THE OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

SHARP CRITICISM FOR THE NEW SYSTEM.

STEAMSHIP MEN CHARGE THAT IT IS SLOW AND INADEQUATE.

The attempt of *The Herald's* Washington correspondent, in yesterday's issue of that paper, to show that the sea-borne mails of the country would be delivered "as rapidly, as frequently and as safely" under the new arrangements of Postmaster-General Vilas as by the steamship lines that have heretofore carried them was vigorously criticised at the offices of the different mail lines yesterday. The article was pronounced by all as either false, misleading or incorrect in nearly every paragraph.

"Take the first particular," said Mr. Alexandre, of the New-York and Havana Line, "about the Cuban mail. The article states that it went weekly from this port. Now, the advertising columns of *The Herald* would have told the writer that there were always two mails from New-York weekly. Our boat starts every Thursday, and Ward's, the New-York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company, goes every Saturday."

"I have tried the new fast mail" "service between here and Cuba," said Mr. Hughes, of James E. Ward & Co. "A week ago Saturday I mailed a letter for Havana in the presence of a notary public. It was received there on the following Thursday. Yet it is claimed in *The Herald* that it only takes seventy five hours to make the passage. Now, according to the statements of the railroad companies themselves, this time cannot be made. It takes thirty-six hours to go from here to Jacksonville, thirty-six more to reach Tampa Bay, thirty more is required by the boat to go from Tampa to Key West, and the distance from Key West to Havana, ninety miles, cannot be made by the boats that are at present employed in less than twelve hours—114 hours instead of seventy-five. The two boats that carry the mail from Key Wet to Havana are the Cumberland and the Thomas J. Cochrane. The latter is classed as a steam canal boat in the American Record of Foreign Ships, while the former is not rated at all."

At both offices it was stated that the amount of mail carried by their steamers was almost as much as when they had contracts with the Government. The business men stick to them and they carry the mail free. Some letters were received on last Saturday at the Cuban Mail Steamship office after the boat had gone. They were from E. Atkins & Co., sugar importers, of Boston. Mr. Ward at once telegraphed Mr. Atkins of the steamer's departure, and asked if he wished the letters sent by the new route or held for the boat that sailed yesterday. Mr. Atkins replied: "Please mail Thursday's steamer; cannot trust canal-boat."

"This," said Mr. Hughes, "shows how shipping men, who fully understand the matter regard the change. Neither of the boats will be able to run in stormy weather. As to the statement that carrying the mails gave us certain privileges in Havana, such as the right to enter the Custom House on holidays, freedom from port charges on six tons of freight each way, etc. Yes, we enjoy these advantages, it is true, but not because we carry the United States mail. These come from the Spanish Governemnt, whose mail we still bring here."

"The statement that there are five American steamship lines running out of New-Orleans is a downright falsehood," said one of the Pacific Mail people. "It is said that mail from San Francisco for Panama will hereafter be brought to New-York and taken from here by steamer to Panama, effecting a saving of two days. It will, if the letters get here in time for the steamer which leaves here three times a month. But this is nothing new. It has been carried on for years. Yes, it took our steamers eighteen days to go from San Francisco to Panama, because we stopped at all the points of importance on the coast, going up the Gulf of California, etc. Mails to the west coast of Mexico are now taken once a month by the steamer Newburn, which comprises the line of the California and Mexico Steamship Company, referred to in *The Herald's* article. Our boats sail every two weeks. The Red D Line, which formerly carried the Venezuelan mail, is owned by Bolton, Bliss & Dallett. This firm started with an English vessel, but began building American ships as soon as it was able. This is the reward of its patriotism. St. Thomas is no longer the general point of distribution for mails for the Spanish Main and Windward Islands. On the first of last month the Royal Mail Company changed to Barbados.

"As for the China mail, is now goes to France, through Marseilles, where the cholera is raging, and thence to the Suez Canal through the Indian Ocean to its destination. This takes about two weeks longer than by our route. It is stated that this length of time does not amount to much, and that nearly all business is done by cable. It costs from $2 50 to $3 a word for messages between here and China, and a bill of lading is most important to a merchant at times. It enables him to raise money, for instance, when he may need it badly, and it is nonsense to say that the mail is supplanted by the telegraph. In conclusion I may say that the public will have a chance to judge which of the two systems, the old or the new, is the better one. We shall continue to carry all mail properly stamped, so that the Government will not be cheated, free of charge. This will be done until further notice. If there are other lines that can perform the service better and cheaper than we, why it is a good thing that this affair has happened, so that the Government can find it out."

WOES OF A SOUTH-ST. SIGN-CARRIER.

PRACTICAL JOKE OF JOLLY MARKETMEN—TERRIBLE WRATH OF A HOTEL-KEEPER.

For the last two weeks the jolly fish-dealers about Fulton Market have been living upon the mirthful recollection of a practical joke which their combined ingenuity sprung upon the unsuspecting owner of the Long Island Hotel, at No. 203 Front-st. The hotel is owned by Alexander Taylor, a stout old gentleman with a large nose and a passion for fast horses, who is well known to all the frequenters of Fulton Market. Some time ago he expended $5 on a gorgeous sign—something between a banner and a billboard—which set forth at great length and in the usual florid style of the hashhouse signboard the manifold attractions of his house, and for the last week or so any reference to the wanderings and trials of Taylor's sign has been sufficient to produce volcanic eruptions of mirth among the hardy marketmen.

"The way of it was this," said the stalwart owner of a market stall to a TRIBUNE reporter yesterday. "Taylor had that sign stuck in a beer keg and standing in front of his place for three or four days, except when he bribed some tramp to tote it round for an hour or so for the drinks. Then he began to talk about hiring somebody to do it regularly; so one night, as a lot of us were going up Fulton-st., I says 'What's the matter with putting an ad in the papers for the old man's benefit?' The boys all took to the idea, and the next morning the following appeared in the 'Wanted' columns of the papers: 'Wanted—Twelve able-bodied men to carry banners. Apply at No. 203 Front-st.'

"Well, the way the men poured into that barroom in the morning was astonishing. There must have been two hundred of them, all the bums in the city, and it kept Taylor and two bar-tenders busy all the time firing them out. By-and-by, after that part of the joke had got a little bit old, and Taylor had gone out somewhere, a young tramp came a-slouching along looking up at the numbers just as a well-known fish-dealer came out of the bar-room where he had been taking his morning smile and chaffing the barkeeper about the heavy business he'd been doing.

"'You've come to answer that advertisement, I suppose,' says he.

"'Yezzer,' answered the tramp.

"'All right,' says the dealer, 'you just take that sign that's sticking up in that beer keg and carry it through the market a couple of times and down South-st. The pay is a dollar a day.'

"The tramp grabbed the sign and started through the market, but he hadn't gone two steps befo re a rain of fish began that beat any you read about in the papers. The way that sign and the poor cuss under it were pelted with ancient mackerel, chunks of ice, decrepit eggs and dyspeptic vegetables was cruel. Meanwhile, Taylor turned up again, missed the sign, and began giving the bartender the benefit of his whole collection of strong words. 'What are you here for, any way? What'd you let 'em steal that sign for? You'll find out who runs this shebang, if you don't tend to business better,' says he, with a lot more that you wouldn't print if I told it to you. Just when he was a-giving it to him hardest the poor tramp burst out of a side door of the market, yelling like a wild Indian and followed by all the old stock that had accumulated in the last week. He tore up the street, dumped the sign in front of the hotel and asked to be paid up to date and discharged. He got the last half of his request in such a way that he didn't wait for the first.

"It took the old man all that day and part of the next with hose and scraper to get the dirt off his five-dollar sign, and now it isn't safe for a small man to say anything about billboards or sandwich men in that bar-room."

STORIES OF HERRICK'S CRUELTY.

ARMSTRONG TELLS HIS STORY AGAIN—THE MURDERED MAN TO BE BURIED TO-DAY.

The funeral of Albert R. Herrick, who was killed by his stepson in Brooklyn on Monday afternoon, will take place at 2 p. m. to-day. Efforts are making by the murderer and his friends to strengthen the theory of self-defence. Mrs. Herrick said yesterday that her husband had treated her son badly. While she was at Ellenville he wrote to her that when she returned either she or her son would have to leave the house. While Herrick never drank, he was a man of violent temper, and she feared that he would do the boy some harm. Her son, she said, was always kind and affectionate, and it did not seem possible that he had deliberately murdered his stepfather. Several instances of the violent temper Herrick displayed were told yesterday. There were frequent affrays at the roadhouse he kept in the Ocean Parkway, and he was expert with his fists.

Armstrong talked freely with a friend named Murphy in his cell yesterday. He said that his stepfather had driven him from home and he was anxious to make up with him. The following is the story of the crime as told by Armstrong yesterday, explaining some details not before made public: "When I went to the house Monday morning," said he, "I was afraid to go in as my stepfather had told me not to stay out late at night, and had ordered me out of the house. To avoid him I went round to the stables and slept. He came there in the morning, and when he saw me made a rush for me. I think he meant to lay me out. Then I went out to the Park and returned to the house after he had gone to New-York, and wrote an apology. In the afternoon I went down the cellar and left the candle lighted in the basement hall when I came up. When he came in I was lying on the bed in the back parlor, where we slept. After he took off his coat he spoke to me, and with an oath wanted to know what I was doing there. I was afraid of him and grabbed the pistol, which was on the mantel. He made a rush for me and I ran down stairs and into the cellar. He seized the lighted candle and made a rush after me. I was close to the wall, and when he got down I ran up the stairs again. As he was coming up I fired one or two shots and ran to the back door. As I thought he was coming after me I fired again. In all I fired four shots, three down cellar and one in the hall. Then I got out the back way and went to Hoboken. I threw the pistol into the river because I could think of nothing else to do with it."

CUSTOM HOUSE APPOINTMENTS.

Civil Service Examiners Comstock, Stevens, Williams and Kane held a session at the Appraiser's Office yesterday and propounded written and verbal questions to eight candidates for places. Five of the candidates were clerks who wanted promotion, while two from the outside competed in a display of their technical knowledge of chemicals, and one entered the lists as an expert on metals and machinery. The salary of an examiner of chemicals or of metals is $2,500, while the clerkships range from $1,400 to $1,800.

The discussion which arose in the Custom House on Wednesday over the appointment of two assistant gaugers in the place of Waring and Martinez, whose probationary term had expired, and whose discharge of duty had not satisfied the Surveyor, was quietly settled yesterday. The Civil Service Board followed the suggestion which Mr. Beattie had made the day before and certified to the Collector the name of the only candidate who remained on their list, at the same time stating that the list was exhausted and that if further names were required another examination must be held. This proved satisfactory to all. The Collector, however, said that he would not appoint the man whose name had been presented until three more names should be certified after the examination. He holds that the law requires that four names shall be presented before an appointment is made.

Chairman Comstock of the Board said to a TRIBUNE reporter: "The question arising in this instance had arisen once before, when the matter was referred to the Civil Service Commissioners at Washington, who decided that the one name was sufficient, and they so reported it to Secretary Manning, who immediately approved the decision of the Commissioners, and the man is in office to-day. There is only a breeze—no storm over this matter. Surveyor Beattie is a positive man in his views but when he saw our side was in the right he willingly submitted to the law."

The men recently removed have all appealed to the National Civil Service Commission for Mr. Beattie's action, and all the cases are likely to be reviewed. Nothing has yet been done toward filling the two vacancies now existing in the Custom House Board of Civil Service Examiners. The Collector and the Surveyor both claim the right of appointing one of the two new officers, and as the impression exists that neither Mr. Hedden nor Mr. Beattie is anxious to contribute to the success of the purposes of the Board, their claims are not regarded with much pleasure.

WHERE WIRES MUST BE PUT UNDERGROUND.

As the time allowed by law for electrical companies to submit their plans to the Electrical Commissioners for putting wires underground expired yesterday, a larger number of companies were represented than at any previous meeting. The commissioners decided that all inventors having plans for underground electrical wires must submit them by September 1, that all companies and corporations owning or leasing wires in this city should file with the Board the name of the routes of their different wires as the Board deemed necessary; that the secretary procure from the Department of Public Works an accurate list of all companies and corporations owning telegraph and telephone wires in the city and keep them on file; and to procure from the Aldermen a list of all the companies and corporations that they had authorized to construct wires and poles in the city; and that all wires be placed underground with the following exceptions: "In suburbs or sparsely settled districts where the public interests do not require the underground electrical conductors; and, wherever in the city it is deemed impractical by the Board." The following resolution was adopted: "This Board will not deviate from this underground system except in accordance with the above."

MISS MARTINOT NOT BLACKMAILED.

Mrs. M. L. Martinot, mother of Miss Sadie Martinot, who has now a leading part in "Nanon" at the Casino, complained to Justice Murray, in the Jefferson Market Police Court, on Tuesday that Barker Bradford, the manager of a dramatic paper known as *The Stage* had written a letter asking for $50 and saying that if he did not get it it would be impossible to tell what might happen. Justice Murray sent a note to Mr. Bradford asking him to come to court, which he did, but in the meantime Mrs. Martinot had informed the magistrate that the matter had been amicably arranged. Mr. Bradford said that he had never intended to annoy Miss Martinot, but that on the contrary all the articles in his journal lately had been of a character laudatory of the lady. The $50 in dispute was intended to pay for her picture. Miss Martinot is the daughter of a well-known detective officers of this city, and she was christened Susan Francis Marie Martinot. In early life her parents separated and she was consigned for a time to a convent. When she emerged from the institution she chose her mother in preference to her father and has since lived with her. Miss Martinot is the wife of Mr. Fred Stinson, but has been divorced.

IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION.

Charles E. Loew has been elected a member of the Tammany Hall General Committee from the XXIId Assembly District, and also a member of the Tammany Committee on Organization. This brings him in close fellowship with the Tammany leaders, and places him in line to succeed John Kelly as chairman of the General Committee. There was considerable discussion among the Democratic local politicians yesterday as to what this action on Mr. Loew's part foreshadows. Hubert O. Thompson and the other County Democracy leaders who are pushing Edward Cooper for Governor are greatly disturbed. They know that Tammany is implacable toward Mr. Cooper, as he turned John Kelly out of the Finance Department, and was a strong advocate of excluding Tammany from the State Convention of 1881 and at other times. Mr. Loew is also likely to have the aid of his brother, the present Controller. Tammany leaders assert that Mr. Loew will be "one of them," but will not be made successor to Mr. Kelly.

FOURTEEN BROOKLYN MEN APPOINTED.

The following appointments of foremen for the Brooklyn Navy Yard were made yesterday. James R. McGee, master shipwright; George McMullin, ship joiner; Joseph Brown, plumber and coppersmith; Alfred J. Sweeney, shipsmith; Titus E. Dodge, master sparmaker; James Furlong, master blockmaker; Charles McWade, master moulder; John O'Rourke, master boilermaker; Edward Atwell, master rigger; George Stayley, master sailmaker; Lewis Rhodes, master caulker; John Anderson, foreman machinist; Samuel W. Tompkins, master boatbuilder; Thomas A. Craig, foreman painter. Three of the fourteen men are residents of Brooklyn and they have good positions. Satisfaction was expressed over these appointments by Brooklyn Democrats yesterday. Three Republicans were reappointed. The pay ranges from $4 50 to $5 50 a day

SANITARY MAP OF THE STATE CAMP.

The corps of engineers and men from the 22d Regiment detailed to survey the State Camp at Peekskill have completed their work. They were under the direction of Private G. P. H. McVay, of E Company, and surveyed about eighty acres, showing mainly the arrangement of the tents, the course of the water supply and the disposition of the camp refuse. Draughtsman George Kelley has plotted the results of the survey on a map drawn to the scale of 1-30 of an inch to the foot and this will accompany Surgeon Duncan's report to the Surgeon-General. This report will probably recommend several changes and an improved water supply. The source of the present supply is shown by the map to be only 800 feet from the place where the refuse of the entire camp is deposited.

WATCHING THE VENDERS OF DECAYING FRUIT.

It was said at the Sanitary Bureau yesterday that the epidemic of dysentry in the Hebrew quarter, east of the Bowery, was dying out. There is no doubt that the trouble was caused by improper food. Dr. Cyrus Edson yesterday sent two tons of decayed fruit, which had been found in the cellar of No. 80 Suffolk-st., under Rachel Bolinsky's grocery store, to the offal dock. Hebrew venders of fruit have sold such stuff to their poverty-stricken customers in the district when they could escape the eyes of the sanitary police. Officers have been keeping a closer watch than usual for a fortnight and bad food has been scarcer in the district.

WORK DELAYED ON A CROSS-TOWN RAILROAD.

Work was begun on a cross-town railroad in West Eighty-sixth-st. last Wednesday. The road was to run from Riverside Drive across the Park to Madison-ave. But on Thursday an injunction was served against the company. On Tuesday another gang of men was set to work in Tenth-ave. near Eighty-sixth-st. to lay gas pipes. The foreman said yesterday: "The railroad company will probably have the injunction raised in a day or two, but the delay has saved the gas company many a dollar. If the road was built we would have to blast under it, but now we can get the pipes in before they get to Tenth-ave."

SENTENCED FOR "WORKING THE GROWLER."

Owen Savery, of 255 Ave. B was stopped by an East Side gang near Fifteenth-st and Avenue B, and robbed of $10 on Saturday afternoon. One of the gang, Thomas Coleman, was arrested and identified by Savery. He denied the charge, but was held for examination yesterday in the Yorkville Police Court. Justice White in the Harlem Court committed four members of a gang to the Island yesterday for six months on the same charge. Their names are Henry King, John Murray, John Egleston and John Dailey. Their resort was a vacant lot in East One-hundred-and-tenth-st. where they levied on pedestrians a toll to "work the growler."

It is announced that the Government will finish the cruisers in Mr. Roach's yard, and employ his workmen who are now idle. Secretary Whitney, who has had four months' experience with ships, knows so much more about their construction than Mr. Roach, who has been in the business only forty years or so, that he will superintend the job in order to prevent "structural weakness."—[Norristown Herald.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Thomas A. Osborn, late U. S. Minister to Brazil; C. C. Andrews, late U. S. Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro, and M. E. Ingalls, of Cincinnati.....*New-York Hotel*—State Engineer Elnathan Sweet and James Shanahan, New-York State Superintendent of Public Works.....*Murray Hill Hotel*—James R. Osgood, of Boston.....*Gilsey House*—John B. Carson, of Chicago.....*St. James Hotel*—General Colton Greene, of Memphis, Tenn.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Electrical Commission, Metropolitan Hotel, noon.
Funeral of A. R. Herrick, No. 339 Pearl-st., Brooklyn, 2 p. m.
Grobiewski poisoning investigation, Brooklyn.
Examination of Thomas Fennell, Jefferson Market Police Court.
St. Mark's Memorial Sunday-school excursion to Point View.
Baltimore-Metropolitan baseball match, Polo Grounds, 4 p. m.
Music in Battery Park by 69th Regiment Band, evening.

NEW-YORK CITY.

James McMahon, age three, yesterday fell from the fire-escape at No. 313 Madison-st. and was killed.

John W. Long, of No. 233 West Forty-eighth-st., was remanded in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, charged with forgery by R. H. Hunter, of No. 268 Sixth-ave.

INCORPORATING THE LAND AND TITLE COMPANY.

The New-York Land and Title Company has been incorporated with a capital of $5,000 to search titles, collect debts, etc., in this country and Canada. The corporators are E. H. Adams, C. T. Dunwell, Arthur Van Someren, A. J. Post and John J. Huhn.

BODIES FOUND IN THE RIVERS.

The body of a man, too much decomposed for recognition, was found in the North River at Pier No. 37 yesterday. Edward Lamb, age nine, of No. 89 Lewis-st., was drowned at Pier No. 58 East River on Tuesday. His body was recovered yesterday.

HELD FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT COINS.

Commissioner Shields yesterday held for the action of the Grand Jury Joseph Guinta and his wife Anna, who are accused of passing counterfeit money in Harlem. The woman was released on her own recognizance, and the man was sent to Ludlow Street Jail in default of $2,500 bail.

ARRESTED AND SENT TO THE HOSPITAL.

Irma Batars, age sixteen, who came to this city from Hungary two months ago, gave birth to a child yesterday at No. 50 Clinton-st., where she was employed as a servant. Later the child was found dead in a closet, and the girl was arrested and sent to Bellevue Hospital.

BIG PETITION FOR CABLE ROADS.

A petition, signed by more than 7,000 citizens with their names and addresses, will be presented to the Common Council at its next meeting, asking that consent be given for the construction of the system of street cable railways laid out by the Mayor's commission and confirmed by the commission appointed by the Supreme Court. The petitioners represents all parts of the city.

KNOCKING A CONDUCTOR FROM HIS CAR.

Francis Copeland, a truckman, of No. 236 Elizabeth-st., drove his truck against a Third-ave. car at One-hundred-and-ninth-st. yesterday morning, frightening the passengers and knocking Conductor Frederick Dietz off the platform. Dietz was bruised badly, and the police summoned an ambulance surgeon to attend him. Copeland was arrested for careless driving.

TO CARRY SILVER COIN TO WASHINGTON.

The man-of-war Swatara, Captain Wiltse, has been ordered to New-Orleans to take 450 tons of silver coin from there to Washington, the capacity of the New-Orleans Mint being too small for the coin stored there. She will sail to-day for Key West where she will coal and then go to New-Orleans. The silver will be transported in 2,500 boxes made for the purpose.

EUROPEAN MAILS TO CLOSE ON SATURDAYS.

Postmaster Pearson has been desirous of accommodating the merchants who complained that in many cases European steamers sailed so early on Saturdays that it was necessary to close their correspondence on Friday. The Inman Line has offered to put on steamers to sail later than the regular steamers on the first and third Saturdays of September, and this arrangement will be made.

IN DANGER OF LOSING THEIR PLACES.

The general order of Secretary Manning dismissing the special inspectors of hulls of foreign vessels will probably cause the retirement of Captain David Gillespie, Mr. Conklin and Samuel F. Phillips, who have acted in that capacity in this district, though no special orders have yet been received here.

REAPPRAISEMENT OF CIGARS.

General Appraiser G. B. Brower and a merchant appraiser at No. 402 Washington-st. this afternoon will hear parties to a case of reappraisement of an invoice of cigars, imported by Horace R. Kelly & Co., of No. 38 Beaver-st. The case turns upon the coverings of boxes of cigars, the firm holding that the duty should not be levied upon the cost of boxes or wrappings. The question involved is as to actual market value of the goods, the Government holding that as cigars are required to be sold in boxes the duty should be levied accordingly.

METHODS OF A CUNNING SWINDLER.

Complaint was made to Superintendent Murray yesterday that a young man had been making a nice "snap" for some days. His particular "game" is to go to credulous persons and represent himself as a clerk in the Surrogate's Office and state that a small legacy had been left his victim. The news was attended by a demand for a fee, generally of 50 cents or $1. Superintendent Murray sent out a general alarm describing the swindler and his game and instructing the police to be on the lookout for him.

TO ATTEND THE CANAL CONVENTION.

The Free Canal Union Committee of the Chamber of Commerce expressed yesterday in a resolution its belief that too much importance could not be attached to the object of the Canal Improvement Convention, which will meet at Utica on next Wednesday. The committee will go to the convention. Its members are A. B. Miller, L. J. N. Stark, Joseph J. O'Donohue, Hervey C. Calkin and Charles Watrous.

A NEW DRINKING FOUNTAIN ON THE WEST SIDE.

A large public drinking fountain, for man and beast, was completed yesterday at the intersection of Broadway, Eighth-ave. and Sixtieth-st. It was presented to the city by Mrs. F. A. Moulton, a life-member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who has for many years contributed generously to its support and has manifested the deepest interest in the protection of the brute creation. The fountain, excepting the statue which surmounts it, was made from a design by Edwin Bergh, assistant secretary of the society.

COMPLAINTS BY THE GALLIA'S PASSENGERS.

The cabin passengers on the steamship Gallia, which arrived here on Monday, complain that during the passage they were extremely annoyed by the proceedings of a number of men who frequented the smoking room, were frequently intoxicated, and when in this state conducted themselves in a scandalous manner. It is said among other things that they amused themselves by throwing steamer chairs overboard. Complaints were made to Captain Murphy, but the nuisance continued unabated. The captain is said to have confessed himself powerless to act in the case.

SHOOTING HIMSELF AFTER SCARING HIS WIFE.

Richard Kummer, age twenty-three, a waiter living at No. 56 Bleecker-st., attempted to commit suicide last night by shooting himself with a small pistol. He had been drinking pretty heavily all day and at night quarrelled with his wife and threatened to shoot her. She left the room where he was and was startled by hearing two pistol shots. Going quickly into the room she found her husband on the bed groaning in agony from the effects of a wound in the left groin. The police sent for an ambulance. Kummer asserted that the shooting was accidental.

BROOKLYN.

The sum of $150,000 out of the earnings of the Bridge up to the present time was paid over to the cities of New-York and Brooklyn yesterday, one-third going to New-York.

Alvah L. Halstead, a jeweiler, of No. 491 Fulton-st. was under arrest yesterday upon the charge of stealing watches worth $435 belonging to Smith & Knapp, of No. 182 Broadway, New-York.

Miss Mary Welz, of No. 282 Withers-st., went to the Commissioners of Charities and Correction yesterday to begin proceedings against the father of her unborn child, John Miller. She alleges that he made her acquaintance in Grand-st. six months ago, and deceived her with a mock marriage. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

Hereafter bicycle and tricycle riders are to be restricted from the pathways in Prospect Park from November 1 to May 1, in the hours between 10 a. m. and 7 p. m., except on the pathways south of the Flower Garden to the Ocean Parkway. They can also use the West Drive from the main entrance to the Ocean Parkway. Where paths cross the drive wheelmen must dismount.

The Kings County Elevated Railroad Company, which made an abortive attempt to begin work upon its structure in Fulton-st. last year, without the requisite permission of the city authorities, applied yesterday to the Mayor and City Works Commissioner for a permit to erect its structure in Fulton-st. from Hudson-ave., to East New-York, the consent of the necessary property-owners being secured. A hearing in the matter will be given on August 24.

Carl Miller, age forty, of No. 1,237 Flushing-ave., was arrested yesterday upon a charge of homicide. John Gilder, who lives in the same house, says that the death of his infant daughter, age twenty-one months, was due to her being pushed down in the sidewalk by Miller, on July 19.

THE HAIR OF ANN ARBOR STUDENTS.

From The Detroit Journal.

The pompadour hair-cut worn by Ann Arbor students is self explanatory and the only thing of its kind known to fame. It is severely classical, Julius Caesar having been taken down with it the night he rolled up his trousers legs and waded across the Hellespont. The barber who performs the delicate operation was pulled green and ripened to order. He has got the business down fine and can talk his customers to death in all the ancient and modern languages. He always makes change in English, however. The student pompadour is low-necked and short-sleeved on the sides, and is cut on train over the skylight of the intellect. This builds the head up in the swamp lands which nature often gives over to hardness of heart and imparts a collegiate turn of mind to the architectural plan of the whole stage business. A young man often enters the university with a head constructed on the cottage plan, with all the bedrooms down stairs, and leaves it, after a few years of intimacy with the pompadour barber, to all appearances a thoroughly reformed man. Nature has a way of getting tired sometimes and lying down beside her work and going to sleep before the supper bell rings. This gives the Ann Arbor barber a chance to demonstrate wherein he knows more about his business than the original architect. By pruning from the side of the head and putting on a hip roof where nature had let it go at composition, he generally manages to impart an air of intellectuality that is warranted to hatch chickens from door-knobs. If the patient has been playing with the university for several years, the intellect is allowed to project over the brow, to indicate that seats inside are selling at a premium. This is the only true reason why Ann Arbor students are longer-headed than the rest of mankind.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

USING FRIENDSHIP TO OBTAIN MONEY.

ARREST OF A JERSEY CITY MAN FOR FORGERY—SENDING A NOTE TO A DOCTOR'S SWEETHEART.

Charles E. Edwards, who has been living for a short time in Danforth-ave., Jersey City, was arrested yesterday charged with forgery. Before removing to Jersey City Edwards lived in a fashionable boarding-house at No. 183 Macon-st., Brooklyn. He is a young man of pleasing address and soon made himself a favorite with the other boarders. One of his intimate friends was William L. Conley, a lawyer who has an office in the Garfield Building. A few days ago Conley cashed a draft for Edwards for $29 27 and found when the draft matured that it was worthless. It was drawn by Samuel D. Wilson, of Boston, president of the Columbia Rubber Company at Nos. 157 and 159 Worth-st., New-York, and accepted by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Conley went to the rubber company's office and learned that nobody named Wilson was connected with the company. He also learned that inquiries had been made there in relation to twenty similar drafts. Mr. Conley did not intend to proceed against Edwards until he discovered that several of his friends had also been swindled. Among the boarders in the house was Dr. Harry Plympton, who had also been friendly with Edwards. Dr. Plympton is engaged to be married to Miss Lella Holcombe. When the engagement was made the lovers entered into a pleasant little arrangement. The doctor agreed to give up smoking and the money that he had been paying for expensive cigars he gave to his sweetheart to lay aside and buy a little souvenir for the wedding. This was one of the secrets that Edwards had been let into. A few days ago Miss Holcombe received the following note:

Thursday.

LITTLE GIRL: Send me by boy what money you can spare as I need to use it till to-morrow. Explain when I see you to-night. Lovingly, your boy,

In haste, HARRY.

Miss Holcombe gave the messenger $40. When the doctor called in the evening the discovery was made that he had neither sent the note nor received the money. The messenger was found and accurately described Edwards as the man who had done both.

Mr. Raymond, a New-York stock broker, is another boarder, who occasionally bought and sold stock for Mrs. Arnold, a wealthy woman who lives at No. 37 Schermerhorn-st. A day or two ago Mrs. Arnold received the following note:

DEAR MRS. A.: Please send me $20 at once. I am greatly in need of it. Will call this evening and explain. RAY.

Mrs. Arnold sent the money but regretted it when Mr. Raymond called and was surprised to learn that she had received such a note. The messenger in this case also gave an accurate description of Edwards and it was determined to have him arrested. Mrs. Edwards, a handsome, stylishly dressed woman, was greatly distressed on hearing of her husband's doings, and begged that he might not be prosecuted as her friends would pay back the money. Justice Robinson, before whom the prisoner was taken, could not consent to any compromise, and the prisoner was held to await the arrival of the Brooklyn authorities. The specific charge against him is that he forged Dr. Plympton's name to the note which he sent to Miss Holcombe.

DUMPING MUD IN PRINCE'S BAY.

There are several large dredges at work in Prince's and Raritan Bays clearing away the mud from the channels. The oystermen of Prince's Bay not infrequently go to take up oysters and find them buried below two or three feet of mud. The oysters are dead from suffocation. The planters were indignant because the contractors were charging the Government for making deeper one part of the bay while dumping the mud in other parts to form new bars, as well as making shallow the channels and killing large tracts of valuable oysters. It was noticed that the scows always left the dredging places just before nightfall and were back again by midnight, and in time to give the crews plenty of sleep before the next day.

The oystermen hired the schooner Commodore, and when the scows started out on Wednesday night the schooner kept close alongside to see that the scows dumped their cargoes outside of Sandy Hook, as the law requires. The scows did go outside. The tug and scows did not return until after 2 p. m. the next day instead of before midnight. The captain of the tug got angry at the crew of the schooner, and left his tow to run up to them, and said he would sink the vessel, but the crew kept alongside all the time. Then the tugboat man proposed that if the Prince's Bay oystermen would call off the schooner he would not dump on their beds any longer but on the New-Jersey shores up the bay.

STRIKE OF LAMPLIGHTEDS.

The company having charge of the care and lighting of the oil lamps in the suburban districts of Paterson has endeavored to change its corps of lamplighters, as they had struck against an increase of work. One was discharged on Wednesday, and this was followed by a strike of the rest, the result of which was that of the 996 oil lamps only thirty-eight were lighted on Wednesday night. The strike will continue as neither side will give in. Lamp Inspector Alyea says that the lamps have been poorly attended of late and this is attributed to the fact that the company is anxious to make a contract with the city for changing from oil to naphtha at a considerable increase in price and had obtained permission to put up a number of naphtha lamps on trial; the strikers say that they were instructed some time ago to turn down the wicks of the oil lamps and keep the chimneys dirty so as to give naphtha a chance. The officers of the company deny this statement.

NEWARK.

An excursion boat stepped at Elm Park, on Staten Island, yesterday, and took on board nearly 2,000 persons belonging to St. John's Roman Catholic parish. In attempting to pass through the long bridge across Newark Bay during the height of the storm the boat was driven against the bridge and careened, the side timbers being crushed in by the collision. A panic occurred among the passengers, and women had to be restrained from jumping overboard. A number of priests on board used their efforts to allay the fright of the people, and order was finally restored. In the meantime fears were entertained that the hull had been injured, and the whistle was sounded for help. An examination showed that only the upper timbers had suffered damage, and the boat finally passed through the draw and proceeded to Newark, where the passengers landed in a heavy rain.

NEW-JERSEY.

ELIZABETH.—At the meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders yesterday the committee appointed to find what became of the fines collected by the Justices of the Peace throughout the county reported that they could not prove that any fines had been collected.

STATEN ISLAND.

For the excursion from the North Shore to the Woods of Arden, given by Erastus Wiman for the benefit of the Baptist Manse, at Mariner's Harbor to-morrow, over 1,200 tickets have been issued. Not the least of the attractions advertised is a speech by Mr. Wiman, who has promised to discuss the question of "Whether an ounce of pluck is not better than a ton of luck."

STAPLETON.—The body of the man which was washed ashore at South Beach was identified yesterday at the morgue as that of Henry Bush, of No. 58 Portland-ave., Jersey City. Bush went out for a sail in a cat-boat last Saturday and his boat being run down by a passing steamer he was thrown into the river.

LONG ISLAND.

NEW-LOTS.—Katie Gabanski, age four, of Smith and Liberty aves., fell from a third-story window yesterday and received what will probably prove fatal injuries.

NORTHPORT.—At a late hour on Wednesday night two burglars attempted to force an entrance to the house of Captain Lyman Beebe. The nurse, who was sitting by the bedside of Mrs. Beebe, saw a hand trying to open the bedroom window. She quietly went to the room of Captain John Knight, Mrs. Beebe's brother, and he took his pistol, and stepping quietly out of the house by a rear door, saw the burglars at work and fired twice at them. One of the shots, he thinks, took effect, as one of the men cried out, "Oh, I am shot," and with his companion ran out to the road and escaped.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

In White Plains there is a "Bachelors' Club" whose object is to furnish pleasure without the aid of women. The members will use nothing in their headquarters made by women, nor will they admit any woman to their rooms. The young women of the village have organized an "Old Maid's Club" as an offset to the other club. Yesterday they met in Broadway and started on their first annual excursion. They hired a stage and fourteen of them went to Rye Beach, where they had a picnic. They would not allow a man to drive the wagon but consented to let a small boy accompany them.

MT. VERNON.—A notice recently appeared in *The Mt. Vernon Chronicle* advertising the sale of the elegant mansion and grounds of Mrs. J. M. Masterton in East Chester for the benefit of the creditors of the J. M. Masterton Bank, which failed last winter. According to the terms of the notice the property was to be sold by David Cromwell, county treasurer, as trustee for the creditors. Mr. Cromwell last night said that the notice was unauthorized.

CONNECTICUT TOWNS.

BRIDGEPORT.—Ellen Curly, age eighteen, fell down an elevator in Warner Brothers corset factory yesterday morning, sustaining injuries which may prove fatal..... Yung Lee, a Chinaman, who alleges that he was robbed of $50 by one John Simon, has brought suit to recover it. An interpreter will be called from New-York to hear the testimony.....The long dispute as to the ownership of a chimney jointly used by the Hydraulic Company and the Paper Company, was settled yesterday by mutual agreement.

BROOKFIELD.—A day or two ago David Burdick, while searching in the Housatonic River for a stone for an anchor, pulled one from the sand which presented a strange appearance. On washing it he found it to be an Indian headstone in the shape of an old-fashioned water pitcher and presenting two hieroglyphics. The sides are curiously carved.

NORWALK.—A ten-mile regatta for all pleasure yachts between Westport and Stamford is arranged to take place off Bell Island on August 25.

SLAYING A BIG GRIZZLY BEAR.

From The Sacramento Record-Union.

Two months ago the citizens of Howard's Station, on the California, Oregon and Idaho stage line, offered $150 reward for the scalp of an immense grizzly bear that had for months prior thereto been depredating the stock ranches of Siskiyou County. The bear's career as robber of the corrals extended over four years, his last act being to kill a two-year-old steer, perch himself upon the animal and proceed to make a meal of him. The reward impelled several of the most noted bear-hunters to look for him, but in a very wary way, for brain had made mincemeat of a dozen or more dogs, besides being alive and healthy after four Winchester balls had been planted in him and after he had lost a portion of one of his feet in a great trap. "Grizzly Reelfoot" has been the name by which he has since been known, owing to his consequent ambling gait.

Thomas Jones and Charles Meredith, of San Francisco, went up on the California and Oregon Railroad two weeks ago for a hunt. They returned Saturday, and report that Henry Woodburn and "Jim" Wilson, of Linkville, Ore., with themselves succeeded at last in killing him. They got on his trail in the deep woods immediately south of Howard's Station, and with the aid of Wilson's four trained dogs succeeded in treeing him, after following him through cañons and jungles for over seven miles. Hearing the dogs baying, Wilson, who was in the lead, rushed forward, only to find two of his favorite dogs lying dead on the ground. Blood covered the bushes and great shreds of flesh appeared here and there. Looking upward the bear appeared wending his way on an extended limb about forty feet from the ground. He was showing his teeth and growling fearfully. Wilson, quickly raising his gun, fired thrice in rapid succession, but without dislodging him. The other three hunters then arriving they also began firing, when the ponderous brute dropped to the ground. He was immediately seized by the remaining dogs, but badly wounded as he was he made a vicious fight,