NEW-JERSEY NEWS

Within twenty-four hours after the death of Trenton's City Sealer of Weights and Measures there were twenty-seven candidates for his job, and some of them were professed friends of the dead man. It would probably be a waste of time to impress upon those persons the fact that their conduct was improper, not to say shameful.

Jersey's delegates to the Democratic National Convention go to Chicago pledged for gold, and it is fair to presume that they will do what little they can toward the adoption of a sound-money plank. They know that New-Jersey could never be carried on a straddle or 16 to 1 platform, and not more than four of the twenty have any desire to flirt with the silverites. But with one or two exceptions they may all support a National ticket named by the white metal men.

Allan L. McDermott is the most consistent and fearless of the lot. He is a delegate-at-large, and will probably be on the Resolutions Committee. Mr. McDermott plainly foreshadows his intention to bolt the Convention in this declaration:

When any political convention nails to the mast of the Democratic ship the black flag of piracy—when a platform is adopted that puts a premium on dishonesty—it will be the duty of those who are true to the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy to repudiate the candidates nominated by that convention.

Of course, it would be too much to expect the time-servers on the delegation to follow in the footsteps of McDermott. They do not know anything of the sentiment that prompts men to suffer for principle's sake.

William B. Gourley is another able and outspoken defender of real Democracy, but he is not a delegate to the Convention. This is what Mr. Gourley says:

If a free-silver plank be inserted in the platform, I think McKinley and Hobart will carry the State. I for one shall neither make a speech nor contribute a dollar. I am for gold, and believe that a free-silver plank will greatly injure the party. I really believe this to be the position of the business men of the party. I am not, however, setting myself up as spokesman for the party, but am telling you what I shall do. Nor do I mean to convey the impression that we will abandon the Democratic party. I think a full State ticket will be put in the field, but that no effort will be made for a National ticket upon a silver platform.

The chronicle of last Sunday's happenings in Paterson included a big fire, the accidental killing of a young lad by his companion, the suicide of a man and the fracturing of two men's skulls.

Discussion of the trolley accident in Jersey City Monday has brought out the complaint that some of the most careless men in charge of vehicles on the public highways are to be found on brewery wagons.

Those Warren County farmers who are reducing school expenses in order to save a few cents on their tax bills are guilty of a brand of economy that will yet come home to plague them. Teachers' salaries in the country districts are already too low.

What the liquor-dealers of New-Jersey need just now is not a leader or an organ to tell them how to fight public sentiment, but a philosopher to translate for their special benefit the fable of the oak and the reed.

Another time it might be well for the South Orange Township Committee to make sure that it's right before going ahead.

The Clark Thread Mills are not going to leave Newark. Why should they? The municipality is one of the best governed in the State, and taxes are reasonable. Besides, the location of the mills could not well be improved. They are on the bank of the Passaic River, with excellent railroad facilities nearby.

BEES MAY CAUSE A LAWSUIT.

A MORRIS COUNTY FARMER UPSETS A HIVE, AND HIS NEIGHBOR GETS THE BENEFIT.

Morristown, July 1 (Special).—A farmer named Charles Thornton, living in the upper part of Morris County, had a painful experience with a hive of bees about two weeks ago, and through their agency is likely to be plunged into a litigation with his nearest neighbor.

A hive of bees stood near Thornton's kitchen door, and their proximity to the house was a constant menace. About two weeks ago, he decided to move the hive away from the house and put it by the line fence, which separated his farm from that of his neighbor, Samuel Bales. In moving the hive he excited the bees, and soon the angry insects were swarming all over his head and face. His cries for help soon brought his wife and hired man to his assistance, but before they could rescue him he had been badly stung. He was laid up in bed for nearly a week, and when he got out he found that his bees had swarmed on his neighbor's tree and Bales had hived them. When Thornton asked Bales for his bees, he was met with a flat refusals, Bales declaring that they were wild bees, and he was entitled to them. Thornton threatens to bring suit for the recovery of his bees, and the outcome is being watched with great interest by the farmers.

A SECRET MARRIAGE MADE PUBLIC.

PROMINENT SOCIETY WOMAN OF PLAINFIELD UNITED TO A WELL-KNOWN SCIENTIST OF MAY'S LANDING.

Plainfield, July 1 (Special).—Plainfield society people were greatly surprised to learn that Mrs. E. D. McCarthy, of Central-ave., was secretly married to Professor John Gifford, of May's Landing, on May 18 last. It is said that the ceremony took place at Professor Gifford's home, and until to-day only the most intimate friends of the couple were aware of the union. Professor and Mrs. Gifford will sail for Europe next week to spend the summer abroad.

Mrs. Gifford's first husband, who died about a year ago, was a prominent New-York lawyer. Professor Gifford is the Editor of "The Forester" and secretary of the State Forestry Association, which recently held its convention in this city. The bride is one of the most prominent women in Plainfield, and is extremely active in all matters pertaining to the progress of woman's work, being one of the leaders in the Monday Afternoon Club and the Town Improvement Association. She is also prominent in the State and National federations of women's clubs.

Like her husband, Mrs. Gifford is also greatly interested in forestry, and it was while engaged in studying this subject that the couple met.

FUNERAL OF MRS. T. N. M'CARTER.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Louise McCarter, wife of Thomas N. McCarter, of Newark, who died on Sunday at her summer home, Low Moor, near Seabright, was held yesterday. There were brief services at Low Moor, and the body was taken to Newark, where the regular services were held in the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. McCarter was a member.

The Rev. Dr. David R. Frazer, assisted by the Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, of Union Theological Seminary, a relative of Mrs. McCarter, conducted the services. Many prominent people were present, among them President Patton of Princeton College, Vice-Chancellor Stevens, Judges Depue and Gummen and Cortlandt Parker. The burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

TRAMPLED ON BY A HORSE.

Matawan, July 1 (Special).—Michael Manion, a brick manufacturer of Cliffwood, while dismounting from his wagon last night, fell under his horse's hoofs and was trampled upon. The hoofs of the horse struck him in the face, breaking his nose and frightfully mangling his features. His injuries are not serious.

NAVAL MILITIA AT SEA.

Camden, July 1.—The First Division of the New-Jersey Naval Reserves, under the command of Senior Captain Fred F. C. Woodward, boarded the United States Monitor Ajax last night, and to-day sailed for Delaware Breakwater, where the vessel will anchor. The division is made up of Trenton citizens, and this is their first experience in life aboard ship. The men will spend the entire week on board.

The First Division will be relieved by the Second next Wednesday.

CHARGES BY PARISHIONERS

A PRIEST ACCUSED OF TRANSFERRING $45,000 OF PARISH PROPERTY TO HIS HOUSEKEEPER.

THE WOMAN HAS BEEN REMOVED BY ORDER OF THE BISHOP—AN OLD TROUBLE BREAKS OUT AFRESH IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF BAYONNE.

Concerning a renewal of trouble between Father Thomas M. Killeen, the venerable and well-known rector of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church, at Bergen Point, and the dissatisfied element of his congregation, rumors have been rife about Bayonne since he left town on Monday to go into his annual retreat at Seton Hall College. The disgruntled parishioners are now a formidable factor in parish affairs, as they have been gathering recruits since the unsuccessful warfare waged against the pastor three years ago.

In addition to this trouble, Father Killeen has not been working in harmony for several months with his curate, Father William J. Richmond, son of Dr. Richmond, a prominent Newark physician. Partly because of their enmity toward Father Killeen, and partly because Father Richmond is a favorite with almost every one in the parish, the disgruntled parishioners have sided with the curate in the trouble between rector and curate. Father Richmond was ready to leave the parish several weeks ago, but this crisis was prevented by circumstances which may prove important in the renewed warfare. Father Richmond is in charge of the parish during Father Killeen's absence, which will end on Friday evening.

The new trouble between priest and parishioners has resulted in the presentation to Bishop Wigger of a petition for the removal of Father Killeen from the rectorate of St. Mary's parish. This petition bears the signatures of about sixty parishioners, and cites ten charges against Father Killeen. It was laid before Bishop Wigger on Thursday of last week by a committee. At the same time the committee handed Bishop Wigger a petition praying for the retention of Father Richmond as curate, and signed by almost the entire parish.

The charges against Father Killeen were formulated after much consideration. Searches of public records were made by lawyers, and witnesses were formally examined. Chief of the charges is the allegation that Father Killeen has transferred by deed to Miss Winifred Ford, for many years his housekeeper, $45,000 worth of realty which really belonged to St. Mary's parish. He is also charged with harsh and cruel treatment of curates, with forcing curates to eat and take recreation with his housekeeper, with tyrannical conduct toward parishioners and with having outlived his usefulness in the parish.

Father Richmond courteously declined to talk about the trouble in the parish yesterday, while Father O'Brien, who was recently appointed assistant curate, excused himself from saying anything about matters of which he knows little. Father Killeen cannot be seen until he returns from his retreat. He will then, in all probability, give his version of the trouble with his characteristic forgetfulness. Since Miss Ford, the housekeeper, was superseded at the rectory several weeks ago by orders of Bishop Wigger, she has been living with the widow of Dr. Frederick G. Payn, a local physician, who was one of Father Killeen's most intimate friends.

Father Killeen is now a sexagenarian. A long and silky white beard, which he wears by special dispensation because of a throat affliction, adds to his venerable appearance. He has been in the priesthood for more than thirty-five years, and is still vigorous in intellect and active physically. He has been rector of St. Mary's Church, in Bayonne, for almost twenty years. During the early years of his career in the parish he made himself prominent by the warfare he waged against the liquor-dealers. Several years ago he battled strenuously against Bishop Wigger before Cardinal Satolli because the Bishop had decided to divide his parish against his wishes. Cardinal Satolli was inclined to favor Father Killeen, who, although victorious at first, was finally defeated by his superior. Bayonne folks believe that Bishop Wigger will retire Father Killeen if he deems that the charges presented have sufficient strength to warrant such action.

DIGGING HIS OWN GRAVE.

A SUPPOSED MEMBER OF THE BAND OF "ANGEL DANCERS" FOUND INSANE.

Westwood, July 1 (Special).—Charles Goetz, a constable, and Genest Houseman, a marshal of this borough, had an exciting time this morning in a swamp near Etna while attempting to arrest an insane man named Michael Burke, who was found standing in a partially dug grave. He had dug the grave with his own hands during the night, and when asked what he was doing by John Bohm, one of the borough Councilmen, who found him at work, he replied: "I am digging my own grave. I am going to bury myself so that the man with the long hair and whiskers can't kill me with the axe he has been chasing me with all night."

When Burke saw the officers approaching he ran for the fields. They overtook him in the swamp, and when they attempted to arrest him he fought with a club, but was finally overpowered. The officers took him before Justice Angell, of Etna, who refused to make out a commitment for him, and they were obliged to drive to Hackensack to find another Magistrate. By order of Justice Thomas Cummings he was placed in the jail to await an examination as to his sanity. Burke gave his age as thirty-three years, and said he was a plasterer.

He is supposed to have been a member of the band of "Angel Dancers," of which Mnason T. Huntsman, an old man, with long hair, is the leader. Mnason made a hurried trip to New-York yesterday, and returned late last night. This morning he took the first train for Nanuet, N. Y. It is thought that there has been another division in the "Angel Dancers," who have been reduced by frequent secessions since last spring to seven members.

THOUSANDS OF MEN IDLE.

NEWARK OFFICIALS BESIEGED WITH APPLICATIONS FOR WORK FROM THE ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED.

President Stainsby, of the Board of Works of Newark, estimates that there are 10,000 men out of employment in the city, and that with the shutting down of factories this summer, for repairs and other reasons, the army of the unemployed will be largely increased.

The members of the Board are besieged with applications for work on street improvements, the applicants saying that they would gladly accept any rate of wages offered. The same experience is had by the Essex Park Commission. At Branch Brook Park there have been regular rivals in the struggle to get a pick or shovel to do a day's work, and the police have had to guard the laborers at work. The city is now engaged in extensive street improvements, thus giving work to hundreds of laborers who would otherwise be idle.

MICHELLON'S TROUBLES MULTIPLY.

SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST HIS BONDSMEN BY THE CITY OF CAMDEN.

Camden, July 1 (Special).—Suit has been brought against the bondsmen of ex-City Treasurer Frank F. Michellon to recover the amount of his alleged shortage. The suit was brought by City Solicitor Morgan, and the papers have been served. The writ is made returnable July 10.

An alleged deficit of $677 in the accounts of Michellon as treasurer of the Camden Cemetery Association was found at the association's annual meeting last night.

AN ORGANIST CAUSES ARRESTS.

Paterson, July 1 (Special).—War has broken out once more in the Slavonian Catholic Church in Passaic. Frank L. Outrecy, the organist, was the innocent cause, and has lost his place. Outrecy today had Charles Biak, Stephen Karan and Edward Viak arraigned before Justice John F. Holland charged with criminal libel.

The St. Sebastian Society recently decided to give a musical entertainment to clear off a portion of the church debt. Karan and the Viaks took leading parts, and requested Outrecy to contribute his musical services without charge. He refused, and his life was made miserable. He left the church on Sunday to find the sidewalks of the Dundee district covered with sentences written in colored chalk decrying his character. Outrecy found witnesses and preferred charges. The boys were held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

TROLLEY VICTIM MAY NOT RECOVER.

Miss Nellie B. Hayden, of Brooklyn, whose jaw was shattered by the pole of the brewery wagon that ran into a trolley-car in Jersey City on Monday afternoon, is still in a critical condition at the Jersey City Hospital. The jawbone has been practically destroyed. All efforts of the surgeon to unite the lacerated flesh and bone have been thwarted, as severe hemorrhages have followed every attempt at an operation. The injury also prevents administering nourishment to the unfortunate young woman, and the surgeons and physicians fear that she cannot recover.

NO RIGHT TO LICENSE PLUMBERS.

Corporation Attorney James F. Minturn of Hoboken has submitted an opinion to the Water Board, defining the powers of the Commissioners with reference to the granting of plumbers' licenses on examination. He says that the Board has no authority to license plumbers, and that it can only impose fees for the privilege of tearing up streets for the purpose of tapping mains. He added that the Health Board is the proper authority to license and regulate plumbers.

M'DERMOTT NOT A DEMOCRAT.

WHAT SENATOR DALY THINKS OF A FELLOW-DELEGATE TO CHICAGO.

"IF I HAD WRITTEN THAT LETTER," HE SAYS, "I WOULD WANT PEOPLE TO WRITE ME DOWN AS AN ASS."

Ex-Judge Allan L. McDermott, who is a delegate from New-Jersey to the National Democratic Convention, has published a letter in which he declares that he is for sound money and intimates that he will not be bound by the action of the Convention if it adopts a silver platform.

Senator William D. Daly, who is also a delegate, in an interview yesterday said:

"If I had written that letter I would want people to write me down as an ass. Mr. McDermott has a right to his individual opinion, but he by no means represents the sentiment of the Democratic party. If Mr. McDermott feels like bolting his party nominations he ought not to go into that Convention.

"As I have said before, I am not in favor of silver, but I am a strong enough party man to stand on any platform they may make.

"My party has never yet jeopardized the interests of the country, and I feel that whatever they may do now will be for the best. I have nothing to say against Mr. McDermott, but if I was to express a sentiment in the form of bolting I would leave the Democratic party and would go to the Republicans, where I belonged."

SMITH MAY NOT BE LEADER.

A JERSEYMAN IN WASHINGTON SAYS M'DERMOTT PROPOSES TO RULE OR RUIN.

Washington, D. C., July 1 (Special).—A New-Jersey man who has had much experience in public affairs both here and at home without having, however, been a holder of important offices said to a Tribune correspondent to-day:

"I see the idea prevails here in Washington that Senator James Smith is going to be the leader of the New-Jersey delegation at Chicago. That is by no means a certainty. He may not be even the nominal leader with the real power in the hands of Allan McDermott. Smith is a shrewd, plausible, conservative politician; McDermott only a boss who learned what he knows under Abbett, and proposes to rule or ruin. He may try to clinch everything himself. If he succeeds no better than he did in getting himself nominated four years ago his success will not be brilliant. His methods as a politician are illustrated by what he did in a county election, where he bullied everything in his way through and got his party badly dozed his men through and got his party badly whipped. Smith had tried to arrange everything pacifically, and might have succeeded, but McDermott was, unfortunately for his party, bent on mischief, and interfered with the foregoing result."

ITS TWENTIETH CAMPAIGN.

THE AVALANCHE REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION REORGANIZED IN CARLSTADT.

Carlstadt, July 1 (Special).—The Avalanche Republican Association of Bergen County held a meeting on Tuesday at Erdles Hotel, and organized for the coming campaign by electing Alfred Hoffman president, and J. Schwallie secretary. It was decided to raise a banner and to organize a uniformed marching club.

This association has been in existence for over twenty years, and will show its usual activity during the campaign.

JERSEY CITY DELEGATES.

The Young Men's Republican Association, of Jersey City, has selected delegates to the State convention of Republican clubs, to be held at Asbury Park on July 15. Its representatives are Fire Commissioner John Brennan, John W. Costigan, Benjamin Drachman, John Sonneborn and Charles Leopold.

ORANGE REPUBLICANS RATIFY.

Orange, July 1 (Special).—The First Ward Republican Association of Orange held a large and enthusiastic meeting in its rooms last evening, at which resolutions were adopted indorsing the Republican nominations. Speeches were made by Assemblyman Hayward A. Harvey, William A. Lord, Edwin B. Blackman and Robert F. Birdsall. Delegates to the State Convention of Republican Clubs at Asbury Park were chosen as follows: Robert F. Birdsall, Marshall N. Smith, William A. Lord, Edwin B. Blackman and Eugene M. Sharp.

WILL ATTEND THE LEAGUE MEETING.

The Republican clubs of the Essex County League are preparing to attend the State League Convention at Asbury Park on July 15. Each club is entitled to five delegates and five alternates. There are about eighty clubs in the county, and if all send delegates the Essex County delegation to the convention will comprise 400 men, besides the alternates. A number of the clubs have already elected delegates.

THE FINE REDUCED.

IT ONLY COSTS POLICEMAN SHEEHAN THIRTY-SEVEN DAYS' PAY TO BE A REPUBLICAN.

At a meeting of the Union Hill Council on Tuesday night, the resolution fining Policeman Owen Sheehan, the only Republican on the force, sixty days' pay, was rescinded.

Councilman Schlemm explained that he offered the resolution because he did not think the Board could legally compel an officer to work sixty days and receive no compensation. The Board then adopted another resolution fining the convicted officer thirty-seven days' pay, the time lost while Sheehan was under suspension pending trial. Councilman Higgins wanted to have the charges against Sheehan dismissed, but failed in his effort.

DYNAMITE IN HIS COAT POCKET.

THEN HE PUT A LIGHTED PIPE THERE, AND WHEN HE HEARD IT BURNING JUMPED ON IT.

Paterson, July 1 (Special).—Angelo Reitz, a young farmhand employed by Jules Parens, of Mountain View, had his right foot blown off and his right arm terribly lacerated by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge last night. Reitz had been blasting tree stumps, and he stowed away a large stick of dynamite in his coat pocket. Several hours afterward he thrust his pipe, containing lighted tobacco, in the same pocket. When he heard the powder in the cartridge fuse sputter he became panic-stricken, and, pulling off his coat, began to stamp on it. The spark reached the dynamite, and the young man was shot ten feet into the air. He was taken up unconscious and removed to the General Hospital in this city, where his leg was amputated above the knee. Physicians believe he will survive.

THE OLD SCALE CONTINUED.

PATERSON SILK WEAVERS PLEASED BECAUSE AN EXPECTED REDUCTION IN WAGES IS NOT MADE.

Paterson, July 1 (Special).—The ribbon schedule agreement signed one year ago by silk ribbon manufacturers and weavers' delegates, expired last night. This afternoon representatives of ten leading ribbon firms held a conference at the Board of Trade rooms, at which it was practically agreed that the present price list should remain in force until further notice.

The weavers are jubilant over the result, as it was expected that a material reduction would be made. The nomination of McKinley for President has inspired the manufacturers with renewed confidence, and they willingly agreed to postpone reductions in wages, confident that trade will quickly revive with the return of the protection policy. The firms represented were the William Strange Company, Pelgram & Meyer, Paterson Ribbon Company, Frank & Dugan, Hitchcock Threading Company, Johnson, Cowdin & Co., Castle Silk Company, Hoeninghaus, Curtis & Co., and Levy Brothers.

The weavers' spokesman argued for a more general agreement and protested against reductions of ten and twenty per cent, enforced in several mills this morning. The conference closed with the agreement that the present price list should remain in force as the general schedule. While the manufacturers refused to sign a scale for another year, they agreed that should the present stagnation in the silk trade continue, they would give thirty days' notice before ordering a reduction.

THE FIRE ON D. WILLIS JAMES'S FARM.

An accurate estimate of the loss sustained by D. Willis James in the destruction by fire on Tuesday of the stock, barn and dairy-house on his farm, at Madison, N. J., has not yet been made. At Mr. James's offices, No. 11 Cliff-st., New-York, it was said yesterday that in approximate figures the loss would amount to at least $20,000. The dairy-house was one of the best equipped in the State, while the barn was well stocked with hay and other fodder. While the buildings themselves were insured, their contents were not, and it is computed that the actual monetary loss that Mr. James will suffer will not be far short of $10,000. Although the Madison Fire Department answered the alarm promptly, it was found impossible to save the buildings in consequence of the feeble water supply. The efforts of the firemen were then devoted entirely to protecting the numerous cottages that surround the dairy. At the time the fire broke out Mr. James was away driving, and it was not for some time after the buildings had been burned that he knew of the occurrence. The cause of the outbreak is as yet unknown.

ALLEGED SMUGGLERS HELD.

VAIN ATTEMPT OF A NEW-JERSEY MARSHAL TO GET THE MEN FROM THE BROOKLYN AUTHORITIES.

Joseph Parkhill and James Anderson, second and third engineers of the tramp steamer Fort William, and Francis Corisola, one of the steamer's firemen, were arrested yesterday at Elizabethport, N. J., charged with smuggling cigarettes. Corisola is in custody of United States Marshal Haggerty, of Newark. Parkhill and Anderson were brought before United States Commissioner Morle, of Brooklyn, late yesterday afternoon, by Deputies G. S. Skelly and Thomas Sullivan, of the New-York Customs House, who made the seizure. The men were held in $1,000 bail for examination at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Fort William arrived from Porto Rico last Thursday, with a cargo of sugar, and put into the drydock at Elizabeth for repairs. According to the story told by the authorities, Parkhill and Anderson gave the fireman two valises filled with 725 packages of cigarettes of the finest Havana tobacco. They said that they would meet him at the railway station and relieve him of the goods. The deputies, who were on the lookout for the men, arrested them at the station, and brought Parkhill and Anderson to New-York yesterday morning.

While before Commissioner Morle the men denied all knowledge of the contents of the satchels, and said that the fireman had gotten them into trouble. They declared that they did not handle the satchels, and bitterly denounced the fireman. Marshal Haggerty, who was present, endeavored to get possession of the prisoners and take them back to Newark, but Mr. Morle and Assistant District-Attorney Roy said that the men were entitled to an examination here. Parkhill and Anderson objected strongly to the marshal's proposition, as the Fort William sails for Porto Rico to-day, and they are anxious to sail with her, if possible.

Henry Yonge, ex-Assistant Corporation Counsel of Brooklyn, represents the prisoners.

A MUSICAL DUEL.

SALVATION ARMY CORPS AND A GUTTER BAND CAUSE A QUEER SCENE IN THE STREETS OF HOBOKEN.

A Salvation Army corps, which has its headquarters at Crane's Hall, in Washington-st., Hoboken, holds street meetings nearly every evening previous to the regular services in the barracks. The soldiers have turned their attention of late to lower Hudson-st., where saloons are most numerous.

It is said that some of the residents of that section have been annoyed at the persistent endeavors of the soldiers to convert Hoboken sinners, and they devised a scheme which was put into operation on Tuesday night to make things lively for the members of the corps.

When the Salvationists gathered at Second and Hudson sts. and started up their first hymn a "gutter band" approached, and, pointing their instruments at the street preachers, began to play, "You Can't Play in My Yard," and other secular tunes. The Salvationists paid no attention to their disturbers and continued their singing while "the band played on."

A large crowd was attracted by the old scene, until the sidewalks were blocked and the police made both the band and corps move on.

THAT ALLEGED HOLD-UP.

HOBOKEN'S CHIEF OF POLICE DOUBTS THE STORY, BUT HIS DETECTIVES ARE SEARCHING FOR THE MEN.

Acting Chief of Police Hayes, of Hoboken, affects to entirely discredit the story of two men holding up the driver of a Willow-ave. "jigger" car in that city on Tuesday. He says that the driver's story was based on a fight he had with two half-drunken men who refused to pay their fares.

J. H. Murtha, of the Street Commissioner's office, was on the car at the time. He says there was some sort of a fight on the front end and that a revolver might have been drawn, but he did not see it. Despite the assertions of Captain Hayes that he places no faith in the driver's story, his detectives are hard at work trying to find the two men whom the driver accuses.

TRIED TO KILL HIS SON-IN-LAW.

A DOMESTIC QUARREL ALMOST ENDS IN A TRAGEDY.

Carmina Feloni, a young Italian living at No. 133 South Canal-st., Newark, accuses his father-in-law, Guiseppe Pietro Antonio, who lives in the same neighborhood, of attempting to kill him. Antonio has disappeared.

Feloni says that he married Antonio's daughter after she had eloped with another man. He is eighteen and his wife seventeen. He worked hard and gave his wife all the money she needed. One day, he says, she went to Orange, and when she returned she had a new dress and a ring. They had a quarrel over the matter, and Feloni said he would return to Italy alone. He was sitting on the stoop when Antonio came along and asked him to step into the hallway. He did so, when Antonio drew a razor and slashed at his throat, cutting his cheek twice. Feloni fell and Antonio ran from the house. Feloni was attended by his wife and mother-in-law, who bathed his wounds. He was solicited to keep the matter quiet, but as he feared Antonio he decided to appeal to the police, who are searching for the fugitive. It is believed that Antonio is hiding in New-York.

END OF A CITY HALL SCANDAL.

THE INDICTMENT AGAINST THE COMMISSIONERS AND ARCHITECTS DISMISSED.

The scandal arising from the construction of the new City Hall in Jersey City probably received its quietus yesterday, when the indictment for conspiracy against the City Hall Commissioners, Emil Datz, James Burke and John Pearson, and the architect, Lewis H. Broome, was ordered quashed by Judge Hudspeth. The application had been made quietly several days ago by Prosecutor Winfield, who informed the Court that he had no more testimony to present than that offered in January last, when the three Commissioners were tried for misconduct in office and were acquitted. The State's chief witness was Robert Maynicke, an expert architect, who testified to numerous defects, changes in plans and specifications, and the use of inferior materials. He admitted on cross-examination that the building was a good one for the amount that had been expended on it.

In ordering the indictment nolle prossed, Judge Hudspeth read a long opinion, in which he said that while the commissioners had been tried and exonerated, and the verdict was just, Architect Broome had not been tried, and if any defects existed, he, being the supervising architect, was the responsible person. The Court intimated broadly that the proper way to end the scandal would be to take the architect's case individually before the Grand Jury.

NARROW ESCAPE AT A CROSSING.

A SUMMIT WOMAN ALMOST CAUGHT BETWEEN THE GATES AS A TRAIN RUSHES BY.

Summit, July 1.—Mrs. J. Howell Jones, a wealthy resident of this place, narrowly escaped being killed at the Maple-ave. crossing of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad this morning. The gateman, whose view was obstructed by a train, tried to put down the gates until the Morristown express, eastward bound, which does not stop at Summit, should go by.

Mrs. Jones's carriage was caught by one of the gates, which was broken into splinters. She was thrown from her seat in the partly demolished carriage, and hung on to the shafts. The horse, carriage and woman just cleared the crossing, when the express shot by. A hundred people at the station witnessed the accident. The horse was soon stopped, and when the people reached the spot, they helped the woman from her perilous position and sent her home. She escaped uninjured, but the shock prostrated her.

TENNIS AT SOUTH ORANGE.

Orange, July 1.—The annual tennis tournament for the Junior Challenge Cup was started on the grounds of the South Orange Field Club yesterday afternoon. The scores were as follows:

Preliminary round—T. G. Conway, jr., beat C. E. Brush, jr., 6—3, 1—6, 6—3; J. S. Allen beat Boyd Farmer by default; Gardner Watkins beat Jay Bramhall 6—4, 8—6, and W. P. Conway beat H. R. Miles 6—1, 6—0.

First round—J. S. Allen beat T. G. Conway, jr., 6—2, 1—6, 8—6, and W. P. Conway beat Gardner Watkins 6—1, 6—1.

Consolation—Preliminary round: Jay Bramhall beat W. R. Miles 6—3, 6—1; final round, Jay Bramhall beat C. E. Brush, jr., 6—4, 6—4.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN THE ROAD.

Mrs. Tillie Schwab, twenty-eight years old, living at No. 231 Academy-st., Newark, was found lying unconscious on the Plank road between the Passaic and Hackensack rivers yesterday morning by the motorman of a passing electric-car. She was placed on the car and taken to the carhouse, whence she was removed in an ambulance to St. Michael's Hospital. There were no marks or bruises on her body. She could give no account of herself. Her husband, who called and took her away in the afternoon, said that he left her at home when he went to his work at 6:30 o'clock. The couple were married last January, and have lived happily. At the hospital it was thought the woman's mind was affected.

ELIZABETH'S FINE SHOWING.

MAYOR RANKIN REVIEWS THE WORK OF THE LAST YEAR.

AN ECONOMICAL ADMINISTRATION OF FINANCES HAS RESULTED IN REDUCING THE FORMER DEBT, WHILE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT INCURRING MORE—A REDUCTION OF THE TAX RATE TO BE MADE.

Elizabeth, July 1 (Special).—The City Council held its first meeting of the new fiscal year to-night. Besides transacting considerable routine business, the Aldermen listened with much satisfaction to the annual message of Mayor John C. Rankin, jr., which shows that the city is in a most prosperous condition financially, and that much good work has been done within the last year. The message was an exhaustive one, each subject receiving careful consideration, more especially that relating to finances.

In his annual message, the seventh of its kind, Mayor Rankin presented the following résumé of municipal operations for the year:

The question of how best to purify the Elizabeth River and prevent the nuisances which prevail along its banks is probably the most difficult problem which you will be called upon to solve. A committee was appointed last year to consider this matter and was authorized to employ an expert, in conjunction with the City Engineer, to prepare a report on the subject. It is understood that these engineers have about agreed upon a report, and the result of their deliberations will very soon be submitted for your consideration.

It is a matter of congratulation that the time has arrived when a reduction can safely be made in the tax rate. This subject, however, should receive your very careful consideration. A reduction certainly should be made, but only to such an extent that the new rate can be safely and surely maintained. A gradual cutting down of the rate from year to year would be a source of encouragement to the taxpayers; but if too radical action be taken and future conditions demand an increase of the rate, the effect would be unfortunate.

The bonded debt of the city is as follows:

Adjustment bonds, at 4%, due July 1, 1922	$3,327,000	
Deferred coupons, at 4%, due July 1, 1895	11,880	
		$3,338,880
Fourth Street Schoolhouse bonds at 6%, due September 1, 1896	17,500	
Adams Avenue Schoolhouse bonds, at 5%, due August 1, 1899	20,000	
Grier Avenue Schoolhouse bonds, at 5%, due June 1, 1903	16,000	
Sixth Street Schoolhouse bonds, at 5%, due June 1, 1903	20,000	
Jersey Street (New No. 1) Schoolhouse bonds, at 5%, due May 1, 1905	21,500	
Total		$3,433,880
Five per cent bonds still to be issued for completion of the Jersey Street (New No. 1) Schoolhouse, due May 1, 1905		$18,500
Total		$3,452,380

Operations of Sinking Fund July 1, 1895, to June 30, 1896:

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance June 30, 1895	$3,880 81
Received from licenses	50,941 09
Received from railroad taxes	10,635 42
Received from sundries	257 00
Total	$65,714 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchase of city bonds	$63,464 60
Payments of judgments	1,999 53
Cash balance June 30, 1896	283 10
Total	$65,714 23

The Improvement Fund balances are as follows:

To credit of Street Improvement Fund	$8,873 71
To credit of Special Street Improvement Fund (for repairing wooden-paved streets)	2,742 51
To credit of Sewer Fund	9,989 25
To credit of Sidewalk Fund	737 06

The following amounts are due from assessments:

For street paving	$30,718 49
For sewers	14,208 05
For opening new streets	8,294 96
Total	$47,221 50
Amount paid for street pavements, completed, but not assessed	$11,573 71
Amount paid for sewers, completed, but not assessed	5,168 96

WHAT ECONOMY HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

The general unexpected balance fund is derived from the collection of taxes levied prior to the current year, and represents the difference between the total tax levy and the amounts expended for specific appropriations, running back for a number of years.

During the last few months charges have been made that large sums of money have been accumulated by the Finance Department, and in some mysterious way concealed or hoarded up in the City Treasury. These charges would not be very serious, if they were true. In fact, it would at the present time be a very agreeable surprise, not only to the city officials, but also to the taxpayers, if it could be demonstrated that the City Treasurer was in possession of a large sum of money that no one else knew anything about. The situation would be quite different, however, if the insinuation had been that there was a deficiency or shortage of any amount, no matter how small.

The facts are that since January 1, 1890, by economy and a careful husbanding of our sources of income, a large sum has been collected and credited to the unexpended balance account. Without this fund, few improvements could have been made; and without it, during the conduct of the city government under the provisions of Bill No. 467, many of the departments could not have been maintained.

Before stating the amount which has been accumulated in the unexpended balance fund, and the purposes for which it has been expended, it may be well for us to briefly consider some of the things which have been done during the last six and one-half years. A practically complete list of the cost of the various improvements shows that we have expended $551,292 94, and have avoided running in debt or issuing an obligation of the city except as to $77,500 of 5 per cent bonds for the erection of schoolhouses. They are all of a permanent nature and have received the cordial and hearty approval of the people.

The cost of street and sewer improvements has been assessed against the property benefited, and the city has been compelled to pay its share of the cost. It is safe to say that very few, if any, of these improvements could have been made if the Treasury had not been in funds to meet the city's share of the expenses thereof. Further, within the same period, Sinking Fund moneys—derived from licenses, railroad taxes, interest on Sinking Fund investments and Martin Act receipts—amounting to $422,670 70 have been collected and expended for the purchase of bonds and judgments against the city. During the same period railroad grade crossings on the main lines of the Central Railroad Company of New-Jersey and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have been abolished, at a cost to the two companies of over $2,000,000, and without any expense to the city.

THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE FUND.

Payments aggregating $221,691 have been made from the unexpended balance fund (in every case by vote of Council), during the period from January 1, 1890, to June 30, 1896, as follows:

For general expenses, including salaries, printing, fees, gas, water, District Court, elections, etc. (while operating under No. 467, and not provided for by that bill)	$57,541 72	
For overdrafts on account of running expenses	26,410 85	
For judgments and legal costs	5,762 72	
		$89,715 29
For Front-st. and other sewers	$12,319 00	
For fire apparatus (hose, trucks, fire alarm, telegraph, etc.)	7,132 45	
For engine houses and police station	14,068 45	
For other public buildings, repairs to parks and assessments on city property	15,594 84	
For public schools, furniture and lots for same	23,425 37	
For repaving streets, including Elizabeth-ave	43,000 00	
In addition, there has been appropriated, but not yet drawn from this fund:		
For public schools	$6,967 00	
For engine houses	4,115 00	
For smallpox hospital	4,353 00	
For crosswalks in parks	1,000 00	
		16,435 00
		131,975 71
Total		$221,691 00

Thus it will be seen that of the total amount appropriated from this fund during the period specified, $131,975 71 has been expended toward paying for much needed improvements throughout the city.

The present condition of the unexpended balance fund is as follows:

Cash balance	$6,815 17
All other balances prior to levy of 1895-6 (which can be credited to this account by order of Council)	29,531 95
	$36,347 12
Less appropriations already ordered by Council	16,435 00
	$19,912 12

This balance is sufficiently large to provide for the deficiency in the collection of taxes for the year 1896-97, and should be taken into consideration in making up the tax ordinance, as suggested in my communication to Council of June 12.

A REMARKABLE HEALTH RECORD.

The Health Department has been conducted economically and with successful results. Out of 106 cases of diphtheria reported only 22 proved fatal, and of 85 scarlet fever cases all recovered with the exception of two. The general health of the city has been good, and the mortality, as compared with other cities, very small. Plans and specifications for a new smallpox hospital have been adopted and the money appropriated for its construction. The completion of the trunk sewer in Third-ave., in course of construction, will facilitate the drainage of adjacent streets which are now in a filthy condition. Your attention is again called to the necessity of building sewers in South Park, Court and Wall sts. A proper consideration for the health of people living in the locality of these streets demands that immediate action should be taken for their relief.

The demand is continually growing for the establishment of a paid fire department and, if this cannot be done, for the locating of a fire apparatus on the westerly side of the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad north of