AFFAIRS IN THE NAVY YARD.

BOARDS AND MACHINISTS STILL WORKING ON THE TEXAS.

THE MONITOR TERROR IN THE TIMBER DOCK—TAKING OUT THE CHICAGO'S EIGHT-INCH GUNS—MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST.

That interesting conundrum as to how much work the engines of the battle-ship Texas can accomplish in four consecutive hours has not yet been settled, and from present appearances it is not likely to be decided for some days to come. The results of the latest run showed that the ship, as far as her construction is concerned, is all right. But down in her engine-room there is another story to tell, and a force of men is engaged in fixing her circulating pumps, tinkering with the bilge pipes and doing a lot of work necessary to fit her machinery for the strain of a four hours' run at top speed. The report of the Board of Inspection was not satisfactory to the Department officials, and an order came from Washington for the board to reconvene and do it all over again, so Chief Engineer Ralph Aston has called his colleagues together and they are once more struggling with the problem. Meanwhile the ship is at her anchorage off Tompkinsville, and will probably stay there for some days, as the order that her test run be made yesterday or to-morrow cannot be carried out. It is expected that all the repairs necessary will be made while the ship is afloat, and she is not to go into the timber-dock in the yard, at least for a few days, as it is already occupied.

The Maine, which stopped at the Staten Island anchorage for a day or two on her way from Newport, where she had received her torpedo outfit, has arrived at Hampton Roads, and as soon as her coaling is completed will start with the fleet for the cruise, the first stopping place to be St. Thomas. The squadron will consist of the New-York, Maine, Columbia, Raleigh and Montgomery, at the start, and will be joined later by the Indiana, Texas and Cincinnati. The Indiana is now at League Island, and the changes in her turret turning gear will be completed in a few days. She has been ordered to proceed to Newport News as soon as the work is completed. She will stay there until the Port Royal drydock is completed, when she will be docked and turned over to the Board of Inspection and Survey. The Cincinnati, which has been relieved of patrol duty at Key West by the Amphitrite, will go into drydock, either at Norfolk or the Brooklyn yard, and after a cleaning will start out to catch up with the fleet.

That the two monitors in the Brooklyn yard are to be finished without undue loss of time is shown by the fact that the Terror, the smaller of the two boats, has been placed in the timber dock for a final scraping and cleaning and painting of her hull, and the finishing touches to her upper works. Her interior fittings are nearly completed, and workmen are painting the woodwork of the officers' quarters. The Terror, in the dry dock, does not make so much of a showing of strength as might be expected from her weight and armament. She is hidden by the walls, only her big yellow funnel and her solitary military mast showing above the stringpieces. The Cincinnati, of 800 tons less displacement, when in the dock, towers above the sides, and at first glance would appear powerful enough to blow the low-hulled vessel out of the water. It is in that low freeboard and flat deck, however, that a large part of her effectiveness lies. The old single-turret monitor was compared to "a cheese-box on a raft," but the Terror may be likened to two cheese-boxes on a raft, with a lot of red sponge cake between them. Each of the two "boxes," however, is fitted with two 10-inch guns, and her secondary battery consists of two six-pounder and two three-pounder rapid-fire guns, four 37-millimetre Hotchkiss revolving cannon, and two Gatling guns. She is 259 feet 6 inches long, 55 feet 10 inches beam, and, with a draught loaded and ready for sea of 14 feet 6 inches, has a displacement of 3,990 tons. Her engines, of the twin screw, inclined, compound type, are calculated to develop 1,600 horse-power, and give her a speed of twelve knots per hour. Her 10-inch guns are housed in turrets of steel 11½ inches thick.

DISMANTLING THE CHICAGO.

The work of dismantling the Chicago has been continued at the stone wharf, and two of her eight-inch rifles have been taken out by the floating crane. These were from the port side, and yesterday the yard tugs turned the cruiser around, so that the crane could get at the guns on her starboard side. These will be taken out to-morrow, and then the work of getting off her protective deck and taking down her military masts will be begun. This will all be carried on at the wall, and it will be an interesting process to watch. The machine shops are finishing her engines as rapidly as possible, although no extra hands have been employed on the work.

Nothing has been done on the Atlanta in the last week, and the cruiser and the Ammen ram Katahdin, which may, after all, be purchased by the Government, are at the Cob Dock wall, peacefully awaiting the movements of the powers that be in regard to their disposition.

WORK IN THE YARD.

There are signs of the approaching completion of the York-st. gate. The roof of the guardhouse on the right of the new entrance shows above the yellow wall marking the limit of the Government reservation, and there is a good prospect that the work, which should have been completed two months ago, will be ready some time next spring. The completion of this job will be a great relief to the yard people, as, when the offices are moved into the new building, No. 6, the gate will make a direct route from the Sands-st. entrance to the Bridge to the administrative department of the yard, and avoid the long, dirty and disagreeable detour around to the York-st. entrance.

The big steam derrick which runs around the timber dock is to have a new track, and the west side of the dock is in a transition state, new piles having been driven for supports for the heavy timbers used as stringpieces. In addition to these machines, there are others at work on the foundations for the new plate shop, which is to be the largest building in the yard, and the sea wall, and the new drydock, so that as far as noise goes the yard is somewhat warlike.

Commander Colby M. Chester, who has been on the yard staff and a member of several boards for some time, has gone to the command of the receiving ship Richmond, at League Island, relieving Captain James O'Kane. Commander Colby will be missed by the yard people and many outside of the service, for he is well known. He was a member of the court-martial which tried Colonel James Forney, of the Marine Corps, on serious charges recently, and has been connected with the Board of Inspection and Survey.

The trouble over some discharged workmen in the machine shops, which was fully treated in The Tribune at the time it came up, has been resting for the last three weeks, but has now come up again on the report that Secretary Herbert has decided to appoint a Court of Inquiry to investigate the charges. The Secretary is of the opinion that the charges have no foundation in fact, and recently referred the matter to Commodore Sicard for report. The Commodore found the charges to be trivial in character, but they were so obscure that he thought it would be well to find out if there was anything in them. He recommended that a court investigate the matter, and the Secretary has adopted the suggestion. This is something the accused officers have been wishing for, and there is a chance now that they will have the privilege of defending themselves.

That the remarks made by or attributed to Rear-Admirals Braine and Roe in regard to the President's message on the Venezuelan question have stirred up the Department is shown by the fact that inquiries have been made of several officers as to whether they have said anything either privately or for publication on the subject. So far the amount of satisfaction obtained has been small, but the officers of the Navy, whether they agree with the President or not, are loyal, and when they are called on will not shirk their duty.

There is probably an interesting story behind the experiences of the training-ship Lancaster. She sailed away from the Navy Yard two months ago, with officers and men for the relief of the vessels of the South Atlantic Squadron, members of whose crews were putting in more time than their contracts called for. She was expected to be somewhere in the neighborhood of Montevideo, but suddenly turned up at Madeira, over two thousand miles from her destination, and now all hands are figuring how it happened. It is probable that she made most of the passage under sail and was driven out of her course by adverse winds. While it is a matter of course that Captain Hoff is as anxious to complete his mission as the Department is to have it completed, a report is anxiously awaited, and in the mean time the authorities are not at all pleased at the fact that he did not make the port for which he set out. Captain Hoff, however, probably has good reasons for touching at Madeira.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN BROOKLYN'S SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

GREAT PREPARATIONS FOR TUESDAY NIGHT'S CELEBRATION—THE DYKER MEADOWS GOLFERS—ITEMS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Brooklyn's clubs are almost without exception planning for "big blowouts" on New-Year's Eve. It is not easy to give a reason why clubman should rejoice over the departure of old years more than other mortals do, unless it be that on that night they have a good excuse to offer their wives for staying out late. But, at any rate, the evening of December 31 is selected by Brooklyn clubmen as one of the gala nights of the year. W. F. Fuller has announced that there will be some things worth seeing and hearing in the Union League house on Tuesday night, and the Lincoln Club's Entertainment Committee has arranged an attractive programme, which includes piano selections by Henry Bennett and specialties by Valentine and Weeks, musical artists; Hugh J. Emmett, ventriloquist; George W. Day, who will give "studies in black and white"; Charles G. Seymour, imitator, and Press Eldridge, "commander-in-chief of the army of fun." Other fun centres on Tuesday evening will be at the Crescent Athletic Club house and at the Carleton Club.

The interclub whist tournament appears to be dragging a little just at present. The Union League and Carlton teams are having a stiff fight for the lead, but the other teams are stringing along behind in an uninteresting procession, which, however, will soon take more definite shape. The defeat of the ambitious Carletons by the mediocre Ridge team on Friday evening was a severe setback for the Carletons and proves once more that their advance claim of winning the championship was a little indiscreet. The Union League won from the Hamilton on Friday night by a score of 16 to 9, and the Excelsior defeated the Montauk by 12 to 11.

The Hamilton Club has accepted a challenge from the Lincoln Club to play a match with forty players on a side on January 22 at the Lincoln house. A return game will be played later in the season. Last year a similar contest was held, and the Lincoln men were the victors.

The Dyker Meadows Golf Club has completed its organization, and has now nothing to do except talk over its brilliant prospects for the future and get ready for the next season. The Governing Committee is Timothy L. Woodruff, president; Edward H. Litchfield, vice-president; Norman S. Dike, secretary; Frederick H. Webster, treasurer; Daniel Chauncey, captain, and Graham F. Blandy, Duncan Edwards, Arthur M. Hatch, Albert G. Jennings, Ernestus Gullck, Andrew Peters, Carroll J. Post, jr., William A. Putnam, William A. Read and Wyllys Terry. The following are members of the organization: Louis C. Ager, Franklin Allen, Holland C. Anthony, A. Victor Barnes, E. Le Grand Beers, Lemuel C. Benedict, Walter S. Benedict, Frank Sherman Benson, William Berri, Edwin W. Bigelow, George H. Bressette, Walter S. Brewster, jr., W. B. Brinsmade, Campbell C. Brown, Charles M. Bull, Jay F. Carlisle, George W. Chauncey, Surgis Cohn, H. B. Crittenden, Herbert L. Denny, Carll H. De Silver, E. A. Dickerson, Horace C. Du Val, Charles M. Englis, William H. Erhart, Latham A. Fish, Rosalie St. George Forbes, Theodore L. Frothingham, W. L. Frothingham, James M. Fuller, Thomas A. Gardiner, Howard Gibb, William T. Gilbert, Charles F. Grant, Crowell Hadden, jr., Lathrop C. Harper, G. Herbert Henshaw, William W. Henshaw, J. Monroe Hewlett, William B. Hull, Matthew Hinman, Raymond Hoagland, Walter B. Howe, F. Abbott Ingalls, Edward L. Kalbfleisch, jr., Matthew J. Lamarche, Homer A. Lattin, Vincent Loeser, A. A. Low, Frank Lyman, Marvin T. Lyon, Daniel D. Mangam, jr., William I. Matheson, Howard Maxwell, James H. Merritt, David M. Morrison, William C. Nesmith, Alfred L. Norris, Charles P. Notman, Grant Notman, John Notman, Edwin Packard, H. Logan Patterson, George Foster Peabody, Frederick J. Pearsall, W. V. Penney, Frederick J. Phillips, John C. Powers, Henry T. Richardson, Joseph H. Seaman, Charles Robinson Smith, C. D. Smithers, Adolph E. Smylie, George H. Southard, jr., F. B. Studwell, John F. Talmage, jr., Alfred E. Taylor, William A. Taylor, Lincoln Van Cott, Charles B. Van Nostrand, Mrs. Louise B. Van Nostrand, F. Joseph Vernon, William C. Wallace, Henry K. W. Welch and Howard O. Wood.

The trial of Herbert S. Ogden by the Union League Club on Saturday evening, December 21, on the charge of "heinous, wicked, disorderly and outrageous inclinations, feloniously and with malice aforethought, conspiring to have himself elected secretary of the club, with being concerned in a disreputable scheme to lower by 20 per cent the price of five-cent cigars, and with peculiar and reprehensible conduct in not asking Mayor-elect Wurster for an office," was one of the most noteworthy and remarkable judicial proceedings on record in Brooklyn. The trial followed a roast-beef feast, at which a remarkably attractive and variegated assortment of viands was set before the Leaguers; and if some of the things that were said and done at the trial were hard to understand, it was not necessarily because all the auditors at the trial were not lawyers. The honorable acquittal of the prisoner on each of the charges was brought about by the strong arguments of his attorneys, Abel E. Blackmar and S. F. Kneeland, who were pitted against W. G. Cook and Major Hobbs, the prosecuting attorneys. Israel Fischer was the judge, W. O. Tate was court crier, David Thornton was clerk, and O. E. Houghton was sheriff.

The Lincoln Club will soon be able to boast of its bowling alleys as the best ones in the city. Under the watchful and experienced eye of Mr. Taylor, superintendent of the club, four new alleys of the most approved type are being constructed, and it is expected that they will be completed in time for use before January 15, when the club's annual five-men-team tournament opens.

The Cycle Club is enjoying an unusually successful series of Saturday evening music rides in its new quarters. From twenty-five to fifty riders are present at the rides, among the most enthusiastic of them being Andrew Peters, Miss Juliette Atkinson, C. S. Turner, Graham Blandy, Edwin Packard, Miss Packard, F. H. Blossom, Dr. William Jarvie, Miss Gwendolin Burris, Miss Olive Burris, F. W. Tuttle, C. D. Smithers, John P. Tilden, Mrs. Oakey, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Balch, Miss Frances Oakey, Miss Howard and George Turner.

Colonel Partridge's Friday evening troop of riders at the Riding and Driving Club is rapidly becoming proficient in all the arts and artifices known to skilled horsemen. On Friday evening one of the best rides yet held took place, and the following persons took part: J. H. Walbridge, Ernestus Gullck, William A. Jamison, Rudolph Erbsloh, J. F. Pooraem, W. W. Walsh, jr., G. Herbert Potter, Guy Loomis, Frank C. Jennings, A. C. Brown, Colonel C. L. Middleton, Joseph H. Williams, Paul Libby, James H. Hart, James A. Ayres, J. Henry Smitt, Frank Stinson, W. O. Raven, F. W. Hinrichs, Emil H. Franks, C. C. Bowen, Herman Schaeffer, Alexander Cameron, S. E. Buchanan, James Turner, Captain W. L. Candee, Herman de Selding, W. E. Thorp, Henry Bowers, Francis H. Page.

The customary Wednesday night music ride will not be held this week, but in its place there will be a ride on Wednesday morning. This change is made in recognition of New Year's Day.

THE REV. SHERWOOD ROOSEVELT.

The Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, at Clinton and Luquer sts., and who begins his new duties next Sunday, was born in Southport, Conn., in 1855. He attended Kenyon College and Bexley Hall Theological Seminary, at Gambier, Ohio. He was successful in pastorates

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at Bristol and Goshen, Ind., and later at Big Rapids and Owosso, Mich., coming from the latter place to Brooklyn. He rebuilt and enlarged the Owosso Church, and successfully maintained a mission church in the neighboring village of Corunna. The rector is an active Mason, a Knight Templar, a Mystic Shriner, and while in Owosso organized the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. His wife is a daughter of Dr. J. E. Clark, of Clinton-st., Brooklyn.

THE ARM OF THE LAW.

FOSTER L. BACKUS NAMES HIS CHOSEN ASSISTANTS.

THE DISTRICT-ATTORNEY-ELECT VOUCHES FOR THEM—SKETCHES OF THE MEN.

Foster L. Backus, District-Attorney-elect of Kings County, yesterday announced the names of his chief assistants. William O. Miles will be his first assistant; Frederick E. Crane, second assistant; Everett Caldwell, fourth assistant; David Healy, chief clerk, and Winfield S. Mount, first assistant clerk.

Mr. Backus, in conversation with a reporter of The Tribune yesterday afternoon, said: "These men appointed by me are all young men, who have shown by their work that they are bound to make their mark in the profession which they have selected. They are all Republicans, and I have selected them with the purpose in view that at the end of my term it will not be a question of my re-

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nomination, but which of those among my assistants and clerks will be the most available man to be named as my successor. They have had a short but brilliant past; each one of them is destined to a long and illustrious future. I will stake my reputation for good judgment upon these selections. These men are Republicans, but they have been too busy to get their teeth red-hot spouting factional differences in the ranks of the party. There is not a man among them who has made enemies among Republicans or who has lost the esteem and confidence of Democrats. They are armed and equipped and ready to serve the public, irrespective of politics.

William O. Miles, who will be Mr. Backus's chief assistant, is of Quaker ancestry, and is thirty-six years old. He was born in Wabash, Ind. His father is a physician, and immediately after the war moved to Boonville, Mo. William O. Miles received his education first in the public schools and later on in the Academy of Boonville, where he was graduated in 1872. After an interval of

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several years he came East and entered the Columbia Law School, where he was graduated in 1886, and in the following year was admitted to the Bar in this State. He was one of ten admitted out of thirty-three applicants, as it was in that year that extminations for the Bar became of an exacting character. In 1890 he went into the office of Jerry A. Wernberg, of Brooklyn, where he remained for a year and a half. He was employed in preparing cases for trial, in a criminal practice both extensive and important. In 1892 he formed a partnership under the firm name of McMahon, Stapleton & Miles, which continued until January of this year, since which time he has been conducting business under his own name. He is known in the criminal courts as a lawyer of exceptional ability. He has been connected with more murder cases than any other lawyer at the local Bar during the time he has been in Brooklyn. He is retiring in disposition, a man of few words, who drives straight to the point, and by his earnestness and sincerity produces an effect upon the minds of the jury. Mr. Miles is married, and has three children. He lives at No. 101 State-st.

Frederick E. Crane is in his twenty-seventh year, and is a native of Brooklyn, where he received his education, and where he has always prac-

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tised his profession. He is at present a member of the firm of Dailey, Bell & Crane, and has achieved a most enviable success at the Bar as a wide-awake, up-to-date lawyer, with a fine legal training and a well-balanced legal mind. He received his education in the Adelphi Academy, and from there went to the Columbia College Law School, where he was graduated in 1890. He was employed the same year as managing clerk in the office of Dailey & Bell, and two years later was admitted as a member of the firm. His success in the courts has been most marked, and during the last eighteen months out of thirty jury cases he has handled he has won twenty-eight. He is a member of the Crescent, Brooklyn and Apollo clubs of Brooklyn, of the Bar Association of Brooklyn, and is a member of the League of Loyal Citizens. Mr. Crane was married in 1893 to Miss Gertrude Craven, of Montreal, Canada, and lives with his wife and their fourteen-months-old baby at No. 5 Verona Place.

Everett Caldwell is twenty-six years old, and is a native of Canton, N. Y. He was graduated from

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St. Lawrence University in 1889, and in the same year entered the law office of Judge Wilbur F. Porter, of Watertown, N. Y. Here he received a severe and exact legal training in criminal law. In 1891 he was admitted to the bar and entered the office of Davies, Short & Townsend in New-York. He served as Assistant District-Attorney of St. Lawrence County, and during the eighteen months he has practised in Brooklyn he has been associated with Bernard J. Pink in the preparation of cases and in the capacity of trial lawyer. He is a fine speaker, of great force and intensity of expression. Mr. Caldwell is unmarried, and lives at No. 35 Lee-ave.

David Healy was born at Norwood, Ont., and is in his forty-sixth year. He is of Irish descent, and after receiving an excellent education in Nor-

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wood, where he was graduated with high honors from the local academy, he went to Cory, Penn., where he engaged for a time in the lumber business with his brothers. In 1873 he began the study of law in the office of C. G. Olmstead, a prominent lawyer of Cory. After leaving Cory he continued his studies of law in Danville, N. Y. Later on he moved to Rochester, and in 1882 was elected a member of the Legislature from one of the districts in that city on the Democratic and Labor tickets. He introduced the measure establishing the Department of Labor Statistics, and was appointed Deputy Commissioner and chief clerk of that Commission. Mr. Healy is a finished and powerful writer, and a convincing and eloquent speaker. He is married, and has three sons. He lives at No. 491 Pacific-st.

Winfield S. Mount is in his forty-sixth year, and was born in the city of New-York, where he received his education in the public schools. In early manhood he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in New-York City, and later held a position in the

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City Works Department of Brooklyn, which he resigned to accept the office of bookkeeper in the Tradesman's National Bank of New-York City. Mr. Mount is thoroughly familiar with all the details of arranging and tabulating important documents and papers, and his experience in this work will be of great value in the position for which he has been selected. He is married, and lives at No. 159 Sixth-ave.

T. B. WILLIS NOT A CANDIDATE.

HE AGAIN DECLARES THAT HE DOES NOT WANT THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The announcement was again made yesterday that Theodore B. Willis and his friends were pushing Joseph C. Cabble, a well-known Twenty-third Ward Republican, for the chairmanship of the County Committee, to be organized next month. When this announcement was first made last Wednesday, a Tribune reporter saw Mr. Cabble and asked him if it were true that he was anxious to be the next chairman. He said in reply: "I am not only not a candidate, but I am not even a member of the new County Committee, having declined to stand for re-election. Without being in the County Committee, I would, of course, be ineligible as a candidate for the chairmanship. Under the circumstances it is therefore nonsense to talk about my being the next chairman. No such thing is possible."

Last night Mr. Cabble and his friends were exceedingly annoyed over the stupid incident.

Alderman Charles J. Haubert, of the Twenty-seventh Ward, announced himself yesterday as a candidate for the Executive Committee chairmanship. Alderman Haubert is a so-called Worth-Butting Republican.

Civil Justice-elect Schnitzpan has decided to appoint Charles A. Conrady as chief clerk in the Third District Court, to succeed James Dilion, a Democrat, who has held the position eight years. Mr. Conrady ran for Assemblyman in the VIIth District last fall, being beaten by Henry Newman, the regular Democrat. He was for seven years a justice of the peace in New-Utrecht, and for three years of that time was associate justice of the Court of Sessions. The salary is $2,000 a year.

The Tippecanoe Republican Club of the Seventeenth Ward has elected the following officers: D. P. Watkins, president; Charles H. Gill, first vice-president; John A. Logan, second vice-president; J. Sears, treasurer; James Lockhart, financial secretary; George Blackhall, recording secretary; A. R. Nelson, Isaac D. Wheaton and Joseph Murray, trustees.

The Federal Republican Club of the Tenth Ward has elected the following officers: President, Charles Hermance; first vice-president, A. V. Franz; second vice-president, Jacob Brenner; recording secretary, William P. Telford; financial secretary, Samuel Calhorn; corresponding secretary, Joseph Newheuser; directors for three years, Isaac Barnes, William Jones, Bernard Callahan, and director for two years, F. T. Kernan.

Mayor-elect Wurster left the city yesterday for Lakewood, N. J., to be gone until Monday afternoon. It is believed that during his absence he will make up his mind relative to his cabinet appointees.

A FORTUNE LOOKING FOR ITS OWNER.

SAM PLOMER, ALIAS COLT, IN LUCK IF HE IS ALIVE.

The following advertisement appeared yesterday in one of the Brooklyn papers:

Information wanted of the death or present whereabouts of Sam Plomer, veteran soldier, if living, about seventy-two years of age. When last heard from was living in Williamsburg, about eight or ten years since. About the year 1850 kept a meat market in Avenue A or D, near Houston-st., New-York City. Followed as a living in Williamsburg peddling meat and fish, and his mother was supposed to have died in Williamsburg. He had relations living many years since in Attorney-st., New-York City. He had a half-brother and sister, either Plomer or Colt. Information liberally rewarded. Address or call, R. L. Beckley, attorney-at-law, No. 132 Nassau-st., New-York City.

Sam Plomer was known in Williamsburg twenty years ago, where he peddled fish. His right name was Colt. In those days he told the people that should he live long enough he would fall heir to a vast fortune, but he was laughed at. If Colt is still alive that fortune awaits him, and is said to be nearly $200,000. The father of Colt was a cousin of the revolver-maker Colt. The fortune comes from his father's relatives. When Sam was a boy his father died, his mother afterward marrying a man named Plomer. Often Colt would change his name. Sometimes he would call himself Plomer, and at other times Colt. He married Octavia Husted against the wishes of the woman's parents, and as he didn't make much money, his wife returned to her parents. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted. At the close of the war he returned to New-York City, where he remained a short time and then went to Williamsburg and engaged in the peddling business. He was known from one end of the town to the other. His mother died twelve years ago, and after her death he became dissipated. Three years after that he disappeared, and nothing has since been seen of him by any of his old associates.

TELEPHONES ON BRIDGE CARS.

A TEST SEEMS TO SHOW THAT THEY WOULD MAKE A SUCCESSFUL DANGER SIGNAL.

A practical demonstration of the utility of telephone service in the management of the cars on the Bridge railroad was given yesterday to President Howell, Seth L. Keeney and C. V. Henriques, trustees, and Chief Engineer C. C. Martin. One of the Bridge cars, which had been fitted up with the telephonic apparatus, was attached to a regular train, which left the Brooklyn terminus about 11 o'clock in the morning. The party on board included the representatives of the Bridge management, reporters and Assistant Engineer K. S. Martin, who has had charge of the experiments. A regular telephone receiver and transmitter was fitted up in the centre of the car, and an employe of the telephone company held a pole against the wire stretched above the truck, through which a current of electricity supplies the power for the electric lights in the cars. All the way across the Bridge on the trip to New-York, conversation was kept up between the members of the party and Mr. Price, the train dispatcher at the Brooklyn terminus.

On the return trip, after the train had passed the Brooklyn tower, a message was sent to Mr. Price to drop the block signal at the abutment and thus stop the train. No sooner had the order been given than the danger signal shot out and the train was brought to a standstill by the signal from Gripman Ross, who was in charge of the train, to the brakemen on the cars. The train was stopped in fourteen seconds from the time the telephonic order had been given. Word was sent over the wire to start the train and just as the cars had passed the point where the grip is released and the trains are carried by their own momentum into the station another order was given to stop the train. The danger signal was again shown, and the train stopped almost instantly. An engine was run out and drew the train into the Brooklyn station.

President Howell and Chief Engineer Martin expressed themselves as highly pleased with the success of the experiment, and pronounced the scheme a success. President Howell said that the question of the adoption of the system will be taken up at the next meeting of the trustees, and he had no doubt of its immediate adoption. When the plant is put into practical working order a separate wire will be used aside from that used for supplying power for the lights. The transmitter will be placed on the upright outside the car in front of the gripman, and the receiver used will be like those used by operators at the central office, a clasp around the head, leaving both hands of the gripman free. Instead of using a copper bar, a series of six copper brushes, each having thirty-two copper sheets, will be used to transmit the current from the wire, thus insuring a continuous current.

SET HIS BULLDOG ON A GIRL.

SERIOUS CHARGE MADE AGAINST FATHER YODYSZUS.

ANNIE O'BRIEN, WHO SANG IN HIS CHOIR, SAYS THE PRIEST DID THIS BECAUSE SHE REFUSED TO RETURN TO HIS CHURCH.

A young Polish girl, living with her parents at No. 21 Rush-st., and calling herself Annie O'Brien, because her real name is too hard to pronounce, applied yesterday for a warrant in the Lee Avenue Court for the arrest of the Rev. Father Mathias Yodyszus, pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Catholic Church in North Tenth-st. The young woman says the priest set his big bulldog Bismarck on her because she refused to go back to his choir.

Father Yodyszus's exploits since he took charge of St. George's Church, some years ago, are well known. He has several times appeared in the police courts. On one occasion he was arrested for drunkenness and was fined $10 by Justice Goetting. Several women of the church two years ago charged him with acting disrespectfully toward them, and he was arrested for the offence, but was acquitted. The many exploits of the priest led the late Bishop Loughlin to call Yodyszus to account, and refused to recognize him unless he improved in his conduct. The church property belongs to the priest, and an attempt was made by the late Bishop to get Yodyszus to sign it over to the congregation. This he refused to do, and was then relieved of his priestly functions. Yodyszus, despite this, continued to hold services regularly, and made his church an independent one. The action of the late Bishop was kept from the knowledge of the congregation, who still believed that the church was Roman Catholic.

Three weeks ago Bishop McDonnell organized a new Lithuanian parish in the old Grand Street Methodist Church building, near Driggs-ave. A circular was distributed among the members of Father Yodyszus's parish announcing the new church, and, as a result, about twelve hundred members of St. George's Church joined the new one, which is called St. Mary's of the Angel of Heaven. Even the choir, composed of young women, left Father Yodyszus and went over to the new church.

On Thursday night the choir met for rehearsal at the home of the organist in North Ninth-st., near Wythe-ave. Annie O'Brien, who is a member of the choir, was there. Father Yodyszus is said to be fond of Annie, and while the young women were rehearsing, a rap came at the door. When it was opened the priest with his bulldog entered the room, and the priest put out his hand to be kissed, according to the usual custom. The young woman made no attempt to kiss the hand, and this caused Father Yozyszus to become angry. He then approached the girl, and, according to her story told to Justice Goetting, put his arm around her and drew her toward him, and begged her to return to his church choir. When she refused, she says, he called his dog Bismarck, and set him on her. Annie says she broke away from the priest's embrace and ran out of the room. The dog had begun to growl and wanted to bite her. Annie says that when she got into the kitchen the doorknob was held tightly by the organist so as to prevent the priest from opening the door, until she could get out of the house.

Annie told the Magistrate that she did not know how the other girls got out of the house. The last she heard, she said, was their screams.

Annie says she became hysterical when she got home, and has not slept since on account of her nervous condition. Justice Goetting told the girl to return to-morrow, and in the mean time he will consider her application for a warrant. Father Yodyszus could not be found last night.

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Boston Baked Beans, extra fine, 3-lb. can	.10
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Bartlett Pears, delicious, 3-lb. can	.10
Mixed Nuts, finest, 1-lb. carton	.11
Table Raisins, clusters, 1-lb. carton	.12
Figs, finest Layers, 2-lb. box	.25
Wiesbaden Cherries and Apricots, large bottle	.49
Stuffed Prunes, ½-lb. box, .27; 1-lb. box	.45
Smoked Sardines, very finest, ¼-lb. can	.10

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Pepper Whisky, genuine, qt. bottle	.69
Hochheimer, imported Rhine, qts., per doz., 4.80; per bottle	.41
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Pontet Canet, qts., per doz., 6.50; pts., per doz.	4.75
California Port, delicious, full ½-gal. bottle	.75
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Champagne, genuine, from France, pts., 75c.; qts.	1.24
Bass' Ale, finest, per dozen	1.45

CIGARS. Excellent qualities and unheard-of prices in this department. Our cigars are strictly hand-made and all Havana. An excellent chance to get your New Year's supply at a small cost.

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MATTERS OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE LIVING ABOVE THE HARLEM.

LIBERAL TREATMENT OF COMMISSIONER HAFFEN—MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE STREETS—NOTES AND INCIDENTS.

Commissioner Haffen, of the Street Improvements Department of the northern wards, received liberal treatment from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, considering the manner in which he expended the money entrusted to him in previous years. The estimate which he furnished to the Commissioners was an extravagant one under the circumstances. If he had shown more capacity for economically using the public moneys, an allowance of $800,000 instead of $600,000 would not have been unreasonable, for the needs of the uptown district are great. The allowance of $600,000 for the maintenance of streets, roads and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards will, if properly used, be ample to keep in good repair many miles of uptown streets. The work has in the last few years been carried on so carelessly and indolently that a large part of the appropriation has been wasted. If greater vigor should be employed in the future, the enlargement of the district by the addition of Westchester towns would not prevent the keeping in good order of streets and avenues in the whole territory by the amount set apart by the Board of Estimate. The other large amounts, those of $15,500 for surveying and making of maps and plans, $40,000 for surveying and laying out the new part of the Twenty-fourth Ward, and $40,000 for the rebuilding and cleaning of sewers and drains, seem sufficient for the purpose, except in the single matter of drainage, where a larger amount could be used to advantage. If the residents of the northern territory are not satisfied with the amounts set aside by the city authorities they will probably put the blame where it belongs, upon the failure of the Commissioner to satisfy the people that he was making good use of public money.

The condition of Tremont-ave. within the last two weeks has been such as to make the residents of Tremont almost passionately angry at the incompetency of the contractors or of the uptown Street Department. The freezing, followed by thawing, has made the avenue deep in mud, so that it is almost impassable at times. Complaints are made constantly, but no attempt appears to be made to force the work to completion before the heavy storms of winter set in. Commissioner Haffen has been appealed to without satisfactory result.

The uptown German societies celebrated Christmas on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at several of the halls. The Union Maennerchor had a large Christmas tree at St. Mary's Park Hall. The Aurora Maennerchor met at Weber's Excelsior Hall and the Arion Liedertafel at Melrose Turn Hall. The German Singers, Aurora Singing Society, Swiss Maennerchor and Bohemian Singing Society also had Christmas festivals. The Harmonie Singing Society, of Morrisania, one of the largest and most popular of the German organizations, will have its Christmas tree to-morrow evening at Burback's Hall.

Although the practice of calling on New Year's Day has been practically given up in other parts of the city, there are a few North Side families in which the women remain at home on New Year's Day and receive their friends. Announcements have been made of some of those who will be at home, and in other cases rece