WHERE IS WARNER D. HATCH?

DOUBT THAT HE ENDED HIS LIFE.

VARIOUS THINGS WHICH LEAD HIS FRIENDS TO THINK THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE.

There are some circumstances, small in themselves, which, when put together, seem to indicate that Warner D. Hatch did not commit suicide, as he wrote that he intended to do, from the steamboat St. John's. The hat found on the boat was evidently the one which he was accustomed to wear on the street, but an old one, which he kept in the office and wore while there, is gone. Mr. Davidson, a lawyer and real estate agent at Dobb's Ferry, who was a fellow-officer with Mr. Hatch in the Zion Protestant Episcopal Church in that village, says that Mr. Hatch was an extremely impulsive man, and that while he might have taken his own life through a sudden impulse, it was altogether unlike him to make deliberate preparations or it and to write letters announcing his intention to do it. The first officer of the St. John's is still of the opinion that Mr. Hatch did not jump overboard before the vessel was made fast to the wharf at Sandy Hook, though it is possible that he might have done so on the return trip. He says that a passenger might easily remain on the boat and come back to New-York without the knowledge of the officers or men. The purser of the St. John's says that while he has no recollection of the man who handed him the two letters to mail, he is sure that he could identify them if he saw the envelopes, which were addressed in a rapid business hand, the addresses having been written with a purple ink pencil.

The last seen of Mr. Hatch was on Thursday morning, when he visited the Park Bank Safe Deposit vaults, where he has a box, which he opened. It is possible that he then placed his watch in it, as he said in one of his letters, but the box has not yet been examined. He then said to an acquaintance who made some joking remark in reference to hay fever that he had got the mastery of it, and left the vaults in apparently good spirits.

A TRIBUNE reporter, who called at the office of the Hatch Lithographic and Engraving Company yesterday was told that there was nothing new in the case. It was said that Mr. Hatch had attended closely to business for the last six months and that the affairs of the company were in an excellent condition. Mr. Miller, the counsel of the company, said that he could conceive of no possible reason for suicide, as Mr. Hatch's financial, family and social relations were such that there was nothing to cause despondency.

At Mr. Hatch's home, in Dobb's Ferry, it was learned that Mrs. Hatch was confined to her bed and that she had been prostrated since the receipt of her husband's letter. The house is the property of Mrs. Hatch, but Mr. Hatch owned some property in his own name in the village. They lived at this city during the last winter, most of the time at the Hotel Vendome, where they occupied a set of rooms from January 16 to April 30. Prior to going there they were at the Albemarle for a few days. At the Astor House the clerk said that Mr. Hatch was in the habit of staying there frequently, sometimes reaming his room for five or six days. The last time he remembered seeing him was about two weeks ago.

Mr. Davidson said:

I knew Mr. Hatch well. He has been a sufferer for many years with hay fever, and was of an extremely nervous temperament. He was so nervous and impulsive, that if an idea entered his head he would act on it at once. This makes me think that he is still alive. He was at my office a week or ten days ago, and I then noticed his nervousness particularly. He would pick up things from the table, and after moving them about in his hands for a moment would throw them down again. He seemed out of sorts and unable to sit still. His talk, however, was rational enough and his mind seemed clear. He was not a man who cared anything for horse races; he did not gamble and took no interest in sporting matters. He usually left here for New-York by the 8:16 train in the morning, returning at 5:30 or 6 p. m. His only amusement was to take a drive evenings, sometimes with his wife and sometimes with his wife's visitors. He was a constant attendant at the Sunday services of the Zion Episcopal Church. I think that this is another Delmonico affair.

BROKER AND BOOT-BLACK COME TO BLOWS

A LIVELY ENCOUNTER IN NEW-ST. AFTER 'CHANGE—USING A CANE AND A BLACKING-BOX.

New Street is a narrow channel between Broadway and Broad-st., through which rumors, "points" and opinions on stocks and oil are put in circulation all over the city by the brokers who stop to talk and exchange ideas and gossip after the boards have closed. The boot-blacking fraternity of the street assail the groups of talking brokers with importunities to "shine 'em up" so persistently that half of them surrender. That street was treated to a sensation yesterday in the shape of a personal encounter between one of the boot-blacks and a mining stock and petroleum broker. Opinions were divided as to whether it foreshadowed the beginning of a revolt on the part of shoe-shiners, or was the first expression of a determination of the shiners to make their sway absolute.

In front of the New-st. entrance of the New-York Mining Stock and Petroleum Exchange, where many brokers linger long after business is over, Wallace Deane, a well-known member of the Exchange, was standing about 4 p. m. talking with some friends about wells in and wells to come, and other subjects which are commonly supposed to influence the prices of certificates. A boot-black named John Gill put down his box in front of Mr. Deane and said urgently: "Shine 'em up!" Gill's friends say charitably that he had been partaking too freely of the flowing beer or he would not have pressed his services so strongly upon Mr. Deane, after the latter had declined to accept them several times. The boot-black was so offensive in his attentions that hard words are said by some to have passed between him and the broker. However that may be, the boot-black's solicitations were so annoying that Mr. Deane finally cried out: "Get out of this!" and, it is stated by eye-witnesses, struck Gill once or twice on the head with his thin cane. Persons who have had blacking-boxes shoved between their feet sympathized with Mr. Deane's loss of temper. His many friends also explained his action further by the fact that he was Southern-born and liable to lose control of himself easily.

The bootblack, on receiving what many considered a well-deserved thwack, jumped to his feet and struck the broker in the face. According to some versions the blow was given with the blacking-box; but several persons said that it came from the bristle-end of the brush. The latter statement is borne out by the character of the skin-inflammation around Mr. Deane's eye. The blow filled the broker with fury and he rushed after Gill, who retreated backward, flourishing a blacking-box in front of him. The broker drew a pocket-knife and opened one of the blades as he pursued the fellow. His friends rushed after him and caught him, and the bootblack got away around the next corner in safety.

An excited group discussed the occurrence for some time. Gill lost sympathy among his fellow-workers because he had been trespassing upon the southern end of New-st., whereas his proper business field is up near Wall-st. Mr. Deane is universally liked and it was a general opinion that if he had got hold of his foe the latter would not have fared well.

OMITTING JULY INSURANCE REPORTS.

Insurance companies have been required for several years to make half-yearly reports to the State Superintendent of Insurance. The law provides for an annual statement at the close of each year and for other statements at the discretion of the Superintendent. For the last six years it has been the custom to make a second statement on July 1. By consent of the insurance departments of nearly all the States, this custom has been violated this year. The Home Insurance Company, which has always made a semi-annual statement, whether it was required or not, has not departed from its usual custom. One or two companies have followed its example, but the other companies have made no reports of the business for the half-year.

The only State in which the statutes allow no discretion to the insurance departments is Indiana, but the reports required by it are not detailed and particular. All the other States, excepting Georgia, have consented to the suspension of the rule. It is said that Insurance Superintendent McCall used his discretion in the matter, because the making of the reports on July 1 was an unnecessary labor to the insurance companies. On the other hand, it is intimated that the companies urged this action on him because of the great depreciation in securities held by them and the consequently unfavorable reports which would be presented. It is admitted that the omission of the July statements happens at a lucky time, because of the losses suffered by the companies in the last six months.

"I cannot say that the change has any significance," an officer of a large company remarked yesterday, "nor that it was made at the solicitation of the insurance companies, but I am sure that it has been a great relief to many companies. As for the Indiana statement, it is so general that some companies would guess at their figures if necessary. It may be stated positively that the July reports have been given up. Of course, the department has the authority to call for a statement from any company whose condition it is anxious about, but that right is given by the law."

CHEAP FERRIAGE TO STATEN ISLAND.

In regard to the purchase of the Staten Island North Shore Ferry franchise by the Staten Island Rapid Transit Company, Erastus Wiman, who is the leading spirit of the company, said yesterday:

We intend to concentrate the traffic between Staten Island and the city at one point on the Island, and from thence distribute it by railway over the Island. When our railway tracks are all laid and the road is in working order we shall have only one main landing—that at Tompkinsville—and shall need only three ferry-boats, instead of seven, the number now employed. We shall be able to give the public a twenty-minute service between Staten Island and the city in place of the hourly service now existing. By this change we expect Staten Island will grow greatly in favor as a suburb of New-York; more people will live there, money will flow in, and the island will show what development it is capable of. Practically the railway to be built is only an extension of the present line crossing the Island. The first link of the road is now being constructed, and will be completed by September 1. That will bring the existing road down to the Tompkinsville landing. The Staten Island Rapid Transit Company will immediately begin the building of a line along the north shore, starting at Elm Park and building southward, so as to lessen as rapidly as possible the length of the route along the north shore. The fare, including both ferry and railway, will be ten cents, and between the hours of 5 and 7 a. m. and 5 and 7 p. m. only seven cents will be charged. We have also in view the construction of bridges across the kills connecting New-Jersey with Staten Island at Elizabethport and Perth Amboy. A bill giving permission to build these bridges made good progress at the last session of Congress, and was reported favorably by the Committees on Commerce in both houses, and we look for its early passage when Congress reassembles.

WHAT THE PARK COMMISSIONERS DID.

The Park Commissioners held an adjourned meeting yesterday. General Viele presided, and Commissioners Crimmins and Olliffe were present. Commissioner Wales was not in the city. Proposals for contracts in various parts of the city were awarded, the most important being one for the furnishing of a large amount of broken stone for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for macadamizing purposes, which was given to John A. Banker, and another to put in order the transverse road in Central Park at Seventy-ninth-st., and another for regulating and grading One-hundred-and-thirty-ninth-st. Bids for furnishing gravel were also received, the lowest bid being $2 75 per cubic yard. Commissioner Olliffe said that they had been paying only $2 25 per cubic yard at private sale, and he thought this ought to satisfy the "reformers" who insisted that it was better than to buy at private sale. Commissioners Olliffe and Crimmins said that the Board had had no official notice that Sunday concerts in the parks were objectionable, and that no action would be taken.

MR. CHANDLER ON THE TALLAPOOSA.

Secretary W. E. Chandler arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He disposed of various matters of business connected with the affairs of the Naval Department during the day. Lieutenant-Commander Merry, who is in command of the Tallapoosa, called at the hotel in the afternoon and the Secretary returned with him to the vessel, which arrived here from Washington Thursday afternoon, and is anchored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. A TRIBUNE reporter found Secretary Chandler restlessly pacing the deck of the Tallapoosa. He shook hands cordially but said he must decline saying anything for the press just at present. He said that he had nothing more to communicate in regard to the survivors of the Greely expedition than that which had been given to the public through the news columns of THE TRIBUNE. The Tallapoosa will sail to-day for Newport. Thence she goes to Boston; then to Portsmouth, and then back to Washington. Secretary Chandler will accompany her to Newport and possibly to Boston.

HOW THE BROKEN FIRMS STAND.

In the matter of Carhart, Whitford & Co., clothing merchants, at No. 422 Broadway, who made an assignment some time ago, schedules were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday showing that their total liabilities were $1,346,306; the nominal assets, $1,516,184 14; and the actual assets, $911,562 60.

Sewall & Erickson, jobbers in millinery goods, at No. 612 Broadway, who suspended on Thursday, did not file an assignment yesterday and it is hoped that they will be able to resume business without doing so.

Considerable sympathy is expressed for Julian White, Son & Co., commission merchants in fancy goods, at No. 56 Leonard-st., whose failure was announced in THE TRIBUNE yesterday. It is generally believed that but for the fact that they found their indorsement to Edmund Yard, jr. & Co. they would not have gone under. The exact condition of their affairs is not known, and it is hoped that when the assignee, George O. Walbridge, completes his investigation, a settlement can be effected on a satisfactory basis.

SOLDIERS STARTING FOR PEEKSKILL.

The men of the gallant 69th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., are delighted with the prospect of a week to be spent in camp at Peekskill, and Colonel Cavanagh anticipates that he will be able to parade with full ranks to-day on the occasion of the departure for the seat of instruction. The command will assemble at the armory at 10 a. m., and will march down Broadway and Battery Place to Pier 1, where the regiment will embark on one of the iron steamers for Peekskill. It is expected that the 69th will spend the week most profitably at the State camp. There are many old soldiers in its ranks, whose precepts and examples will be valuable to the recruits. A portion of the regiment has received the new State uniform and will wear it on this occasion.

LORD & TAYLOR PERFECTLY SOUND.

Reports have been current for a day or two that the firm of Lord & Taylor was financially embarrassed. Inquiries of members of the firm yesterday showed that these rumors are absolutely without foundation, and that the house is stronger than ever.

R. G. Dun & Co. say that they have received assurances from Lord & Taylor that they are in better condition financially than they were a year ago and that they are easy in money matters; and Dun & Co. believe their statements to be correct.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Brevoort House—Cheng Tsao Ju, Chinese Minister at Washington, and suite.....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—Ex-Senator Francis Kernan, of Utica, and Judge Theodore Miller, of the New-York Court of Appeals.....*Windsor Hotel*—Antonio Batres, Minister for Guatemala and Salvador at Washington.....*Gilsey House*—John W. Bookwalter, of Springfield, Ohio.....*Clarendon Hotel*—Ex-Attorney-General C. L. M. Gwinn, of Maryland.....*Grand Central Hotel*—Judge Charles S. West, of Austin, Tex.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Monmouth Park races, 2:30 p. m.
Departure of 69th Regiment for State Camp at Peekskill.
Long range rifle shooting match, Creedmoor.
Mayor Edson's Cabinet, City Hall, 1 p. m.
Union Veterans' meeting, No. 54 Union Square, 8 p. m.
Regatta at Elm Park, Staten Island.
Picnic to First Platoon of Police, Oak Point.
Staten Island Cricket Club match, Camp Washington, 2 p. m.
Metropolitan-Athletic baseball match, Polo Grounds, 4 p. m.
Tern Verien festival, Washington Park, 8 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The body of a drowned laborer, age about forty, was found in the East River yesterday.

The Steamship Salier, which arrived yesterday, reported passing in mid ocean the wreck of a water logged schooner with two stumps of masts still standing.

RHINELANDER INDICTED FOR ASSAULT.

The Grand Jury yesterday found an indictment for assault in the first degree against William C. Rhinelander, who shot John Drake, in the law office of the latter, at No. 79 Cedar-st., on June 19. Mr. Drake received injuries which endangered his life.

DR. MARSH'S BAIL INCREASED TO $7,500.

The bail in the case of Dr. Charles Marsh, who is charged with enticing young girls into his office in Broadway for improper purposes, was increased yesterday by Recorder Smyth from $5,000 to $7,500. Five indictments have been found against Marsh.

A STEVEDORE KILLED BY A FALL.

The Marseilles steamer Burgundia came up from quarantine yesterday with her flags at half-mast. While helping to unload her cargo of wool to be fumigated at quarantine yesterday, Hugh E. Cairns, a stevedore, fell into the hold and was instantly killed. He left a wife and four children.

ONLY ONE DAIRY "GONE WRONG."

The New-York State Milk Inspectors on July 15 tested all the milk on the New-York, Ontario and Western Railway milk-train and found that only dairy, out of over 2,200 cans, was not up to the standard required by the Board of Health. In commenting upon it they stated "that it was the finest train-load of milk they had ever examined."

ARRESTING A GAMBLING-HOUSE KEEPER.

Henry Anderson, a colored man who conducts a gambling house on the second floor of the building No. 124 West Houston-st., was arrested yesterday. Roundsman Fawcett got into the place by climbing a ladder, and several men, who at the time were engaged at a game of faro, were taken completely by surprise.

DOINGS OF LAWN TENNIS GOVERNORS.

The Executive Committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association has admitted the Scarlet Ribbon Club of Chicago, the St. Paul Club of St. Paul, Minn., and the Roseville Club of Newark into the association. Tuesday, August 26, has been decided on as the date for the tournament at Newport. The Ayer ball will be retained as the regulation ball in preference to that of Peck & Snyder.

CHARGES AGAINST A POLICEMAN.

In the Yorkville Police Court yesterday Officer John McDonald was charged with assaulting H. G. Thompson, the conductor of a New-York and New-Haven Railroad train, on July 9. It was said that he was drunk, and that he drew a pistol upon the conductor and upon a brakesman, the latter knocking the policeman down with a lantern. McDonald denied the charge, and will be examined next Wednesday.

TWICE ON THE ROCKS NEAR HALIFAX.

The steamer Lincoln City reached this port yesterday from Stockholm, after running ashore at Isaac's Harbor, near Halifax, on July 6. Captain Harrison says that the vessel struck twice, the first time staying on the rocks four hours. The second time she was got off directly and, although leaking, they managed to get her to Halifax. She belongs to the Direct Swedish Company.

ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS WISHING TO STAY.

The head of the four families of assisted Hebrew immigrants who arrived on the steamer India from Breslau last week, addressed a communication to the Commissioner of Emigration yesterday, praying to be allowed to remain in this country, and asserting their ability to care for their families. The request of two families were granted. Twenty-three Irish immigrants from County Mayo will be sent back.

FALLING FORTY FEET.

Several workmen were repairing the old building No. 188 Bleecker-st. yesterday when a scaffold at the third story suddenly broke and fell, carrying Henry McDonald, of No. 325 East Seventy-fifth-st., and Philip Duffy, of First-ave. and Seventieth-st., with it to the sidewalk. McDonald escaped with slight bruises, but Duffy's skull was fractured. The men fell about forty feet. Duffy was insensible when he was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital.

PUNISHED FOR SWINDLING WELL-KNOWN FIRMS.

Michael Kroshofski, against whom several indictments for forgery and larceny were found, pleaded guilty yesterday to one of the charges and was sentenced by Recorder Smyth to five years in the State Prison. Mitchell, Vance & Co., R. H. Macy & Co., Stern Brothers, and Conkling & Chvris are among the firms who complained of Kroshofski's methods. He was in the habit of buying small amounts of goods and paid for them in checks that proved to be worthless. He had been a salesman.

SENTENCED FOR ABDUCTION.

Recorder Smyth yesterday sentenced Thomas Flanagan, the gray-haired engineer of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, to four years in the State Prison for the abduction of two of the inmates of the Asylum, whom he took to a hotel in Mount Morris and kept for two or three days. Kate Russel, who was convicted of abduction in enticing two young girls into a house of bad repute, was sentenced by Recorder Smyth to two years and six months in the Penitentiary.

CHILDREN PLAYING THE PART OF THIEVES.

Peter McCullough, age eleven, of No. 639 Water-st., and Joseph Smith, age ten, of No. 234 Division-st., were arrested on Wednesday night with a valuable gold watch and $12 in money after having made several purchases. They confessed that on the preceding night they had stolen the watch and $113 in money from between the beds in the rear of Michael Mooney's liquor-shop, No. 305 Monroe-st. In the Essex Market Police Court yesterday the young thieves were held for trial in default of $1,000 bail each.

CHARGED WITH STEALING CARPETS.

The police have received many complaints from people who have been robbed of carpets. After taking them to various carpet-cleaning establishments and having them cleaned, a man would call and, saying that a mistake had been made, would take them away never to be seen again. John Hannon, age fourty-seven of No. 17 Court-st., Brooklyn, was arrested on suspicion. Before Justice O'Reilly, in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, he insisted that he was not guilty, but was held for trial on the complaint of Anne Corr, the housekeeper for J. Hansen Rhoades, of No. 39 West Twenty-second-st., from whom a stair carpet worth $60 was stolen.

BROOKLYN.

Karl Kaufmann, a tailor, age fifty, was confronted in the Third District Police Court yesterday by Mrs. Sophia Kaufmann, of No. 87 Bushwick-ave., and Mrs. Louisa Kaufmann, of No. 12 Montaith-st., his two wives. He married the former on October 26, 1858. They had five children, but on account of his cruelty his wife left him in 1873. They were never divorced, but on July 25, 1883, Kaufmann married again, claiming to be a divorced man. His second wife discovered the true state of affairs and found the first wife last week, and steps to punish him for bigamy were taken. Kaufmann waived examination yesterday, and was held for the action of the Grand Jury.

Mrs. Lodocea Fredenberg, of Herkimer County, N. Y., who died in the Kings County Penitentiary on Wednesday, at the age of seventy-one, was under sentence of imprisonment for life for a horrible murder, in which she took part with her son, in killing her paralytic brother-in-law, in 1874, in Fairfield, N. Y. Both were sentenced to be hanged, but the punishment was commuted. The son is now in the Auburn State Prison.

Affidavits setting forth that the negro murderer, Alexander Jefferson, is insane, were filed with the Sheriff yesterday and a jury will be summoned to determine the matter.

Judge Cullen has dissolved the injunction secured by John W. Harper to prevent Sunday excursions from landing at the wharf at Sands Point, L. I., where Mr. Harper has a fine house. The injunction was dissolved on the ground that it was not shown that the pier was a private one, and the presumption is that it is public as it is at the foot of a public road.

When Christopher Bennett, of No. 227 Fourth-st., E. D., was accused of violation of the Excise Law on Sunday, May 4, by John Berry and Joseph M. Daniels, of the Excise League, before the Excise Commissioners yesterday, he retorted by charging that Daniels offered, for $10, to "fix up" the charge. The case was adjourned until to-day for more evidence.

County Judge Moore addressed some plain words to the Grand Jury yesterday respecting their duty in finding indictments upon prima facia evidence, without regard to their individual opinions of certain laws. What the Legislature said was illegal the Grand Jury should indict for. Reference was made by the Judge, it was inferred, to the cases of pool selling before the jury.

Walter Henry, age sixteen, who was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree in killing a fellow workman in June, was sentenced to the Elmira Reformatory yesterday.

Acting Mayor Olena married Filippo Rubino to Sunda Condalupa yesterday.

The business of the Firemens' Trust Insurance Company, which is about to liquidate, was transferred yesterday to the American Insurance Company of Newark, N. J. The Firemen's Trust Company loaned its capital of $150,000 to George I. Seney, receiving as collateral Metropolitan Bank shares and other securities, which have depreciated 40 per cent.

A circular in regard to disinfection to prevent cholera, similar to that prepared by the New-York Board of Health, has been sent out by Health Commissioner Raymond.

HENRY CLAY'S SORREL STALLION.

From The Houston Post.

"I recollect Henry Clay's turnout very well," said an old resident of Washington. "He had one of the old-style Concord buggies, with a top that suggested a Mother Hubbard bonnet. It was evidently a second-hand affair that Mr. Clay had picked up in a trade, and nowadays would do very well for an old woman to haul vegetables around town in. The cushions were stuffed with moss, and so well worn you could see the moss sticking out at the sides. If her Henry Clay didn't know what a laprobe was, and as for a whip, he didn't have any. He used to slash his old sorrel stallion with the ends of the reins so loud you could hear it a block off. The steps of the buggy were gone, and Mr. Clay used to jump over the wheels. When he wanted to get in he put one foot on the hub and swung the other 'round over the wheels and dashboard. The wheels were so high he had to let the top down to get out. They had axle-grease in those days, but Mr. Clay had evidently never found it out. He always drove his horse at a canter, and you could hear the wheels of his buggy squeaking as many notes as there are on the piccolo.

"Ah, well do I remember that sorrel stallion," continued the old timer. "Henry Clay won him one night at poker in John Hancock's saloon, which is still running on the avenue, from Colonel Jim Bright, who lived at Falls Church, Va. Bright used to come over every week and play poker with Clay, and he generally went back to Fall Church with a pocketful of money. But that was Clay's lucky night. He got away with $1,000 of Bright's money, his watch, saddle and bridle, saddle bags, a new suit of clothes that were in the saddle bags, three finger rings and a breastpin, a brace of pistols and pair of boots——

"Oh, you needn't laugh," said the old-timer, with great animation; "that's the way they played poker in them days. A man went the whole hog or nothing. Why, didn't you never hear of the time Henry Clay bet himself clean down to his undershirt, and he offered to pull that off, but the other fellow didn't wear an undershirt to put up against it? Well, sir, it's so anyhow, and the very table he played the game on is now in the front room over Hancock's saloon. It's an old pine table about three feet square with a hole in the middle to drop the percentages through for threes, fulls, flushes and jack-pots. Well, sir, about that old stallion. He was well known around Washington for several years. He always kicked when Clay came near him. Clay carried a pocketful of shelled corn, and he gave the horse a handful every time he got into the buggy. The boys knew the stallion well, and they used to give him pieces of bread, cakes, nuts, or anything of the sort. He'd eat watermelon and meat, and I've seen him eat wads of paper, as though he was trying to make the boys laugh. Well, sir, Clay had a nigger named Sam. One day he loaned the stallion to Sam to drive to Alexandria. Sam got drunk before he left town, and he started out on a gallop. He didn't stop till he got to Mount Vernon, twenty miles off. Then he turned around and galloped all the way back. The old stallion dropped dead at the edge of South Washington. There were over one hundred boys at the funeral. In revenge Clay sold the nigger to a Louisiana sugar planter, with a proviso in the bill of sale that the planter should hitch Sam in shafts and work him in a cane mill. Fact, sir!

TAKING IN THE TOWN.

From The Atlanta Constitution.

Fitzgoober had sent a note to his wife, by his son Pinder, informing her that work would detain him at the store until late.

"Yes, just like him," wrathfully snapped out Mrs. Fitzgoober, "he seems to have work on hand every time I want to go anywhere."

She was turning to her work again, when Pinder asked: "Ma, does they have prayer meetin' ever We'nesday night?"

"Yes; and your father knew I was crazy to go to-night."

"An' does pa have to take care of the town ever prayer meetin' night?"

"It appears so," she replied, then a dark suspicion flitted behind her bangs, and she asked: "Why do you ask such a question?"

"I jus' wanted to know," answered Pinder, "'cause pa told a man to-day that, as this was We'nesday night, he s'posed he'd have to take in the town, an' I 'magined that if he had to take it anywhere, he'd take it into the store; an' if he took it in there it must be his duty to take care of it."

Mr. and Mrs. Fitz. occupied the same pew that night, and somehow or other Fitz. wasn't as happy as usual.

Blaine was once an editor, and yet people will say, insinuatingly, that they do not understand how he accumulated so much money.—[New-Orleans Picayune. The true reason, probably, is that he left the business in time.—[Boston Post.

"What are the sad waves saying?" Look out for sharks!—[Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

A MUSCULAR CHRISTIAN'S THREAT.

Unpleasant statements having been made in regard to William C. Anderson, superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Baptist Church of East New-York, L. I., and president of the Board of Education of the town, connecting his name with that of a widow attending the same church, Mr. Anderson demanded an investigation. It was held on Thursday evening, before the Rev. Dr. Hodge, pastor of the church, the Rev. S. S. Nelson, and three deacons. Mr. Anderson denied all the rumors about him and the woman whose name was coupled with his. Statements made by several boys that he went with her to the theatre and Prospect Park, and to Rockaway Beach, he denied, and the witnesses could not say that they were not mistaken about their identity. The statement that Mr. Anderson and the woman were in Prospect Park in the evening was disproved by his denial that she was there, and two letters from members of the church that she was taking tea at their house at the time. Dr. Hodge said that he was satisfied that the charges against Mr. Anderson were unfounded. The committee will report on Tuesday. One of the witnesses testified that Mr. Anderson said he would renounce Christianity unless the charges against him were withdrawn, but Mr. Anderson said his words were: "I shall forget I am a Christian for half an hour and lick some one."

WAS SHE SHOT?

Shooting at a mark with a 32 calibre revolver has caused trouble in South Nyack, between William Brown, his wife, and Mr. Coates, a Brooklyn architect. Brown for some time has had charge of the house of Mr. Dator, and on Wednesday night he deemed it prudent to discharge a revolver which he had kept loaded as a safeguard against burglars. Not wishing to waste his shot he went into the yard and blazed away at a plank. Mrs. Brown was then desirous of showing her skill, and shot number two buzzed into space. But while the blue smoke still curled from the muzzle, cries were heard and A. J. Matthewson rushed to the spot and informed the Browns that they had shot a little girl. Certain it was that Mr. Coates's nine-year-old daughter had a wound in the calf of her leg—but whether it was inflicted by a pistol ball is not yet determined.

Doctors E. H. Maynard and J. O. Polhemus attended the patient but found no trace of a bullet. Brown says that he is certain that neither he nor Mrs. Brown is responsible for the accident.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR COAST SERVICE.

Several experts attached to the Lighthouse Department, and a few scientific gentlemen went twenty-three miles out to sea beyond Sandy Hook, a few nights ago, for the purpose of testing, at that distance, the brilliancy and power of penetration of the large electric light that has lately been started at the Lighthouse Department depot in Tompkinsville, S. I., where General Duane and Lieutenant Mills are making experiments to determine whether it will be practicable to introduce the electric light into the coast service. At twenty-three miles away it was said that this light—which is believed to be the largest one in this country—looked as the Brooklyn Bridge lights do from Bay Ridge. The light was bright and plain, but it flickered. This is the greatest objection to the use of electric lights for that purpose, as the mariners may mistake a flickering light for a flash light. It is expected, however, that a steady, clear light will be produced that will show plainly for thirty miles in clear weather.

DISTURBED ABOUT A LIQUOR LICENSE.

The Board of Excise of Long Island City a few weeks ago revoked the license of Patrick Keinan, the Ferry-st. liquor-dealer, who murdered his land lord, Peter McCormick. The place was closed, but William Lyman, of Hunter's Point, who held a mortgage on the fixtures and lease of the building, made application for a license, and it was refused. Mr. Lyman's friends charge that Mayor Petry forbade the Excise Commissioners to grant a license to any person except to president of the Board of Aldermen Rassiga. Mr. Rassiga at present keeps a "beer saloon" in the same block with the Keinan house, but thinks that he could do a better business in the latter house. Mrs. McCormick, executrix of the estate, by the advice of Mayor Petry began ejectment proceedings against Lyman before Justice Kavannagh. The case was tried on Wednesday, and the Justice has reserved his decision. The matter has caused considerable talk in political circles in Long Island City. The president of the Board of Aldermen threatens to resign and move to New-York, as there is little money in being president of Long Island City's Board of Aldermen.

DRUMFISH DESTROYING OYSTERS.

Drumfish are causing widespread destruction among the oysters of Prince's Bay. The planters state that if the inroads of this enemy of the bivalve continue a few weeks more there will be scarcely an oyster left in that locality. The damage caused by the drumfish is already estimated at $40,000. The marauders visit the beds in large schools, and in one night destroy beds that cover several acres. Planters will leave their beds of full-grown oysters at dark and the next morning be unable to rake up anything but a mass of worthless shells.

The drumfish visited Prince's Bay eight years ago, and then nearly ruined the oyster crop. They have not been seen there since in any numbers until about two weeks ago. Since then they have done widespread damage. Around Keyport and Amboy, N. J., large damage has also been done. As the drumfish do not come at any particular time, it is difficult to catch or drive them away. Some planters have surrounded their beds with shad-nets.

A WOMAN CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

Maria Hopkins, the reputed wife of Uriah Hopkins, an engineer on the Erie Railroad, was arrested at Newark yesterday, on a complaint made by her husband, and held in $500 bail on a charge of bigamy. The couple were married in May, 1882, the wife's maiden name being Godard. Shortly after the birth of a child, the couple separated and Hopkins went West. Last November the wife married a Newark liquor dealer, John Sotzam, and separated from him in a few months. Hopkins returned about this time, and demanded his child. It was agreed that if he would furnish the means for its maintenance it should be kept at the house of an aunt in New-Brunswick. Hopkins paid money for this purpose and afterward learned that the child had been kept by its mother. He then swore out a warrant for the arrest of his wife. The wife asserts that she had been informed of the death of Hopkins in the West, and that she left Sotzam upon hearing that her first husband was alive, and lived with him again until they disagreed.

SKELETONS IN A SUNKEN CANAL-BOAT.

Workmen who were making an excavation in Ferry-st., Hoboken, yesterday for the foundation of the new elevated railroad unearthed an old canal-boat about ten feet below the surface. On breaking into what remained of the cabin they discovered two human skeletons lying side by side. The skeletons were those of a man and woman. Twenty-seven years ago Ferry-st was a water-way and a resort for canal-boats in the winter. The discovery of the skeletons has excited considerable curiosity. The generally accepted theory is that the boat was swamped by a high tide and that the man and woman were drowned. It is supposed that the boat was thought to be abandoned and the creek was filled up without anybody making an examination of the cabin. The skeletons were removed to the Morgue.

A COFFIN TOO BIG TO FIT THE VAULT.

The aid of the Health Department of Brooklyn was sought yesterday by John O'Shea, of No. 170 Seventeenth-st. that city, to secure the burial of the body of his wife. It appears that an undertaker named Harrigan, of Fifth-ave. near Twenty-first-st. was engaged, and the burial was to be in a vault in Calvary Cemetery. In order to fit the place in which it was to go, Mr. O'Shea told the undertaker that the box must be only twenty-four inches wide, but one twenty-seven inches wide was furnished. The undertaker refused to get another, and wanted Mr. O'Shea to take out some bricks from the vault. The latter would not do this, and Harrigan refused to do anything more with the funeral. Efforts to get another undertaker were fruitless, as all refused to interfere. After appealing to the Health Department County Undertaker Foran was secured, and the body was finally buried.

JERSEY CITY.

John Patterson, the Weehawken school trustee who brutally assaulted Joseph K. Cleveland, principal of the public school, was sentenced yesterday to pay a fine of $250 and costs.

NEWARK.

Two guests of the Park House were robbed on Thursday night by a hotel thief who registered under the name of South and who quitted the hotel at an early hour yesterday morning. The thief obtained a considerable sum of money and some jewelry.

PATERSON.

Mr. Lembeck, who has by foreclosure of mortgage come into possession of the People's Brewing Company, says that the investigation which is going on shows that the peculations of ex-City Clerk Hague from the company exceed the amount—about $15,000—recently stated by Henry Schnatz, of the company.

A three-year-old son of Edward Odell, of No. 281 Market-st., died yesterday from injuries received by being knocked down by a horse in the street. It was alleged that the horse was driven by Thomas McCran, but McCran denies this, although he has paid the funeral expenses and doctor's bill.

It has been found that at the valuation of city property as made by the Assessors the tax rate of $2 50 per hundred which has been decided upon will not suffice to raise the amount of money appropriated by the Board of Aldermen for the expenses of the current year. As the charter forbids a higher tax rate than $2 50, the Aldermen will have to reconsider some of the proposed expenditures.

SUNDRY NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

FRANKLIN.—The strike of rag-sorters at the Kingsland Mills proved a failure. The places of the strikers have been filled by others.....Samuel Houghton, foreman in the Van Riper Quarry, fell dead in the street on Thursday night with heart disease.

AVONDALE.—Work will be resumed on Monday in the large quarry of J. W. Boyce. Sixty men have been idle owing to the stoppage of operations.

CENTREVILLE.—Mrs. Sites, while engaged in picking coal on the meadow side of the track yesterday, was struck by drill engine No. 18 and fatally injured.

HOBOKEN.—Charles H. Miller has brought suit against the city for $166 68, which he asserts is due him for services rendered as City Clerk.

STATEN ISLAND.

TOTTENVILLE.—The will of Henry Stewart Seguine has been admitted to probate. The widow of the testator is allowed $2,000 a year and $10,000 in money. The six children of James Seguine, a nephew of the dead man, are left $10,000 each. The remainder of the estate, valued at between $200,000 and $300,000, is left to the children of the testator.

LONG ISLAND.

WHITESTONE.—The body of an unknown sailor was found in the water yesterday.

SAG HARBOR.—The corner-stone of the new Episcopal Church will be laid by Bishop Littlejohn on Wednesday.

BABYLON.—An extension to the public school building is to be built at a cost of $2,595.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—Dr. C. P. Dennler, in his weekly report to the Board of Health last evening, said: "The authorities have done nothing to suppress nuisances, clean streets or put the city in a thorough sanitary condition. Piggeries remain unsuppressed. Phosphate works and bone-boiling establishments are still carried on. Pigs and goats roam our streets and manure is piled up in the middle of our streets. Swill boiling is still carried on close to the Steinways', and our local authorities make no effort to abate the health-destroying establishments." The Health Board decided to call the attention of the Governor to the conduct of the authorities, who positively refuse to carry out the mandates of the Board.

SOUTHAMPTON.—A number of persons claim title to the lands under water in Mecox and Shinnecock Bays and elsewhere within the limits of the town, and have procured deeds of the same and had them recorded. The trustees of the town believe that the title to the lands under water within the town limits is vested in them, and have ordered counsel to begin ejectment suits against all persons claiming title to such lands in the Supreme Court.

ROCKLAND COUNTY.

HAVERSTRAW.—Department Commander Ira M. Hedges and Assistant Quartermaster-General H. N. Wood, accompanied by their wives and Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Fowler, will start to-day for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend the G. A. R. National Encampment.

STONY POINT.—The Rev. W. R. Kiefer and the friends of temperance have determined to inclose the large wigwam of the Methodist Episcopal Church and hold temperance mass meetings on Sundays.

NYACK.—Eddie Pollock, of Larchdale, Upper Nyack, shot three silver gray foxes in a four hours' hunt on Hook Mountain on Monday.

PIERMONT.—The Rev. Mr. Peck and two ladies while sailing in Tappan Bay were capsized and were rescued in a drowning condition by a crew who witnessed the accident.....Captain Cornelius Ackerman, of the Piermont Mosquito Fleet, on Tuesday was presented by members with an elegant silk flag for his yacht Lydia.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WEST CHESTER.—Five and a half acres of unimproved land has been sold by Mrs. Philip Paul to Mrs. Sohn for $400.....The majestic elm trees look as though a fire had swept over them owing to the ravages of some sort of bug or worm.

WHITE PLAINS.—The will of John Connors