NEW-JERSEY NEWS

KILLED STOPPING A RUNAWAY.

KNOCKED DOWN AND TRAMPLED ON BY THE HORSE.

Paterson, July 24 (Special).—Robert C. Cochrane, forty-five years old, of No. 781 East Eighteenth-st., lost his life at noon to-day while attempting to stop a runaway horse.

Cochrane was walking down Tyler-st., on his way to the silk mill of Ashley & Bailey. Twelve o'clock had just struck, and in the street below a dozen little children were playing in a heap of sand. He was crossing Graham-ave., when the runaway horse, dragging a heavy grocery wagon, came along at terrific speed, headed directly for the group of children.

Cochrane jumped directly in front of the maddened animal, grabbing at the bridle. He missed the rein, and the shaft struck him in the breast. He was thrown under the horse and one iron-shod hoof cut an ugly gash in the side of his head. The wheels of the wagon passed over his body.

He was taken up unconscious and removed in the ambulance to the General Hospital. The police believed he was merely stunned, but all effort to revive him was fruitless. His skull was found to be fractured, and he died seven minutes after reaching the hospital.

The runaway horse was the property of Elmer Van Kirk. It had been fastened by a weight, but managed to plunge loose when frightened by some small boys exploding firecrackers. It was caught by a fireman attached to Truck No. 3, and was returned to its owner uninjured.

Cochrane was a widower. He leaves two grown-up daughters.

JERSEY CITY'S TAX BUDGET.

IT SHOWS A BIG DECREASE FROM THE FIGURES OF THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR.

The Finance Board of Jersey City yesterday presented to Mayor Wanser the tax budget for the next fiscal year. The total is $2,041,923 04, a decrease of $44,849 78, as compared with the total of the present fiscal year. The reduction was in the amount required by the Finance Board, which needs less by $64,000, of which $50,000 is in Sinking Fund account, $11,000 in interest and the balance on curtailments in printing and salaries. All the city departments were kept down to the lowest possible figures, and far below their estimates.

The appropriations are:

Street and Water Board	$224,520 00
Aldermen	50,450 00
Police	400,566 00
Fire Board	109,500 00
Education	300,041 17
Tax Board	17,950 00
Appeals	3,750 00
Sinking Fund	1,900 00
Assessment Commission	200 00
Finance	752,705 87
City Hall Commission	16,000 00
Total	$2,041,923 04

The city expects to receive from the State the sums of $249,233 74 for public schools, and $227,000 for rebates on taxes collected by the State from railway corporations. This would reduce the amount required to be raised by taxing local property-owners, $1,565,689 30. The law requires that one-ninth be added to the budget to provide against shrinkage and delinquents. The ninth, $173,965 47, would make the total to be paid by the local property-owners, $1,739,654 77 for the support of the local government.

In addition the city's share of the county tax will be $462,475 16, and for State school tax, also to be added, about $233,022 37. This will advance the total sum to be collected from the taxpayers $2,435,155 30. The total last year was $2,395,244 19, a decrease of $[illegible]. The tax rate will be the same as for the current year, $27 50 for each $1,000 of ratables. Mayor Wanser will approve the appropriations.

THEIR LAST DAY IN CAMP.

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN CLOSE THEIR WEEK'S WORK.

Camp Griggs, Sea Girt, July 24 (Special.—Governor Griggs, with his staff, paid a visit to the various regimental headquarters this afternoon. At the headquarters of the 7th and 3d regiments all the field and staff officers were congregated under the commanding officer's tents, while at the 6th's headquarters most of the officers stood under the canopies of their respective tents. The Governor remained about ten minutes at each headquarters, and at the 7th and 3d each officer was introduced to him by name. The reason of keeping their positions only a few of the officers of the 6th had the honor of shaking hands with the Governor.

The clouds threatened rain all the morning, driven by a moist east wind, and rain came in the afternoon, after battalion drill, but it cleared up enough to allow dress parade. There were few visitors to camp to-day.

This is the last day of camp and the citizen soldiers made the most of it, especially after dark. "Taps" was only a formality, and the night was alive with story and song.

The brigade guard of the day was from the 6th Regiment.

Governor Griggs left camp for his home this afternoon. At dress parade, orders from Brigade Headquarters were issued complimenting the officers and men on their work.

FOUR SERVANT GIRLS HELD UP.

Montclair, July 24 (Special).—Four servant girls had a thrilling experience last night in Clairmont-ave., near Forest-st., with a strange man, who jumped out at them from an ambush near a small brook. He seized Mamie Nanseen, one of the girls, around the waist and tried to get her pocketbook from her hand. The girls raised an outcry, and a number of citizens rushed from their houses, among them being Harlow Shourds, who espied the fellow running through the swamp. The girls were in a fever of excitement, and Mamie Nanseen fainted from fright. Half a dozen men armed themselves with revolvers and clubs and searched the vicinity for nearly an hour, but succeeded only in getting covered with mud and water. The attempted robbery was reported to the police, and Officers Pennell and Ackerman made a search, but at midnight they abandoned it. There have been attempts at robbery before near the same place.

SAVED BY THE WIFE HE HAD BEATEN.

Paterson, July 24 (Special).—Desire Aimee, a big Belgian, pleaded not guilty to wife-beating in the Passaic County Court of Special Sessions to-day, but was convicted mainly on his own testimony, the woman attempting to palliate his offences. Aimee said women in this country wanted men to lie down, so that they might wipe their feet upon them. Aimee had gone home drunk, and, finding his wife sleeping with her twelve-year-old cripple son, had brutally beaten both. Judge Hopper sentenced him to serve one year in State prison. He was being led out handcuffed, when his wife, with a scream, flung herself at his feet and refused to let him go. He was torn away by officers and the woman was ordered before the Court. She pleaded so desperately that Aimee was ordered brought back. He promised repentance, and was released under suspension of sentence.

LOOKING FOR IMMORAL SHOWS.

Atlantic City, July 24.—Mayor Franklin P. Stoy, of this city, accompanied by the License Committee of the Common Council, Chief of Police Eldridge and Mercantile Appraiser Parsons, started on a crusade last night against the various alleged immoral shows on the Beach. At a meeting of the Common Council held recently several of the performances were condemned, and last night's trip was to decide which should be suppressed. It is understood that as a result of the tour many licenses will be revoked.

TO HAVE MODERN STREET LIGHTS.

South Orange, July 24 (Special).—The South Orange Township Committee at its meeting last night decided to put itself in line with other places and to discard the gasoline lamps that have so long been used to light the township.

It was decided to make a contract with the People's Light and Power Company, of Newark, for thirty-two-candle power incandescent lamps, at the rate of $17 a lamp for one year, with the privilege of extending the contract two years at $16 50 a lamp and four more years at the rate of $16 a lamp. Philip N. Jackson, the president of the company, agreed to allow telephone wires to be strung on the poles of the company, and to place lamps on the Orange Mountain at any points that the Township Committee might designate.

TEMPLARS' NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

Orange, July 24 (Special).—The ninth anniversary of the order of Good Templars in Orange was celebrated last night by Orange-Idella Lodge in Union Hall. Frederick Gardner, general secretary of the Orange Valley Young Men's Christian Association, presided.

The principal speaker was Henry W. Wilbur, of Vineland, who spoke on the aims and benefits of the order. The Rev. Charles A. Savage, pastor of the Orange Valley Congregational Church, urged the necessity for protection against the liquor traffic. He eulogized the police of Orange for the efforts they are making to close business houses on Sunday, and said that if they were properly supported from the pulpit the saloons would also be closed on Sunday.

A BIG CUSTOMS SEIZURE.

REVENUE OFFICERS CONFISCATE SILKS VALUED AT $4,000.

FIRST CABIN PASSENGERS ON THE STEAMSHIP SPREE ATTEMPT TO ELUDE THE PAYMENT OF DUTY—AN ALLEGED BRIBE OFFERED.

Chief Inspectors Donohue and Brown, who are on duty on the North German Lloyd piers, in Hoboken, on Thursday afternoon seized a quantity of silks, laces and wearing apparel, valued at over $4,000, which had been brought over by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pelziger, first-cabin passengers on the Spree. The goods were confiscated as having been smuggled, despite the protests of Pelziger, who, when confronted with the fact that he had falsely declared that he had no dutiable effects in his baggage, offered to pay the duty, and begged hard to be saved the exposure attendant upon a seizure.

For some reason, the facts in the case were kept quiet by the Customs officers, and it was not until yesterday that the story leaked out.

Chief Donohue for several weeks has been taking extra precautions against smuggling. Only a few days ago he compelled a dozen or more first-cabin passengers to submit to a personal search, on suspicion that they had smuggled diamonds or jewelry in their possession. A number of seizures were made, but the result on the whole seemed disappointing to the Inspector, who, apparently, had secured a "tip" that some valuable invoices were to be quietly landed.

When the Spree reached her berth the Inspector and his men were on hand, as usual, to scan the passengers and examine their effects. Among those to disembark were Mr. and Mrs. Pelziger and their daughters, Elsie and Rose. The family are said to belong in Milwaukee. They had, among their other personal effects, ten wicker baskets and a large trunk, upon which Chief Donohue told one of his men to keep a sharp eye.

While the baggage examinations were going on Pelziger approached one of the inspectors and asked him to look over the family baggage and "O. K." it, as he was in a hurry to leave the pier. Donohue told the inspector to go ahead, and watched him as Pelziger walked with him to where the baskets and trunk lay. The chief saw Pelziger make some remark to the subordinate in a confidential manner. The latter flushed, as if with anger, and at once beckoned to Donohue. When the latter came up he was told that Pelziger had offered the inspector a bribe of $100 to pass the baggage.

The chief at once ordered Pelziger to open the baskets. The passenger endeavored to smooth the matter over, but was forced to submit to having his baggage searched. When everything had been turned out large quantities of silken fabrics, hangings, draperies, underwear, comfortables and similar articles, all of the finest texture and make, were carted off to the seizure-room.

Pelziger seemed to be overcome by the outcome of his effort to defraud the Government, and while the goods were being appraised he begged Chief Donohue to allow him to pay the duty and take the fabrics. Donohue refused to listen to him, and the crestfallen passenger left the pier with his wife and daughters.

The confiscated goods were yesterday sent to the New-York Custom House, to be sold later on under the regulations.

FOUND DEAD IN THE ROADWAY.

THE BODY OF AN UNKNOWN MAN DISCOVERED NEAR ENGLEWOOD.

Englewood, July 24.—Two boys while walking along Palisade-ave. on the outskirts of this city to-day found the body of an unknown man lying in the road. Beside the body was a wine bottle, and the impression gained ground that the man had committed suicide. Dr. D. A. Curry, who is Mayor of this city, made an investigation. He performed an autopsy, which showed that the man had died from apoplexy. Coroner Ricardo, of Hackensack, was informed, and he granted a permit for the removal of the body of the man to Taylor's Morgue, where it awaits identification.

The man was about fifty years old, had a full beard and mustache that was turning gray, wore a black derby hat, carried a cane and weighed about 225 pounds. He had on a white shirt and collar and tie, gray clothing, and his underclothing was of fine make. His hands were soft and white, showing that he had not been used to hard work. The man was noticed yesterday, and it is believed he came here on a trolley-car to see the Palisades, as he is not known in this city. There was nothing on his person that would lead to his identification. In his pockets was forty cents in money. Over the right eye there was a scar.

THE SHOOTING PROVES FATAL.

Camden, July 24 (Special).—William Henzey, the young man who was shot by his friend, William Simonton, at Berlin, died late last night in the Cooper Hospital. He did not regain consciousness. County Physician Jones has ordered an inquest in the case, and young Simonton is locked up pending the result of that investigation. Dr. Jones, with Dr. Hires, of the Cooper Hospital, made a post-mortem examination of the body to-day, and found that the bullet had gone clear through young Henzey's brain. This morning the Simonton boy made an affidavit to the Prosecutor of the Pleas, in which he reiterated the statement made last night. He said that he and young Henzey had been friends from childhood. Henzey, who was employed by the American Bank Note Company, in Philadelphia, was spending his vacation with him. Yesterday they went after huckleberries, taking with them Henzey's rifle. In a spirit of fun Simonton pointed the gun in the direction of Henzey. As he was lowering the gun it went off, the bullet going through Henzey's brain.

HIS ARM NEARLY TORN OFF.

Lambertville, July 24 (Special).—Edward Wall, an employe of the Lambertville Spoke Works, met with a terrible accident this afternoon. The belt on the tenon machine slipped from the pulley and Wall started to replace it with a spoke. The machine caught his arm, tearing out the muscles from his shoulder to the elbow. The physician in attendance says that the arm will have to be amputated.

WHERE RINGS GROW ON BUSHES.

Camden, July 24 (Special).—A story that sounds more like fiction than reality comes from Berlin, in this county. Robert Groff, of Berlin, is chief clerk in one of the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the Broad-st. station, in Philadelphia. Mr. Groff has a handsome house in Berlin, one of the prettiest of Camden County's towns. Four years ago he lost a $200 ring presented to him by one of the officials of the road. Mr. Groff was swinging Indian clubs and the ring slipped from his finger. Though he and two employes about the place searched for the ring they were unable to find it. Subsequently the grass on the lawn was cut and thrown into a compost heap on the Busby farm, two miles away. Adjoining the Busby place is the Peacock farm.

A man named Marshall gave Mr. Groff the ring yesterday afternoon. It had been found on a bush on the Peacock place yesterday. It is supposed that in scattering the compost on the Busby farm the ring had rolled to the Peacock place, where it lay until a bush growing through it elevated it to the position where it was found.

COLORED METHODISTS IN SESSION.

Ocean Grove, July 24 (Special).—The colored followers of the Methodist faith held their annual jubilee here to-day. The attendance was large.

The Rev. W. D. Cook, of New-York, presided at the morning session, and an address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Parks, the missionary secretary of the African Methodist Church. The Rev. J. W. Becket, of Baltimore, and Miss E. W. Lyons, of New-York, rendered solos which were liberally applauded. Bishop Grant then spoke briefly, and Dr. Becket spoke of the work of the African church in the missionary field.

This afternoon the speakers were the Rev. T. W. L. Roundtree, of Trenton; the Rev. Dr. Henderson and Dr. Palmer, of Philadelphia. To-night the Africans gathered at the Elim cottage, where a lawn party was given in their honor. The day's programme closed with a jubilee of song.

FOOD FOR OYSTER PLANTERS.

Cape May, July 24.—The New-Jersey Oyster Commissioners met here to-day. Their report shows that over $7,000 had been expended by the Commission during the year under the act providing for the propagation and protection of the oyster beds in State waters. It was estimated that the oyster planters will reap $30,000 in benefits within a few years from the outlay.

MR. WILLIAMS AT HOME AGAIN.

Long Branch, July 24 (Special).—The Rev. George Williams, whose singular disappearance had caused much anxiety here, arrived home at 5:45 o'clock this afternoon. He was accompanied by his wife and Judge Pitman.

Mr. Williams looked as though he was recovering from a serious illness. He had to be assisted by Judge Pitman from the carriage into the house. Mr. Williams appeared to be resting easily. It is believed that he will recover.

A DISAPPEARING BRIDEGROOM.

HE LEAVES HIS HOME ON THE NIGHT OF HIS WEDDING, AND CANNOT BE FOUND.

Guests assembled last Wednesday evening at the home of Luke Patterson, a broker, of No. 413 Bergen-ave., Jersey City, to witness the marriage of his daughter Grace to Joseph J. Barton, an attache of the New-York Custom House. The house had been prettily decorated with flowers, potted plants and ferns. The caterer had prepared an elaborate supper, and an orchestra was ready to discourse music. The hour for the wedding arrived and passed, and the guests became nervous. That something was wrong could be seen from the anxious looks worn by the relatives, who finally retired to private rooms. Then the announcement was made that the wedding had been postponed. No explanation was offered, and no questions were asked. The guests, however, had noticed that the prospective bridegroom had not been seen, and this led to inquiry which resulted in eliciting the fact that his unexplained absence was the cause of the disappointment. Messengers had been sent for him, but they were unable to find him on the night of the wedding, and it was rumored yesterday that he had sailed for Europe on the steamer in which he and his bride were to have been passengers.

At Barton's home no information could be gleaned except that his relatives did not know where he is. At Miss Patterson's home the servant had been instructed to inform all callers, except intimate friends, that Miss Patterson could not be seen.

Arthur Tasch, a confectioner, said yesterday that he cashed a check for Barton on July 3, and it was returned stamped "no account." He subsequently met Barton, who paid him the amount of the check and remarked that he could not understand why the check had been sent back, as his father had deposited $500 in the First National Bank for him.

Miss Patterson is well known in Jersey City society. She is a young woman of culture, and is an exquisite singer, having sung solo parts in the Jersey City Amateur Opera Company.

It was rumored last night that Barton left Jersey City because of a check transaction, and that a $500 check is now in the possession of Chief of Police Murphy, who also has a photograph of Barton. It is said that Barton contrived to negotiate loans from a number of persons, including relatives of his prospective bride.

Inquiry was made and he was not known at the Custom House. He was a member of the Jersey City Club, and was fond of playing poker.

Miss Patterson is prostrated and is being attended by Dr. Carpenter. Her relatives are now congratulating themselves that the wedding did not take place.

ALL CAUSED BY A BRINDLE PUP.

A TRIPLET LEADING A BICYCLE PARADE FALLS AND THIRTY RIDERS GO IN A HEAP.

Paterson, July 24 (Special).—Members of the Keystone, Excelsior and Tourist Cycle clubs joined in a parade last night, advertising the associated cycling club meet on August 8. About sixty riders were in line, including a dozen wheelwomen. Thomas Hughes, the local crack, with Claude Berne and Louis Ettleson, led on a triplet, with Garret and George Loschen close behind on a tandem. The column turned into East Eighteenth-st. The triplet was setting a hot pace and the singles were riding hard in pursuit, when a brindle pup ran out, snapping at the men on the triplet. Hughes had his attention distracted by the dog, and did not notice that the crosswalk had been torn up and relaid. The triplet ran into the excavation and crashed against the flagging with terrific force. The fork on the front wheel snapped and Hughes took a sudden dive, while the rear wheel went up in the air with Ettleson and Berne, who landed together in a heap. Hughes ploughed the earth for several feet on his face. The tandem, almost alongside, had passed in safety. The triplet lay across the road, and "Barney" Carlisle, immediately behind, got a bad spill.

Thirty riders went down a confused jumble. Miss Addie Landblin, of No. 18 Hotel-st., and Lena Orthwein, of North York-st., being among those injured. Hughes sustained a sprained wrist, and will be lame several weeks. Ettleson and Berne escaped with slight bruises. Carlisle was more seriously injured, as he fell on the broken fork on his right wrist. The women sustained slight bruises.

MEETING OF PLYMOUTH BRETHREN.

CHRISTIANS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD CONVENE IN PLAINFIELD.

Plainfield, July 24 (Special).—A religious conference of unostentatious Christians is being held in this city this week, and will be continued during next week. The sect is styled Plymouth Brethren, and they have a regular tent encampment on the grounds of Paul J. Loizeaux, in Brook-ave. Persons are present from Minnesota, Nova Scotia, Canada, Wisconsin, the South, Quebec, England and a number of other places. Every evening lectures are delivered, and on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30. The lectures are open to the public. All other meetings are private, being intended for a "personal study of the Bible." These people call themselves Christians and repudiate any other distinctive title or name. They are unostentatious and seek seclusion in their studies. Several large tents have been erected on the grounds of Mr. Loizeaux, where the meetings will be held, and where the delegates take their meals. Places have been provided for sleeping. The First Church of Christ Building, in Grove-st., will be used for sleeping apartments for a number, and arrangements have been made for that purpose. Among those who will lecture at the conference are P. W. Grant, of this city; S. Ridout, of Baltimore, and Mr. Greenman, of Halifax.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING.

A YOUNG WOMAN SAVES A MOTHER AND CHILD—TWO BOYS NEARLY LOST.

Passaic, July 24.—A woman whose name was not learned was walking in the City Hall Park here this afternoon with four children, when the hat of one of the children blew into the reservoir. The child leaped into the water after it. The mother tried to grasp the child and lost her balance and fell into the water. Both went down. The only person near who could give assistance was Miss Louise Nickolaus, of Jersey City, who with difficulty dragged the mother and child from the water. Both were much exhausted.

Morristown, July 24.—William Lewis, fifteen years old, and a younger companion had a narrow escape from drowning yesterday at Lake Hopatcong. The boys were fishing, and the younger fell overboard. Lewis could not swim, but he jumped into the lake after his companion in an attempt to save him from drowning. Several persons who had witnessed the accident and the attempt at rescue were soon on the scene and succeeded in bringing both boys to shore.

TRAP SHOOTING AT PLEASURE BAY.

Long Branch, July 24 (Special).—Two interesting live-bird matches were decided at Pleasure Bay to-day. The summaries: First contest—10 birds, $10 entrance: W. R. Patten and B. W. Singer, 7 each; Thomas Johnson, 9.

Second contest—25 birds, $25 entrance: Patten, 19; Singer, 18. Johnson killed 16 out of 20 and withdrew.

A THIEF IN A SUMMER COTTAGE.

Asbury Park, July 24 (Special).—M. Foley, father-in-law of Mayor Lawrence Fagan, of Hoboken, is summering at No. 407 Sixth-ave. Last night a burglar entered the cottage through an open parlor window, proceeded upstairs to Mr. Foley's bedroom, took Mr. Foley's clothes from a chair and carried them to the dining-room and rifled the pockets, securing a gold watch valued at $500 and $40 in money. The thief also carried away a quantity of silver spoons, forks and knives from the dining-room. None of the occupants were disturbed by the burglar's visit, and the theft was not discovered until this morning.

THE DRAW FAILED TO OPEN.

New-Brunswick, July 24 (Special).—A party of five men—Ira Serviss, William Berdine, Charles Matthews, Ezekiel Letts and George McDowell—while in a sailboat on the South River, near the village of South River, in Middlesex County, last night, were hurled against the drawbridge and narrowly escaped drowning. The men had sailed down the river to meet an excursion of three South River Sunday-schools returning from Boynton Beach. There was a strong wind and tide, and the boat sailed along at fast speed when she approached the draw. As a train was nearing, the signal from the man in the boat to open the draw was unheeded. The boat struck the drawbridge and was upset, the men falling into the water. They climbed upon the ironwork of the bridge and walked to land. The sailboat was demolished.

He—I met an old friend at the club, dear, who detained me. He told me a story which took my breath away.

She—Took your breath away? I wish he were here now and would repeat it.—(Truth.

SAVED FROM THE GALLOWS.

RECH CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

HIS OWN TESTIMONY AND THE FORMER LIFE OF HIS WIFE REVERSED PUBLIC SYMPATHY.

Mays Landing, July 24 (Special).—It took the jury that has for the last four days listened patiently to the tedious trial of John Rech, the burly German farmer charged with the premeditated murder of his wife last March, only two hours to-day to find a verdict of murder in the second degree. When the verdict was announced by the foreman Rech's face lighted up with a smile, and he immediately grasped his attorneys by the hand and shook them for several minutes. The best he had hoped for was that his life would be spared.

Mr. Endicott, of the defence, arose and addressed the Court, pleading that the full penalty of the law be not invoked. Prosecutor Perry was not present to answer, but the plea was of no avail. The Judge then commanded Rech to stand up, and said:

"John Rech, you have been tried for the murder of your wife, Bessie Weaver Rech. You have had a fair and impartial trial, and have been found guilty of murder in the second degree. It is the sentence of the Court that you be confined in the State Prison at hard labor for twenty years, and from thence until the costs of prosecution are paid."

Rech was immediately taken back to his cell, and will be taken to Trenton early next week. The verdict is no surprise to those who have attended the trial and listened to all the evidence. A remarkable change in public opinion in this locality has occurred, mainly caused by Rech's version of the crime while on the stand and the former life that the woman led, as testified to by witnesses to-day. For a few days after the crime was committed, ugly rumors and threats of quick vengeance being taken were made, even up to the time of trial.

When court convened this morning Rech again took the stand. He was much encouraged by his success on the stand yesterday, and looked better than at any time during the trial, having enjoyed a good night's sleep. His further cross-examination was on minor points, and was soon dismissed. Several neighbors and former friends then testified in his behalf.

Charles T. Abbott, for the State, in rebuttal, said that Rech knew what was in the will. Rech had testified that he did not. Detective Gallagher was called again as to the confession.

Shortly after being taken back to the jail, Rech was completely overcome by nervous prostration, and medical attendance was summoned. When told that the jury had agreed, he quickly arose from his bed, but had to be supported to the courtroom by constables.

"TROLLEY MIKE."

HE ACTS AS ASSISTANT MOTORMAN, AND CAN READ THE STREETCAR SIGNS.

There have been railway, postoffice and trolley dogs of various degrees of celebrity and intelligence, but none of them enjoy greater distinction and popularity in the immediate circle of their acquaintances than does "Trolley Mike," of Bayonne. Mike is young yet, and the star of his fame may fairly be said to have only begun to rise, for this is certainly the only extended newspaper notice that he ever received, and he never had his picture

"TROLLEY MIKE."

taken until he was induced to pose for the purpose of this occasion. Mike is a mongrel cur, as most tramp dogs are. His first claim to attention was a modest one, and it was several months before he impressed the strength of his individuality upon the community. He was found half frozen to death in a big snow bank in Bayonne by a motorman one day last winter as the car was trying to force its way through the drift. He was taken into the car, wrapped up in the motorman's muffler and placed near the stove, where he speedily thawed out and expressed his gratitude by wagging his rattlike tail and trying to lick the conductor's hand. Mike rode all day in the muffler, and when night came and the car was turned into the Greenville car house to be cleaned he fell under the compassionate gaze of William German, a car repairer, who immediately adopted him. From that day until the end of the winter Mike's lines fell in pleasant places. He was housed upstairs in the men's quarters, where it was warm and sunny, and he soon became familiarly acquainted with every conductor and motorman on the line. But an evil day came in the spring.

"Bill," said the foreman, who happened in one day and saw the dog lounging about as though he owned the place, "carry that lop-eared cur over to Newark next time you take a car to the repair shop, and just lose him somewhere."

The sentence was executed, so far as taking the dog to Newark was concerned. Mike was left soundly snoozing on a seat in the Bayonne car in the repair house, but about an hour later a motorman on the Bayonne line was surprised to hear a scratching and howling on his fender as his car stopped at "the Junction," and looking over the dashboard he saw Mike pleading piteously for a ride. Mike rode to the carhouse on the fender, and ever since then that has been his favorite means of amusement. He will lie on the fender, keeping a watch-out apparently for small children who may happen to be on the track, and if any one gets perilously near the approaching car he warns them and the motorman by sharp barks that can be heard above the din of the gong.

Only one more effort was made to lose Mike. He was placed on a Montgomery-st. car in Jersey City, but he stayed only a minute. There was a lively rush for the door, and since then no strategy has prevailed to get him on any other car than one of the Bayonne line. The motormen and conductors all over that Mike reads the signs on the cars, and that he can tell a Bayonne car as far off as his eye can distinguish the letters. He stands at a street corner and allows the cars to go by until a Bayonne car comes along, and then he jumps aboard with the skill of an old railroad man. Mike is one of the few dogs who can alight from or get aboard a car in motion. He knows how to "jump forward," and can get off of a car running ten miles an hour without losing any of his canine dignity.

Mike failed to alight properly only once recently. He entered a Bayonne car which had a new conductor in charge, to whom he had not been introduced, and who did not recognize Mike's official position and his right to travel free on the line. Mike walked sedately up the aisle and sat down uprightly on the seat next to the front window with the air of one used to the ways of the world.

"Who owns that dog?" shouted the conductor.

There was no response. Mike looked wise and said nothing. A general laugh went up from the passengers as it became evident that nobody owned the dog but himself. The conductor patted him on the head—an insult which was resented by a warning growl. In order to make amends for his mistake, the conductor put out his hand and demanded the fare. This was more than Mike could stand. He had ridden too long as an honored guest of the road to have such indignities thrust upon him. Jumping hastily from the seat, his tail high in the air and his eyes glaring savagely, he rushed down the aisle and jumped from the car, forgetting for the moment the proper method of alighting. The car was going about twenty miles an hour at that particular place, and the result was surprising. Mike struck on his head and turned somersaults for several yards before he was able to right himself. He was in the hospital at the car house for a week after that, with one eye in a sling and a sticking-plaster over his hip.

Mike is now a well-known character to all the regular travellers on the Bayonne line. When he is not riding on the fender of a car he is usually standing by the motorman's side, looking out for obstacles on the track ahead. When he gets tired he jumps off and waits for another car, but he never fails to return to the car house at night. A new collar and a license tag to prevent him from being captured by the ubiquitous poundkeeper were bought for him last week, and he is as proud of the adornment as any of the men who contributed to make the purchase.

BURNED BY MOLTEN IRON.

High Bridge, July 24 (Special).—Welsey Nichols, superintendent of the melting department of the High Bridge Steel Works, was horribly burned by molten iron yesterday. While engaged in transferring a ladle he tripped and fell. In falling he seized the lever which opens the valve, and caused the hot iron to run on him in a stream until he loosened his hold. Nichols was soon extricated from his perilous position by fellow-workmen. His arms and legs were terribly burned, but it is thought he will recover.

THE REMOVALS DEFENDED.

STAINSBY SAYS THE SHAKE-UP WAS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY.

NEW APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF WORKS MADE TO HARMONIZE THE TWO FACTIONS IN NEWARK, HE SAYS.

The action of the Newark Board of Works in making wholesale removals of Republican employes to make places for new Republican appointees was the subject of general comment in Newark yesterday. The consensus of opinion was unfavorable to the Board's action. President Stainsby, who offered the resolution, was asked yesterday to explain the reason that led to it.

"This question of removing the men has been the subject of considerable earnest thought on the part of the Commissioners," said Mr. Stainsby, "and we think it was for the best interests of the city to make the changes. These men who have been holding office in the departments of the Board seem to feel that they hold the places by the grace of a power far above and superior to that of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they acted as though they were convinced that nobody would dare to remove them, because they were under the protection of this higher power. Each of us—that is, Mr. Burckhardt and myself—during the last year and a half, and Mr. Ulrich since his election, has been made to feel all that. When either of us would go into the office on business—well, we would get as much courtesy as any stranger, but as for information, why, we simply couldn't get any. We are satisfied that the new men are the equals in every way of the men who have been dismissed. Mr. Gaw has been complained of time and again for the brusque, short manner in which he treated people who called at the office on business."

IN THE INTEREST OF HARMONY.

"Now, as to the political side of the question," continued Mr. Stainsby. "Delegation after delegation called upon us to ask us to make changes in the working forces of the Department in the interests of the Republican party. The whole force of the Department, or at least the greater portion of it, seems to be part of one big political machine, controlled and run under one head. Every appointment made until recently, with the exception of two or three minor places, was dictated by this one man. Who was he? Oh, well, you know, and so does the public. There was a growing feeling in the community that a division of sentiment among the employes of the Board would be a good thing; that the men of the two wings of the party would be brought into friendly contact, and that such contact would do much to promote harmony. When I ran for membership in the Board this entire force was used against me, not only to defeat me for the nomination, but in many cases the scratches that I received were due to these same men.

"Previous to the last election I had occasion to ask John C. Eisele what he thought of his prospects for the Mayoralty. Mr. Eisele said they were excellent, that all or nearly all of the city employes were with him. Every man of them went back on his promise of support to Eisele, and many of them assured him that they simply had to do it and to support the ticket of the other side. Now, there is another election coming on, and efforts had already begun to secure the nomination of candidates for Senator, Sheriff, eleven Assemblymen and the full list of Chosen Freeholders, and all in the interest of this one big machine.

"Our move of yesterday was not made for the establishment of a new machine. Out of all the men in the employ of the Board, there were only a dozen removed, while in the offices of the Common Council and the Board of Freeholders everything is in unison with the one interest. Our object was not to divide, but to unite the party. No suggestions were made or requests offered that the changes be made in the interests of any particular men, but in the interests and for the good of the party, so that the whole city government would not be in the hands of one division of the party. I think there is not a true Republican in the city who will not say it was a wise move on the part of us three to try to make a union of the forces, to help along the party in the fall and spring elections. If things were allowed to go on as they were going, it would have been impossible for us to carry this town.

THE CHARGES UNFOUNDED.

"As for Mr. Van Duyne's charges, that any railroad or traction company interests had anything to do with these changes, I'll say that they had no more to do with them than he had. Not one of the men was selected because of railroad influences. That seems to be a hobby that Mr. Van Duyne rides on every occasion possible. The traction company seems to be his nightmare, and it just goes to show how a small thing can frighten a great man."

Commissioner Van Duyne, of the minority of the Board, said: "I haven't much to say, except that I want to make my meaning clear in the matter. As I understand it, the Essex County Republican Society, so-called, is controlled and supported by the railroad interests of the city, and that these three Commissioners who were in control of things at the meeting yesterday had the support of this society. Having been elected with this support, they are now repaying it with positions. I understand that all, or nearly all, of the men who were appointed yesterday are connected with that society."

President Herold, of the Republican County Society, said that the assertion made by Mr. Van Duyne, to the effect that the County Republican Society was under the influence of railroads was "a lie made out of the whole cloth." President Herold declared that the society is not and never has been under obligations to any corporation, and he added that the other faction were surprised at the position taken by the majority of the Board yesterday. Speaking of the appointees, Dr. Herold went on to say that he did not know half of them, but he believed that they were receiving just rewards for faithful service to the Republican cause. The opposition had threatened, in case it was successful at the last election, to shut out every society adherent, but now the other fellows were receiving some of their own medicine.

It is understood that other removals will be made, and the intimation was made yesterday that Superintendent Mundy would be replaced by another man in the fall.

A RESOLUTION OF CENSURE.

IT IS BROUGHT UP IN THE ESSEX COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE AND TABLED.

The Essex County Republican Committee last night named August 24 as the date for holding the primaries for the State convention, and a call will be issued. The new plan of enrolment outlined in The Tribune was adopted.

The subject of the dismissals of Republican employes by the Board of Works was brought up, and a resolution was introduced censuring the three Republican Commissioners who comprise the majority of the Board. It was argued, however, that the County Committee had properly no cognizance to take of the act of an official board, and the resolution was tabled.

STATE SENATOR WINTON BOLTS.

LEADING HACKENSACK DEMOCRATS ALMOST UNANIMOUS IN CONDEMNING THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

Hackensack, July 24 (Special).—When the Chicago Democratic Convention adjourned ex-Senator Winton, of Bergen County, a delegate from the VIth New-Jersey District, was lost sight of. His paper, "The Bergen County Democrat," announced that he was "hidden away along the banks of some secluded mountain stream." Mr. Winton came down from the heights this week, and in the issue of his paper to-day he deserts Bryan and his platform. He says that "the adoption of a platform of repudiation and spoliation makes a pitiful climax to the old Democratic party. The success of Bryan and the carrying out of the platform of repudiation would make a harvest for the lawyers in foreclosure suits such as they never dreamed of. The triumph of the Populist party means National dishonor. It will be the triumph of the worst form of Socialism."

The ex-Senator also says: "Any Democrat is welcome to support the platform and the candidates of the Populists who captured the Chicago Convention if he wants to. But we decline to follow the lead of Altgeld, Tillman and Bryan. They are not Democrats; they do not represent in any particular Democratic ideas or Democratic sentiment, and we will have none of them."

The article then calls attention to the declarations of the New-Jersey Democratic State Convention, says that this and the Chicago platform are irreconcilable, and therefore "The Democrat" parts company with its Democratic contemporaries who have elected to support the ticket as made at Chicago."

The ex-Senator makes no announcement as to the ticket he will support, but from present indications it is believed that he and many other Bergen County Democrats will support McKinley and Hobart unless their party should put up a sound-money ticket. A few of the more thoughtful men express themselves as follows:

Howard D. Terhune, cashier of the Hackensack Bank—I think the Chicago platform is the most rotten affair ever built by the brains of man. I've been wearing a McKinley button, but there is such a demand for them that somebody stole mine."

John Terhune, County Superintendent of Schools—I think Bryan is a brilliant man, but I don't approve of the platform he stands on.

Ex-Judge George W. Wheeler—I am decidedly opposed to the document called the Chicago platform, and I do not see how any sensible Democrat can approve of it. It is the most outrageous proclamation of party principles ever put forth in this country.

Samuel Taylor (ex-County Clerk)—I am a sound-money Democrat, and will support McKinley in preference to Bryan unless my party nominates a suitable sound-money man.

Ex-Assemblyman S. G. H. Wright—I'm for everything that will uphold the credit of the Nation, and am therefore against the Chicago platform.

Captain Addison Ely, of Rutherford, is the only Democrat of standing in the Bergen County section who has made a positive declaration for Bryan and the Chicago platform. The captain says: "I swallow the whole thing—Bryan, the platform and the silver bug, with all its claws distended."

TO FIGHT "BOB" DAVIS.

DISGRUNTLED HUDSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS START A NEW PARTY ORGANIZATION.

A conference of Democrats who are dissatisfied with the way in which the party is managed was held on Thursday night in Jersey City. Forty men attended the conference and discussed the question of organizing another County Committee in opposition to that which, it is alleged, is dominated by ex-Sheriff Davis. The decision reached was that no reforms in the party could be accomplished through the existing committee and its boss.

A Committee on Organization was appointed and a plan of campaign was adopted. It was decided to form clubs in each of the twelve wards, which should have exclusive control of political affairs in their respective wards. The chairmen of these clubs will be recognized as the leaders for their wards, and will be ex-officio members of the County Committee. It is the intention of the Organization Committee