevue Hospital. She said that she came from Plain View, Virginia, and worked at service in this city. Yesterday morning Roundsman Quigley arrested Thomas Jones, the second negro. He is a hostler, who worked in the vicinity of the stable where the crime was committed. He is a big negro, over six feet high, and bears a bad reputation. The men were taken before Justice Gorman, at the Yorkville Police Court, and held for examination, in default of $2,600 bail.

Meantime the police are searching vigorously for the white ruffian. He is a nephew of Solomon Mehrbach, and bears the same name. He was employed as a bookkeeper in his uncle's stable. He is known to the police as a desperate character and has frequently been under arrest. His uncle is a man of wealth, living at No. 74 East Fiftieth-st. Intense feeling exists in the neighborhood over the crime, as the young woman was respectable.

MRS. WARD'S BABY FARMING PLACE.

The coroner's office was informed yesterday by Mrs. Ward, the colored keeper of the baby farming establishment at No. 692 East One-hundred-and-sixty-second-st., known as the Nursery of St. Vincent de Paul, that a six months' old child, Mabel Louisa Baker, had died in the place from some unknown cause. Deputy Coroner Messemer said that the death of Josephine Creps, the colored baby, who died on Monday in Mrs. Ward's place, was due to mal-nutrition. He will make an autopsy to-day on the body of the little one who died yesterday and will also hold an investigation of the management of the institution. Mrs. Ward, whose husband is a doorkeeper at the Hotel Brunswick, denies that she ill-treated her charges. There were six infants in her place. A bill passed at the last session of the Legislature provides that:

Any person other than a duly incorporated institution who receives, boards or keeps more than two foundlings, abandoned or homeless children under the age of twelve years, not his relatives, apprentices, pupils or wards, without legal commitment, or without having first obtained a license in writing to do so from a member of the State Board of Charities, or from the Mayor, or the Board of Health of the city or town wherein such children are received, boarded and kept, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

AGAINST CLOSING A SCHOOL.

The Board of Education yesterday was visited by Senator Gibbs, Assemblymen House and Van Allen, and Aldermen Miller and Seamen, who had been appointed at a meeting of citizens of the Ninth Ward to protest against Superintendent Jasper's plan of consolidating Primary Schools Nos. 18 and 16. The committee presented a communication which stated that the transfer of School No. 18 in Waverly-place to No. 16 in Thirtieth-st. was in opposition to the interests of the Waverly-place school, which was in a flourishing condition with an average attendance of more than 300 pupils, whose homes are in the immediate neighborhood. The parents of the pupils objected to the change, which the meeting had denounced as an effort to build up one school at the expense of another. The matter was referred to the Committee on Teachers. The board decided to buy thirteen lots near High Bridge for a new schoolhouse, at a cost of $12,500, and authorized bids for a new building at Spuyten Duyvil.

PREVENTING A PANIC IN A SCHOOL.

In the primary department of Grammar School No. 20, in Christie-st., a panic was caused some months ago by the fainting of a little girl. Similar disorder was narrowly averted in the school on Tuesday morning when Lena Dimler, ten years old, fell in a fit. Miss Smith, the teacher in charge of the class, shut the classroom door and kept the children in their seats. The janitor went to the Eldridge Street Police Station, sent for an ambulance and procured the services of policemen to keep order in the street in front of the school. When the ambulance arrived a throng of excited women collected and wanted to get into the building, but the police drove them back. The 3,000 pupils outside of the classroom in which the girl had become insensible were kept in ignorance of the attack until they were dismissed at noon. Lena was taken to the New-York Hospital, where she remained yesterday. Her parents live at No. 69 Forsyth-st., and her father is one of the striking plumbers.

HOW A STATUE OF WASHINGTON WAS SOLD.

A wooden statue of George Washington was erected in 1794 in the Old Battery Park, where it stood until 1843, when alterations were made in the park, and the statue was sold at public auction for $250. It was bought by Mr. Jaques, a gatherer of relics, and removed to South Norwalk, Conn. When Mr. Jaques died in 1860 the statue was sold to A. Decorato, of this city, for $300. On Tuesday it was again sold at auction for $300 to David J. Schiff, a tobacco dealer at No. 273 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., who will erect it in front of his store as a sign.

INVESTIGATING ARMORY CONSTRUCTION.

DEFECTS IN THE ONE AT WATERTOWN—HOW BILLS WERE PAID.

The Assembly Committee on Armories, which held a session in Watertown on Monday, returned to the city yesterday and resumed its investigation in the Arsenal, at Seventh-ave. and Thirty-fifth-st. John A. Wood, the architect who drew the plans and specifications for the Watertown armory, was cross-examined by H. W. Bookstaver, counsel for Colonel M. E. Deegan, superintendent of armories, who is under suspicion pending the investigation. Mr. Wood had previously testified that the building was in many places not constructed according to his plans and specifications. His testimony was based upon a photograph of the building, taken before it was completed. He said yesterday that since his last examination he had seen the armory and had found that the beams supporting the gallery were too small, and the gallery was weak and shook at the ends when he jumped upon it. He would not swear whether the breaking weight for the beam used was more or less than twenty tons. He also said that the chords of the roof trusses were made of spliced timbers instead of being in one piece, and were sprung apart at the splicing, but he could not tell whether the walls were out of plumb. With regard to many deficiencies which the photograph showed, he said that an inspection of the building showed their presence.

General Wingate laid upon the table a formidable pile of legal cap which he said contained a copy of General Wylie's correspondence with different officers of the State concerning repairs to armories and the tabulated statement of the cost of such repairs from 1877 to 1884, which had been called for by the committee, and insisted that they should be offered in evidence. Mr. Conger said that the committee only desired to inspect the papers and use so much of them as it desired, and he was sustained by the committee. General Wingate then urged that the State should close its case before the defence proceeded. Mr. Conger insisted that the defence should offer what testimony it had in rebuttal of the testimony already produced by the committee. The committee gave the following decision: "We shall continue the investigation until the testimony offered by the counsel for the committee is all taken. We are prepared to take such testimony as the counsel for the parties now represented may have to offer in relation to matters already testified to, and the counsel for the parties are requested to produce tomorrow such testimony as they have to offer."

General Wylie was examined about a bill for repairs to the armory at Watertown amounting to $2,600, on account of damage by fire in 1879. With regard to a number of bills which were shown him, he testified that he approved them with the certification of Superintendent Deegan and not from any personal knowledge of their correctness. Several bills were shown which had been paid without the approval of General Wylie. General Wylie said that the system of the office had been changed several times since his connection with it, and that the Adjutant-General frequently paid bills of which he had personal knowledge without the approval of General Wylie.

DR. ATKINSON'S $7,000 BILL.

In connection with Dr. Atkinson's bill of $7,000 for a small amount of work on the teeth of members of President Blanco's family, it was learned yesterday, that when the bill was tendered to General Blanco he sent a check for $700, with a note stating that he thought a cipher had been added by mistake. Dr. Atkinson sent back word that there was no mistake; the amount was $7,000 as first submitted. The General was somewhat surprised. He said that he was willing to give double the amount of his check, though that struck him as being rather a high rate for the work done. However, he was averse to have any dispute and was about to send the full amount claimed, when his friends interfered and persuaded him to place the matter in the hands of Boulton, Bliss & Dallett. This firm is now endeavoring to make a compromise with the dentist. Mr. Boulton yesterday refused to say anything about the matter. Consul G. A. Phillips, who was seen at the Venezuelan consulate, said:

"There is but little more to tell. Mr. Boulton is endeavoring to come to some agreement with the dentist and I presume the matter will shortly be settled."

"Is there any possibility of legal action?"

"None that I can see. General Blanco is on a diplomatic mission and could not be sued or held. He is one of the most generous and freehanded of mortals, and the matter worried him exceedingly. He wanted to pay the $7,000, but we would not let him. There was really very little work done, for he was going to Paris and while there on a long stay could of course command the best talent in the world. Dr. Atkinson took a remarkably long time over what he did for the family."

Dr. Atkinson is noted for his high charges. In the Agnes Ethel case, referred to in yesterday's TRIBUNE, he charged about $4,000 for filling a few teeth and was awarded a little over a third of that amount.

VESSELS DAMAGED IN A RECENT STORM.

Incoming vessels continue to bring reports of the severe storm of June 26, which raged along the Jersey coast. The schooner Dora M. French, which arrived at this port yesterday from Nuevitas, reported that on June 26, when off Barnegat, she encountered a northeasterly storm which drove her down the coast to a point south of Cape Henry. Her deckload, consisting of thirty hogsheads of molasses, was washed overboard by the heavy seas. Several halyards and lanyards were carried away, sails were split and other damage was done. The schooner Susan Berger, from Nuevitas, reported having passed a sunken wreck, one mast of which was sticking out of water. It is supposed to be the wreck of a vessel lost in the gale of June 26. The schooner Harry B. Ritter was caught in the gale of June 26, off Barnegat, and blown down the coast to latitude 36° 45'. Her main gaff was broken and other damage was done. The schooner H. H. Grant, from Virginia, was caught in the same gale and lost fifty cords of wood from her decks. The schooner Jennie S. Pillsbury was blown by the gale down to Cape Henry. The schooner Sarah Godfrey was struck aback by the storm and had her jibboom and foretopmast, with all attached, carried away. The foremast was sprung and other damage done. The schooner Charlotte I. Sibley lost her jibboom and several sails. The Dutch bark Une was blown from Sandy Hook lightship to Barnegat in the same storm, losing her foretopgallant mast.

ADAMS GETS TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

Judge Gildersleeve charged the jury yesterday, in the case of Adolph Adams, who was accused of murder in the first degree, Adams did not live happily with his wife and they separated several months ago. He called on her on May 20, at No. 140 Forsyth-st., a house of ill-repute, at which she was living. A few days before he had purchased a pistol. He talked with his wife for a few minutes in the hallway, and then the inmates of the house heard a pistol-shot, and found Mrs. Adams, dying a pistol-shot wound in the head. When Adams was arrested he tried to escape but was captured by the officers after a chase. District-Attorney Olney prosecuted the case, and the jury after a short absence returned with a verdict in which they found the prisoner guilty only of manslaughter in the second degree, and recommended him to the mercy of the Court. William F. Kintzing, who defended the prisoner, made an earnest appeal to Judge Gildersleeve, asking for a light sentence in view of the recommendation of the jury, and Adams was sent to the State Prison for two years.

This is the only important trial that District-Attorney Olney has conducted in person, except that which resulted in the acquittal of the Sheriff.

CREDITORS COURTING A FORCED SALE.

Richard V. Harnett announced yesterday that there would be a positive sale of the estate of John H. Deane on July 15, at auction. The sale has been postponed several times, as Mr. Deane's assignee, Ward B. Chamberlin, has been negotiating with Mr. Deane's creditors so as to avoid a forced sale of the property. A hitch has occurred in the negotiations. The plan of settlement proposed by Assignee Chamberlin involved the acceptance of property instead of cash, but on the basis of payment in full. To carry it out, however, the raising of a small sum of money to satisfy immediate liens was necessary. To this feature of the settlement two creditors have objected. Mr. Chamberlin was prevented from selling the property early in June, when more buyers were in town than at present, by the willingness expressed by these creditors, among others, to settle. Their refusal, at the last moment, to carry out the plan has compelled Mr. Chamberlin to recognize the necessity of avoiding any further delay, and to decide to force the large holdings of Mr. Deane on the market for whatever they may bring.

A MIRAGE OFF SANDY HOOK.

Sandy Hook, with its long line of breakers, seemed to glow through a mist, late yesterday afternoon, to the passengers on the Coney Island steamboats; but where the ocean ended and the mist began there was that singular phenomenon, the mirage. From the Coney Island beach the white sails of yachts gleamed away into the horizon and midway in the "seascape" the reflection of the boats was caught upon the mist, and there above the masts and funnels of the vessels were ships sailing with their trucks pointed to the sea and "the sky became a mirror to the deep." The mirage lasted until sunset, when it faded with the red glow in the west.

A SOCIALIST DRIVEN TO SUICIDE.

L. Hartmann, a laborer, of No. 185 Orchard-st., went to Police Headquarters yesterday and asked the police to make a search for his brother, Frank Hartmann, who was missing. It was learned that the missing man had been a Socialist in Germany, and had been in this country about four years. He was unmarried, and had occupied a furnished room at No. 33 Stanton-st. Although not well known as a labor reformer in this city, he belonged to the Socialistic Labor party and took a great interest in it. His trade was that of a varnisher, and he belonged to the Varnishers' Union. For some weeks he had been without employment, and he had suffered from severe headaches for months. After looking in vain for work on Monday he bade his brother farewell, saying that he was going on an excursion out of the city. Yesterday morning his brother received a letter from him stating that he intended to commit suicide. The letter was mailed at Station B. An alarm was sent to all stations in the city directing the police to search for him.

COMSTOCK'S ROD APPLIED TO RIDGWAY,

THE BROOKLYN DISTRICT-ATTORNEY ACCUSED OF DELAYING PROCESSES AGAINST GAMBLERS.

When the cases of the indicted pool-sellers of Sheepshead Bay were called yesterday in the Court of Sessions, Brooklyn, their counsel demanded the two days the law allows for pleading to indictments, and also copies of the papers. These were granted perforce, and as the two days would expire on a holiday the cases were adjourned until Tuesday.

Anthony Comstock has a big rod in pickle for District-Attorney Ridgway, of Kings County. He drew it out yesterday and showed it to a TRIBUNE reporter, when the innocent inquiry was made why he delayed prosecuting the pool-sellers, who have been doing a thriving business at Sheepshead Bay race-course, until the end of the season. Mr. Comstock said:

It is a mistake to believe that this office has been idle in regard to the pool-sellers in any way. We have secured indictments against twenty-one foremost members of the gang, and next Tuesday their cases will come up for hearing. As soon as the "poss gamblers" of this city went down to Sheepshead, I informed Mr. Ridgway, and I then went down to the race-course with my men and secured evidence against twenty-three of them. The usual course of procedure was taken to bring the matter before the Grand Jury, and if Mr. Ridgway had acted promptly he could have arrested the lot of them last Saturday and have suspended their operations for the remainder of the season. But he placed grievous delays in the course of the law and the result is what you see. The Grand Jury met last Monday and on evidence furnished by this office, without the slightest assistance from any extraneous source, found true bills against twenty-one gamblers. The members of the Grand Jury completed the indictments at about 10:45 a. m., yet at 11 a. m. the principal gamblers had assembled in the District-Attorney's office and had given bail and started for the race track to continue their violations of the law. This was a singular coincidence, was it not? Within a quarter of an hour after the indictments had been filed the criminals had been assembled from New-York and New-Jersey.

Mr. Ridgway would not allow the criminals to be arrested or their paraphernalia to be seized, notwithstanding the fact that section 345 of the Penal Code strictly requires him to do so. While the racing was going on on Monday Mr. Ridgway went down to the course with one of his officers, and calling out Kelly, told him that indictments had been found against a number of the assistants of the pool sellers, and had his officer go among them and request them to call at the District-Attorney's office in Brooklyn the following day to give bail. This request was made while the pool sellers were openly transgressing the law, and open to arrest by any officer of the State. Mr. Ridgway has refused to serve search warrants upon the offenders; he has refused to arrest them; he has given them notice that indictments were to be found against them; he has gone to the trouble of treating them like respectable citizens while they have been breaking the law, and he has violated the duties of his office in every particular regarding pool sellers.

This is a matter for the people of Kings County to investigate in the closest manner, and if they do I do not think that they will find Mr. Ridgway innocent of gross carelessness. There is only one deduction to be drawn from Mr. Ridgway's actions.

SUSPENSION OF HODGES, HERSEY & CO.

Hodges, Hersey & Co., of No. 571 Broadway, one of the oldest houses in the manufacturing straw goods line, have become financially embarrassed and suspended payment. The partners are Henry Hodges, Jacob D. T. Hersey, Charles H. Merrick, and the estate of Rufus F. Fay, deceased, who was formerly a partner. The business was established in 1849 by Hodges & Hersey, who failed in August, 1855, owing about $80,000, which they compromised at 50 per cent. On November 1, 1855, the firm of Hodges, Hersey & Co. was formed by Messrs. Hodges, Hersey, Merrick and Fay. The two last named had been manufacturing straw goods at Monson, Mass., for several years previously. They managed the business skilfully, steadily increased its volume, made money rapidly, especially during the war, and in 1865 were worth a quarter of a million. They owned their factory at Monson, Mass., where the business was carried on under the firm name of Merrick, Fay & Co. The manufacturing part of the business was supervised by Merrick and Fay, and the financial branch by Hodges and Hersey. Mr. Hersey was a director in the National Broadway Bank for several years. It has been their custom for a long time to sell their own single-name paper. A part of the proceeds of this they used to discount some of their merchandise purchases, and they stated to interested persons that the balance of the cash realized from the sale of this paper they used in purchasing notes of other persons which commanded a higher rate of interest than theirs. Last fall there was more than the usual amount of inquiry concerning their financial standing made by purchasers of their notes, and as they refused positively to give any information as to their capital and other monetary resources, their rating was withdrawn by R. G. Dun & Co. The firm did a business of upward of $1,000,000 per annum, and made a specialty of manufacturing straw hats for women and children. Mr. Hersey said yesterday that it was impossible to give anything like a correct idea as to assets or liabilities, but in the trade it is said that the liabilities are upward of $300,000.

DECKED WITH THE ORDER "PUSPA MALA."

The Siamese Embassy spent the greater part of yesterday in their rooms. Toward 5 o'clock they gave an audience to P. G. Sanford, the New-York representative of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. Some time ago the Siamese Government purchased from this company a quantity of Hotchkiss repeating rifles. The King was so pleased with the weapons that he intrusted Consul Torrey, who is visiting this country on a year's leave of absence, with the task of handing to the representative of the company the decoration of the Golden Flower—(*Puspa Mala*). Accordingly, Mr. Sanford was introduced to Prince Nares and his suite, and an exchange of complimentary epithets took place. The services of the interpreter were hardly needed, for the Prince now speaks and understands English comparatively well.

After this Mr. Torrey produced an imposing looking document from a large white envelope with an immense red seal on it. The document was couched in the choicest of Siamese, and a translation was appended. By this it appears that H. R. H. the King of Siam bestowed on the company the order of the Golden Flower, and hoped that the company would long live to enjoy it. The gold medal of the order was then pinned to Mr. Sanford's breast by the Consul. After a general handshaking the letter was replaced in its envelope and the medal carefully packed away in its little red morocco box ornamented with the King's initials.

Prince Nares expressed himself as being delighted with his reception in this country. The party sail for England on Saturday in the Alaska. They will remain in Europe for some time before their return to Siam.

CITY BONDS OFFERED WITHOUT TAKERS.

The Controller advertised for bids for $1,000,000 of stocks and bonds of the city, to be opened at 2 p. m., yesterday. The proposals were to include $250,000 assessment bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 3 per cent a year, the principal payable on November 1, 1889; $250,000 additional Croton water stock bearing interest at 3 per cent and the principal payable November 1, 1899; $250,000 dock bonds bearing interest at 3 per cent, the principal payable November 1, 1914; and $250,000 additional water stock, issued to provide new reservoirs, dams, and a new aqueduct, bearing interest at 3 per cent, and the principal payable October 1, 1913. Only one bid was received. That was from State Controller Chapin, for $500,000 at par for the first two items. These were awarded. Controller Grant said that he supposed the failure of the financial institutions of this city to bid on the stock offered was because of the monetary stringency. He would not offer any more until later in the year, when he hoped that there would be no difficulty in placing the bonds at the rate of interest named. The bonds are free from city and county taxation, but are liable to State taxation.

A PRECOCIOUS CRIMINAL.

James Murphy, the boy who was arrested on Tuesday for setting fire to stables in Brooklyn, proves to be one of the most precocious criminals the police have found in that city for some time. He admits causing at least four fires, all except one of which were on Sunday. Though only ten years old, he managed to release all the horses in each stable and save them from being burned. The boy was in court before Justice Walsh yesterday. The only reason that could be ascertained for his causing the fires was the hope of reward for saving the horses. At two places he asked what he could have for getting the horses out. At one of them he released fourteen horses, and one that was so ugly that it had to be put in slings at night to keep it quiet. The boy was committed to jail, and he will probably be sent to the Roman Catholic Protectory.

UNDERGROUND WIRES IN BROOKLYN.

Mayor Low called a conference of the officers of the telegraph, telephone and electric lighting companies of Brooklyn yesterday to consider the practicability of enforcing the law requiring all wires to be placed under ground. All agreed that it was practically impossible to comply with the law, and that if it were attempted a large part of the business now done would have to be abandoned. Superintendent Humstone, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, said that it had forty offices in the city, and all except two would have to be given up if the wires had to be lowered. President Cutter of the New-York and New-Jersey Telephone Company, said that while trunk lines might be put under ground all connections with subscribers would have to go overhead. Superintendent Thompson, of the American District Telegraph Company, thought that business would have to be suspended by it if its wires running into 200 buildings had to be put under ground.

Beating against life's prison bars, like some caged bird, my weary heart looks longing, upward to the stars, and yearneth ever to depart.—(Lilla N. Cushman. We don't doubt it, Lilla; but we can assure you Ferd Ward is even more anxious.—(Boston Post.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Albemarle Hotel—Antonio Flores, Minister for Ecuador to the United States and Europe.....*Gilsey House*—Richard T. Merrick, of Washington.....*Brevoort House*—General John G. Parke, United States Army.....*Hoffman House*—Ex-Senator Jerome B. Chaffee, of Colorado.....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—Joseph Jefferson.....*St. Hotel*—Bishop J. W. Wiley, of Cincinnati.....*Astor House*—Ex-Congressman J. W. Dwight, of Binghamton, N., and General Adam Badeau.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Assembly Committee on Armories, State Arsenal, 11 a. m.
Rhinelander case before Justice Donohue.
Annual cruise of Knickerbocker Yacht Club.
Liquor dealers' meeting, No. 1 Chambers-st., 3 p. m.
Independent Democratic meeting, No. 2 Spring-st. 8 p. m.
American Bible Society meeting, Bible House, 3 p. m.
Examination of school teachers for State certificates, Board of Education.
New-York and Brooklyn Driving Association races, Parkville, 3 p. m.
Funeral of F. R. Meyer, Church of the Ascension, 10 a. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The anchorage of the draw for the Second Avenue Bridge across the Harlem River has been completed and the superstructure has been begun.

President Kirk, of the Board of Aldermen, was slightly injured on Sunday by falling from a tree on his country place on Long Island.

Only twenty cents were taken in at the New-York entrance of the promenade of the East River Bridge yesterday between 2 and 3 p. m.

Passengers on the Third Avenue Elevated Railway were delayed yesterday morning on both tracks for nearly ten minuts by the bursting of a sham cylinder.

Daniell & Son will close their store from this evening to Monday morning, July 7, in order to give their employes an outing.

The trial of George Walsh for shooting Mrs. Thorp last spring was again adjourned yesterday in the Jefferson Market Police Court.

The Police Board yesterday accepted John H. Starin's offer to give a free excursion to policemen on July 11.

An excellent view of the fireworks in this and surrounding cities on Fourth of July night, may be had on the roof garden of the Casino.

The Twenty-third Street Baptist Church has extended an unanimous call to the Rev. L. A. Crandall, now pastor of the Baptist Church at Owego, N. Y.

Louis Levy, age eighteen, of No. 418 Fifty-second-st., was fooling with a revolver yesterday, when it exploded, sending a ball into his left breast, inflicting a slight injury.

WILL PROBABLY DIE FROM HER WOUNDS.

Mrs. Teresa Jungwirth, the Austrian woman who attempted to commit suicide on Tuesday by opening the veins of her arms in a bath-house at No. 29 Delancey-st., was sent to Ward's Island yesterday, where the doctors thought that she might die.

A DECISION BY REFEREE COLE.

Referee Hamilton Cole yesterday rendered a decision in favor of A. E. Thompson, who sued to recover 150 shares of Missouri, Kansas and Texas stock in the possession of Julien T. Davies, as receiver of Grant & Ward's affairs.

BORROWING MONEY AND SELLING PROPERTY.

Cardinal McCloskey has borrowed $42,000 upon St. Bridget's Church, at Avenue B and Eighth-st., from the Franklin Savings Bank. Amos F. Eno has sold the premises Nos. 124 and 126 South Fifth-ave. to his father, Amos R. Eno, for $30,000.

CHARGED WITH KILLING HIS EMPLOYER.

Louis Willett, age nineteen, who, on January 8, at Rondout, killed Edward Killand, his employer, by pounding him on the head with a beer faucet, was arrested on Tuesday night. Captain Tynan, of the Oak Street Police Station, caused his arrest at a lodging house in Cherry-st.

THE ALPHA CLUB'S EXCURSION.

The Alpha Club, an organization composed of some of the leading Republicans of the XIIth Assembly District, will give an excursion on July 15. Two steamers and two barges have been engaged, and the party will proceed to Columbia Grove on Long Island, where the day will be spent.

TRIFLING DAMAGE BY A COLLISION.

A collision occurred in the East River yesterday between the Houston-st. ferry-boat Jamaica and a barge loaded with brick towed by the tugboat Colonel F. Young. There were few persons on the ferry-boat, and no one was injured, but the boat was damaged $100.

NOT ALLOWED HER LIBERTY FOR AN HOUR.

Margaret Brown, over seventy years old, was released from the Penitentiary after serving six months for stealing a pocketbook at Macy's. She was at once arrested and sent to Boston charged with stealing $260 from Mrs. Coburn White's pocket.

BLAINE AND LOGAN HATS.

George H. Clark & Co., of No. 624 Broadway, are making a special campaign hat, adorned with a white plume, and bearing the names of Blaine and Logan. The hats can be of any color, and are sold at a low price. Alexander Caldwell, a member of the firm, is an ardent Blaine man and a member of the Young Men's Republican Club of this city.

A BEQUEST THAT DEPENDS ON A NAME.

Frederick R. Mayer in his will, which was filed yesterday, dated April 2, 1884, bequeaths to his godchild, Frederick Rudolf Peipers, $2,000, provided the child "shall, from and after the bequest is made known to him, continue to so spell and write his name for all time forth." In default of this the legacy is to be void.

NEWS ABOUT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

The Western Union Telegraph Company have made arrangements to give a summary of the proceedings of the Democratic National Convention at Chicago to 12,000 offices every few minutes. The dispatches will be bulletined and otherwise distributed, and will be furnished to clubs, departments at Washington and Presidential candidates free of charge.

UNABLE TO ESCAPE ARREST.

Deputy-Sheriff Herman Stilling yesterday went to arrest Peter Rohn, of No. 527 Broadway, Brooklyn, charged with cruelty to animals. Rohn was arrested in a house at Fifty-second-st and Second-ave., but broke away and started down stairs. In attempting to follow him Stilling stumbled and fell, fracturing his right arm. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and Rohn was rearrested.

FATAL ACCIDENTS TO SAILORS AT SEA.

Captain Higgins, of the bark Clotilde, which arrived at this port yesterday from Cienfuegos, reported that on June 23 Thomas Howard, a sailor whose home was in Philadelphia, fell from the foretopgallant mast to the deck and was killed. Captain Lebreton, of the French bark Nantes, from St. Louis, reported that on June 9, S. Carreme, a sailor, fell overboard and was lost.

A FAST EASTWARD PASSAGE BY THE OREGON.

A cable dispatch was received at the Cunard office yesterday announcing the arrival at Queenstown of the Oregon. She left here at 10 minutes past 9 o'clock on June 25 and made the passage in 6 days, 14 hours, 28 minutes, allowing for a difference of time of 4 hours, 22 minutes. The Cunard people assert that this is the fastest eastward passage on record. The National Line people, however, declare that the steamship America made her recent fast eastward trip in 10 minutes less time.

ACCEPTING A NEW PARK.

The Park Commissioners yesterday received a notice from the Department of Public Works that Jeannette Park, at Coenties Slip, was graded, and the control of the park was accepted. Mr. Olliffe said that the columns of the elevated railway still obstruct the park, and offered a resolution inquiring by what authority they remained there; and also the amount of money necessary to inclose the new park. The matter was referred to Mr. Viele.

THOMAS H. NAIRNE KILLS HIMSELF.

Shortly after lunch yesterday the family of Thomas H. Nairne, a clerk living at 52 West Forty-fifth-st., were startled by a pistol shot. The wife and mother of Mr. Nairne hurried to his room, where they found him lying on the floor with a heavy revolver in his right hand and a wound in the back of his head. He was unconscious and soon died. For some time Mr. Nairne had shown evidences of insanity, but his family did not regard the matter seriously. No reason was assigned for his rash act.

BROOKLYN.

Three Justices of the Supreme Court have appointed under the law passed by the last Legislature the three additional stenographers for that court. The men appointed are Waterman L. Ormsby, Charles H. Requa and John B. Carey. The salary is $2,500 a year, and the positions are practically for life. There were thirty applicants.

Surrogate Bergen has decided that the bequests of James H. Lounsbery to the American Baptist Missionary Union are void, as under the law in Pennsylvania, where the society was incorporated, bequests to it must be made at least a month before the testator's death.

City Works Commissioner Fleeman appointed engineers yesterday to examine and make suggestions in regard to the proposed plan of remodelling the sewerage system of the city to meet the wants of the great increase in population since the present system was introduced.

The man found drowned at the foot of Van Brunt-st. yesterday was recognized as Thomas Donnelly, age thirty-eight, of No. 106 Pearl-st. He had left home on Saturday, and it is thought that he committed suicide. He left a widow and one child.

BIG ARRIVAL OF BANANAS.

The steamer Edith Godden came in yesterday with 12,000 bunches of bananas from Jamaica. Forty thousand bunches of bananas arrived in four steamers on Friday last, the Vertumnus leading with 16,000 bunches. One firm, G. Wessels & Co., own four steamers in this particular line of fruit trade.

ONE ESTIMATE OF THE WORTH OF A WIFE.

Richard Adams, a patrolman attached to the Elizabeth Street Police Station, was arrested, yesterday, on an order of arrest granted by Justice Lawrence, of the Supreme Court. The plaintiff in the case is Anthony von der Wulbeke, of No. 57 Suffolk-st., who charges that Adams has been unduly intimate with his wife, Amelia, since May 18. The husband alleges further that when he remonstrated with his wife, she advised him to procure a divorce, as she would then marry Adams, "who was a much better man." He asks for $50,000 to repair the wrong. Adams gave $2,500 bail to await the issue of the suit.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

JERSEY CITY.

William S. Higgins, an actor, and for some years manager of the Jersey City Opera House, died yesterday in Prescott place. Mr. Higgins became insane some months ago and was taken to the asylum, but he returned home recently.

VARIOUS NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

PATERSON.—Thomas Morris, a native of Jamaica, W. I., appeared before Justice Weiss yesterday, and told an absurd story of hardships suffered in the employ of the firm of Cooper & Hewitt, in Pompton. The firm consists of Abram S. Hewitt and Edward Cooper, and has large mining interests in the town. Morris said that while he was living in Switzerland he pawned a trunk containing a number of valuable articles. After they settled at Pompton they got Philip R. George, Cooper & Hewitt's superintendent, to send for the trunk; and they allege that he charged $125 for bringing the trunk to this country, and deducted that amount from Morris's wages. Morris asserts that he has done work worth $325 for the firm, and has never received a penny in cash, and cannot get an accounting from the superintendent. Morris has retained a lawyer and has brought suit against the firm for $200 for wages.

NEWARK.

Ex-Justice of the Peace Thomas Aldridge, of Jersey City, formerly executor of the Parkes estate, who was committed to jail last week for not paying over certain moneys claimed to be due the estate, was before the Chancellor yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus and after a hearing of his case the Chancellor reserved decision.

The City Clerk has received $13,000 for licenses and 1,000 applications for licenses remain to be acted upon.

LONG ISLAND.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—Controller Grant and Corporation Counsel Lacombe, of New-York, Corporation Counsel Payne and Treasurer Bleckwenn, of Long Island City, met the Queens County Supervisors yesterday to settle the question of the transfer of Riker's Island to New-York for hospital purposes. No decision was reached. The Long Island authorities insist that purchasers of the island must pay the proportion of the indebtedness for which the island is liable.

ROCKAWAY BEACH.—A party of fishermen on Tuesday said that they saw the body of a man on the shore near Block House Point. It was dressed in a suit of black clothing, of which the pockets were turned inside out. On the hands were a pair of kid gloves. Yesterday the body had been washed away.

ROCKLAND COUNTY.

NYACK.—The excise test case against James E. Sarvent was called by Justice Cole yesterday in the Opera House. The entire afternoon was occupied in securing a jury. Great interest was manifested and the hall was crowded.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

SING SING.—The trustees of the Presbyterian Church have granted Dr. Wilson Phraner a three months' vacation, and a portion of the time he will spend in Alaska.

YONKERS.—Officer Redding is still looking for Laura Hogan, age fifteen, and Jennie Huddy, age seventeen, who disappeared from home last Saturday.

STATEN ISLAND.

RICHMOND.—Paul Novrok, who killed Frank Peres at Port Richmond with a stiletto, was arraigned yesterday and indicted for murder in the second degree.

ALONG THE SOUND.

BRIDGEPORT.—Judge L. M