A BIG GAS COMBINATION.

PLANS FOR CONSOLIDATING COMPANIES IN OHIO AND INDIANA.

THE NEW CONCERN TO BE KNOWN AS THE CENTRAL UNION GAS COMPANY, AND TO BE INCORPORATED AT TRENTON.

It became known yesterday that plans were nearly perfected for the consolidation into one great corporation of a large number of companies in Central and Southern Indiana and Ohio, controlling illuminating gas, natural gas and electric lighting companies, properties, plants and franchises in that region. The new company is to be incorporated at Trenton, under the title of the Central Union Gas Company, and is to have an authorized capital of $60,000,000, of which $30,000,000 will be 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock and $30,000,000 common stock. The consent of the owners of the entire stock and bonds of the following eleven companies to the plan of consolidation has already been secured: The Dayton Gas Company, the Tippecanoe City Gas Company, the Covington Gas Company, the New Western Gas Company, the Piqua Gas Company, the Sidney Gas Company, the Troy Gas Company, the Springfield Gas Company, the Urbana Gas Company, the South Charleston Gas Company and the Mount Sterling Gas Company.

The assent of a majority of all the stock and bonds of the following six companies to the plan has also been obtained: The Indianapolis Gas Company, the Indiana Natural and Illuminating Gas Company, the Fort Wayne Gas Company, the Logansport and Wabash Valley Gas Company, the Lafayette Gas Company and the Ohio and Indiana Gas Company.

A circular has been issued to the holders of the remaining stocks and bonds of the six companies last named, asking them to exchange their respective holdings for preferred and common stock of the Central Union Gas Company, upon specified terms, which are declared in the case of each company to be to the distinct advantage of such stock and bond holders.

The arrangements for consolidating all these companies are in charge of the following well-known financiers, several of whom are prominently identified with gas interests in the East: F. P. Olcott, Charles F. Dieterich, Anthony N. Brady, John Sloane, Samuel Thomas, E. C. Benedict and Samuel Thorne.

Poor & Greenough, of No. 18 Wall-st., are acting as bankers for the new corporation. Of the authorized capital $5,000,000 preferred stock and $5,000,000 common stock will be retained in the treasury to provide for contingent needs of the new company, for the purchase of companies, properties and plants in addition to the seventeen companies included in the present plan, or for extensions and improvements. The Central Trust Company of this city is to be the depository and trustee to carry out the consolidation plan. A syndicate has been formed to effect an exchange of the stocks and bonds of the seventeen companies named into the preferred and common stock of the Central Union Gas Company, and to secure the delivery of the properties, plants and franchises of these companies to the new company.

The holders of the stocks and bonds of the constituent companies are to take their pay to the extent of a majority of both in preferred and common stock of the new company. To provide for the contingency of some of the minority security-holders of the six constituent companies not yet entirely committed to the plan refusing to assent to the consolidation, the syndicate has sold to Poor & Greenough $7,500,000 of preferred stock, which is offered for such subscription at par, with an equal amount of common stock.

The constituent companies of the proposed combination are now showing aggregate net yearly earnings of about $2,750,000, a sum sufficient to provide for dividends at 7 per cent on the $35,000,000 preferred stock and 4 per cent on the $25,000,000 common stock which will be issued in payment for these properties, and it is expected that the net earnings of the new company will be substantially larger, owing to the economies in office administration, field expenses and mechanical operations which can be effected after the consolidation. In addition to the real estate, pipe systems, machinery, patent processes, plants and acetylene rights of these companies, the new company will have 170,200 acres of land under lease for gas and oil purposes. The gas is now being supplied from 9000 wells, and ample resources for the additional supply of natural gas to an unlimited extent exist in undeveloped fields and territories.

Application is to be made to the New-York Stock Exchange to list the preferred and common shares of the new company as soon as it is constituted.

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

George Levy, a tobacco broker, formerly of the firm of D. Levy & Son, wholesale dealers in tobacco, formerly at No. 147 Water-st., has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $66,677 and no assets. The firm failed in 1893, and David Levy, the senior partner, died some time ago.

Edward A. Owen, clerk, of No. 151 West Ninety-sixth-st., has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of $9,593, principally contracted in 1890 and 1891 by the Owen-Hutchinson Lumber Company, of Saginaw, Mich., which went into the hands of a receiver eight years ago, creditors being paid $2.50 in dividends. Mr. Owen puts this amount and the expenses of the receivership, $3,000, in the column of assets.

A petition in involuntary bankruptcy has been filed against Mary Hopkins, widow, of One-hundred-and-sixty-fourth-st. and Mott-ave., in The Bronx, by four creditors—W. H. Busey, of Urbana, Ill., $895; A. T. Bowen & Co., $96.500; Eugene Eisert, $2,000, and Alvin Eisert. The claims are on her notes, indorsed by Frank W. Gilbert, and on his notes, which she indorsed. Mr. Gilbert is her son-in-law. He was engaged in building operations at Eighty-eighth-st. and Madison-ave., where a receiver was appointed for the rents in December last. The grounds of the petition are that while insolvent on October 17 she transferred real estate at Mott-ave. and One-hundred-and-sixty-third-st. valued at $20,000 subject to a mortgage of $12,500, and a corner at One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth-st. and Railroad-ave. valued at $20,000 and mortgaged for $20,000, to Sigismund B. Wortman, and on November 11 she transferred to Henry H. Jackson a bond and mortgage for $18,000, made by Mr. Gilbert to her on the property at Madison-ave. and Eighty-eighth-st. It is alleged that at the time of these conveyances Mrs. Hopkins was indebted to creditors over $60,000 in addition to bonds and mortgages on real estate and the claims of Messrs. Wortman and Jackson.

A meeting of the creditors of Brouwer & McGown, stockholders, formerly at No. 2 Wall-st., was called yesterday before Royal S. Crane, referee in bankruptcy, at No. 237 Broadway. The schedules showed liabilities of $475,780 and nominal assets of $13,304. The only large claim filed was that of John Hood for $44,000 on notes. Referee Crane appointed Isidor Osorio trustee of the assets.

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RAILROAD INTERESTS.

DENIED BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.

NO AGREEMENT FOR MODIFICATION OF DIFFERENTIALS ON EASTBOUND FREIGHT RATES.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day authorized the statement that the widely copied report of an agreement between the Commission and presidents of the trunk lines to bring about a modification of the present differentials in eastbound rates on grain and provisions to New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other Atlantic ports, is untrue. The Commission, it is stated, is not and could not be a party to any such agreement, and is not advised of any such agreement between the carriers. At the office of the Commission it is said that for a number of years these differentials have been the subject of much discussion and controversy, especially when the roads have been making (as they have lately) determined efforts to maintain the published rates, and, consequently, to enforce the differentials. It is therefore regarded by the Commission as probable that the question has again been considered by trunk line officials, but if there is such an understanding it is not one which the Commission is or could be a party to, nor has such a proposition been submitted to it in any way.

FREIGHT RATE WAR IN THE SOUTH.

THE SOUTHERN AND SEABOARD AIR LINE ROADS ENGAGED IN IT—LOW COST OF CARRYING COTTON.

Atlanta, Jan. 21 (Special).—The fiercest rate war in the recent history of railroads in this region is on, between the Southern and the Seaboard Air Line roads. The latter began to cut freight rates last Monday, and the Southern went it one better. This slashing has continued, until the cotton rate from Atlanta to Norfolk, which was 49 cents a hundred a week ago, is 25 cents now. Other freights have been cut heavily, though not in so great a proportion.

This fight was predicted on the announcement of the recent change in the ownership of the Seaboard Air Line. The manner in which it has come and has been conducted strengthens the already strong belief that the Louisville and Nashville and the Seaboard Air Line either have formed or will soon form a league offensive and defensive against the Southern. Both companies are powerfully supported, and there is no telling where the war will end. In consequence of the cut rate, there is the heaviest railway movement of cotton ever known in this region. It is probable that the cut in freight rates will be followed by a passenger-fare reduction, and the final result of the contest is the subject of much conjecture.

EASTBOUND FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Eastbound shipments of the week amounted to 131,726 tons, against 141,031 tons for the previous week. The Panhandle led, with 21,470 tons; the Michigan Central carried 12,564; Wabash, 7,919; Lake Shore, 19,038; Fort Wayne, 20,410; Baltimore and Ohio, 9,355; Grand Trunk, 15,886; Nickel Plate, 12,704; Erie, 10,532, and Big Four, 2,148.

REDUCED FREIGHT ON WINE.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The freight on wine by rail, as announced by the Southern Pacific, from shipping points in this State to New-York and New-Orleans, by way of the Sunset Route, has been reduced from 60 cents to 45 cents a hundred pounds. This rate, of course, is for wine in the wood. In November the Southern Pacific advanced its rate six cents a gallon, which is the same as 60 cents a hundred pounds. The present reduced rate is about 4½ cents a gallon.

WORK ON WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROAD.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Peter L. Harper, secretary of D. C. Fraser, the English capitalist, who is backing the White Pass and Yukon Railroad, is here on his way East. He says the railroad is now completed from Skaguay to the summit of White Pass. The company is hiring all the men it can get, as it is desired to complete the road as soon as possible as far as Fort Selkirk, 320 miles from Skaguay. About six thousand men are now on the company's roll, but it is hard to keep them, and stampedes to the gold fields are frequent.

NEW CORPORATIONS IN THIS STATE.

Albany, Jan. 21.—The following stock companies were incorporated to-day:

Home Telephone Company, of Rochester; capital, $150,000; to operate a telephone system in Rochester and elsewhere in Monroe County; directors, Frederick Cooke, Thomas W. Finucane, George W. Archer, Albrecht Vogt, H. Wheeler Davis, Gustave Erbe, George R. Fuller, Jacob Gerling, J. Foster Warner, Edward W. Peck, Horace C. Brewster, Eugene H. Satterlee, Willard B. Spader, V. Moreau Smith and Ezra M. Higgins, of Rochester.

American Import and Trading Company, of New-York; to conduct an import and export business; capital, $10,000; directors, Adolph Seidl, Emil Klein, M. Helbern, Gustave Taus and Ernestine Klein, of New-York.

Harrison & Gore Company, of Newburg; to manufacture textile fabrics; capital, $1,000; directors, James Harrison, E. E. Gore, James H. Harrison, jr., and F. J. Harrison, of Newburg.

Columbine & Hamlin Company, of New-York; to conduct an electrotype business; capital, $5,000; directors, Joseph A. Columbine, William O. Hamlin and O. F. Bancroft, of New-York.

Sterling Nipple Company, of New-York City; capital, $10,000; directors, William H. Neidlinger, of Manhattan; G. H. Neidlinger, of Brooklyn, and C. E. Watkins, of Summit, N. J.

Electrical Implement Company, of New-York; capital, $20,000; directors, C. D. Cooke, of Paterson, N. J., and T. E. Taylor and G. M. MacWilliam, of New-York.

James Pierce Leather Company, of Olean, Cattaraugus County; capital, $500,000; directors, James Pierce, of Malden, Mass.; William H. Pierce, B. Francis Thomas and Francis L. Bartlett, of Olean.

Syracuse Co-operative Milk and Cream Supply Company; capital, $50,000; directors, A. L. Crandall, Irving Hasler, E. D. Slawson, A. C. Hotchkiss and F. H. Langnot, of Syracuse.

Bullis Ball Gear Company, of Rochester; capital, $75,000; directors, F. O. Bullis, A. J. Fish, T. J. Swanton, S. A. Servis and Horace McGuire, jr., of Rochester.

E. H. Ogden Lumber Company, of New-York; capital, $50,000; directors, E. Ellery Anderson, P. Chauncey Anderson, Harry B. Kane, H. A. Millard, H. E. Ogden, L. M. Ogden and Wilson Marshall, of New-York.

THE PRINT CLOTH MARKET.

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 21 (Special).—The cloth market has been generally quiet during the week, the large buyers not having yet appeared. Trading for the last few days has been confined wholly to odd goods, as manufacturers refuse to sell beyond March 1 at 2⅝ cents. That figure has been frequently offered and refused within the week, and the trustees have few goods to sell anyway. Prices on many grades of old goods are on a higher basis than 2⅝ cents, and buyers are quite willing to pay all that is asked for short contracts.

On some styles of goods the mills are sold up through April, and buyers have no choice in this market. Fine yarn goods are bringing better prices daily, and some styles cannot be delivered until after the first half of the year.

Manufacturers are showing much interest in the wage agitation, but most of them do not look for a demand until spring. They argue that nothing will be done by the wage-earners until values are more settled and the mills have had a chance to repay stockholders for the losses of the last two years. The fact that steady work will be assured on the present basis for the next two months is to them a matter of some importance, and they are thankful that they can run a day without loss. There are manufacturers who are ready to take the operatives' side of the wage question just as soon as another move is made in prices, contending that such a move is essential if good workers are to be kept in this centre. The sales of the week amounted to about 140,000 pieces. The market is quiet and firm at 2⅝ cents.

STEEL AND WIRE MEETING HERE.

A special dispatch from Chicago says that a meeting of directors of the old American Steel and Wire Company and others interested in the new company of the same name is to be held in this city on Wednesday to listen to reports on the properties recently acquired, to elect the officers and directors of the new corporation, and to distribute its stock, as the stock certificates will be ready on that day. The dispatch adds that John W. Gates will probably be chairman of the Board and that President Lambert, of the old company, will be elected to the presidency of the new corporation. The executive offices of the American Steel and Wire Company are on the eighth floor of Nos. 44 and 46 Wall-st., the company occupying the rooms vacated by the Illinois Steel Company and the Federal Steel Company a few weeks ago, when the offices of those two corporations were removed to the Empire Building, No. 71 Broadway.

LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

Schedules of the Elmer H. Haas Company, dealer in paper and twines at No. 25 East Fourteenth-st., show liabilities, $4,188; nominal assets, $2,190, and actual assets, $1,267.

The Sheriff has received another attachment against the Hickory Broom Fibre Company, of No. 511 West Thirteenth-st., for $562 in favor of James J. McCabe.

The office of W. B. Deming, at No. 32 Broadway, whose sign read shipping and commission, was closed yesterday, and it was said that he had not been there for several days. City Marshal Levy has received no more attachments against him. It is said that many boxes of goods have been received at the office in the last few weeks and shipped away again.

ENAMEL WARE TRUST ORGANIZED.

THE COMPANY INCORPORATED WITH A CAPITAL OF $30,000,000.

The National Enamelling and Stamping Company was organized yesterday at Jersey City, and was also incorporated under the laws of the State in Trenton. The capital is placed at $30,000,000, of which $10,000,000 will be 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock and $20,000,000 common stock. The corporators are Wilson P. Marchbank, Charles N. King and Albert S. King, who are identified with the New-Jersey corporation's agency. Samuel Untermeyer, counsel for the new trust, made the following explanation for the union of the several prominent companies:

"This consolidation is the outcome of a long litigation over the validity of patents which control the manufacture of one-coated enamelled ware. For some time the St. Louis Stamping Company, owned by the Messrs. Niedringhaus, and the Lalance & Grosjean Manufacturing Company have been in litigation with the principal manufacturers of enamelled ware over the right of the latter to manufacture one-coated enamelled ware. Owing to the recent discoveries in the art, the cost of producing this kind of goods has declined to about one-third of what it was five or six years ago. In consequence of this reduction in amount the consumption has increased enomously.

"The new company has now acquired the plants of the St. Louis Stamping Company, owned by Messrs. Niedringhaus, at Granite City, Ill.; the Kleckhefer Brothers Company, at Milwaukee, Wis.; Matthai, Ingram & Co., located at Baltimore, and the Haberman Manufacturing Company, whose factories are at Berlin Village, Long Island and in Brooklyn. These four concerns will control the bulk of the output of enamelled ware and are large manufacturers of tinware.

"The company also acquires the rolling-mills of the St. Louis Stamping Company, and a lease upon the tinplate works. There is no intention to increase the price of the goods. The savings in freight on bulky articles in which the company will deal and the economies in marketing the goods will in themselves pay a large dividend on the stock without increasing the prices. The policy of the company will be one of great liberality to the jobbers.

"The factories of the company are so located as to constitute ideal distributing points. The officers of the new company have not yet been selected. This will probably be done early next week. The consolidation will do away with all litigation over the patents, and will give to the new company a lawful monopoly of the business through the ownership of all the modern inventions for manufacturing enamelled ware."

POLICE SHAKE-UP PREPARING.

OVER TWO HUNDRED MEN TO LEAVE "SOFT SNAPS" FOR PATROL DUTY IN THE STREETS.

It was learned at Police Headquarters yesterday that the Police Board had abolished something like two hundred detailed places and that the policemen who are at present holding the details will be remanded to patrol duty. The changes will be made early next week.

At present there are more than thirteen hundred policemen holding details in all the boroughs. It was decided to reduce the number of details and put more men on patrol duty where they are badly needed at the present time. Chief Devery reported recently that there were over two hundred night posts that had to be "doubled up" in various precincts because the commands were short of men. It was therefore determined to cut the details, but this decision was kept secret because if it were known that this was to be done the Commissioners would have been overwhelmed by applications for mercy from friends of the officers holding detailed places. The list of places abolished was made up at the meeting of the Police Board last Wednesday, when resolutions were adopted directing the Chief to remand to patrol duty the policemen stationed at the places mentioned. The details dispensed with are principally in Manhattan and Brooklyn, but there are some in the other boroughs, too. In Manhattan nearly one hundred details at street crossings, public buildings and posts along the river fronts are done away with. A number of similar details in Brooklyn are also abolished. The Police Court squads in all the boroughs have been largely reduced and so has the Criminal Court squad. In some of the courts about one-third of the force will go back on patrol duty. The Commissioners have designated the number of men to be detailed in each court, and the Chief is reducing the squads accordingly. The men left out will go on patrol duty.

The big shift will probably come on Monday. It will be the largest shake-up in years, and will cause a great stir in the Department and among the politicians. The men remanded from the courts will have no chance to go back as the Board has by resolution fixed the limit of the Police Court squads.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

EMPIRE—W. C. MacNeill, of Bridgeport, Conn. FIFTH AVENUE—Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, of Washington; C. H. Duell, Commissioner of Patents, of Washington; Senator A. P. Gorman, of Maryland; General J. J. Estey, of Brattleboro, Vt., and Professor J. A. Craig, of the University of Michigan. HOFFMAN—Virgil P. Kline, of Cleveland, and Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of Cornell University. HOLLAND—John Balch Blood, of Boston. MANHATTAN—Congressman J. S. Sherman, of Utica. NETHERLAND—Dr. A. S. Oberly, United States Navy. PARK AVENUE—The Rev. Dr. Cunningham, of Trinity College, Cambridge, England. SAVOY—Emil Sauer, of Dresden. WALDORF—Colonel S. E. Tillman, United States Army; F. H. Houston-Phillips, of London, and ex-Assistant District-Attorney George S. Graham, of Philadelphia. WINDSOR—Ex-Senator C. N. Felton, of San Francisco.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The Mount Sinai Hospital will have its annual meeting on January 25, at 11 a. m.

The annual meeting of the New-York Christian Home for Intemperate Men, at Madison-ave. and Eighty-sixth-st., has been recently held, and the officers and Board of Managers have been re-elected. More than two hundred men were admitted to the Home last year. The Saturday night meetings are of great interest to many of the friends and former inmates. The new manager at the Home, the Rev. George S. Avery, who has spent many years in evangelical work, frequently conducts services in the different churches in the city. To-night Mr. Avery, with a number of the converts from the Home, will speak at the West Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Presbyterian Church. Miss M. E. Upham, the well-known Gospel singer, will have charge of the music.

The second anniversary of the West Side Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 316 West Fifty-seventh-st., will be observed on Tuesday evening next, at 8:15 o'clock. There will be an address by the Rev. Henry Evertson Cobb.

The Continental League met on Friday to make final arrangements for the mass-meeting to be held to-night at the Academy of Music to protest against the policy of imperialism. The following additional names of those who have consented to act as vice-presidents were announced: James H. Eustis, Thomas F. Gilroy, Francis A. Garretson, Robert I. Harrison, Willard Parker Butler, Oliver H. P. Belmont and Gustav Schwab. Austen G. Fox will be permanent chairman of the meeting. The following will speak: Austen G. Fox, Edward M. Shepard, Senator W. E. Mason, Samuel Gompers, John T. Parsons, Wheeler H. Peckham and W. Bourke Cockran.

There will be a meeting of the trustees of the Sailor's Rest at the office of E. J. Berwind, No. 1 Broadway, on Thursday, at 3:30 p. m.

GOOD THINGS TO LOOK AT AND TO EAT.

Good things to eat in their most appetizing form will be on exhibition at the Madison Square Garden on Tuesday afternoon, February 7, in connection with the thirty-third annual ball of the Société Culinaire Philanthropique, better known as the French Cooks' Ball, which will be held in the evening. Once a year the public has a chance to see what can be done under skilful hands in manipulating eatables into beautiful designs of statuary, flowers, animals, and in fact most anything that the masters of culinary art desire. The chefs of the leading hotels, restaurants and private families are hard at work getting up artistic designs for the coming affair, and each one will try to outdo his brother in workmanship and skill. One of the many prominent features in this year's exhibition will be a number of pieces in reminiscence of the Spanish-American War. Two orchestras, each of one hundred pieces, and both led by Max Schwab, will alternately furnish dance and promenade music. The proceeds of the exhibition and ball will go to the widows and orphans' fund of the society. Already a large number of seats and private boxes have been sold, and it is hoped that this year the largest amount ever realized from a ball given by the society will go into the fund.

AN INFLUX OF VISITORS.

INCREASE OF WINTER GUESTS AT ATLANTIC CITY.

NEW BUILDINGS BEING ERECTED IN THE BURNED DISTRICT—PLANS FOR A MASONIC TEMPLE—RACING ON THE BEACH.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 21 (Special).—The pre-Lenten influx of visitors to this resort, which began shortly after the first of the year, continues at a rate that is highly gratifying to all who have the interests of the city at heart. In the last two weeks the hotels have been filling up, and many of them now have an unusually large number of guests for this season of the year. Atlantic City's popularity as a winter resort is certainly increasing, as the records of all the hotels show that the number of guests in the cold months grows larger each year. Visitors from New-York are more numerous this year than ever before. The advertising done in that city by the hotel men is directly responsible for this, many of the visitors having been induced to give the resort a trial on the strength of the information received through the press and at the bureaus now open in the metropolis. One thing has been accomplished, however, for which advertising is not and cannot be responsible. This is the good impression which each guest carries away with him. To be once a visitor to Atlantic City is to be always a friend of the resort, as it is only by personal experience that a correct idea of its natural advantages and the beauties and comfort of its hotels can be obtained.

Social affairs are not numerous at present, being confined principally to small dinners, teas and euchres. A reception and dance were given at the Brighton Casino to-night, under the auspices of the Entre Nous Club, with a long list of patronesses. The club is composed of about thirty young women of the city, who have banded themselves together for the purpose of assisting the City Hospital, and the proceeds of to-night's entertainment will be devoted to that purpose.

REBUILDING THE BURNED DISTRICT.

The débris of the beach-front fire has been removed, and the partially burned buildings have been restored to their original appearance. Of the structures that were totally destroyed, one is now being rebuilt, and work on some of the others will probably begin in a short time. The building now in course of construction will take the place of the old merry-go-round, and will include, besides the amusement features, a number of apartments and a café. No building in the entire burned area has been more missed than the merry-go-round, which was one of the principal amusement places on the boardwalk, and usually remained open all winter. It was always a centre of life, particularly in the winter season, and its total obliteration made a great difference in the appearance of things this winter. But the building will soon be replaced by a structure that will be larger and more ornamental than the old one. It is expected that the place will be open by Easter. The Young Amusement Company is backing the enterprise. Moore Brothers, whose art store and bathhouses were also burned, have announced their intention of rebuilding at once. A large hotel, to occupy another portion of the burned district, has also been projected, but for some reason or other the structure has not yet been begun. The large lot on the boardwalk at Tennessee-ave. is still vacant, and the owner, Louis Donnelly, has not yet decided what to do with it. It is safe to say, however, that a building of some kind will soon occupy the ground, as the property is too valuable to remain unused.

A few months ago it looked as though a crosstown electric trolley road was an assured fact, but the project has now apparently fallen through, by reason of the non-acceptance of the franchise by the company which made application for it. The ordinance was passed by the City Council last October, but a number of amendments were made to the original ordinance, requiring certain concessions on the part of the railway company in the matter of paving the streets occupied and in regard to the number of cars to be run. The company declined to accept the franchise with these restrictions, and as the legal time for such acceptance has now elapsed the bill has become a dead letter. It is possible that application may be made for a new and more favorable franchise. The new line was to run from the beach at South Carolina-ave. to the Inlet, by way of Arctic-ave.

INTEREST IN HORSES AND GOLF.

The pleasant weather of the last week has given the local horsemen an opportunity to indulge in their favorite pastime. Two local favorites, Lady Garrison, owned by James Evans, and Lord Fauntleroy, owned by Councilman Somers Doughty, raced on the beach just below Chelsea on Tuesday, resulting in a victory for Lady Garrison, who was driven by her owner. Five heats were run, the victor winning by a close margin. Many spectators were present, and much money changed hands. The stake was a purse of $100. The smooth, hard strand makes an excellent racecourse, and the trotters frequently make splendid time.

Interest in golf increases rather than diminishes as the season advances. There are many visitors to the links of the Country Club every day, and many of the games played are full of excitement. Next Saturday, the 28th, is to be a gala day. In the morning there will be a handicap medal-play tournament, eighteen holes, for three prizes. In the afternoon there will be a match-play contest between two teams made up from those entering. In the latter contest a prize will be awarded the player beating his opponent by the largest number of holes. It is expected that there will be at least twenty entries in each contest, including both local and visiting golfers. The new eighteen-hole course is practically finished, and will be in use in a short time.

Many persons in this city received with regret the news of the death of John Russell Young. Mr. Young was a rather frequent visitor here, always staying at the Hotel Brighton. His visits were usually brief, however, and even during these short periods of recreation he never failed to attend to his daily routine of duty. Immediately after breakfast each morning he would purchase a copy of each of the daily papers, and would then spend a couple of hours scanning the news of the day, making frequent clippings as he went along. Notwithstanding all this work, he found time to make many friends, all of whom were attracted by his genial personality.

Another handsome new building is likely to rise in Atlantic-ave. within a short time. Trinity Lodge, F. and A. M., is contemplating the erection of a well-appointed Masonic temple. Definite action has not yet been taken, but the leading members of the organization think that the lodge will certainly adopt the suggestions of a committee that has recommended the purchase of a site at Atlantic and New-York aves. The project will involve the expenditure of probably $100,000, and will add another to the rapidly growing number of attractive structures on the city's leading business thoroughfare.

NOTES OF THE SEVENTH REGIMENT.

SHOOTING FOR THE CLARK AND KEMP TROPHIES.

The shooting for the Edward Kemp and Emmons Clark trophies brought many members of the 7th Regiment to the armory ranges last week, and some good scores were made.

The following scores have been recorded:

	Clark.	Kemp.
Company F	2.003	1.077
Company I	1.994	1.062
Company H	2.008	1.058
Company K	2.016	1.071
Company D	1.972	1.027

Private C. W. Dean, of the Fifth Company, won the handicap match, with a score of 65. He was tied with Private W. H. Palmer, of the Seventh Company, but because of his superior off-shoulder shooting he received the prize. Privates E. F. Walton, of the Fifth Company; W. S. Covell, of the Sixth Company, and Edward Steiger, jr., of the Third Company, each made a score of 64 points.

Members of the 7th Regiment are loud in their criticism of that part of General Tillinghast's report which reflects on the action of the regiment in response to Governor Black's call, and they say that the language of the report places the men in a false light.

DID NOT SEND HIS SON TO SCHOOL.

GRAND JURY INDICTS DR. STUART, OF OYSTER BAY—THE LAD IS SICKLY, HE SAYS.

Dr. George A. Stuart, a well-known resident of Oyster Bay, was arraigned in the Queens County Court, in Long Island City, yesterday to plead to an indictment charging him with violating the compulsory education law. The case was presented to the Grand Jury by C. A. Woodard, the principal, and the other school authorities of Oyster Bay. Dr. Stuart was accused of not having sent his eleven-year-old son Ewan to school.

He pleaded not guilty to the indictment, and furnished bail in the sum of $500 to await trial. Dr. Stuart says that his son is sickly, and that this is the reason he has not attended the Oyster Bay school. The fight between Dr. Stuart and the school authorities of Oyster Bay has been a long and a bitter one. On November 2 Dr. Stuart was arrested on the complaint of Mr. Woodard, and the case was presented to the Grand Jury, but no indictment was found. Dr. Stuart, it is alleged, attacked the principal and the teachers of the Oyster Bay school, and this caused such ill-feeling in some quarters against Dr. Stuart that Principal Woodard, when he asked for a rehearing before the Grand Jury, was supported. The State school authorities took a hand in the matter, and the Grand Jury found a true bill against Dr. Stuart.

This was a few days ago, but the indictment was not handed up until yesterday. Dr. Stuart had been made aware of the fact of his indictment, and was in court when the indictment was handed up.

This is the first time, it is said, that the compulsory education law has been seriously contested, and Superintendent Skinner is anxious to have the law upheld and properly enforced, or set aside. Much will depend on the outcome of the trial of Dr. Stuart.

ANOTHER M'LAUGHLIN WEDDING.

The engagement of Miss Laura McLaughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLaughlin, and Dr. James A. Roache, of No. 159 McDonough-st., Brooklyn, was announced to a few close personal friends just before the McLaughlins left town for Florida, where they are to spend the remainder of the winter at the home of former Fire Chief Nevins, of the Brooklyn Fire Department.

Miss Laura McLaughlin is her father's special pet and adviser. She has a love for public affairs, and is a clear-headed observer of what goes on and an intelligent woman, of quick wit.

It is rumored that the marriage will take place in the early fall, though a member of Dr. Roache's family said that no definite arrangements have been made.

Thus both of Hugh McLaughlin's daughters will have married professional men. The wedding of the older sister and Dr. Alexander F. Carroll is still remembered for its lavish display, and her present husband is William C. Courtney, the lawyer.

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