FATAL JUMP FROM A WINDOW.

DRIVEN CRAZY BY HIS WIFE'S PRAYING.

AN HONEST IRISHMAN COMMITS SUICIDE AFTER TRYING TO KILL HER WITH A HATCHET.

When most of the occupants of the tenement-house No. 352 West Twelfth-st. were at breakfast yesterday morning they were startled by the screams of Mrs. Ellen Hogan on the third floor, followed by the violent opening of a window and the fall of a heavy body on the stone flagging of the rear yard. Men, women and children rushed to the yard, and found the mangled and lifeless form of James Hogan. He had thrown himself from the third-story window, and as he had struck on his head his brains had been dashed out instantly. Near his body was a hatchet, the head of which was bloody. Some one picked it up, noticed the blood and remarked: "He must have killed his wife first!" Then the excited tenants rushed up-stairs to the rooms of the Hogans. They found Mrs. Hogan stretched out on the floor of the small rear bed-room. She was moaning feebly, but still appeared to be sensible of her neighbors' presence, although there were three ugly scalp wounds on the top of her head. Blood from the wounds was spattered about on the bed, on a small brass crucifix, on the walls and floor of the room. The window was open. Hogan had gone out to his death that way.

Dr. Macy, of West Twelfth-st., dressed Mrs. Hogan's wounds. She was still weak from shock and loss of blood, but did not appear to have much pain. She heard of her husband's death without exhibiting undue excitement. She said that she and her husband had a little quarrel the first one for a long time. He had been a good husband to her for fourteen years, she said. What the quarrel was about she did not seem to remember then. Hogan had been drinking more than usual since St. Patrick's Day, but had been at his work most of the time. He must have been a good deal upset in his mind, she thought. When an ambulance reached the house Mrs. Hogan wanted to remain in her own rooms, but she finally yielded to persuasion and was carried to Bellevue Hospital.

After her removal Coroner Levy had Hogan's body removed to an undertaker's shop. From Hono a Hogan, a servant, of No. 38 East Third-st., the dead man's sister, and from inmates of the Twelfth-st. house the Coroner was able to get considerable information as to the probable cause of the tragedy.

Hogan had been in the employ of the Knickerbocker Ice Company for twenty years. He was a good-natured, easy-going Irishman of forty-eight, with a good reputation. His wife was forty years old and devoted to her husband. The only serious troubles in the family had been the deaths of six children. After the death of the last child, about two years ago, Mrs. Hogan's reason gave way. A few days ago she seemed to be drifting into religious mania. Her husband became nervous and almost desperate from loss of sleep and anxiety. He drank more than usual, but did not neglect his work until Thursday, when he remained at home all day and summoned Dr. Macy. The physician prescribed some soothing mixture for Mrs. Hogan, but the woman did not appear to be benefited. She prayed for her lost children all day and kept her husband on his knees beside her most of the time. When other women in the house called to see her she urged them to join in her prayers. A Catholic priest went to the house and tried to comfort Mrs. Hogan. In the evening Honora Hogan visited her and tried to induce her to go to sleep.

Hogan said he had not slept since Wednesday and he appeared to be extremely nervous. After her sister-in-law had left the house Mrs. Hogan began praying again, and her voice was heard by tenants in the building until they fell asleep. When they awoke yesterday morning they still heard Mrs. Hogan's voice in prayer. At 6:30 a. m. the monotonous sound of prayer was broken by Hogan's voice. There was a brief quarrel in the Hogans' rooms, then the screams of Mrs. Hogan as blows with the hatchet fell on her head, the creaking of the window as Hogan raised the lower sash, and finally the fall of his body on the flagstones below. It was not unlikely that Hogan had been driven mad by loss of sleep and the seemingly endless prayers of his crazy wife.

At Bellevue Hospital the surgeons said yesterday that Mrs. Hogan's skull was not fractured, and that she had a fair chance of recovery.

FLYNN, KELLY AND THE SUBWAYS.

A SUIT TO RECOVER A TWENTIETH OF THE CAPITAL STOCK—INTERESTING DISCLOSURES.

A hearing was had yesterday before United States Commissioner John A. Shields, as a Master in Chancery, in the suit of William McMahon against Maurice B. Flynn, Justice William H. Kelly, the Consolidated Telegraph and Electric Subway Company and the American Insulated Conduit Company. Some of the negotiations which preceded the formation of the Subway Company, which has attempted to lay telegraph and electrical light wires underground, were disclosed by the testimony.

Neither Maurice B. Flynn nor Justice Kelly was present. Ex-Senator Ecclesine, Sidney De Kay and Mr. Newell represented the plaintiff, Louis Adler and S. E. Brown appeared for the Consolidated Company and Edward Lauterbach, its president, and W. J. Fanning had charge of the interests of the Insulated Conduit Company. Robert Payne was present for a time on behalf of Mr. Flynn.

Mr. McMahon, the plaintiff, declared himself at one time the representative of the Averill system. He brings the suit in the United States Circuit Court to recover one-twentieth of the capital stock of the Consolidated Company, or $150,000 in cash, the par value of that portion of the stock, on the strength of an agreement made between Flynn, Kelly and McMahon on June 10, 1886. Mr. McMahon's examination was begun yesterday. He said that he had been interested in electrical matters for many years and had especially investigated the subject of placing wires underground. In 1873 he obtained a patent for the use of a conduit containing wood-pulp. He came to this city in October, 1885, and talked with Maurice B. Flynn about the contracts for building the subways here. He said to Flynn at the Astor House that the Averill Company was in strong financial hands. He suggested a union of interests. Flynn said he had strong faith in the Dorsett system, but said that he would consider the matter. The witness and Flynn, according to the statement of the former, had a long conversation at Flynn's house. The witness testified as to the negotiations:

Flynn said: "We are both men of the world. I will tell you that my influence with the Subway Commissioners is so great that I can get my plan adopted. I don't expect to go into anything that I can't control, for this city at least." He said later: "I have formed a company and I have the resignations of most of the directors and Mr. Lauterbach has the others."

The witness wished to have his interest in a consolidated company not less than a sixth or an eighth of the whole, but Flynn thought that a tenth would be sufficient. Later he seems to put less value on McMahon's interest and at one or two interviews between Flynn and Justice Kelly, who represents the Dorsett interest on the one side and McMahon and Ecclesine on the other, Flynn offered $5,000 in cash and $50,000 in stock, an amount that seemed too small to McMahon and his counsel. At the interview on June 10 at Justice Kelly's office McMahon and Ecclesine started to go away, but before they reached the elevator they were called back and the agreement by which McMahon was to receive one twentieth of the stock for his interest was signed by Flynn, Kelly and McMahon. The testimony of McMahon was not finished.

The principal point in dispute between the plaintiff and the Consolidated Company is whether the latter is or is not the company which Flynn and Justice Kelly were to form. The agreement mentioned $5,000,000 as the amount of the capital stock of the new company and McMahon expected to receive $250,000. The representatives of the Consolidated Company said yesterday that Flynn and Kelly had nothing to do with the organization of the company.

FIXING A BOUNDARY LINE.

SETTLEMENT OF AN ANCIENT DISPUTE BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 25 (*Special*).—The boundary line between Rhode Island and Connecticut, which has been a matter of litigation and dispute for more than 200 years, was finally settled to-day by an agreement signed by duly authorized commissioners from both States. There was a clause in the original charter of Connecticut, granted by the English Crown, giving Connecticut dominion over the land "to the waters of Narragansett Bay." Under this provision Connecticut claimed more than two-thirds of Rhode Island. About 200 years ago a definition was made in England that the "Narragansett Bay" meant was "Little Narragansett Bay," that arm of the sea which makes up by Stonington toward Westerly. The agreement signed to-day is a voluminous document, but provides substantially as follows:

The boundary shall begin at the terminus of the formerly established line north of Ashaway River where that stream falls into the Pawchuck River; thence generally following the middle of that river to its mouth; then running southwest two thousand feet; thence northwest to "Rhode's Folly"; thence southwest at nearly right angles with the boundary line between Connecticut and New-York to the New-York State line in Fisher's Island Sound.

This was signed at the office of the Harbor Commissioners in this city to-day by Robert C. Pike, William M. Hudson and James A. Bill on the part of Connecticut, and J. Herbert Shedd, Daniel F. Larkin and Charles L. Chester on the part of Rhode Island. The only absent Commissioner was ex-Governor Charles R. Andrews, of Connecticut, who will affix his signature hereafter. The only thing really gained is a settlement; neither State gains any land.

A BANK JANITOR MISSING WITH $2,000.

Superintendent Murray yesterday instructed the police to search for Jesse S. Martin, janitor of the Mount Morris Bank, at Fourth-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., who was missing with $2,000 of the bank's money. The missing man lived in rooms over the bank, with his wife and two children. The bank officers had placed much confidence in him. Thomas W. Robinson, cashier of the bank, had frequently intrusted to him large bills which he wished to have changed at the Columbia Bank at Fifth-ave. and Forty-second-st., and Martin had executed such commissions promptly. It was the janitor's custom on such occasions to get on a Harlem train at One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. and ride to the Grand Central Station, going back also over the Harlem road. The time required for a trip was about an hour.

About noon on Thursday Mr. Robinson gave Martin $2,000 in bank notes, and told him to get that amount in five-cent nickels at the Columbia Bank. At 1:30 p. m. Martin had not returned, and Mr. Robinson telephoned to the cashier of the Columbia Bank, who said the janitor had not appeared there at all. It was ascertained later that Martin had gone to the Grand Central Station, and had been seen in Forty-second-st. not long after noon, but beyond that point he could not be traced. He was still missing yesterday. Some of his friends thought that he had been robbed and would return later.

DESCRIBING THE PALACE OF THE CAESARS.

Professor Rodolpho Lanciani yesterday at the Madison Square Theatre began a second series of lectures discussing "The Palace of the Cæsars." Professor Lanciani said that his subject was diversified and difficult to follow, but the large audience had no trouble in understanding and enjoying the subject as treated by him. The Pope's palace around the Vatican has grown up like the Cæsars' palace, each section being added according to the fancy of the one into whose hands the palace fell. He touched on the sections of the palace, illustrating them by stereopticon views showing conjectural restorations, beautiful statuary, etc., also giving interest to the subject by entertaining accounts of the different occupants. He showed the corridor in which Caligula was assassinated and told how the murderers had escaped through a tunnel from Germanicus's house. It was wrong to suppose that the palace was unoccupied after the downfall of the Roman Empire, for it had been occupied by Popes.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—The Hon. James G. Blaine and daughter, of Maine; Judge Charles Andrews, of the New-York Court of Appeals; Joseph Jefferson; Henry W. Sage, of Ithaca; Congressman George West, of Dalliston, N. Y.; State Senator Francis Hendricks and Assemblymen F. W. Kruse.....*Windsor Hotel*—Colonel Daniel S. Lamont and wife.....*Windsor Hotel*—B. F. Jones, chairman of the Republican National Committee.....*Murray Hill Hotel*—Ex-Governor H. B. Bigelow and Lynde Harrison, of Connecticut.....*Gilsey House*—Hallet Kilbourn, of Washington, and John M. Bailey, of Albany.....*St. James Hotel*—A. J. Cassatt, of Philadelphia.....*Metropolitan Hotel*—General S. K. Dawson, U. S. Army.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Assembly Committee investigation into Brooklyn departments.

Primary Teachers' Institute, Broadway Tabernacle.

Rapid Transit Commissioners, Mutual Life Insurance Building, 3 p. m.

Free lecture by Dr. J. H. Raymond, Cooper Union, 8 p. m.

Queens County Republican Convention, Flushing.

Sage-Mattern case in the Supreme Court.

Miss Corson's exhibition of cooking by gas, Assembly Rooms Metropolitan Opera House, 2:30 p. m.

Funeral of ex-Police Justice Wandell, Madison Avenue M. E. Church, 4:30 p. m.

Progress Club ball, No. 112 East Fifty-ninth-st., evening.

Exhibition of amateur photographs, Ortgies Gallery, 8 p. m.

Lotos Club Saturday night reception, 9:30 p. m.

Travellers' Protective Association, Morton House, 8 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

"M. J. M." sends $5 to this office for the destitute Bell family.

"J. E. M."—Three nines, one eight, and one seven make seventeen points.

The flagship Richmond will start on her winter's cruise in the West Indies on Monday.

The estimated output of anthracite coal for April was fixed at 2,250,000 tons yesterday. Last year the production was 2,194,726 tons.

An assignment was made yesterday by the New-York Fish and Game Company, of which Henry T. Blodget is president, to William A. Winant, without preferences.

Dr. J. H. Raymond, of the Long Island College Hospital, will discuss "House Plumbing and its Defects," illustrated, this evening at the Cooper Union.

The annual spring athletic games of Columbia College and Company B of the 22d Regiment will take place at the armory on April 16.

The Harvard Hasty Pudding Club will give its annual theatricals in this city on April 11 and 12, in the assembly rooms of the Metropolitan Opera House.

The Sub-Executive Committee of the Irving Hall Democratic organization last evening elected Robert B. Nooney chairman, thus making him leader of the organization.

Police Justice Power, the new leader of the County Democracy; Thomas Costigan, of *The City Record*; Richard A. Cunningham and one or two other County Democracy leaders have gone to Old Point Comfort.

The steam schooner Jennie, from Mayaguez, in a hurricane at the northward of Cape Hatteras on March 22, had her boats demolished, her skylights stove in, the cabin flooded, sails blown away, and the cargo shifted.

The funeral of John de Barril was held at the Cathedral yesterday. The pall-bearers were James A. G. Beales, Eugene Kelly, J. J. Crane, Jose A. del Valle and Frederic R. Coudert.

Oscar Waldman, age twenty-four, of No. 508 East Twelfth-st., while working in the building No. 116 Greene-st. he accidently fell through the hatchway yesterday. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and died last evening from a fractured skull.

Eighteen candidates were examined in English branches and legal subjects yesterday at the Federal Building to test their competency under the Civil Service rules for the position of law clerk in the Custom House. The salary is $2,000 a year.

The Armory Board yesterday approved a contract with Moran & Armstrong to repair the bulging wall of the new 12th Regiment Armory. The old armory of the 12th Regiment was leased for one year and will be occupied by the 71st Regiment. The 8th Regiment will occupy the 71st Regiment armory.

Mayor Hewitt has written to Corporation Counsel Jacombe that he has been asked by residents and property-owners of Pelham to co-operate with them in securing from the Legislature a repeal of so much of the Park bill of 1884 as provides for taking land for Pelham Bay Park. The Mayor asks whether if that part of the bill is repealed, the city will be liable for damages.

The sale of General Rush C. Hawkins's library at the auction rooms of George A. Leavitt & Co. closed last night. The sale has occupied five days, 2,578 lots having been sold. The aggregate results are a little over $13,000. Miscellaneous matter was disposed of last night with occasional good prices. Fourteen dollars a volume was paid for the "Versailles Gallery," nineteen volumes, edition de luxe, with proofs on "papier de chine."

James B. Pond has signed a contract with Archibald Forbes to deliver a course of fifty lectures in this country, beginning the last of October, and he has also contracted with Charles Dickens to deliver fifty readings from his father's works, to begin about October 1.

An illustrate lecture on "The Life and Times o the Rev. John Wesley," will be given by Professor Turner, of Boston, on Monday evening, in the Bedford Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

The first of a course of six public lectures at the Columbia College School of Literary Economy will be given in the large lecture-room of the Library Building on April 2, by George Haven Putnam.

The East Side Dispensary and Hospital has been incorporated with Alfred Steckler, Timothy J. Campbell, Patrick Keenan, Moses Mehrbach, Daniel Patterson, Frederick German, James W. Johnson, Philip Benjamin, John Wilkin, Joseph E. Newburger, Bernard O'Rourke, Abraham Sterns, Charles Dexheimer and Arthur Ridley on the list of trustees.

Dispatches from St. Louis published in the New-York papers on March 12 described the elopement of a boy named Richardson with Miss Gracie Osborne. The boy Richardson is the son of "Jack" P. Richardson. It was mistakenly stated in the dispatches that the father was connected with the Richardson Drug Company. He is in no way connected with that company.

The young ladies of the Brick Presbyterian Church held a fair yesterday afternoon and evening at the church parlors Fifth-ave. and Thirty-seventh-st., in aid of the fund to provide "Fresh Air" vacations for poor children during the coming summer. Several hundred dollars were realized.

The oil paintings, water colors and drawings in black and white by Jasper F. Cropsey, of Hastings-on-the-Hudson, and the pictures of his daughter, Miss Lilly F., are now on exhibition at No. 845 Broadway. They will be sold without reserve on March 31 at 8 p. m.

BROOKLYN.

The Rev. E. P. Thwing will lecture on "Personal Purity," before the Young Men's Christian Association this evening.

A mass-meeting of Hebrews will be held to-morrow in the Keap-st. Temple, to express a tribute of respect to Mr. Beecher.

Dr. Sterry G. Clark, age twenty-five, of No. 75 Court-st., is the latest victim of smallpox. He was called a week ago to attend Mrs. Cox, of No. 27 Bergen-st., and diagnosed her disease as measles. She proved to have smallpox and gave it to the doctor.

Joseph Farr, the recent travelling auditor of the Long Island Railroad Company, pleaded guilty yesterday in the Second District Police Court to the charge of stealing money from a ticket agent. His counsel claimed that he borrowed the money and intended to replace it when he got his pay. Sentence was suspended.

The Duryea Presbyterian Church, in Clement-ave., over which the Rev. S. P. Hasey was recently installed pastor, has been formally incorporated.

Mrs. Francisco Olive and her five children were found nearly suffocated by gas which escaped in their rooms at No. 128 Hudson ave. from an unused pipe.

The vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church has granted to Dr. George R. Van De Water a year's absence from his rectorship from June, to act as general missioner at a salary of $4,000 a year.

Fleet Steele was held for the Grand Jury yesterday upon the charge of causing the death of C. M. Jimenez on March 1, and Joseph Middleton and James Preston were held as accessories.

William Henry, who is thought by the police to be able to give some information which will lead to the detection of the Weeks murderer, was convicted of assault and attempted burglary in the Court of Sessions yesterday. He was caught by Policeman Lang at No. 409 Benjamin-st., in the area. When he was taken out of court yesterday Judge Moore ordered the doors closed so that none of the spectators could go out, as it was suspected that an attempt to rescue him would be made, and he was seen to signal to three or four rough-looking men in one corner of the room.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

JERSEY CITY.

Frederick Rauscher, a young German, was convicted of bigamy yesterday and sentenced to the County Penitentiary for one year.

Dominick Sevasco, an Italian, was called to the bar in the Court of General Sessions yesterday for re-sentence, but failed to appear. His bail, amounting to $5,000, was declared forfeited. Last October Sevasco and a man named James Forrester got into a dispute in a Greenville street car, and Forrester received a dangerous stab wound, which for a time was considered mortal. He recovered, however. Sevasco was sentenced to three years in the State Prison. An appeal was taken to a higher court, which sustained the judgment of the lower court.

NEWARK.

Workmen were employed yesterday afternoon stretching a heavy wire cable in Market-st. for the New-York and New-Jersey Telegraph and Telephone Company, when operations were stopped by the Street Commissioners. A similar attempt to stretch the cable through Newark was frustrated in 1885.

Counsel in the matter of exceptions to the accounts of Theodore Macknet and George F. Tuttle, executors of the estate of C. S. Macknet, yesterday agreed upon the points of an amicable settlement. The testator died in 1872, leaving a large property, devised to the widow and his children, Theodore, Hattie and Caroline. The son was made an executor. He is president of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, and of the National State Bank. The exceptions were taken to paying $13,000 to the executors, who had already received $20,000 from the estate. The proceedings were taken by Hattie, whose share in the estate is $131,113 33. The court ordered that $5,000 should be set aside until the matter is settled.

NEW-JERSEY.

BULL'S FERRY.—The body of an unknown man, apparently about forty-five years old, was found lying in the roadway on Thursday night. It was clad in dark clothes. No marks of violence were visible.

MORRISTOWN.—Secretary Whitney has rented Mrs. J. Cooper Lord's house on the old camp ground for first summer. His family will occupy it shortly after June 1.....An enthusiastic meeting of exempt firemen was held in Lyceum Hall yesterday and an organization was effected, to be known as the New-Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Association. The following officers were elected: President, ex-Chief Richard M. Stiles, Morristown; first vice-president, John McKiernan, Paterson; second vice-president, J. Newton Terrill, New-Brunswick; secretary, Charles H. Greene, Morristown; treasurer, Thomas Leather, Jersey City.

PATERSON.—Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue Chester D. Ely has taken possession of the liquor store kept by August Loubejack in Straight-st. Loubejack is in New-York and is not expected to return soon of his own free will. The collector's action is the result of information lodged by a former barkeeper of Loubejack who had quarreled with him. In the barroom were found two liquor casks, on one of which an old stamp had been used; the other gave evidence that rectification had been practised without a license or any payment to the government.

LONG ISLAND.

JAMAICA.—A musician named Murro, age 25, committed suicide in the Prince Hotel on Thursday by blowing his brains out with a revolver. He came from Glen Cove on Wednesday night, and is supposed to have been temporarily insane.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

NEW-ROCHELLE.—On complaint of ladies of the Christian Union, a warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of William Weiskoff, a dealer in segars, on a charge of distributing obscene literature.....The Republican caucus on Thursday night indorsed the following candidates: For supervisor, Charles H. Roosevelt (Dem.); for town clerk, James Consadine (Citizens); for justice of the peace, Herman Kallenberg, sr. (Rep.); for commissioner of highways, J. A. Mablstedt, jr. (Rep.); for assessor, William Brady, (Dem.); for overseers of the poor, H. Kallenberg, jr., and J. J. Crennan (Dem.); for excise commissioner, Henry Berger.

ALONG THE SOUND.

BRIDGEPORT.—The Rev. Dr. Horace C. Hovey, of Minneapolis, has accepted the unanimous call of the Park Street Congregational Church.

GREENWICH.—Oliver Mead died this week, age eighty-seven, and left by will the famous Field Point to Oliver D. Mead. William M. Tweed and others offered Mr. Mead fabulous prices for this tract of land.

TWO OLD POLICE CAPTAINS RETIRED.

NEW CIVIL SERVICE RULES IN THE DEPARTMENT—AN INSPECTOR PROBABLY TO BE APPOINTED.

The Police Commissioners made room for more promotions in the Department yesterday by retiring Captain Jeremiah Petty of the Delancey Street Squad, and Captain Theron R. Bennett, of the Morrisiana Squad. Each captain will receive a pension of $1,000. They were politely asked a few days ago to make application for retirement under the twenty-years' service clause of the Pension Law, but both refused. Captain Bennett, who is seventy-four years old, sent back word that he was still able to outrun and outjump any captain in the force. Accordingly they were retired under the sixty-years age clause, which was inserted in the law two years ago to enable the Board to retire Superintendent Walling. There has been some doubt expressed by competent lawyers regarding the power of the Board to force retirements under this clause, but it was said yesterday that neither of the captains would make a contest in the courts.

Captain Bennett, who was the oldest officer on the force, is reported to be wealthy. He was born in Poughkeepsie, and became a captain in 1857. He was in command of a company of police which fought the rioters in front of THE TRIBUNE Building in 1863. Captain Petty is a New-Yorker by birth. As a disciplinarian he has been almost without an equal in the department, but at times has been so severe as to get the ill-will of many officers. Most of his service has been in the lower part of the city. Both Petty and Bennett are Republicans.

The Commissioners received notice from the Civil Service Supervisory Board that the rules for examining candidates for promotion had been changed in such respects as to make the procedure as follows: Fitness for promotion is to be determined by the actual work of the candidates and by their records, the examiners to have the power to call for any information bearing on the fitness of candidates. The Board, or any Commissioner, may order subordinates to compete for promotion. Certificates as to character, efficiency and conduct of candidates for promotion are required of the Commissioners, jointly or severally, with any other statement regarding fitness which they may be able to give. Such certificates are to be accompanied by certificates from the immediate superior officers of the candidates and by official copies of the candidates' records in the department. The examiners are to consider all communications bearing on the fitness of candidates which they may receive. The Mayor, when he pleases, may direct the examinations to be made by the Supervisory Board instead of the Examing Board. Fidelity and promptness in the performance of duty are to be made a subject of examination. The new rules close with this statement:

No recommendation of any person for promotion shall be entertained unless made as above provided, and the presentation of any recommendation other than this will be considered an unwarrantable interference with the public service, and the person so recommended may be required to show, before being certified for promotion, that it was not made by his request or with his countenance.

Under the new rules Captains Williams, of Thirtieth-st., and McCullagh, of Elizabeth-st., made application for promotion yesterday. It was said at Headquarters that the board was inclined to agree, after months of sparring over promotions, and that an inspector and four captains would be appointed in less than a month. The race for the inspectorship will be interesting. Allaire and Williams are regarded as the strongest candidates.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST J. H. GRIMES.

DID HE SAY THAT HE CARED NOTHING ABOUT THE COUNTY COMMITTEE'S RULES?

The Committee on Appeals of the Republican County Committee met yesterday in the office of the chairman, Ashbel P. Fitch, No. 95 Nassau-st., to receive the answer of John H. Grimes, president of the 1st District Republican Association, to a complaint made against him by Dennis F. McCarthy and John Gallagher, two of the enrolling officers of the district. There were present besides the chairman, Messrs. Van Allen, Baker, Collins, Batty, Rush, Quackenbush, Hawes and Brickwedl.

The complaint made by Messrs. McCarthy and Gallagher was read. It said that they were appointed enrolling officers of the 1st District at the meeting of the association on February 4, the morning of the day named for enrolling the Republican voters of the district. McCarthy and Gallagher called at the headquarters and found them locked. They waited until 9:30 and several voters came there to enroll. The doors were still closed, and Messrs. McCarthy and Gallagher went away. In the evening when they went to the place of enrolment they found the enrolment going on. The five persons in charge of it were all different from those elected. They denied the right of McCarthy and Gallagher to act as enrolling officers, but finally allowed them to copy the rolls. On the night appointed to receive challenges McCarthy and Gallagher were again denied the right to act as enrolling officers, but this was finally granted to them under protest. The Board was organized by the election of Patrick H. Cavanagh as chairman and W. Coffman as secretary. There were many challenges which the secretary took charge of. When the meeting was held to consider the challenges, McCarthy protested against its being held away from the regular place. Gallagher was challenged, the declaration being made that he was not the Gallagher who was enrolled. John H. Grimes said that he did not care about the by-laws of the County Committee; he and his friends were running that meeting. On motion of Grimes, Gallagher's place was declared vacant and one Kelly was appointed to it. George White also resigned and another man was substituted for him. The names of persons were placed on the roll who were not entitled to be there and others were struck off.

The Committee will send Mr. Grimes a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity will be given him to answer them on Wednesday evening next at Cooper Institute.

ROBBING A POLICE OFFICIAL.

While George P. Gott, the treasurer's bookkeeper at Police Headquarters, was eating dinner with his family in the basement of his home, at No. 149 West Fifty-third-st., on Thursday evening, a thief opened the front door of the house with a picklock and walked up to the second floor. Miss Gott left the table before the others and went upstairs. She screamed when she saw the thief in the back bedroom, and he ran past her into the hall. Mr. and Mrs. Gott and a nephew, Charles Compton, ran upstairs. They saw the thief dash down the stairs and out of the front door. Compton started in pursuit through Fifty-third-st. toward seventh-ave. Mrs. Gott ran out of the house, waved a napkin and shouted, "Robbers! Police!" until the entire neighborhood was alarmed. Compton chased the thief into seventh-ave., when the thief pointed a revolver at him and threatened to shoot. The thief ran toward Central Park and escaped. He had stolen Mr. Gott's revolver, with which he had threatened young Compton, and some other articles.

ACTIVITY CAUSED BY THE INTERSTATE LAW.

The business failures throughout the country during the week, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co. of the Mercantile Agency, number 218 for the United States and forty-one for Canada, a total of 259 against 220 last week. In this city there were ten failures and the business casualties were considerably above the average in the Southern States and Canada. In their weekly review of trade, Messrs. Dun & Co. say:

"The Interstate law causes great activity in shipments of dry goods and other merchandise to anticipate the change of rates on April 5, but this means dulness after that date, and companies of industrial and commercial inactivity, respecting business that depends on future rates, grow more numerous. Coal men are awaiting the proposed new rates for transportation. Dry goods merchants protest earnestly against new classifications and especially against the charge of higher rates for goods in box than in bale. The selection of commodities is thought to foreshadow a strong effort to adjust rates to distance; Mr. Fink thinks the law will tend to the crushing of small by large dealers and Mr. Adams thinks it hastens the swallowing of weaker by stronger roads. Months of uncertainty must elapse before the effects of the act can be understood."

NEWS ABOUT BASEBALL MEN.

Managing Director Watrous said yesterday: "The Metropolitan players are hard at work in the gymnasium and will remain there for some time. I would not think of putting the players to out-door work in this kind of weather. It would do them more harm than good. The men appear to be in excellent condition."

Manager James Mutrie indignantly denies that he is to blame for the fact that the New-York club failed to win the pennant in the last two years. He thinks that the club at present is stronger than it has been and has an excellent chance to win the pennant.

Managing Director Watrous has challenged Ward, of the New-York club, through John B. Day for Hall, of the Metropolitans, to run 100 yards for a dollar a yard.

Tiernan, the young pitcher of the local League club, who has been ill at Paterson with intermittent fever, was much improved yesterday and expects to be entirely well in a week or so.

Paul Radford, the little fielder, reported to the Metropolitan club for work yesterday. Schafer, the pitcher, is now the only man who has failed to report. The first game on Staten Island will be played on April 7, between the Metropolitan and Columbia College teams.

MEETING OF LAWTON'S CREDITORS.

The various banks in this city which were losers through the financial transactions of Walter E. Lawton sent their representatives yesterday to the office of Abram Kling, the lawyer who has secured attachments for Lawton's Delta Azotin and Chemical Ammoniate Companies and for R. A. Van Wyck, Lawton's private attorney for the last few years. The purpose of the meeting was that the bank officers might study the situation and see if a basis of settlement could be arranged. The banks' representatives listened to Mr. Van Wyck's exposition of the situation and departed, looking thoughtful. They all said that no definite result had been arrived at. Additional attachments against the property of Lawton were granted yesterday as follows: One at the suit of the Fourth National Bank, to recover $33,990; one at the suit of J. Boyd Nizon, on a note for $3,295 57, and three at the suit of the Central Trust Company, on notes respectively of the value of $5,182 17, $4,665 43 and $2,852 17.

RIDGWAY AND THE GRAND JURY.

HIS ADVICE TO THE JURORS ABOUT INDICTING THE SHERIFF—W. C. BEECHER'S TESTIMONY.

Assemblyman Bacon's Brooklyn Investigating Committee yesterday examined several new witnesses, among them William C. Beecher, counsel for the Society for the Suppression of Vice, and ex-Sheriff Stegman. District-Attorney Ridgway was also recalled. Further information in regard to his attitude before the Grand Jury of June, 1886, was first given. Chester B. Lawrence corroborated the evidence given on Monday by another member of the Grand Jury that the District-Attorney advised the jurors that it would be dangerous to indict the Sheriff, as the indictment would remove the Sheriff from office and cut off all his emoluments.

Judge Greene, of the committee, tried to keep out this evidence, under the oath taken by Grand Jurors, but he was not sustained. Similar testimony was given against Mr. Ridgway by George W. Seelye, foreman of the same Grand Jury. He asked a lawyer about the District-Attorney's advice and was told that it was not good law. Accordingly the District-Attorney was sent for by the Grand Jury again, and he repeated the same statement and read from a law book. The matter related to pool-selling. Peter Hageman gave similar evidence as to the matters before the Grand Jury; so did Glenn Cuyler.

William C. Beecher was questioned as to his knowledge of pool-selling at Coney Island. He said that he had spoken to District-Attorney Ridgway about suppressing it twenty or thirty times. He emphatically denied that there was any understanding between him and Mr. Ridgway to suspend action in pool-selling cases, pending the decision of the Court of Appeals. He urged Mr. Ridgway to prosecute the cases in which evidence had been secured, and when Mr. Ridgway failed to do so, charges against him were preferred to Governor Cleveland. Mr. Ridgway promised to do better and they were withdrawn. Mr. Ridgway sent a letter to the witness under date of February 10, 1885, promising to suppress pool-selling, but as soon as the frost was out of the ground the pool-selling began again. Mr. Beecher said that the District-Attorney had full power to stop the pool-gambling at Coney Island whenever he desired to do so.

Sergeant-at-Arms Scott testified that he was unable to secure the attendance of George H. Engeman and A. H. Battersby, of the Brighton Beach Racing Association, as they were in New-Jersey. H. F. Van Sohn, foreman of the July Grand Jury, said that there was talk in that body of indicting District-Attorney Ridgway; but he appeared before them and said that he had done all in his power to suppress pool-selling and had tried more cases than his predecessors; so no indictment was found. The pool-selling was stopped while the Grand Jury was in session, and went on after they adjourned. Ex-Sheriff Lewis R. Stegman told the committee how he arrested twenty-three pool-sellers on bench warrants in 1883. One of the prisoners was Supervisor John Y. McKane and another Paul Bauer. Mr. Stegman was also questioned about the fees of his office, which were the same as they are to-day. He promised to give to-day a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of his office and how he disposed of the money. He claimed that some of his subordinates did not make honest returns to him.

District-Attorney Ridgway was recalled and asked about the pool-selling cases in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, which are pending. He declared that if any one charged him with deliberately giving a false interpretation of the law to the Grand Jury it was a falsehood. He told the Grand Jury that the conviction of the Sheriff would deprive him of his office and its emoluments, and the Grand Jurors might confound indictment and conviction.

About the only amusing thing in the proceedings was when Colonel Bacon asked Mr. Ridgway if he knew anything about a racehorse named Jim Ridgway. The District-Attorney replied: "I once heard of him and that he had the bad habit of always coming in last in a race."

"Not like his illustrious prototype," said W. W. Goodrich.

RUMORED CHANGES AT AN EXCHANGE.

There has been considerable quiet discussion among the managers of the Produce Exchange looking to a reorganization of the employes and a readjustment of their duties. A special committee has been appointed to consider the matter, one of the changes talked of is that of superintendent. It was said a few days ago that the friends of Seth Hastings Grant, who resigned as superintendent when Mr. Edson was elected Mayor to become his private secretary, are anxious to see him reinstated, and in order to do this they propose to give Mr. Fletcher, the present superintendent, another position. On the other hand there is a strong feeling that Mr. Grant shall not displace Mr. Fletcher, who succeeded him in 1881.

President McGee said last night: "I fear those who do not understand what is contemplated will put a wrong construction upon it. Mr. Fletcher is very well liked, but it has been thought by some that there should be a readjustment of positions, and yet nothing may really be done. Mr. Grant's name has been mentioned for the superintendency, but not exclusively. There are many names before us."

COMPLAINTS ABOUT DIRTY STREETS.

Mayor Hewitt has been informed by Acker, Merrall & Condit that the Street Cleaning Department leaves dirt swept from the streets in piles near the crosswalks and the opening of the sewer near their place of business at Chambers-st. and College place. When heavy rain comes the dirt clogs the sewer, causing an overflow, which is of great inconvenience to the public. Several complaints have been made to the Street Cleaning Department, but no attention has been paid to them.

Another complainant, who says he lives in the Brighton Fort, in East Forty-fourth-st., says that his block has not been cleaned in more than four months and that its condition is extremely bad. Both complaints were sent to Commissioner Coleman, who yesterday sent a reply, inclosing a report from Deputy Leonard that Chambers-st. was in fair condition. East Forty-fourth-st., he says, is difficult to keep clean. Between Second and Third aves. there are several loads of cellar dirt dumped by private persons, and there are at all times many vehicles standing in the street. Manure from the neighboring stables is allowed to lie on the sidewalk.

FINGERHUT SENT TO THE HOSPITAL.

Anton Fingerhut, the young man who mortgaged for its full value some furniture, which he bought on the instalment plan and had not paid for, and who was convicted before Recorder Smyth a few days ago, fell in a swoon when the verdict was rendered. He has since remained in a half unconscious state at the Tombs. Many of the jurors and others who saw his anguish when he was convicted interceded in his behalf and the Tombs physicians said that his condition was so serious that he ought to be sent to the hospital. Recorder Smyth yesterday suspended sentence and he was released from his confinement in the Tombs. The physicians thought that he might die. He was sent to Bellevue Hospital.

MANY DESIGNS IN "SOCIABLE BAGS."

One of the most novel and interesting sociables that ever occurred in the Pilgrim Congregational Church took place last night. It was called a "bag sociable," and the ladies brought bags of their own design and make which the gentlemen bid off later in the evening. There was much competition for some of the bags. They were of every design and shape and for almost every purpose—combs and brushes, blacking and brushes, cosmetics, slippers, whisk brooms, scraps of paper, hair combings, clothes, etc. At the close of the evening refreshments were served.

RHODE ISLAND WANTS A REPUBLICAN PAPER.

Providence dispatch to The Boston Globe.

Ex-Governor Henry Lippitt bought the plant of *The Evening Press* and *Morning Star* at public mortgagee's sale to-day. The entire property was knocked down for $2,500. The sale was precipitated by the demand for a new paper of Republican principles that will support the candidature of Governor Ormsbee. *The Daily Republican*, a morning paper, will be started at once. The editorship is yet in doubt, but there is talk of securing a well-known Boston journalist.

It is the intention of ex-Governor Lippitt to continue publication after the election. As the new purchaser is a millionaire manufacturer and a political aspirant, it is likely that his entering the newspaper field with an organ means another strong faction in the