NEW-JERSEY NEWS

IN LUCK THAT HE LIVES.

A TEAMSTER'S EXPERIENCE WITH LIGHTNING, A TROLLEY-CAR AND A FRACTIOUS HORSE.

Paterson, July 27 (Special).—David Condon, a teamster, thirty-three years old, living at No. 14 Holsman-st., had a thrilling escape from death to-night, and lies in St. Joseph's Hospital with a broken leg, conscious that he is a lucky man. Condon was driving a spirited young horse attached to a light cart up River-st. in a terrific thunderstorm. He was on the electric railway track, a block ahead of a trolley-car, when a flash of lightning struck the wire just above his head, and he appeared to be enveloped in a sheet of flames. The bolt ran down an iron post four feet away, and loosened a live wire in its descent.

Condon's horse rose on its haunches frightened at the hissing wire, and then suddenly shot forward. Condon felt a sharp sensation in his side as he hit the wire in passing. He did not feel his coat on fire, but threw all his weight on the lines in an effort to regain mastery of his horse, which was rearing and plunging in an effort to run away.

Suddenly the horse backed on the railroad track directly in front of the trolley-car which, crowded with factory girls returning from work, was swiftly running up the street. The car hit the cart, tore off the left wheel, and Condon was thrown directly under the wheels. Women screamed as the car rushed toward him, but the motorman, Jackson, had shut off the current and reversed his power. The fender just touched Condon, who lay insensible.

He was picked up and removed in the ambulance to the hospital, where it was found that his right leg was fractured in two places above the knee, and that he had sustained a severe scalp wound. His coat was burned from the righthand pocket to the shoulder, where the flesh was singed from contact with the live wire. The horse was uninjured. Those who witnessed the occurrence declare that Condon bears a charmed life.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DRIVER INJURED.

Paterson, July 27 (Special).—A terrific storm swept this city about 5:30 o'clock this afternoon, uprooting trees and causing considerable damage. Lightning created havoc with telephone and telegraph wires, and several circuits were burned out in the local office. A bolt struck the house of Dr. Moore, at No. 912 Madison-ave. The family are at the seaside. The bolt crashed through the gable roof and tore its way zig-zag to the cellar. The Fire Department was called upon to extinguish the flames.

George Fitzmaurice, driver for Chief Engineer Stagg, while driving up Market-st. at breakneck speed, was thrown from his gig and seriously injured. The horse, frightened by vivid lightning, swerved, the wheel of the gig catching in the groove of the trolley-car tracks and twisting off. Fitzmaurice was rendered unconscious and was removed to his home. He sustained severe bruises and a serious scalp wound. The fire was extinguished with a loss of $20.

MACHINIST PARALYZED BY LIGHTNING.

Anthony Lieber, thirty-ine years old, a machinist employed in Uhl's hat factory, in Eagle-st., Newark, while at work in the shop during the electrical storm last night, was struck by a bolt of lightning. When his fellow-workmen ran to him he was lying unconscious on the floor. A doctor was called, and succeeded in reviving him, but he was totally paralyzed. Lieber was taken to his home, No. 14 Bridge-st., Newark.

A lightning bolt also struck the signal tower of the Greenwood Lake Railroad at Forest Hill. The building was set on fire and the machinery badly damaged. The Fire Department extinguished the flames.

THE LIGHTNING AT LONG BRANCH.

Long Branch, July 27.—The worst electrical storm that this place has experienced in years struck the city at 6:45 o'clock to-night. The city was plunged in darkness in an instant, and a gale of wind made it dangerous for pedestrians. A heavy rainstorm followed the wind. The electric light and telegraph service is crippled.

Alfred Paulson was stunned by a bolt of lightning. He remained unconscious fifteen minutes. Several barns were struck by lightning, but the damage is small.

WATCHMAN ROBBED BY TRAMPS.

ATTACKED FROM BEHIND WHILE HE TALKS WITH ONE OF THE GANG.

John Samson, a watchman at the West Shore freight station in Jersey City, was seized and robbed by six tramps on Sunday night. While one of his assailants conversed with him, the others stole up behind Samson and seized him just as he was drawing his revolver, as the tramp with whom he had been talking suddenly drew a club to attack him. They rifled Samson's pockets and secured his revolver, a silver watch and about a dollar in small change. The police were promptly informed, and arrested John Brady, Charles Lange and John Carney. Brady was identified by Samson, and when searched had the watchman's revolver. Carney was also armed. They were arraigned before Police Justice Potts yesterday and held. The police early yesterday arrested three other tramps, George Lennox, Martin McNeill and Charles Kelly. The watchman could not identify them. They were sent to the penitentiary for sixty days each. It is said that the tramps on Sunday evening near the spot where Samson was attacked robbed a boy of his hat, coat and shoes.

HER BODY RECOVERED.

Burlington, July 27.—The body of Miss Bessie Kane, who with Lea Horner was run down by the steamer Florence and drowned while boating in the Delaware on Tuesday night last, was recovered to-day. The body came up near where it went down, and was taken ashore by four men. Coroner Fisher was informed and he will hold an inquest.

PLAINFIELD TROLLEY EXTENSION.

Plainfield, July 27 (Special).—Present indications point to the extension of Plainfield's trolley lines in various important districts at an early day, the most valuable one to Plainfield merchants being the line to Scotch Plains. It is expected that this will be built by next December. Charles J. Moffett, who is representing the company in the matter of securing permits from property-owners along the proposed route, has met with such success that already he has enough signatures to admit of the extension up East Second-st. and over Netherwood-ave. to Front-st. The plan for the extension to Scotch Plains is that the road shall start at Park-ave. and Second-st., in front of the City Hotel, the permits along this new territory having already been secured with the rest. This, it is thought, will be the most convenient place for the traffic of Scotch Plains to centre. The only fear of the project being blocked is from the residents along Front-st. above Netherwood-ave., where the railroad would tap the former street. If there is too much objection here, and it cannot be overcome, it is planned to open an entirely new thoroughfare from Second-st. through to the Plains, being a continuation of Second-st. It is understood that owners of the land along the route are anxious to have the plan consummated.

ALLEGED POLICY-DEALERS ARRAIGNED.

Seven alleged lottery policy-dealers and runners were arraigned in the Hudson County Court of Sessions yesterday. Francis Drum was arraigned on ten indictments, Louis Seloman and Andrew Lyon answered to five each, Frank Daly to two, and Thomas Daly, Henry Longwell and Leopold Livingston to one each. They entered pleas of not guilty, except Frank Daly, who pleaded guilty to having policy papers in his possession, but not guilty to violating the lottery law. Michael Quigley was also called, but it was explained that he was ill and would be in court to-day. Oliver Burns, who was arrested with Drum, Seloman, the Dalys, Longwell and Quigley in the raid on July 8 in the policy den in Jersey City, was not arraigned. This strengthens the rumor that Burns has made a confession and implicated the backers. Only two of the prisoners were bailed. Livingston was released on bonds furnished by Gustav Hauser, and John Moran became surety for Thomas Daly. Judge Hudspeth fixed the bonds in each case at $2,000.

A PASTOR FOUND AT LAST.

The dominant faction in the congregation of St. Paul's German Evangelical Church in Bayonne has at last found a clergyman of that denomination willing to accept the pastorate made vacant last November by the ousting of the Rev. Frederick W. Holls, the aged minister, who had been pastor of the church for nearly fifteen years. The candidate who has accepted the call is the Rev. Mr. Herbst, of Ireton, Ohio, a young man of reputed energy, intellect and religious zeal. He is the sixth clergyman asked to accept the vacant pastorate. The others were members of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church, with which organization the deposed pastor and his clergymen are affiliated, and they declined the calls because they resented the treatment accorded Dr. Holls.

THE CONVENTION DATE SET.

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS TO BE NOMINATED ON AUGUST 27.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS AND TRANSACTS CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANT BUSINESS—NO CHANGE IN THE BASIS OF REPRESENTATION—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY DISPUTE CONSIDERED.

The Executive Committee of the State Republican Committee met in Republican Headquarters in Newark yesterday. These members were present: Franklin Murphy, E. J. Anderson, William Bettle, Barker Gummere, jr., John Kean, Richard B. Reading, George Richards, Henry R. Wooley and W. S. Hancock. After disposing of considerable important business, the committee adjourned to meet next Monday at noon.

The first business before the meeting was the issuance of the call for the State Convention for the nomination of Presidential electors. There was a long discussion over the verbiage of the call, the basis of representation causing considerable trouble, as several members of the committee were of the belief that a material change in the system was necessary. While admitting the imperfections of the system now in vogue, it was thought best not to make a change at present. The call, which is now being prepared by John Y. Foster, secretary of the State Committee, will be issued some time this week. The Convention will be held in Taylor's Opera House, in Trenton, on Thursday, August 27. One delegate will be allowed for each 200 votes and one for the fraction not below 100.

Another interesting discussion was that over the Strong-Conger contest for a place on the State Committee for Middlesex County. Both Messrs. Conger and Strong were present, and both testified before the committee, although Mr. Strong, who is contesting, was the only one to receive a full hearing. Besides his own evidence, Mr. Strong produced two witnesses, I. W. Kilbourne and Charles W. Russell, both of whom were delegates to the State Convention, and affidavits from sixteen others who declared that they had voted for Mr. Strong for member of the State Committee. This would make the vote in the Middlesex delegation a tie. While Mr. Strong does not impugn his opponent's motives, both he and his supporters declare that the vote, as taken on the floor of the Convention, was not a representative one. They allege that one of the tellers, who is known to be a personal enemy of Mr. Strong, manipulated the ballots, thus securing Mr. Conger's election.

To counteract this evidence, Mr. Conger produced the original ballots, which have been in the possession of John F. Babcock ever since the State Convention. These show that twenty votes were cast for Mr. Conger and sixteen for Mr. Strong. Accompanying the ballots was an affidavit signed by Mr. Babcock, in which he related that the ballots were the originals, and that nobody had had access to them since they were put under his care.

Mr. Strong had a long and full hearing, and he apparently made a favorable impression on the members of the committee. As at the first meeting of the committee, a compromise was suggested, but both sides declined to concede a point, so the hearing of Mr. Conger's side was postponed until next Monday, when it is expected that the difficulty will be definitely adjusted. The quarrel, which so far has not become a personal one, threatens the party's welfare in Middlesex County, as both Conger and Strong have a large following, and it is the cause of much concern to the members of the committee.

The committee also received a large number of communications from dealers in campaign supplies, offering to furnish banners, stereopticons and party emblems, but no action was taken, as the committee was of the opinion that there was no necessity for using such articles at present.

While little else than the business of the committee was considered at the meeting, it was only natural that the members of the committee should discuss the political situation in New-Jersey to a certain extent. In view of the fact that nearly every prominent Democrat in the State has either declared himself out-and-out for McKinley or announced his intention of not voting, all the committeemen felt that the Republicans would win in every county of the State. The silver heresy, which, it is said, has a strong foothold in Sussex and Hunterdon counties, was pronounced by Richard B. Reading, who lives in the latter county, to be confined mostly to former Greenbackers and a few alleged labor leaders. It is, he said, neither widespread or strong, and a liberal distribution of sound-money literature will do much to prevent its growth.

It was the opinion of the committee that the campaign should be actively opened as soon as the work of the State Convention is over. A large number of able speakers have volunteered their services, and several prominent orators from other States will be engaged to talk on the issues of the campaign, especially as they apply to New-Jersey.

POSTPONED THE SILVER DEBATE.

Asbury Park, July 27 (Special).—Senator James A. Bradley, who is for honest money, issued a challenge to-day to Samuel A. Patterson, a silver lawyer, for a debate on the money question, the orators to occupy the "Presidential stump" in Railroad Square.

The Senator's challenge stipulated that a time limit of seven minutes be fixed for each side. Patterson replied that he would accept the challenge providing the time limit was raised to thirty minutes. Senator Bradley refused to extend the time, saying that long speeches were not desirable in this unique campaign of education, so the debate, which was to have taken place to-night, was declared off.

THE CAMPAIGN IN UNION COUNTY.

Elizabeth, July 27 (Special).—The Union County Republican Executive Committee held a meeting on Saturday to make arrangements for waging a vigorous campaign. Reports were received from all parts of the county of the disaffection among hundreds of Democrats.

The Executive Committee will meet again in two weeks to take steps for the calling of primaries for the State and District Conventions.

NEARLY KILLED BY A TROLLEY-CAR.

Long Branch, July 27 (Special).—James Millmore, of this place, and Miss Annie Feldman, of New-York, who lives at Monmouth Beach, narrowly escaped being crushed to death by a trolley-car last night near Pleasure Bay.

Mr. Millmore and Miss Feldman, who were out carriage riding, were on the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Electric Railway before they noticed the approach of a trolley-car. The car struck their horse, carrying it a distance of twenty feet, and separating it from the phaeton, which was badly wrecked. Mr. Millmore and Miss Feldman were thrown to the ground and the latter was painfully hurt. The horse, which is valued at $300, is fatally hurt. Mr. Millmore will bring suit for damages against the trolley company.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Atlantic City, July 27.—A Reading Railroad trackwalker last night found the body of a badly mutilated man on the tracks at Baltic and Mississippi aves. The body was apparently that of a man about forty years old, five feet seven inches in height. He had dark brown hair, red mustache and wore good clothing. The coat and waistcoat were of dark material and the trousers gray. He wore a negligee shirt, russet shoes, brown stockings and straw hat.

There was nothing in the clothing to show who he was. He is believed to have been one of the many thousands of excursionists to this place, and is supposed to have met his death by falling from a moving train.

AN OLD MAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Christopher Schwetje, sixty-five years old, of No. 802 Garden-st., Hoboken, was found lying dead on the floor of his kitchen last evening. A bottle containing carbolic acid, which stood on the table, led to the belief that he had committed suicide, although no reason was known why he should take his life.

Schwetje lived with five children by his first wife. He had married again, but his second wife left him.

A LOTTERY IN ASBURY PARK.

Asbury Park, July 27 (Special).—The guests at the Coleman House disposed of a valuable cloak Saturday by chance, the proceeds being devoted to charity. "The Daily Journal," in printing an account of the drawing this morning, gave the number of the lucky ticket. When "The Journal's" mailing clerk took his papers to the postoffice Postmaster Harrison refused to forward them on the ground that the printed account of the drawing was a violation of the lottery law, and he prohibited the paper from being mailed. The Editor at once printed a second edition with the objectionable item eliminated, and the papers were then mailed to his out-of-town subscribers.

STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK.

Trenton, July 27 (Special).—Nearly two hundred striking weavers appeared at S. K. Wilson's Factory-st. woollen mills this morning and expressed their willingness to go to work, but only about fifty received their old places. Nearly all the employes reported ready for work at the Fair-st. mill. They were told to report to-morrow morning.

The Rothschild's shirt factory, which was built by public subscription at a cost of $50,000, was started up this morning.

BURGLAR'S ESCAPE ATTRACTS ATTENTION.

Orange, July 27 (Special).—The escape of the burglar from the South Orange lockup on Sunday morning was the topic of discussion in South Orange yesterday, and the police officials are roundly censured for their negligence in the matter. The condition of the village lockup will be brought up at the next meeting of the Board of Village Trustees, and it is probable that some action will be taken to make the place more secure, and also to provide for an officer to be in charge at night.

TWO DIME NOVEL HEROES.

THEY STEAL A TENT WHILE THREE MEN ARE WATCHING, AND ARE HELD FOR OTHER THEFTS.

Plainfield, July 27.—William Hanold, eighteen years old, and Roland Leveridge, sixteen, of Brooklyn, were arraigned before Justice Collins to-day on a charge of theft. When arrested the boys carried rusty revolvers and numerous dime novels, and these were produced in court, together with a scanty camp outfit. The prisoners waived examination, and were committed to the county jail in default of $300 bail. Mr. Leveridge appeared on behalf of his son, but nobody answered a telegram sent to Hanold's parents. They were taken to the county jail, where they will have to stay until the October term, unless they agree to go before the Special Sessions next Wednesday.

Last Monday the boys ran away from home. They went to Westfield, near this place, where they were acquainted. Their plan was to camp out in the woods. Saturday night they stole Deputy Sheriff W. B. Russell's bicycle from in front of Justice Collins's office, in Westfield. The deputy and Judge followed the boys to Plainfield and captured them. The would-be freebooters broke down and confessed to stealing the wheel, and also gave an account of their doings during the week.

Constable Marsh on Friday night received a "tip" that in the night an attempt would be made to steal a lawn tent belonging to William H. Ward, who lives in South-ave. In order to catch the thieves three men watched the tent from a window in the house. At daybreak it was found that the tent had been cut in halves along the ridge pole, and the half furthest from the house had been carried away. Hanold and Leveridge acknowledged that they had stolen the missing portion, and laughed when they told how they crawled up on the further side in Indian fashion and secured the canvas, while the three watchers were on guard about ten feet away.

On Wednesday night the butcher shop of Martin Snyder and the fish market of John Bacon, in Elm-st., Westfield, were broken into. In Bacon's shop nothing but an oyster knife was taken, but in Snyder's the cash drawer was broken open and about $2 in silver three-cent pieces and copper two-cent pieces were taken. Hanold and Leveridge stoutly maintained that they had nothing to do with this affair. They admitted making several raids on garden patches, and their tent was well stocked with canned goods. The police seized their camp outfit, consisting of the half tent, some lurid literature and a horse blanket that they had stolen from Barton's livery stable in Westfield.

TO EJECT THE PIPE LINE COMPANY.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD BEGINS A SUIT AGAINST THE STANDARD OIL RIVAL.

Belvidere, July 27.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company to-day served papers in an ejectment suit against the United States Pipe Line Company, and the fight over the crossing of the Pennsylvania company's tracks at this place by the pipe line company will be renewed.

Last week the pipe line company, taking advantage of an order of the Court of Errors in reversing a permanent injunction granted to the Pennsylvania company restraining the pipe line company from laying its pipes, set a large force of men to work and succeeded in laying its pipes under the Pennsylvania company's tracks before the latter company was aware of the fact and the pipe line company has since held its ground, hence the ejectment suit brought by the Pennsylvania company.

A YOUNG WHEELWOMAN BADLY HURT.

WHILE RIDING A BICYCLE SHE IS RUN INTO BY AN ICE-CREAM WAGON.

Montclair, July 27 (Special).—Miss Edith Sisco, a daughter of James Sisco, of Montclair, was frightfully injured yesterday by being run into by one of the wagons of an ice cream company.

Miss Sisco was going along Church-st. on her wheel when the horse attached to the wagon and being driven by Lawrence Vanderhoof ran into her, knocking her down, severing the left ear and injuring one of her legs. Miss Sisco was picked up and taken to her home in Orange-ave., where Dr. Levi W. Case attended her. Her injuries are serious, though not necessarily fatal.

This morning the father of the girl appeared before Recorder Ames and made a charge against Vanderhoof for fast driving. He will also begin an action for damages against the company by which Vanderhoof is employed.

DOGS AS FLEA TRAPS.

THE DEVICE ADOPTED BY JERSEY CITY'S PRISON KEEPER.

The city prison keeper in Jersey City discovered a week ago that the cellar under the prison was full of sand fleas. He hit on a happy expediment to get rid of the pests before they should reach the prison. He procured a mongrel dog. The canine attracted the fleas, and when it was fully charged with fleas he sent the dog adrift and paid a small boy 10 cents to supply another vagrant dog. The latter is now accumulating its stock, and it will soon be turned out and another dog will be found. The keeper declares that the fleas are disappearing from the cellar. The dogs, he says, will suffer little inconvenience, as the sand fleas will not long remain in their coats.

JOKED WITH THE WRONG MAN.

THREE ITALIANS SOUNDLY THRASHED BY A BICYCLIST WHOM THEY HAD ANNOYED.

Bicyclists who find delight in wheeling over the Hudson Boulevard were smiling yesterday over the report of a severe chastisement which was administered by an unknown wheelman to the Italians in West New-York on Sunday. It is said that the Italians who live in huts near by have been a source of annoyance to bicyclists in several ways. These men amused themselves by thrusting sticks between the spokes of passing wheels. They played their joke on an athletic-looking wheelman, and he promptly took a header, but arose quickly and gave the Italians a hard thrashing, after which he brushed off his clothes, mounted his wheel and rode off, while the Italians ran in the opposite direction.

RECH TRIES TO BREAK JAIL.

THE CONVICTED WIFE-MURDERER CAUGHT SAWING THROUGH THE BARS.

Atlantic City, July 27.—John Rech, who was convicted of murdering his wife, and was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment, was caught by Sheriff Johnson trying to saw his way out of jail this morning. He had a saw and other tools, and was at work on his cell bars. It is believed the tools were handed to Rech some time during his trial, and that he succeeded in smuggling them into his cell. When sentenced last Friday Rech asked for the usual twenty days' grace before going to State Prison, ostensibly to settle up his business, but his attempt to escape will result in his being taken to Trenton immediately.

DROWNED IN NEW-YORK BAY.

George Kolar, of No. 19 John-st., Bayonne, reported to the police of that city about midnight Sunday that his friend, John Seniock, of No. 29 John-st., had been drowned in New-York Bay. Kolar said that Seniock called at his home late in the evening and suggested that they go to the Bay for a swim. He agreed, and they got a rowboat. After rowing out until they were about two hundred feet from Van Buskirk's Point they disrobed and dived together into the water. When Kolar arose to the surface he saw nothing of his companion. He swam back to the boat, but Seniock was not there. Then Kolar rowed the boat about the vicinity without finding any trace of his friend. Thinking that Seniock might have swam ashore, Kolar rowed to the Point and searched there. Finally he became convinced that Seniock had been drowned, and returned to Constable Hook to report his friend's fate to their fellow-members of the Hungarian colony. Seniock's body has not been recovered.

HE DEFEATED THE HOLE DIGGERS.

The Newark Electric Light and Power Company had men dig a hole in the sidewalk in front of Samuel Gibian's property, at Market-st. and Madison Place, in Newark, yesterday, and prepared to erect a pole. Mr. Gibian asked the workmen to dig on the corner and not directly in front of his store. The foreman of the diggers said he had a permit from the city. Mr. Gibian, by advice of his lawyer, Louis Hood, placed his grocery wagon over the hole. The foreman showed his permit to Police Captain McManus, who told him to go ahead. The foreman removed the wagon. Mr. Gibian then threw a boxful of tomatoes into the hole. The foreman went to the police station, and while he was gone Mr. Gibian sat on the box of tomatoes in the hole so the workmen could not erect the pole. Late in the afternoon the company filled up the hole. It will erect the pole at the street corner.

BITTEN BY A SUPPOSED MAD DOG.

Saddle River, July 27.—Elva Branley, a young man living near Chestnut Ridge, was bitten by a mad dog on Saturday morning while on his way to work for Melville Demarest, on Scotland Hill. The dog was of the shepherd breed, and was lying alongside of the road when Branley came along. As Branley approached the dog sprang up and bit his right hand, and then ran away. Branley went into the house of Mr. Demarest and had the wound dressed, and resumed his work.

The wound gave him much pain on Sunday night, and this morning Branley, accompanied by his brother, Daniel, left for the Pasteur Institute, in New-York.

NAVAL RESERVES UNDER WAY

JERSEY'S AMATEUR TARS ENJOYING THEIR CRUISE.

A PRACTICAL TEST OF SEAMANSHIP FOR THE VOLUNTEER SAILORS—AMUSING FEATURES OF LIFE ON THE PORTSMOUTH—COMMANDER JACQUES PLEASED.

Sea Cliff, Long Island, July 27.—The old United States sloop of war Portsmouth, which now does duty as the school ship of the Battalion of the East, New-Jersey Naval Reserves, set sail this morning for Fisher's Island, and the amateur tars of Newark, Hoboken and Jersey City are to-night in full swing along the Sound.

The ship reached this point yesterday at noon and anchored. Her appearance created much interest here, for it is many a long day since any ship that carried guns presented as shipshape an appearance as did the old Portsmouth. Every sheet and halliard, every spar and crosspiece presented a spick-and-span appearance, and as she rode at anchor she looked like what people hereabouts picture as the man-of-war of yesterday.

The men presented a rather burned appearance, for most of them had dropped office work for that of the Navy, and the first rays of the burning sun started the skin. They went about their duties, however, with a willingness that spoke volumes for their enthusiasm. For most of them a trip on the water in a craft like the Portsmouth was a novelty. They have been drilled in theory for a year, but the present cruise is the first chance they have ever had to put the theories into practice.

The men say that the early rising entailed by the division of the crew into regular watches is the hardest part of their duty, so far as they have gone. They say that the watch below has hardly time to turn in before it is piped on deck again. The most enjoyable hour they had yesterday, they said, was when at 5:30 o'clock in the morning the smoking lamp was lighted, and for just thirty minutes they could revel in the luxury of a smoke.

Each day the pipes sound the cook to the mast, in conformity with naval regulations. The cook leaves the galley at 11:30 o'clock, bearing a tray covered with dishes. One may contain butter, another meat, another potatoes and so on. The cook marches solemnly to the mast, where he meets the officer of the deck. Then, with much formality and show, the officer of the deck takes a small mouthful of the eatables on the plates. If he declares them all right the men have them for dinner.

The men seem to approve the ceremony of saluting the colors at 8 in the morning and again at sundown. One of the sailors, who is an undergraduate at Stevens Institute, said that he never realized what the words "Old Glory" meant, as applied to the flag, until he stood with bared head to see the flag run up in the morning and taken down at night. "Colors," he thought, is the most touching bugle call on shipboard.

Captain Jacques was the best-pleased man on board when the ship sailed this morning. There had not, up to that time, been a single breach of discipline, and every duty the men had been called on to perform had been done properly, without instruction. He was proud of his men, and said that he doubted if there was another battalion of Naval Reserves which could have performed the duties as well as his men. His subordinate officers were of the same mind.

One officer said that it was a great deal different to the reserves to be placed on board one of the new cruisers and be obliged to mix with the regulars, who laugh at their mistakes. It took much of the zest out of the trip. Of course, they have the advantage of having modern guns to handle, and of being instructed in the duties that fall to men on board modern ships, but he believed that the cruise in the Portsmouth would be of more benefit, as the officers and men must depend on themselves. If things were done right, they had the satisfaction of knowing that it was done without having an experienced tar at one's elbow; if a mistake was made, the man who made it was responsible. He thought that in another year or two it might be well to send the men to sea in one of the big ships, but this cruise would teach them self-reliance, and show them more seamanship in a single day than could be got out of a month's practice on a modern fighting ship.

POLICEMAN SHEEHAN IN THE COURTS.

HE BEGINS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF UNION HILL.

Mayor Casey and Town Clerk Singer, of Union Hill, have been served with papers in certiorari proceedings instituted by Policeman Owen Sheehan, who was recently adjudged guilty of disorderly conduct and fined ninety days' pay, in addition to sixty days during which he has been suspended. The Council subsequently remitted the fine, on the advice of counsel, and a few days later had Sheehan before them again on other charges.

This time the case was dismissed as not proven, but a report was adopted recommending Sheehan's dismissal the next time he should be found guilty of any infraction of the rules.

The policeman claims he is being persecuted for political reasons.

THREATENED WITH A BATH.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE FARM HAND ACQUIESCED AND WAS ROBBED.

Paterson, July 27 (Special).—Horace Burger, a Ridgewood farm hand, came to this city Saturday night and walked along the Erie Railroad track. He had crossed the railroad bridge at Hawthorne when two men climbed up the embankment and called upon him to halt. They demanded money, and when Burger declared he had none, told him he was lying. The taller man grabbed him by the collar and pointing to the river, said: "Shell out or take a bath." Burger protested, but was held by one man while the other searched his pockets. Burger submitted quietly, as he feared he would be thrown fifteen feet into the river. The footpads secured $1.18, all the money the farmer had. The men disappeared down the embankment cursing their luck. Burger called at police headquarters this afternoon and reported the robbery. The vicinity of the bridge is infested by tramps who camp along the river. The footpads evidently belonged to the gang. Detectives to-night made a raid on the place, but the tramps had anticipated the alarm and fled.

HE HUNG HIS CLOTHES UP TO DRY.

THREE GIRLS CAME ALONG AND, IN ESCAPING FROM THEM, HE RAN INTO A PICNIC PARTY.

New-Brunswick, July 27 (Special).—Harry Marsh, a young man of twenty years, living in New-Brunswick, was the principal in a series of strange experiences at Milltown, three miles from this city, yesterday. With a friend he hired a boat and rowed on the Milltown Lake. Returning to the landing, Marsh's foot slipped and he fell head first into the lake. The water was shallow, and Marsh, with his arms in the mud, was pulled out by the leg. His clothes were spattered with mud. No one was in sight and Marsh took off his garments and hung them up to dry. Just as he hung up the last garment an anchor fell into the water and feminine voices floated to his ears. Three girls in a boat had chosen a spot directly opposite the scene of Marsh's disrobing operations as the proper place to stop and read. Uttering a wild yell, Marsh fled into the woods that skirt the lake. Briars barred his progress and left long scratches on his body, but he heeded them not. Mosquitoes rank in ranks deep into his flesh, but on he rushed. He ran into the midst of a picnic party. A girl nearly fainted and another, dropping a ham sandwich, screamed: "Oh, oh! look at the wild man!" The poor fellow ran back into the woods, chased for a distance by angry picnickers. He hid behind a tree near where his garments were hanging until the girls on the other side rowed away. Marsh had just dressed when three men approached him, looking for the wild man. "He just ran into the woods," said Marsh, and while the men ran back into the thickets Marsh took a trolley-car home.

A SUMMER COTTAGE ROBBED.

Elberon, July 27 (Special).—The cottage of George H. Prentiss, in Lincoln-ave., Elberon, was entered this morning by burglars, who secured valuable silverware. The robbery, which took place between midnight and daybreak this morning, was not discovered until the family was ready for breakfast.

The thieves entered by forcing the rear window on the first floor.

BODY OF AN UNKNOWN SUICIDE FOUND.

Hackensack, July 27 (Special).—Coroner Ricardo went to Fort Lee to-day to take charge of the body of an unknown man found on Leonia Heights, west of that place, yesterday. There was nothing by which the man could be identified. The body was found by Herman Dorsch in a thick growth of brush and rank grass within a few yards of the picnic grounds in Christie's Woods. The man had evidently committed suicide, as indicated by a bullet wound in the middle of the forehead, and a revolver with one empty shell lying near the right hand. Death had apparently taken place many weeks ago. The clothes consisted of a dark pea-jacket, trousers and vest, leather belt, black Alpine hat, black and white striped muslin shirt and congress gaiters. In the pockets were found 56 cents change and a one-dollar-bill. Coroner Ricardo buried the body.

MRS. CREVIER MUST PAY.

A verdict against Mrs. Alice Crevier for $5,251 36 was rendered in the Supreme Court branch of the County Courts yesterday. Mrs. Crevier is the widow of John C. Crevier, the real estate agent, who committed suicide at his office in Hoboken several months ago because of business troubles. He and his wife jointly signed a note for $5,000 in favor of Anton Beiberdeick. Her lawyer contended that, having received no consideration, Mrs. Crevier could not be held responsible. Justice Lippincott ruled that she had acquired her husband's property and was liable.

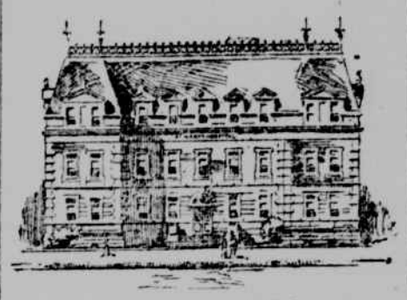
PASSAIC'S NEW HOSPITAL.

GROUND TO BE BROKEN EARLY THIS FALL.

FATHER SHEPPARD GOES AHEAD WITH HIS PLANS REGARDLESS OF OPPOSITION—THE BUILDING TO BE THOROUGHLY MODERN AND AN ORNAMENT TO THE CITY.

Passaic, July 27 (Special).—Despite the criticisms of the local press and many of the residents of this city, Father Sheppard, the energetic pastor of St. Nicholas's Roman Catholic Church, is going ahead with his plans for the erection of the new St. Mary's Hospital, and it has been announced that ground will be broken for the building early next fall.

The site for the hospital is in Pennington-ave., near Aycrigg-ave., in the centre of the residence portion of the city. The fact that such an institution was to be located in the neighborhood caused considerable feeling here, especially last winter, when the subject was agitated by "The Passaic



ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

Daily News," the editor of which has been opposed to the project. Both sides have their partisans, and the discussion became so acrimonious that at one time it seemed as though serious difficulties might be encountered by Father Sheppard. The indomitable priest, however, paid little or no attention to the criticisms of the press, any further than to reply occasionally with a caustic card.

The plans for the hospital were prepared by John F. Kelly, of Passaic. The foundation will be of stone, the first and second stories of brick and the third floor of stone and wood. The building will have a frontage of ninety-three feet in Pennington-ave. It will be after the French Renaissance Henry IV style.

The basement contains apartments for outdoor patients, including waiting-room, consultation office and dispensary; storage space for coal, wood and provisions; boiler and engine room, elevator, main and side stairs accessible from basement. In the courtyard at the rear is an area leading to platform on stairs for transferring patients from ambulance to elevator, and thence to wards.

The first floor contains main entrance and hall, receiving and waiting rooms, physicians' office, sisters' office, accident ward, toilet-rooms, pay patients' rooms, chaplain's apartments, trustees' office; living apartments for sisters, consisting of kitchen, with necessary adjuncts; dining-room, parlor, reception-room and extra dining-room for the chaplain and physicians. In the rear of the building, and isolated, are morgue, post-mortem room and laundry. The elevator and main and side stairs are easily accessible from the first floor; two entrances in rear give access to courtyard from both sides of building.

The second floor contains female medical and surgical wards, with ward pantry, dumb-waiter, nurses' room, toilet-room adjoining, chapel, community-room adjoining chapel, pay patients' rooms, sisters' and nurses' rooms opening into main corridor, toilet-rooms and disinfecting-room; passages to balcony off main corridor; height of ceilings, fourteen feet in clear.

The third floor contains male medical and surgical wards, with ward pantry, dumb-waiter, nurses' room, toilet-rooms, children's ward, with ward pantry; nurses' room, male pay patients' ward, linen-room or pharmacy and male servants' rooms; passage to balcony off main hall; operating-room, with skylight; ceilings, fourteen feet high in clear.

ESSEX COUNTY TAX RATE.

LARGE INCREASE IN VALUATIONS IN NEWARK OWING LARGELY TO HIGHER ASSESSMENTS UPON CORPORATIONS.

The Essex County Board of Tax Assessors met in Newark yesterday and fixed the valuations and tax rate for Newark and Orange and the townships for 1896. The tax rate for the county was fixed at .1883, and the Newark City rate at 1.3617, making a total city rate of $1.96 on every $100 of ratables. This is two points lower than last year on the total city rate. The net increase in the valuations of Newark is $3,464,000. This is largely due to increases in corporation assessments. The Consolidated Traction Company was raised $700,000, the Prudential Insurance Company was raised $100,000, and other corporations were similarly increased. About $1,500,000 was normal increase. The total assessed valuation in the county is: Real estate, $149,313,440; personalty, $30,669,981; indebtedness deducted, $2,176,378; total, $186,997,000; increase in county, $5,332,000. Following is the table of valuation:

Newark. Wards.	Realty.	Personalty.	Debt.	Total.
1st	$9,041,350	$1,881,650	$168,375	$10,744,625
2d	11,965,000	2,971,425	53,475	14,883,850
3d	5,078,300	903,500	73,675	5,908,125
4th	9,584,000	7,205,168	43,425	16,746,343
5th	3,561,950	618,275	46,025	4,134,200
6th	8,883,700	1,227,050	93,225	10,020,525
7th	2,466,125	477,575	39,400	2,904,300
8th	13,597,275	1,937,535	171,910	15,072,900
9th	6,420,850	1,188,715	154,740	7,454,825
10th	5,124,500	704,375	84,700	5,744,175
11th	7,773,925	728,150	105,575	8,396,100
12th	7,676,370	1,546,275	46,050	9,176,595
13th	9,520,010	928,025	114,700	10,143,935
14th	5,285,000	565,975	68,875	5,722,700
15th	3,048,300	326,000	75,050	3,298,650
Mead	380,835	9,500	———	390,335
Bk.-st.	———	2,911,823	158,495	2,753,328
Totals	$108,872,790	$26,139,716	$1,520,195	$133,483,311
Orange	———	———	———	9,299,000
East Orange	13,049,200	1,480,950	125,200	14,403,950
West Orange	3,168,700	298,075	72,900	3,443,875
South Orange	3,388,000	465,000	32,300	3,790,697
Bloomfield	3,014,525	495,850	69,050	3,441,325
Glen Ridge	1,228,700	101,800	14,500	1,316,000
Franklin	1,250,550	85,000	36,100	1,299,450
Belleville	1,693,015	171,050	47,850	1,816,815
Caldwell	610,590	134,075	30,500	714,135
Caldwell Borough	399,900	65,615	4,500	416,415
Livingston	543,050	85,400	5,600	614,750
Clinton	2,595,400	142,200	138,000	2,599,600
Milburn	1,414,550	119,950	31,000	1,501,500
Montclair	6,802,300	917,400	74,600	7,645,100
Verona	601,000	59,800	19,500	641,300
Vailsburg	702,500	17,900	7,850