sey; IIId, F. W. Hinrichs; IVth, F. B. Tuck; Vth, Henry C. Wright; VIth, M. E. O'Connor; VIIth, James A. Townsend; VIIIth, James J. Donnelly; IXth, Daniel O'Reilly; Xth, Harrington Putnam; XIth, A. Peabe; XIIth, A. G. Calder; XIIIth, John H. Durack; XIVth, Charles A. Prie; XVth, John H. Scheidt; XVIth, S. K. Madden; XVIIth, Nathaniel Ellis; XVIIIth, Edmund Driggs; XIXth, M. J. Brophy; XXth, P. E. Nostrand; XXIth, G. H. Jones.

CONDUIT BIDS OPENED.

TEN CONTRACTORS SUBMITTED ESTIMATES ON THE WORK.

THREE PLANS PROVIDED FOR—NO ACTION WILL PROBABLY BE TAKEN UNTIL COMMISSIONER WILLIS RETURNS FROM ST. LOUIS.

Deputy City Works Commissioner Fielding yesterday made public the bids submitted last week for the additional pipe conduit from Spring Creek to Milburn. The bids are divided into three classes, as follows: Plan A, which calls for 66-inch steel pipe, sabine and asphalt coatings; plan B, for two 48-inch cast-iron pipes, and Plan C, for one 48-inch cast-iron pipe. The bidders under the different specifications are as follows:

Bidders.	66-inch steel pipe.		Two 48 inch cast iron pipes.	One 48 inch cast iron pipe.
	Sabine coating.	Asphalt coating.		
John McNamee	$81,979 00	779,629 00	.....	701,087 50
Buchner & Blagen	812,951 00	786,896 00	.....	.....
Chas Hart	849,080 00	823,605 00	1,315,275 00	701,575 00
M. Daly	914,919 00	892,560 00	1,361,000 00	703,775 00
J. F. Crawford & Son	930,822 50	893,572 50	1,292,200 50	677,200 50
John H. O'Rourke	1,019,494 50	1,019,494 50	1,409,139 25	806,080 25
Daniel I. Crean	.....	.....	1,419,089 65	736,604 65
T. A. & R. G. Gillespie	1,070,085 00	996,485 00	1,661,629 10	936,029 10
T. Nevins & Son	1,108,464 70	1,033,964 70	1,600,464 10	838,914 10
Edw. Freel	1,448,064 00	1,410,754 00	1,469,566 50	827,000 25

All of the bidders are from Brooklyn, with the exception of Buchner & Blagen, of Portland, Ore.; F. A. & R. G. Gillespie, of Pittsburg, and Thomas Nevins & Son, of Orange, N. J.

The eastern three miles of this contract are to be completed in four months, and the whole work in fourteen months. A certified check for $30,000 is required from bidders when submitting their bids, and security for the full amount of the contract. The alternative bids of the steel and cast-iron were asked for in order to prevent a combination of either steel makers or cast-iron founders, which might work injuriously to the city's interests. If made of steel, the work will require 10,000 tons of pipe, and if made of cast-iron, 37,000 tons of iron.

This additional conduit has nothing to do with the future sources of supply, whether these be obtained from Long Island, Ramapo, Housatonic, Lake George, the Delaware River or anywhere else. The pipe conduit is needed now in order to provide the requisite conduit capacity for the present water consumption of the city, and for the immediate development of the existing watershed. The plans, nearly 100 in number, the form of contract advertisement and specifications cover 182 printed pages, and were prepared by the engineer of water supply, I. M. de Varona.

Probably no action will be taken on the bids until the return of City Works Commissioner Willis from the St. Louis Convention. The new conduit will increase the city's water supply all the way from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000 gallons a day. The average daily consumption of water by the city at present is 80,000,000, and the present capacity of the city's conduits 90,000,000 a day. It has frequently taken place of late that the daily use of water has aggregated 100,000,000 gallons, entirely wiping out the reserve margin of water. The new conduit is designed to relieve this condition of affairs.

INVESTIGATING THE DISASTER.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST ON THE NASSAU STREET RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Coroner Coombs will convene a jury at the Court House to-night to inquire into the Thirty-ninth-st. accident on Sunday, June 7, in which two people were killed and twenty injured. Assistant Superintendent Casey of the road and John Harding, station master, together with Charles G. White, the motorman, and Cochrane, the conductor, and a large number of citizens will be present to testify in regard to the disaster. It is the intention of the authorities to make a most rigid investigation.

President Johnson still maintains that White was entirely at fault, and continues to allege that he reversed the current, thus adding to the impetus of the car on its downward journey toward the river. Between his statement and that made by Motorman White there is a wide divergence. It will be remembered, on the evening of the accident President Johnson, in addition to the allegation already referred to, made the statement that the brake was in good working order, and that even with the current reversed, the car could have been stopped had the motorman not allowed too much slack in the chain on the trip from Thirty-ninth-st. ferry up to the point where the car became unmanageable. The motorman, on the other hand, alleges that the car worked badly on its way from Fulton ferry up to the car barn, and that at the latter place he told the station master that the car was not in good trim. All these points Coroner Coombs and the jury have taken cognizance of, and will leave no stone unturned to get at the facts.

Upon the verdict of the Coroner's jury will depend in a large degree the assessment of damages by civil juries against the Nassau company.

NOTES FROM THE NAVY YARD.

The body of Captain Stephen W. Quackenbush, who died suddenly on Saturday at his quarters in the Marine Barracks, was sent to Washington yesterday in charge of a squad of marines, after short services were held at the barracks. Burial will be in Washington, and the military funeral will be held to-morrow. Captain Quackenbush was forty-five years old, and was the son of the late Rear-Admiral L. P. Quackenbush. His wife, who survives him, is the daughter of Rear-Admiral Kirkland, recently in command of the European squadron, but now in charge of the Mare Island Navy Yard.

The cruiser Montgomery was floated out of the stone dock yesterday and moored at the outer wall of the Ordnance Dock, just ahead of the receiving ship Vermont. The New-York, the flagship of the squadron, came up to the yard from the Staten Island anchorage, and was followed by the ram Katahdin. The New-York is slated for the dry dock, and the Katahdin is also down for a scrubbing up.

Rear-Admiral Bunce transferred his flag from the New-York to the Cincinnati, and the little cruiser will be the official head of the squadron until the New-York returns to the anchorage.

It is expected that the crank shafts of the Chicago's new engine will be put in place in the setting-up shop some time this week and connections made. There is a strong hope in the engineering and other departments that the yard force will have orders to build one or more of the torpedo boats recently authorized, as it is held that the additional work will be a benefit to the service in keeping a well trained body of men together for use when needed, in larger numbers than could be kept on without an increase in the work in sight.

THEY WANT TO REFORM CIVIL SERVICE.

The Unity Republican Club of the Twentieth Ward has been organized for the purpose of "reforming" the Civil Service. George Kenneth is president, C. K. Smith secretary and William Burling treasurer. It is the avowed purpose of the club to have Civil Service examination questions confined to such as pertain directly to the place applied for.

REAL ESTATE.

The real estate men had not recovered yesterday from the storm of Sunday, and sales were few and far between. Even the Sheriff had no sales to report, but this is considered an indication of better times.

To-morrow Jere Johnson, jr., will sell, at the Real Estate Exchange, the following: No. 26 Hopkins-st., near Nostrand-ave.; Bay Ridge-ave., north side, between Second and Third aves.; northwest corner of Liberty-ave. and Warwick-st.

The following transfers were recorded:

DeKalb-ave, No 648, s s, 286.1 ft e Nostrand-ave, 19.5x100; Robert J MacFarland and another, executors of Catherine M Brown, to Frederick Shortmeier, jr, New-York, mortgage $2,400	$3,150
Lots 211 and 212, Block 5, Map No 1 of 618 lots, Covenhoven farm, New-Utrecht; Hannah Bennett to Annie L Seifert, mortgage $2,000	5,000
Nichols-ave, w s, 230.6 ft n of Atlantic-ave, 40x87.6 ha and ls; Donald F Ayres and Samuel Walker to Frederick Kempel	1,200
Cumberland-st, No 413, e s, 113.4 ft n of Atlantic-ave, 20x100, foreclosure; William J Buttling to Jane Kingston	4,410
Liberty-ave, s s, 225 ft w of Enfield-st, 26.9x100, h and l; Otto Sackmann and another, trustees for Amalia C Gross, will of Henry E Sackmann, to John H Ives and Charles H Smith	3,000
Cleveland-st, e s, 100 ft n of Ridgewood-ave, 25x100, foreclosure; William J Buttling to Max Reussner and Amelia, his wife	1,000
Jardine Place, e s, 80 ft e of Herkimer-st, 85x93; Noah Tebbetts to Isabella Erinkenhoff	5,000
Jefferson-st, s e s, 175 ft n e of Central-ave, 25x100; Katharina Haas, widow, to Catharine Klein	2,000
Williams-ave, w s, 200 ft s of Belmont-ave, 25x100; Elisha Hyatt, Hempstead, Long Island, to Charles P Somerby, New-York	1,600
Duffield-st, e s, 125 ft n of Tillary-st, 25x101.3x25x101.2; foreclosure; William J Buttling to Brooklyn Trust Company	5,000
Duffield-st, e s, 150 ft n of Tillary-st, 25x101.4x25x101.3; foreclosure; same to same	4,000
Belmont-ave, n s, 80 ft e of Logan-st, 20x90; foreclosure; David F Manning to Robert R Bresley (substituted for lost deed)	2,000
17th-ave, s e cor 86th-st, 125x96.8; George, Annie and Edna Bornhoeft, by Elizabeth Bornhoeft, guardian, to Annie, wife of Frederick Pfluger, infants' share	3,000
17th-ave, s e cor 86th-st, 125x96.8; Edward Bornhoeft and Johanna Herrmann to Annie, wife of Frederick Pfluger; all title; ½ part	6,000

KLEIN ON TRIAL AGAIN.

SEVEN JURORS SECURED IN THE CASE OF THE ALLEGED FIREBUG.

EX-FIRE MARSHAL LEWIS AND THE OTHERS INDICTED WITH HIM TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT MONTH—MR. BACKUS TO CONDUCT THE PROSECUTION PERSONALLY.

Jacob Klein was placed on trial in the County Court yesterday, before Judge Hurd, on an indictment charging him with arson in the first degree. This is the second trial of the case. When it was tried a few weeks ago, it occupied almost one week, and resulted in a disagreement of the jury. Klein is the first of an alleged gang of firebugs to be placed on trial in this county, and the District-Attorney decided when the other trial was ended to try him again before any other similar case was tried.

The cases of ex-Fire Marshal Benjamin F. Lewis, ex-Detective Zundt and Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Rice were also on the County Court calendar yesterday. They were jointly indicted, charged with conspiracy in connection with the alleged firebug cases, and the trial of the charges against them was peremptorily set down for yesterday on the application of Mr. Lewis, nearly a month ago. In the County Court yesterday, General Tracy appeared for Mr. Lewis, Jesse Johnson for Mr. Rice, and ex-Assistant District-Attorney John Clarke for Zundt. District-Attorney Foster L. Backus called Klein to the bar for trial, and then General Tracy said:

"I am here in pursuance of an order of this court. Mr. Lewis made a motion nearly a month ago to dismiss the indictment against him for lack of prosecution, and after hearing the case the Court set the case down peremptorily for to-day."

"I appreciate the necessity of promptly disposing of all the cases that come before the Court," said Judge Hurd, "but the Court has been greatly embarrassed in the disposal of cases by the fact that during the greater part of the time there has been only one courtroom to work in. There were 200 jail cases awaiting trial, and, sitting night and day, we have been unable to catch up. There are now forty cases in the jail which have not been tried. We intend to hold two parts of this court in July, and to dispose of all the jail cases and take up some of the bail cases. I will not try any bail cases this month, but I will set this case down for July 6. That is the best I can do under the circumstances."

"I only know what the order of the Court was," said General Tracy. "I have prepared my case and I supposed the order was to be obeyed."

There was an awkward silence for a few minutes, and then Judge Hurd said: "Well, I will make no other disposition of the case. That is the best I can do under the circumstances."

General Tracy went to his seat, and Jesse Johnson said that he would ask for a separate trial for his client, Rice.

Mr. Backus said that he would oppose any such application, and that if the cases were set down for July a motion should be made in proper form so that the Court might pass upon it.

General Tracy came forward again and said that he intended to make a motion for the release of his client, on the ground that there was not enough evidence against him to hold him. He would like the Court to grant him an order permitting him to see the minutes of the Grand Jury. Judge Hurd said he would do so, and Mr. Clarke said that he would like a similar order for his client.

"There is no necessity for any order of the Court," said Mr. Backus. "The minutes can be seen at any time. No application has been made to the District-Attorney yet."

Counsel signified their assent to this proposition, and then the examination of talesmen for the jury to try Klein proceeded. District-Attorney Backus conducted the case for the prosecution, instead of his first assistant, Mr. Miles, who appeared on the former trial, and Robert H. Elder and Andrew F. Van Thun appeared for the defendant.

Seven jurors were obtained before the court adjourned until to-day. They were Theodore Ulhon, Edward J. Cantwell, Charles E. Foster, Emil Rosenbaum, John S. Hobby, Thomas B. Kelsey and Albert Sauer.

TROLLEY EXPRESS SERVICE BEGUN.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE EXPERIMENT WAS MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN WAS EXPECTED.

A trolley express service was begun yesterday over the Brooklyn Heights Railroad, and according to President Rossiter it was successful beyond anticipation. Superintendent Slingerland, of the National Express Company, spent the entire day in the city looking after the details of the new service, and just before he left for New-York said he was more than satisfied with its workings. The service now extends to Jamaica, Newtown, Corona, Bowery Bay, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, Bergen Beach, Ulmer Park, Flatbush and Richmond Hill.

Within a week more than one hundred drug stores will be designated as express stations, where parcels may be left for shipment or received for delivery. Yesterday the railroad officials issued a special order, instructing motormen and conductors on the new cars not to delay or in any way interfere with the regular passenger service.

MR. AND MRS. STRANAHAN OUT AGAIN.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. T. Stranahan will be pleased to learn that they have so far recovered their health as to able to take daily carriage drives. For two weeks they have been out every day when the weather was pleasant. Their favorite drive is through the park, toward establishing which Mr. Stranahan did so much, and down the Boulevard. Mr. Stranahan is as well as his eighty-eight years will permit, and Mrs. Stranahan is much improved in health. About July 1 the pair will start for Saratoga Springs for a six weeks' or a two months' stay. For many seasons the Stranahans have occupied one suite of rooms in the United States Hotel, and there they will go this summer.

OLD "BLACK JACK" HICKS DEAD.

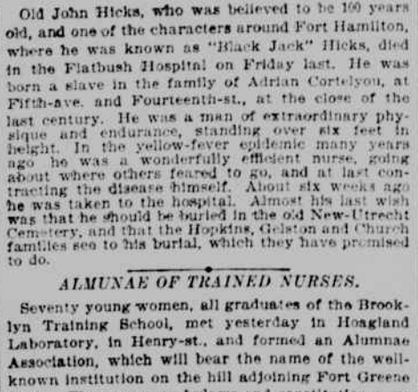
Old John Hicks, who was believed to be 100 years old, and one of the characters around Fort Hamilton, where he was known as "Black Jack" Hicks, died in the Flatbush Hospital on Friday last. He was born a slave in the family of Adrian Cortelyou, at Fifth-ave. and Fourteenth-st., at the close of the last century. He was a man of extraordinary physique and endurance, standing over six feet in height. In the yellow-fever epidemic many years ago he was a wonderfully efficient nurse, going about where others feared to go, and at last contracting the disease himself. About six weeks ago he was taken to the hospital. Almost his last wish was that he should be buried in the old New-Utrecht Cemetery, and that the Hopkins, Gelston and Church families see to his burial, which they have promised to do.

ALUMNAE OF TRAINED NURSES.

Seventy young women, all graduates of the Brooklyn Training School, met yesterday in Hoagland Laboratory, in Henry-st., and formed an Alumnae Association, which will bear the name of the well-known institution on the hill adjoining Fort Greene Park. The necessary bylaws and constitution were adopted. Miss Isabelle Merrill was elected president. She made an address, in which she spoke of the needs of the Brooklyn professional nurse, and was loudly applauded.

Miss Merrill said last night that one of the principal objects of the new association was to establish a central bureau from which nurses would be supplied to families and hospitals requiring them on short notice.

"Jazeville is a good town, I don't think," said Perry Patetic to the assembled members of the profession. "Everybody I struck gimme the cold shoulder, the town marshal gimme the hot foot, and de police judge gimme a roast. Oh, they ain't no danger of runnin' out of meat in that town."—(Cincinnati Enquirer.



"Secretary, how old is my family?"
"In the year 1180 Your Excellency's ancestors deigned to emerge from their incognito!"—(Fliegende Blätter.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

The young ladies comprising the Packer class of '96 are going on a sailing trip on next Saturday afternoon on the yacht Vamoose, by invitation of Dr. Truman J. Backus.

The newly made cycle path along Ocean Parkway was badly damaged by the heavy rainstorm of Sunday, portions of it having been washed away in a number of places, leaving the broken stone exposed to view. The worst place on the road is between Avenues C and D.

General Isaac S. Catlin, who was grand marshal of the Memorial Day parade, has sent an extensive report to the Memorial and Executive Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, giving praise to those who made the exercises of the day a success, thanking various people and agencies who contributed pleasure to the occasion, and also acknowledging publicly the dinner for his staff at the Hanover Club. General Catlin says that Mayor Wurster is entitled to special consideration for offering the old soldiers the hospitality of the Hanover Club on that day.

Ethel Rhoda Evans, of No. 26 Fort Greene Place, was admitted to the practice of law yesterday in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Judge Brown administered the oath.

Colonel E. B. Dickinson, stenographer in the Surrogate's Court, has been appointed aide-de-camp to General Ivan Walker, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The principals and teachers of public schools Nos. 22, 31, 36 and 88 have signed a petition to the Mayor urging him to appoint James L. Drummond a member of the Board of Education.

When George Wilson was fined $5 for intoxication by Justice Nostrand, in the Coney Island Police Court, on Saturday, his wife wept so copiously that a sympathizing stranger lent her $5 to pay the fine. Husband and wife forthwith went off together and got drunk. Yesterday Justice Nostrand fined Wilson $10, but discharged the wife in order to let her take care of her four-year-old daughter.

Harry Chester, an alleged globe trotter, was on the way into the Mayor's private office yesterday forenoon, when he was stopped by the policeman who guards the door. He said he wanted to shake hands with his Honor the Mayor. The bluecoat looked him over with a good deal of suspicion, and finally told him that the Mayor was not anxious to look at any Wild West show. Mr. Chester was considerably ruffled, and said he guessed he had struck a mule show. He left a message for the Mayor offering to walk against any of his friends for $1,000 a side.

Frank Fox, eight years old, who lives in President-st., near Franklin-ave., was arraigned before Justice Steers, in the Grant Street Police Court, yesterday morning, charged with trying to wreck a Brighton Beach train on Sunday morning. The lad had piled three old tin wash boilers on the track in the Bergen-st. cut just as the train was approaching. On account of the boy's age nothing could be done to him by way of punishment.

The gold cross on top of the steeple of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, in East Broadway, near Rodgers-ave., was blown down on Sunday, and was left dangling on a telegraph pole about fifty feet away.

Justice Clement, of the Supreme Court, yesterday granted a decree annulling the marriage of Patrick Dougherty to Therese Haviland. The plaintiff sued by his mother, Jane Dougherty, as guardian ad litem. It was alleged in his behalf that the ceremony was performed on August 5, 1891, when the plaintiff was less than eighteen years old, and that he has not lived with his wife since the wedding.

Hearing was begun yesterday afternoon in the Supreme Court, before Justice Osborne and a jury, in the suit of Ferdinand Sturzenacher, by William M. Jenkins, as his guardian ad litem, against Martin Ibert, the brewer, to recover $10,000 damages for personal injuries. The plaintiff alleges that on November 26, 1893, one of the defendant's trucks was standing near the foot of West-st., New York. The driver of the truck asked the plaintiff to hold his horses while he assisted in loading another truck. While the plaintiff was trying to get on the wagon the horses started suddenly and he was thrown to the ground and a leg broken. The defence is a denial of negligence. The trial was continued.

Benjamin Goldstein, the former treasurer of the Fairmount Pleasure Club, living at No. 363 Bushwick-ave., was arraigned yesterday in the Ewen Street Police Court on a charge of appropriating $20 of the club's money. The complainant was Charles Rosenfeld, the president. Justice Lemon held Goldstein in $200 bail for examination.

Justice Goetting, in the Lee Avenue Police Court, yesterday fined Lorenz Endres $10 for obstructing the traffic in Broadway. He is a driver, and delayed the Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad Company's cars.

Secretary Thomas F. Farrell, of the Democratic General Committee, went to Saratoga last night to make arrangements for the Democratic delegation to the State Convention.

The Woodward Memorial Fund is now within a few hundred dollars of the required $15,000, and it is expected this amount will be made up within a short time. The committee has decided to make no report until the fund is complete.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Commencement exercises of the Girls' High School, at the school building, Nostrand-ave. and Hancock-st., evening.

Assembly District Conventions of the Shepard Democracy.

Commencement exercises of the Polytechnic Institute, evening.

Garden party, St. James Pro-Cathedral, Pearl and Johnson sts.

Election for second lieutenant Company E, 23d Regiment, armory.

Excursion of the Veteran Association of the 47th Regiment, Witzel's Point View Island.

Coroner's inquest with reference to the Thirty-ninth-st. accident on Sunday, June 7, Courthouse, evening.

ATLANTIC-AVE. COMMISSION MEETS.

The first meeting of the Atlantic Avenue Improvement Commission, which was appointed last winter by the Legislature to take testimony in reference to depressing of the tracks of the Long Island Railroad in Atlantic-ave., took place in the Real Estate Exchange Building, in Montague-st., yesterday afternoon. Eugene G. Blackford presided. All the members of the Commission, including Edward F. Linton, the secretary, were present. The meeting was entirely informal. Nothing definite was proposed, and the committee soon adjourned, to meet again next Monday at 4 o'clock p. m. The permanent headquarters of the Commission will be in room 200, Real Estate Exchange Building.

COURT CALENDARS.

Supreme Court—Special Term for Motions—Before Smith, J.—Ex parte business at 10 a. m. Motion calendar called at 10:30 a. m.

Supreme Court—Special Term, Trials—Before Nathaniel H. Clement, J.—No. 558, Central National Bank agt. Baird; No. 191, Russell agt. Russell; No. 610, Millen agt. Millen; No. 634, Cooney agt. Klots; No. 333, Correll agt. Brooklyn Elevated Railroad Company; No. 512, Peters agt. the same; No. 353, Early agt. National Life Association; No. 104, Jurashow agt. Will; No. 605, D. Heron agt. D. Heron; No. 612, Harrison agt. Nugent; No. 639, Grady agt. Palmer; No. 603, Kupfer agt. Greenthal; No. 621, Flanigan agt. Kennedy; No. 631, MacKenzie agt. Brooklyn Elevated Railroad Company; No. 602, Beidenhausen agt. Dempsey; No. 646, Meyer agt. Meyer; No. 539, Bauer agt. Grubbell; No. 649, Nicholson agt. Nicholson. Every case on the June, 1896, calendar has been reached.

Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part I, Keogh, J.; Part II, Van Wyck, J.; Part III, Osborne, J.; Part IV, Dykman, J.—No. 2641, Wisoff, infr., agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2526, Penlter agt. Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad; No. 2527, Mangan agt. Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad; No. 1773, Martin agt. Young et al; No. 4248, Ferber, administrator, agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 4124, Sturzenacher agt. Ibert; No. 2423½, Meehan agt. Rickerson et al; No. 2485, Quinn agt. Thompson; Nos. 2490 and 2491, Smith agt. Long Island Railroad; No. 1601, Kramer agt. City of Brooklyn; No. 2002, Carlin et al agt. Jackson et al; Nos. 2474 and 2475, McDonald agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 4841, Miln, infr., agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2037, Thomas, infr., agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2405, Burke agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2502, Farrell agt. Atlantic Avenue Railroad; No. 2507, Cosgray agt. New-England Piano Company; No. 2514, Cosgrave agt. Dalladen; No. 2529, Brown agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2533½, Seagriff agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2541, Paxton agt. Swim; No. 2543, Barman agt. Brooklyn City Railroad; No. 2559, Bickers agt. Federgreen; No. 1341, Ernsberger agt. Mount; No. 2148, Martin agt. Fulton Bank et al; No. 1169, Walkers agt. Roth; No. 2486, Bruno agt. Curran; No. 2463, Golden agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2494, O'Connor agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2540, Murphy agt. Brooklyn City and Newtown Railroad; No. 2537, Danenberg & Coles agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2575, Karcher agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; Nos. 2207 and 2208, McBride agt. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; No. 2063, Gilroy agt. Johnson et al; No. 2452, Centrillo agt. Hart. Highest number reached on regular call, 2494.

Supreme Court—Appellate Division—Second Judicial Department—Non-enumerated day calendar. Nos. 94, 95, 133, 134, 121, 131, 89, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145.

Surrogate's Court—Before George B. Abbott, S.—The wills of Margaretha R. Ahrens, Michael Van Sickle, Mary P. Barker, Charles J. Kerme, Katie F. Doonan, James Martin, Anton F. Yost, Samuel Barclay, Grace M. Koch (formerly Grace P. Miller), Mary Rush, Elizabeth Hildenbrand. The guardianship of John B. Reilly, jr., et al. The will of James McGrath (motion). The accounting of Susan A. Dickinson. Contested calendar at 10:30. No. 47, will of John Olsen; No. 50, administrator of Thomas W. Townsend.

A Theory.—Everett Wrest—Ever know that even the best whiskey has to be about half water to be fitten to drink?

Dismal Dawson—I've heard of it. I s'pose it is the onregenerate animal nater in man that demands the water, don't you?—(Indianapolis Journal.

THE COLORADO GOLD FIELDS

NO CRY OF HARD TIMES IN THE MINING CAMPS THERE.

ELECTRIC POWER AND IMPROVED METHODS OF ORE TREATMENT HAVE MADE LOW-GRADE ORES VALUABLE—SOME RECENT DISCOVERIES.

The many rich discoveries of gold in the various mining districts of the West in the last year, whereby the output of the yellow metal promises to be more than doubled in 1896, furnish a theme of fascinating interest. The widespread and constantly increasing demand for information regarding the gold fields of this continent renders specially interesting the views and personal observations of a conservative and practical business man of experience.

George Crawford, of New-York, who has just returned from an extended tour of the Colorado camps, talked with a Tribune reporter yesterday about his trip. Mr. Crawford visited Denver, Cripple Creek, Leadville and the principal towns in the famous San Juan country.

"As the result of my observations," he said, "I believe that shrewd, experienced mining men generally believe that the country is on the eve of the greatest gold mining activity ever known in its history. The mines of Colorado alone produced nearly $45,000,000 of the precious metals in 1895, and, with the improved methods of treating ores, the production for 1896 is likely to be nearly double that of last year.

"Cripple Creek is, of course, the most widely known of all the Colorado gold districts, and has attracted more attention from Eastern capital than any other. Since 1892 the yield of gold alone from its mines has aggregated over $14,000,000, and this, too, from the ordinary development work. The great bulk of the Cripple Creek gold is in the form of telluride, which requires treatment by chlorination or cyaniding. The average values of shipping ores are from $50 to $70 per ton, while for every ton of such ore there are twenty to fifty tons of $8 to $25 ore. The erection of numerous reduction works, not only here, but at many other points convenient to the various gold districts of the State, will solve the problem of low-grade ores and enable the miners to work them at a good profit. In my opinion, Cripple Creek will develop a dozen or fifteen good gold mines. At present the Independence, the Victor and the Portland are the leading dividend payers.

"Leadville is producing more bullion than ever before, especially gold. Some very large new ore bodies are now being opened. It seems remarkable that this great silver camp should now be such a large producer of gold. In the early sixties California Gulch was worked for gold, and several mines were famous for their output, which amounted to millions of dollars prior to the discovery of carbonates in 1878. Then mining for silver became the rage and fortunes were made in a few months, as the black sand, carrying from 200 to 800 ounces of silver, was easily extracted from the great deposits on Carbonate Hill.

"The working out of the great bonanzas and the depreciation in value of silver again turned the energies of shrewd miners to the gold of California Gulch, and in less than twelve months they had struck the greatest deposit of gold yet discovered in the United States, the ore averaging about $60 per ton. This mine, the Little Johnny, has over forty miles of drifts, and sends to the smelters about 200 tons of ore daily.

IN THE SAN JUAN COUNTRY.

"The San Juan country, however, more than any other district, shows the greatest mining activity and the most important discoveries of gold. The eyes of the entire State are turned to this section. Many new discoveries have been made and much systematic development work is being done, backed by ample capital. Most of the preliminary developments were made with Colorado capital, but now Eastern capital is seeking investment, and the agents of Eastern and foreign syndicates are scouring the country in search of bargains. The whole San Juan country seems to be turning into a great gold camp. I never saw such activity in mining as I saw there. The mines are all working systematically and constantly increasing their output. I heard no cry of hard times. The banks have the heaviest deposits in their history, the people are busy and there is more general prosperity in the mining camps of Colorado than I have ever seen in my experience of fifteen years. This change has been brought about to a great extent by improved methods of treating the ores and by increased transportation facilities. Many ores that were too low grade to pay for shipping formerly are now being handled at handsome profits.

"At Silverton, the county seat of San Juan County, I noted more mining activity than at any other camp, outside of Cripple Creek. Here the mountains are ridged with large, true fissure veins, carrying gold, silver, copper and lead in paying quantities. But these are not poor men's mines, as they require capital for proper development. When once properly opened they will become large and permanent producers. Among the great mines is the Silverton Company's property, the North Star, on Sultan Mountain, which has yielded over $3,000,000. On the Silver Lake group, owned by Edward Stolber and his wife, is probably the largest and most perfect power plant in this country, showing what can be accomplished by electric power, the great 150-ton concentrating mill, 8,700 feet of tramway and the well-equipped mines all being operated by electricity, and handling $6 and $8 ore at an annual profit of $500,000. The Iowa group is another great property, while the Sunnyside and many others are large producers.

"At Red Mountain, the mines of which have produced over $20,000,000 in the last twelve years, everybody was wide awake and working. Here is located the famous Yankee Girl mine, which, after yielding $3,000,000, was sold to an English company for $1,250,000. The mine after repaying its cost to its English owners was purchased by American capitalists, who are now developing the property by electric power, with every prospect of again placing the mine among the big producers. Among other successful mines, the New Austin, the National Belle and the Genesee-Vanderbilt are all large producers, and paying handsome dividends.

A GREAT MOUNTAIN TUNNEL.

"In and about Ouray large bodies of gold ore are being constantly opened. The Revenue Tunnel, which has been run over eight thousand feet in the mountain at a depth of 3,000 feet below the mouth of the main shaft of the Virginius mine, is one of the greatest enterprises in Colorado, and demonstrates the permanency of the ore veins of this district. This tunnel is to be extended another 2,000 feet, and is expected to cut several large veins at great depth.

"Among the large producers and dividend-payers at Telluride are the Tom Boy, mostly owned in New-York, paying $40,000 monthly; the Smuggler-Union, with twenty-eight miles of underground workings and four miles of tramways; the Japan and the Gold King, all heavy producers and paying dividends. The Japan was sold within the last two weeks to New-York people for $250,000. Near Telluride is the famous Saw Pit Camp, the first discoveries in which were made by James Blake in August last. There is a remarkable degree of activity about this camp, and it shows the most wonderful bodies of gold ore that I have ever seen opened in the same length of time, and practically without any capital.

"There are four or five shipping mines in this district, the Belle Champion, the Lizzie G., the Commercial, the Homer and the Iron Cap. The character of the ore is carbonate of lead running high in gold and silver. In one of these mines I saw the most remarkable body of ore I have ever seen in any mine—seven feet thick and running over $100 in gold per ton. They have about four men taking out a carload of ten tons daily. It is a camp that can be worked every day in the year; there is very little snow, plenty of water power and the mines are dry. I look for the greatest discoveries of ore in this camp that have ever been found in Colorado.

REMARKABLE BODIES OF ORE.

"About January 1 one group of mines in this district was sold to Eastern capitalists, and ten times the amount would not purchase it to-day. In the immediate vicinity is Mount Wilson, on which they are opening some remarkable bodies of gold ore. There is probably more practical prospecting being done in this country with satisfactory results than in any other portion of the State.

"In and about the Ophir Camp there are several mines being worked, and there are some large producers. The Suffolk Company and the Gold King have just opened a large ore body running high in gold. The Eagle Gold Mining Company is pushing extensive developments on its properties, which are showing up satisfactorily, and in a short time will be one of the largest dividend-payers.

"Taking it all in all, Colorado has not had such an era of prosperity since it has been a State. This is shown more in the mining camps just now than in Denver and some of the other towns, but they will eventually reap the benefit of it. People out there do not seem to know anything about hard times. The depression in silver brought about the economical mining and reduction of ores, and at the present time the miners are making larger profits and are enabled to handle lower grade ores than at any time heretofore. Another great factor in reducing the cost of mining which mining men have been slow to appreciate is the proper use of electricity. In the rapid rivers of the State millions of horse-power have been running to waste, which are now being utilized to generate electricity, which is carried to the mines and applied as power for drilling, pumping, hoisting, hauling, etc., making it the cheapest and one of the most desirable powers known; you simply touch a button and nature does the rest."

HE LEFT HIS MONEY TO BUY CANDY.

Oakland correspondence of The San Francisco Call.

One of the very earliest settlers of Oakland was George W. Teasdale, and on account of the peculiar nature of his will, made many years ago, the school children of Los Gatos were enabled to-day to enjoy a unique Memorial Day.

He had not been very long a resident of this city before he moved to Los Gatos, and hardly anybody here now remembers Mr. Teasdale. He was a pioneer of the Santa Clara County town, and, being somewhat eccentric, he left a peculiar will when he died, twenty-three years ago.

At his death he bequeathed all the wealth he possessed, the sum of $900, to the school children of Los Gatos, to be placed in a bank in San Jose and the interest to be drawn annually for the purchase of candy, to be distributed equally among all the boys and girls of the schools of the town.

For the first few years after Mr. Teasdale's death the exact terms of the strange will were faithfully carried out, but of late years the scholarship of the school has become so large that the money was found to be inadequate for the purchase of sufficient candy for such a host of youngsters.

The situation was perplexing until Mrs. Emma E. Cole, the head teacher of the school, proposed that the distribution only take place every alternate Decoration Day, and her proposition heartily met the approval of the trustees.

To-day was the day that the children received a box of candy, and the principal and teachers impressed upon their minds the history of the gift. The children were told how poor Uncle George in his dying hours gave his earnings of a lifetime to make all the children of Los Gatos remember him in death as the little ones of the village knew him in life.

The only request of any kind made in connection with the gift was that his little friends would see that his grave was never neglected or destroyed. On every Memorial Day it is a beautiful sight to see the children decorating his grave with the choicest flowers that the beautiful gardens of Los Gatos produce.

ILL WINDS THAT BLEW GOOD.

STORIES OF THE "TWISTERS" OF THE WEST.

From The Chicago Tribune.

"And, talking about cyclones," said the man from Kansas, "them air twisters is mighty queer things. This here one down in St. Louey last week wasn't worth shucks compared with some we have down our way. Why, our county had six last summer, but it 'pears like we wasn't going to do as well this year. Missoura seems to be a-gitting 'em all."

The smart young man who sat beside the Kansan threw away his cigarette and even the gripman looked interested.

"You have seen a tornado, then?" said the smart young man, with animation.

"Seen 'em?" said the farmer, scornfully. "Why, young feller, I comes from Kansas."

"Oh!" said the smart young man. A little later he ventured to remark: "Had lots of experience with cyclones, I suppose."

"Experience? Naw, you don't get no experience dealing with cyclones," said the man from Kansas, "'cause them twisters never do the same thing twice. You just learn to dig out for the cellar when you see 'em coming."

"They do all sorts of queer things, I suppose?" said the gripman, as he started the train with a sudden bound that jostled the smart young man's hat over his eyes.

"One o' 'em done me a good turn once," said the man from Kansas, meditatively. "Boot and Mit Glover own the next farm to me out in Pawnee County, and their crops kept a-failing and they kept a-borrowing money off of me till they had their house mortgaged clean up to the roof. It looked like my money was a goner, for they kept on losing their corn crop every year and I couldn't get the house 'cause they had a shotgun waiting for me in the kitchen. Well, one day 'long comes one of those roaring cyclones, and blessed if it didn't blow that whole house over into my pasture. Yes, sir, and dropped the roof down on the foundations just as neat as you could have laid it. Looked as if the house had sunk out of sight. But then I didn't have a mortgage on the roof, so I didn't care about that."

"Reminds me of a story of a brother of mine out in Ioway," said the man on the step. "Had a fine setter dog—best hunter in the State. My brother couldn't shoot, so he wanted to sell him. But he couldn't, 'cause the dog had a twist in his tail like a pig. Cyclone caught that dog out in the buckwheat patch one day and just natcherly ironed out that tail like a broom