WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

MOUNT VERNON.

The Mount Vernon auxiliary of the Red Cross will hold its first meeting to prepare garments for the soldiers on next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Maher, No. 219 South Fourth-ave. Women who prefer to assist the auxiliary by doing work at home can secure material on Monday morning next at the home of Mrs. William Wilson, No. 65 South Second-ave.

The annual report of Arthur J. McCarten, treasurer of Police Department, shows that the city expended last year for police protection and the maintenance of the Department $15,703 28, of which $11,914 84 was paid for salaries. The receipts of the Department were $18,574 84, and the balance on hand $2,871 29.

A part of the graduating class of the high school enjoyed an excursion up the Hudson River to Newburg on Tuesday and visited the old Revolutionary landmark known as Washington's headquarters.

The inmates of the Martha Wilson Home for Aged Women, through the kindness of Judge William H. Van Arsdale, enjoyed a drive this week. They visited the Home for Little Mothers, at Hunter's Island.

The merchants and banks of this city are being much annoyed by the circulation of large amounts of counterfeit pennies and small currency. It is believed that some person in the locality is engaged in the manufacture of the money.

YONKERS.

As a result of a serious conflict between the paid and volunteer fire departments at a fire at No. 14 Riverdale-ave. on July 4 the Fire Commissioners met on Wednesday night and listened to charges preferred against Simon Stroh, the driver of Chemical Engine No. 1. Ever since the paid department has been instituted in this city ill-feeling has existed between the paid and volunteer companies, but this was the first instance where trouble arose. A squad of police had to use force to quiet the disturbance.

Second Lieutenant Arthur F. Nugent, of the 4th Separate Company, has been ordered to Buffalo, where he will be first lieutenant of one of the new companies of the 22d Regiment.

Captain John I. Pruyn is still recruiting at the armory. Up to last night sixty-five men had passed the required examination at the 22d Regiment Armory, in New-York City.

The Yonkers Railroad Company has filed plans with Building Inspector Kipp for the erection of a large pavilion at the end of its Warburton line, near Hastings, where it proposes to give concerts.

NEW-ROCHELLE.

The Republican primaries in the various election districts will be held on next Wednesday and Thursday evenings to elect delegates to the town convention at the Republican headquarters on Saturday night of next week. This convention will select delegates to the county, Assembly and Assembly district conventions.

The annual school election has just been called for Tuesday, August 2, in the Town Hall. Trustees for three years are to be elected in the place of Horace Crosby, James Gibson, jr., and H. A. Quackenbush, whose terms expire on that date. A treasurer will also be elected in the place of H. H. Todd. The annual report of the Board will be shown and estimates submitted on the amount necessary to conduct the schools in the coming year. The election, it is said, will be lively, and several tickets will be in the field, among them one by the Educational Association and a Democratic ticket led by Captain Charles H. McGuirk.

Harry T. Dykman, of White Plains; Maurice Dillon, of Port Chester, and Arthur J. Burns, of Yonkers, the Commissioners appointed to appraise the damages caused in street improvements, began hearing expert testimony this week.

The boys of the chancel choir of Trinity Church, accompanied by the rector, Charles F. Canedy, and the women of the Choir Guild, enjoyed an outing yesterday at Oakland Beach.

PEEKSKILL.

At the meeting of Mount Ararat Encampment No. 9, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Cryptic Hall on Wednesday night, the members received a visit from the Grand Patriarch of the State, Henry Walker. The District-Deputy Grand Patriarch, A. Murrey Jenks, of Mount Vernon, and his staff, were also present. The district-deputy installed the following newly elected officers of Mount Ararat Encampment: Chief patriarch, W. A. Brown; senior warden, Frederick Simmonds; junior warden, Samuel J. Barrett; high priest, Oscar V. Barger; guide, Gilbert L. Tompkins; outside sentinel, A. L. Hill; inside sentinel, Lorenzo J. Barrett; first watch, Peter Case; second watch, William H. Lyon; third watch, A. G. Odell; fourth watch, Albert Chase; guards of tents, J. Meader and Charles Haines.

A large new bathhouse is being built along the Hudson at the Franciscan Convent grounds by the convent authorities for the benefit of the inmates, especially the thousand orphan children quartered there.

TARRYTOWN.

The assessors of Greenburgh Township are at work completing the 1898 assessment roll, which will be filed on August 1. The roll will probably be lower than last year, as many people who held personal property then have since disposed of it, and in some cases real estate has been found valued a little too high. The best of harmony prevails in the Board, and the aim of the assessors has been to place the figures at fair values.

Mrs. Jane Beekman Ten Broeck, the widow of Ralph Van Dyke Ten Broeck, died on Wednesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John C. Todd, in North Broadway. Mrs. Ten Broeck was seventy-one years old. Her funeral will be held at her home this afternoon, the Rev. Dr. John Knox Allen and the Rev. Arthur F. Mahon officiating. The burial will be in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

Thomas Rawcliffe, the receiver of taxes, has received the warrants, and will begin collecting on Monday.

NORTH TARRYTOWN.

In March of last year the Pocantico Water Works Company, being unable to obtain coal to operate the pumping station, assigned to Smith, Kerr & Co., their claim of $830 to become due nine months later against the village of North Tarrytown in order to get that firm to supply coal. On July 1, 1897, Smith, Kerr & Co. reassigned the claim to the Tarrytown National Bank. The firm failed in October, and on November 16 Eugene L. Bush was appointed receiver for the Pocantico Water Works Company. The receiver made claims against the village for supplying water for half a year, and the bank filed the assignments with the village and brought suit. The village interpleaded Mr. Bush as defendant, and paid the money into court. The receiver defended the suit, asserting that the assignment was void, on the ground that it was an assignment yet to be earned, and also that it was in violation of the stock corporation law forbidding preferences by insolvent corporations. The case was tried before Justice Dykman by Joseph W. Middlebrook, of Tarrytown, for the bank, and Frederick E. Fishel, of New-York, for the receiver. A decision has just been made awarding the fund to the bank, with costs and judgment, entered on Wednesday. This decision will affect several similar cases.

The Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Tuesday evening, and authorized the Sewer Commissioners to issue bonds in the sum of $30,000.

The Board of Regents, at Albany, has informed the Board of Education that the public school is below the standard, and the reappointment of N. H. Dumond, the principal, has been laid over in consequence. This is said to be due to the fact that a number of outside candidates took the Regents' examinations in June. They failed, and this was what brought down the percentage of the school. It is believed that a satisfactory explanation will be made to the Regents, and that Principal Dumond will be re-engaged.

SING SING.

The village assessment roll, which has been on exhibition for the last week in the corporation rooms, bids fair to be a satisfactory document to the taxpayers. Thus far only one complaint has been entered, and in that case the reduction asked for is only $400.

Arrangements are being made by the German Aid Society of this village to hold its annual outing and picnic on the Andrew Rohr farm, north of this village, on July 25.

A meeting of the Republican Town Committee was held last evening for the purpose of calling the primary next week for the election of delegates to the special conventions of the party and to open the enrolment books for examination and revision.

DOBBS FERRY.

Proposals are being received by Louis F. Murray, the village clerk, for the construction of sewers in Main and Chestnut sts.

The newly elected officers of Spring Valley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, were installed last evening.

Philip Nolan has been chosen assistant foreman of Ogdin Hose Company.

Republican caucuses to elect delegates to the Assembly district and county conventions will be held in all the election districts of Greenburgh Township this evening. The indications point to a Ward-Robertson victory.

PORT CHESTER.

A party, consisting of Sheriff William V. Molloy, Mr. and Mrs. James McClennahan and the Misses McClennahan, of Port Chester; Miss Louise Ramsey, of Orange, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. James Burns, of East View; James W. Daly and his family, of Mount Kisco; Frank and James Fitzpatrick, of Larchmont Manor, will go to Narragansett Pier to attend the circuit meeting. After the meet the trip will be extended to Detroit and other lake points.

FLAG FOR HAWAII.

PRESENTED BY SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

San Francisco, July 14.—A beautiful American flag was sent by the steamer Alameda to the Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce to be unfurled at the ceremony of raising the flag in that city. It was the gift of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco.

The State Board of Trade has decided to send a commission to the Hawaiian Islands to study and report on the best means to foster trade between the islands and this country, which will naturally be increased greatly by annexation. The Chamber of Commerce proposes to give the Hawaiian Commissioners a public reception on their arrival in this city.

SMALL RIOT IN THE TENDERLOIN.

A BARTENDER SHOT IN A RAINES LAW CLUB AND LIKELY TO DIE—TWO OTHER MEN WOUNDED.

A desperate fight took place between a number of men and women in the rooms of the Dove Social Club, over a saloon at No. 1,451 Broadway, about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, in which pistols, knives and glasses were freely used. As a result one man is in the New-York Hospital and is likely to die, and two others were slightly wounded. Five men and one woman were arrested by the police.

The saloon is said to be one of the worst places in the Tenderloin. The proprietor, a man named Brown, is now in the Tombs, under sentence for having cut a man's eye out. The clubrooms are connected with the saloon, and the club organization is said to be merely a blind by which the sale of liquors during prohibited hours is accomplished with safety. John McNamara, who lived on the premises, was the night bartender, and Thomas Flaherty the waiter. These two and about a dozen more persons, regular habitués of the place, were in the saloon in the early morning, when two men quarrelled over one of the women present. The quarrel was adjusted, and the woman's friend ordered drinks for the crowd. A few minutes later he declared that the woman had robbed him and tried to strike her. The bartender interfered and in a moment a desperate fight was in progress. Shots were fired, knives were used and glasses hurled. Those not engaged in the combat made a rush down the narrow stairs to the street. There the police met them and secured as many as possible as witnesses.

Frank Russell and John Pearling, who had started the quarrel, darted out of the clubrooms a moment later and ran up Broadway, in a vain attempt to escape. Both were soon caught, and each was found to be bleeding—Pearling from a severe scalp wound, and Russell from a stab wound in the back. McNamara was found on the floor in one of the clubrooms with a bullet in his groin and a stab wound in his head. He said that Russell had shot him and that Pearling had aided Russell. He was hurried to the New-York Hospital, and the other two men and one woman were locked up.

As it was momentarily expected that McNamara would die, he was called on to make an ante-mortem statement to Coroner Bausch. He told the Coroner that a number of boisterous men and women were in the saloon, and at 4 o'clock he ordered them out and put out all the lights except one. A man called Tom, who had been abusing him, then shot him. McNamara subsequently identified Russell as the man who had done the shooting. He said he had not quarrelled with the man and that he had been shot without provocation.

Russell and Pearling were later held by Magistrate Deuel, in the West Side Police Court, to await the result of McNamara's injuries. The others were discharged.

CONTROLLER COLER SEES THE GOVERNOR.

HIS BILL TO SEPARATE COUNTY DEBTS FROM THE CITY DEBT FAVORED BY FIVE CHARTER COMMISSIONERS.

Albany, July 14.—Controller Coler of New-York and William C. De Witt, of Brooklyn, called on Governor Black to-day and urged that he permit the Legislature to consider a bill which has been drafted that will in a measure relieve New-York City from the excess of debt over its borrowing capacity by separating from the city debt the bonded indebtedness of the counties annexed to New-York City, and for an equal taxation for the bonded indebtedness in all of the boroughs. They estimate that the city would be relieved by this bill of a debt of some $22,000,000.

Mr. De Witt was a member of the Commission that drafted the greater city charter, and he told the Governor that a majority of the charter commissioners favored the enactment of the bill. Controller Coler said that Governor Black did not say that he would not consider the matter, but the Governor expressed himself two days ago as being opposed to the Legislature considering any subject not referred to in his message.

Later in the day Controller Coler and Mr. De Witt made an effort to have the Senators from New-York City confer on the matter, and if it was agreeable to them they should importune the Governor to permit the Legislature to enact the bill which had been prepared.

Owing to the lateness of the session and the brief recess that was taken it was impossible to get the Senators into a conference. Many of them, however, expressed their approval of the measure. Mr. De Witt gave out this letter, which five of the Greater New-York Charter Commissioners addressed to the Governor on the question:

New-York, July 12, 1898.

To the Governor:

The Controller has fully explained to us the financial situation of the city of New-York. We heartily approve of the passage by the Legislature at the extraordinary session of the bill which the Controller has sent to you, entitled, "An act to amend the Greater New-York charter respecting county debts." We agree with him that the high credit of the city should be safeguarded in every possible way. We also agree with him that the city should be permitted to proceed with such public improvements as the city government has already authorized in the interest of the people.

While we do not express any opinion as to the precise relation at the present time of the debt of the city to the constitutional debt limit, it is obvious that the margin of debt-incurring capacity is at best small, and we heartily approve of the elimination of county debts as provided for in the act submitted to your favorable consideration by the Controller. Respectfully yours,

B. F. TRACY,
WILLIAM C. DE WITT,
SILAS B. DUTCHER,
THOMAS F. GILROY,
F. W. WORSTER.

EXPRESS CAR BLOWN OPEN IN NEVADA.

ROBBERS WHO HELD UP THE TRAIN ESCAPED WITH CONTENTS OF SAFE.

Reno, Nev., July 14.—Passenger train No. 1, eastbound, was held up last night, one mile east of Humboldt. The express car was blown up and the safe blown open. The robbers escaped.

When the train arrived at a point a mile east of Humboldt a negro and a white man covered the engineer with guns, stopped the train, and, going back to the express car, they blew it up with dynamite, almost destroying the express packages. Covering Messenger George Hughes, they blew open the safe and rifled it of its contents, which amounted to only a trifle, and decamped. The train went on to Winnemucca, where the damaged car was set out and the express matter transferred to a box-car, and then proceeded east.

It is rumored here that the negro has been arrested. A strong posse from Winnemucca is in pursuit. It is thought the robbers boarded the train at Reno.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN BOSTON.

Boston, Uuly 14.—The Republican State Committee this afternoon voted to hold the Republican State Convention in Music Hall, Boston, on October 6 at 10 a. m. Congressman William H. Moody, of Haverhill, will be chairman of the convention, and Congressman William S. Knox, of Lawrence, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

STEAMER PLYMOUTH TO BE DRYDOCKED.

The Fall River Line steamboat Plymouth, which broke down Tuesday night while on her way from Providence to this port, was towed to her pier at Murray-st. and the North River yesterday morning. The passengers were brought here on Wednesday by the New-Haven steamboat C. H. Northam. The damage to the Plymouth is such that she will have to be drydocked. It has been found that her rudder-pin is broken, and the repairs will take several days' time.

RICHMOND BOROUGH NEWS.

A squad of policemen were searching the island yesterday for a brindle bull. The bull is afflicted with tuberculosis, and was quarantined several days ago at the dairy farm of John N. Depuy, at Graniteville, preparatory to its being shipped to Barren Island. Mr. Depuy denied ownership of the animal, and said it had strayed onto his place a few days before his cattle were inspected by Dr. P. K. Nichols, veterinary for the Borough Health Department. The bull is alleged to have broken out of the yard where it was confined, and the police are making a determined effort to find it.

The members of the Italian Steamship Agents' Society, of Manhattan, will be entertained at a dinner on Sunday afternoon by Felice Tocci, at his farm on the Fresh Kills Road, near Richmond. More than a hundred and fifty guests are expected, and a number of prominent Staten Islanders have been invited.

At a partition sale by Judge S. D. Stephens, as referee, yesterday the entire property known as Brown's Elm Park, in Port Richmond, was sold in parcels. The amount realized was only $4,300, and the property is estimated to be worth $15,000. The principal buyers were William Quinlan, Charles E. Griffith and Joseph Donovan.

When Robert Ball, nine years old, was arraigned for trial in the Court of Sessions yesterday on a charge of stealing firecrackers, Justice Devenny declared that it was a travesty of justice to bring a baby before the Court on such a charge. Justice Fitzgerald, who, while sitting as a City Magistrate, had held the boy, explained that there was much complaint at Bloomfield, where the boy lived, of his mischief-making. It was stated that the prisoner's mother had promised to take care of the child and he was discharged.

The Staten Island Yacht Club will hold its first regatta of the season to-morrow. It will be a club race over a triangular course in the Upper Bay for the Wiegand Cup.

The Rev. Alonzo L. Wood, rector of St. Paul's Church, Tompkinsville, has gone to the Catskills with his family for a month's vacation. In his absence his pulpit will be supplied by the Rev. Mr. McFarland and the Rev. Edward Schlueter, of the General Theological Seminary.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

FIFTH AVENUE—Senator William Lindsay, of Kentucky; General Matt W. Ransom, ex-Minister to Mexico, and A. T. Wood, M. P., of Hamilton, Ont. GILSEY—Colonel John Richardson, of Hawaii. HOFFMAN—Ex-Congressman Nathan Frank, of Missouri. HOLLAND—George A. Driggs, of Waterbury, Conn. MURRAY HILL—Colonel A. J. Parker, U. S. A., and S. V. A. Hunter, of Boston. WALDORF—Horace G. Burt, of Omaha.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

The steamship Olivette, with sick and wounded soldiers, to arrive from Fortress Monroe.

White court-martial, Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

Examination of candidates for appointment as members of the Board of Examiners.

Brighton Beach races, 2:30 p. m.

Dock Commissioners' meeting, 2 p. m.

School Board of Manhattan and The Bronx to consider the drawing teachers' petition against the salary schedule, 4 p. m.

Music in Battery Park by 69th Regiment Band, 8 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Maggie Becker, the girl who attempted suicide in the House of the Good Shepherd, was arraigned in the Harlem Police Court yesterday. Nobody appeared against the girl, and Magistrate Wentworth sent her back to the Home again, the Magistrate remarking that there was an evident attempt to get rid of the girl by foisting her on to the Court.

Robert Ennis, the fifteen-year-old boy who had charge of the five Central Park donkeys which have died within the last eight weeks, was discharged yesterday in the Yorkville Police Court, after having been arrested on suspicion of having poisoned the animals. Dr. Gill, of East Fifty-seventh-st., testified that he had found evidences of an irritant poison in the stomach of one animal, but the others might have died from a decomposition of food.

An engine on the Third-ave. elevated railroad disarranged a piston-rod at 7:20 o'clock yesterday morning, while drawing a train of four cars out of the Fourteenth-st. station on the uptown track. The train came to a standstill, and for fifteen minutes there was a block which extended to Houston-st. The engineer adjusted the disarranged rod and the train proceeded uptown.

The tug Major McKinley, while returning from sea towing scows, was in collision last evening in the Narrows with the British steamer Hillbrook, bound to Avonmouth. The scows belonged to the James McSperritt Dredging Company, of Jersey City. One of them was so badly damaged that she was run ashore above Fort Hamilton. The other was only slightly damaged. No one was injured. The Hillbrook proceeded on her voyage, apparently none the worse. The McKinley also sustained no damage.

R. M. Johnston was yesterday appointed receiver by Justice Dickey, in the Supreme Court, of the property of Paul Lichtenstein. Edwin Knowles, manager of the Fifth Avenue Theatre, got a judgment against Lichtenstein for the money lost in the engagement of Alexandra Viarda at his theatre. Lichtenstein, it is said, backed Viarda. Execution was returned unsatisfied, and a supplementary examination disclosed little property, although Lichtenstein, it is reported, admitted that it cost him over $10,000 a year to live. The receiver is to give a $600 bond.

IMPORTANT MINING DECISION.

IS THE SELLER RESPONSIBLE IF THE PURCHASER FAILS?

Prescott, Ariz., July 14.—A mining suit has just been decided here which if sustained by the higher courts promises to revolutionize methods of making mining deals, as well as to involve numerous properties in litigation.

Six years ago Dr. H. H. Warner contracted with Judge E. W. Wells and John Lawler for the purchase of the Hillside Mine for $100,000, paying over $20,000. Warner stocked the mine under the name of the Seven Stars Mining Company, for $5,000,000, selling large quantities of stock in the Eastern States and in Europe, giving a personal guarantee that the mine would pay 10 per cent a year dividend. Warner failed, and the Seven Stars Mining Company collapsed with him. The stockholders brought suit against Wells and Lawler for the recovery of money paid for stock of the Seven Stars company, and judgment has been rendered in favor of the plaintiffs for $1,800,000, to act as a lien against the mine till paid.

The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States to obtain final decision.

OBITUARY.

BISHOP LOUIS F. LAFLECHE.

Montreal, July 14.—Bishop Louis François Laflèche, of Three Rivers, died this afternoon in his eightieth year. He was ordained a priest in Quebec on January 7, 1844. In 1864 he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Three Rivers, and in 1870, on the death of Bishop Cooke, he succeeded to the bishopric. He was the dean of the Canadian Episcopacy.

JOHN H. THOMAS.

Baltimore, July 14 (Special).—John H. Thomas, of the well-known law firm of Wallis & Thomas, died this afternoon, aged seventy-four. He read law in the office of the late S. Teackle Wallis, and for many years they were in partnership. He was regarded as one of the ablest members of the bar in Maryland, standing especially high in admiralty law. His wife, a daughter of the late Judge George Grey Leiper, of Delaware County, Penn., died a few years ago. He was well known in the courts of all the Eastern cities.

HENRY AITKEN.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 14 (Special).—Henry Aitken, seventy-eight years old, the first Controller of Elizabeth, died at 4 o'clock this afternoon at his home, No. 212 Rahway-ave. He was appointed Controller of this city on June 12, 1872, and held the office until March 1, 1875. He was a member of the New-York Stock Exchange for many years, and retired from business several years ago. Mr. Aitken in politics was a strong Republican. He leaves a wife and five daughters, one of whom is the wife of the present Controller of Elizabeth, Albert B. Carlton, who has held the office since 1883. Mr. Aitken for several years was a member of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners of Elizabeth. His reason for refusing a second term was that he saw that the city was rapidly drifting toward bankruptcy, and when his advice as a financier was not heeded he refused to continue at the helm.

TROLLEY-CARS IN COLLISION.

There was a collision between two trolley-cars of the Staten Island Electric Railroad on the long trestle leading from Main-st. to the St. George Ferry, St. George, yesterday. The trestle is about six hundred feet long and it had to be constructed in order that the trolley-cars could reach the ferry without going over the tracks of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad. There are two tracks on the trestle to within one hundred feet of the ferry, where there is a switch connecting with a third track. A South Beach and a Brighton Heights car left the ferry at the same time and both motormen, it is alleged, raced to see which would reach the switch first to get on the main track. The South Beach car won, but the Brighton Heights car was at the switch a few seconds after it. The Brighton Heights car was going at such a rate of speed that it could not stop, and it crashed into the rear of the South Beach car. The latter was thrown from the track and fell on one side of the trestle. There was considerable excitement, as women and children mostly occupied the car, but fortunately no one was hurt. The car could not have fallen to the street below, for the trestle is wide and well protected to guard against such an accident. The road was blocked for a short time.

KINGS COUNTY RAILROAD ASSETS SOLD.

The assets of the Kings County Traction Company were sold at public auction yesterday at the New-York Real Estate salesroom by Henry Draper. They consisted of 39,987 shares of capital stock of the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company of Brooklyn, the options on the remaining shares, and the option on nine shares of the capital stock of the Brooklyn, Bath Beach and West End Railroad Company. The purchaser was D. E. H. Harriman, and the price paid was $2,100,000.

The sale was held in accordance with the terms of an agreement entered into over two years ago between the Nassau Electric Railroad Company and the Brooklyn Traction Company, and is preliminary to the winding up of the traction company's affairs.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS TO MEET.

The unions of the Christian Endeavor Society in the five boroughs of this city will be strongly represented at the Greater New-York Christian Endeavor rally and the missionary rally, to be held at the Auditorium, Westerleigh, to-morrow and Sunday. The first rally will take place to-morrow at 3:30 p. m., and the missionary rally on Sunday at 3 p. m.

The chairman of the Committee for Manhattan estimates that there will be fifteen hundred members of the union from this borough present. Addresses will be delivered to-morrow by the Rev. John B. Devine, the Rev. A. H. MacLaurin and the Rev. Alfred H. Demarest. Among those who will speak at the rally to be held on Sunday will be Harlan P. Beach and the Rev. W. M. Zweiner, a missionary from Arabia. A song service to-morrow will be led by I. H. Meredith, of Brooklyn.

Not one of the 300 short-trouser suits that are now marked $4, but that will well repay a trip to our stores.

They were marked $8, $7 and $6.

Can't come? Then we'll send one on approval; if he doesn't want a whole suit we'll send a piece of one—short trousers, $1.25.

And we'll send clothes to the boy's dad—shoes, hats and furnishings, too.

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Thirty-second and Broadway.

"BIG BILL" MASON IN BAD PLIGHT.

NITRATE OF SILVER STAINS LEAD TO CONNECTING HIM AND TWO COMPANIONS WITH A NEWARK BURGLARY.

Stains of nitrate of silver on the hands of "Big Bill" Mason, "Red" Spencer and Thomas Reilly, the ex-convicts who were arrested by detectives after a desperate struggle last Monday night, have led the police to connect them with the burglary of an assay office in Newark, N. J., last Thursday night.

Mason is wanted as the suspected murderer of Major Wilson, the Philadelphia librarian, who was killed and robbed last August.

Emil Schneider, an assayist, who has an office at No. 9 to 13 Railroad Place, Newark, N. J., called at Police Headquarters yesterday and told Captain McClusky that his office had been entered last Thursday night and $1,400 worth of silver stolen. In robbing the place the thieves had spilled a bottle of nitrate of silver on the floor. The safe had been blown open and the valuables taken therefrom. Captain McClusky, after hearing this tale, went down into the cells where the four desperadoes are kept, and examined their hands. He found stains left by the acid on the hands of Mason, Reilly and Spencer. Nitrate of silver leaves a peculiar mark, and there was no doubt that the stains had been caused by that acid.

In the Centre-st. police court Mason was remanded to Police Headquarters to await requisition from Philadelphia. Four detectives, it was said, would come to this city to take him to Philadelphia. Spencer and Reilly were held for the Newark burglary, and officers from that city will probably arrive in a day or two for them. Coffey has no charge against him yet, but he was remanded.

Further investigation develops the extreme recklessness of Mason and his dare-devil partners in crime. In November, 1897, Mason and Michael Connors were arrested in Pittsfield, Mass., for the burglary of a jewelry store. They were locked up in the county jail, and escaped by sawing the bars of the upper tiers of cells and lowering themselves to the sidewalk over a spiked wall ten feet high by means of the sash cord of a window. In December, 1897, Mason and another man were arrested in Yonkers for a burglary at the home of Mr. Bradley, vice-president of the Tarrytown Bank. They were tried and sentenced to fourteen years in Sing Sing, but Mason subsequently escaped.

"Big Bill" told Captain McClusky yesterday that he would improve every chance to get away, as he never hesitated to escape when he could.

REQUISITION PAPERS GRANTED.

Albany, July 14.—Governor Black to-day granted the requisition of the Governor of Pennsylvania for the extradition of William Mason, otherwise known as "Big Bill" Mason, under arrest in the city of New-York for the murder of Major William C. Wilson, of Philadelphia, who was found dead on August 16, 1897, in the building at No. 1,117 Walnut-st., where is situated the circulating library of which he was the manager.

The requisition of the Governor of Pennsylvania was granted by the Governor without any opposition or protest. The application came by mail, and the papers were sent by mail to New-York City.

FALL RIVER MILL-OWNERS PROTEST.

THEY WANT THE VALUATIONS OF THEIR PROPERTY REVISED.

Fall River, Mass., July 14.—Local mill men have asked the city for a revision of mill valuations. This means that with the present industrial conditions the mill-owners object to paying the rate of tax required in better times. The assertion is that the values of the plants have fallen off with the diminished price of the product. Mill men say that the State bases its valuations of property on the selling price of stock to a considerable extent, and that if this standard were applied in the present instance an average falling off of nearly one-third would result. Statements have been submitted to the assessors. It is also said that the taxation of mills in this State is disproportionate to that of other States. If necessary, the courts will be appealed to. The Troy Corporation, of this city, secured an abatement in that way after long litigation.

REDUCED RAILROAD RATES.

The officers of the Merchants' Association have issued orders to the staff of that organization to rush all the work now in hand in the way of literature about New-York City and the reduced rates, for the purpose of getting it in the mails at the earliest possible moment. The last thing prepared is a circular which was gotten up yesterday, and is now in the hands of the printer. This circular sets forth the reduced rates granted by the railroads running as far West as Chicago and St. Louis, as far South as the Ohio River, as far East as the New-England boundary line, and north into Canada. The rate of fare in this territory is equal to one and one-third of the entire round trip fare.

"The Illustrated booklet, entitled "Summer Days and Nights in New-York," is also being rushed. It has been promised for to-day. One hundred and fifty thousand copies will be distributed free by the Merchants' Association to merchants throughout the country. The book alone will cost about $10,000, to say nothing of the postage.

The Southeastern Passenger Association will hold its meeting at Atlanta next Tuesday. The Merchants' Association has made application to the railroads in that territory for reduced rates, and the application will be considered on that date. That territory includes all the States to the east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio River.

CHARTERED IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Charleston, W. Va., July 14 (Special).—The following charters have been issued here by the Secretary of State:

The Copper Hill Mining Company, of New-York City, for the purpose of mining in New-Mexico. Capital stock subscribed, $500. The shares are $10 each, and are held by Peter M. Wise, S. L. Philips and H. B. Deady, of New-York, John K. Turner, of Denver, and F. B. Wilson, of Brooklyn.

The Planophone Company, of New-York City, with a capital of $500. The shares are $10 each, and are held by C. W. Youngman, John R. Lowther, J. L. Schreder, E. G. Betz and M. A. Jones, of New-York.

The Feliz Sugar Company, with principal office in New-York City. The purpose of the company is to buy, sell, rate, acquire and otherwise deal in sugarcane, sugar plantations, sugar refineries, etc. The capital subscribed is $2,000, with the privilege of increasing the same to $500,000 by the sale of additional shares from time to time. The shares are $100 each, and are held by Michael Dillon, Frederick Blasenbrey, Robert Wheelan, Morris Cooper and Samuel I. Kelton. The charter expires July 1, 1948.

EGYPT EXPLORATION FUND BRANCH.

A New-York State branch of the Egypt Exploration Fund has been recently organized as an auxiliary of the English society, whose name it bears. Spencer Trask is president of the branch; the Rev. Dr. Adolphus F. Schauffler, vice-president; Andrew Mills, treasurer; the Rev. Dr. Charles R. Gillett, secretary, and the Executive Committee is composed of the Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Hoffman, Charles Dudley Warner and Caryl Coleman. The work of the Fund is threefold, including exploration, archæological survey and the recovery of buried papyrus documents. The annual membership dues of the branch, whose home is at No. 700 Park-ave., are $5.

BICYCLISTS IN A HEAD-ON CRASH.

Two bicyclists crashed together in a head-on collision at Second-ave. and Second-st. last night, and both were seriously hurt. They are Silas A. Lewis, twenty-three years old, of No. 330 East Thirteenth-st., a student, and Andrew J. Virginio, of No. 320 East Eleventh-st. Both were unconscious when picked up. They were taken home in cabs. Each, when he recovered his senses, blamed the other for the accident. The wheels were smashed beyond repair.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELLERS.

Among the passengers booked to sail on the Campania to-morrow for Liverpool are Richard A. McCurdy, Otto Zaiser, a survivor of La Bourgogne; D. H. Moffat, president of the First National Bank; Mrs. Prescott Hall Butler, Richard Mortimer, Louis Thebaud, Professor Ischisuke Fujioka, of Tokio, Japan; James K. Hill and the Rev. Dr. E. Winchester Donald, rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Among the arrivals from Europe on the White Star liner Germanic yesterday were E. Williams, F. Bradley, Dr. Van Dyck, D. Forbes, B. O. Haynes, L. M. Johnson, H. C. Lockwood, A. P. Rockwell, F. B. Stone, A. Taylor, H. V. Williamson and S. J. Wood.

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GLASS EYE AS SECURITY FOR A LOAN.

JUSTICE HOLBROOK STAGGERED BY A PROPOSITION FROM A REPENTANT PRODIGAL.

Justice Holbrook, of the Court of Special Sessions, had an amusing experience yesterday with a prisoner who had benefited by his clemency. About six weeks ago Lawrence Hanna, of Dayton, Ohio, a well-dressed young man about twenty years old, walked into Grace Church rectory, in Broadway, and asked to see the Rev. Dr. Huntington. Dr. Huntington was engaged and Hanna was told to wait. He did so for a while, and then started away, taking with him an umbrella worth $15.

One of the curates watched the proceeding, gave chase, and a block away overtook the thief. He fought the clergymen and a policeman placed him under arrest. In the Court of Special Sessions a few days ago Justice Holbrook sentenced him to three months in the penitentiary and a fine of $200. The prisoner, however, told such a pitiful tale, producing letters to show that his people were respectable and prominent in Dayton, that the Justice interested himself, and yesterday he suspended the unserved part of the sentence and the fine.

As soon as Hanna was released he at once went to Justice Holbrook's room and asked to see the Justice privately. The Justice decided to see him, and the young man with tears streaming from his eyes expressed his thanks. Justice Holbrook was fast becoming affected and was thinking what he could do to aid so penitent a prodigal, when the young man suddenly pulled himself together and asked him for a loan of $25 to take him to his Dayton home, there to "brace up and be a man."

"To show you I'm in earnest," he said, "I'll give you my glass eye for security."

Before the astonished Justice had time to recover Hanna had plucked his eye from his head and pushed it across the table to the Justice. With its production, however, the interview ended abruptly. Justice Holbrook beat back the tears that had started to his eyes in sympathy with the young man's grief and said he must hurry back to the bench; at the same time he must decline to take the eye or loan the money, and Hanna sadly replaced his optic and went away, whither is not known.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OPENS IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, July 14.—The eighth annual international convention of the Baptist Young People's Union opened this morning in the 74th Regiment Armory. The Stars and Stripes predominated, but the English flag was almost equally prominent. John N. Chapman, of Chicago, the president, opened the convention. In the course of his remarks he said:

To-day we meet under two flags, but with one spirit. (Applause.) The Union Jack is drooping to-day because God has lately called home one of England's many heroes, William Ewart Gladstone. There is sorrow beneath our flag because we have been called upon to chastise another nation in the cause of liberty and right. But we are to fight against a worse foe than Spain and in a better cause than Cuba's—the cause of Christ in this world.

This afternoon the reports of the Board of Managers and the treasurer were read.

SINKING FUND'S APPROVAL REQUIRED.

The Sinking Fund Commission yesterday received an opinion from the Corporation Counsel to the effect that all leases entered into by the Board of Education would have to be submitted to the Commissioners for approval. It would appear that the Board of Education has been making leases without applying to the Commission. Mr. Whalen holds that the charter does not give such authority. The Commission renewed the leases of a few offices.

Announcements.

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P.M.—Sandy Hook 5:30 | Gov. Island 6:02 | Hell Gate 7:55

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line.
Hesperia	Gibraltar, June 29	Anchor
Bleamanden	Rotterdam, July 1	Holl-Amer
El Dorado	New-Orleans, July 10	Morgan

SATURDAY, JULY 16.

Chesapeake	London, July 3	——
Umbria	Liverpool, July 9	Cunard
Tallahassee	Savannah, July 13	Savannah

SUNDAY, JULY 17.

Bulgaria	Hamburg, July 3	Hamb-Amer
F der Grosse	Bremen, July 10	N G Lloyd
La Navarre	Havre, July 9	French
Prinz R Luitpold	Bremen, July 5	N G Lloyd
Rotterdam	Rotterdam, July 7	Holl-Amer

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

| Vessel. | For. | Line. |