# The News of Brooklyn.

## DESIGN NOT ACCEPTED.

### PLANS FOR THE PRISON-SHIP MARTYRS' MONUMENT HELD OVER.

THE COMMITTEE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE MACMONNIES IDEA OF A TYPICAL MEMORIAL—ANOTHER MEETING TO BE HELD IN A FORTNIGHT.

At the meeting of the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument Association of the United States, held at the home of General and Mrs. Horatio C. King, No. 46 Willow-st., last night, considerable opposition was shown against accepting the design which was submitted by MacMonnies through McKim, Mead & White for the Prison Martyrs' memorial, to be erected on the summit of Fort Greene Park. After considerable discussion it was decided to lay the matter of accepting the design over to another meeting, to be held in a fortnight, subject to the call of the secretary, Mrs. King.

The principal objections to the design were that it was apparently not distinctively typical of the historical happenings which it is to commemorate, and that the plan contemplates the expenditure of a good portion of the $240,000 on the mortuary chapel, which is to be underground.

Elijah R. Kennery presided, and a young man from the office of McKim, Mead & White was present to explain the design. Alfred Raymond spoke at length in opposition to the design. He thought that it was too severely simple, and that too much money would be spent on the interior, which would be seen by few people. Woodruff S. Leeming, an architect, said that he thought it would be much better if the design should be thrown open to competition, and that it would be much more satisfactory to have a number of designs from which to choose.

Mrs. S. V. White said that she thought highly of MacMonnies when she saw his fountain at the World's Fair, but she could not bring herself to be resigned to the idea of the mortuary chapel underground. Later, when it was suggested that if the acceptance of a design should be delayed once it might be again, and the erection of the memorial be postponed "fifty-seven years, as it was in the case of the Bennington Monument," she said.

"I would rather have anything and have it while I am alive, than have the biggest monument in the world after I am gone."

When S. V. White proposed that the decision be postponed until a later meeting some objected on the ground that they would be no nearer a decision at that time, and the matter might go along for years without anything being accomplished, because everybody could not agree. An attempt was made to bind the next meeting to take final action, but it failed. Mr. White asked permission to take the design to the office of ex-Governor Flower, where it might be seen and passed upon by many of those who it is hoped will be liberal contributors toward the fund.

The design, which at the present is the only one under consideration, calls for a mortuary chapel, elaborately ornamented inside, but level with the ground. From this there is to rise a lofty column of simple design, surmounted by an incinerating urn.

## SOCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

Still another patriotic society has been formed in this borough. It is called the Society of the Prison Ship Boys, and has been in being about three weeks. Its president is Miss Susan Pratt Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Robinson Kennedy, of Prospect Park West. Miss Kennedy is the first graduate from the Society of Little Men and Women of '76, the children's society formed just after the organization of the Fort Greene Chapter, D. A. R., and named at the suggestion of Mrs. Lothrop, who was then living in the Alcott House, in Cambridge, Mass., where Miss Alcott wrote the "Little Men" and "Little Women" that children (and grown folks) like so well. At the time of the formation of the society S. V. White offered a prize to any boy or girl who would find out the name of a boy who had been confined in the prison-ships. Fifteen names were obtained; therefore, when a new children's chapter was organized it was named in memory of these juvenile patriots. The children's chapter has raised a large amount for the monument fund, and is enthusiastically interested in the project. Boys and girls leave the chapter and enter the S. A. R. and D. A. R. when they are respectively twenty-one and eighteen years old.

Embury Memorial Church, Lewis-ave. and Decatur-st., will be the scene of a pretty wedding to-morrow evening, when Miss Sadie E. L. Fawcett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mark Fawcett, will be married to Dean C. Osborne, of Philadelphia. Guests will be present from Washington, Philadelphia, New-Rochelle and Manhattan.

The marriage of Miss Annie E. Voight and Herbert Allison will be solemnized at noon to-morrow in Bethesda Congregational Church. The bride will be attended by Miss Annie Savage as maid of honor and Miss Hetherington as flower-girl. The best man will be Bernard H. Voight, brother of the bride, and the ushers will be Messrs. Hetherington and Houston. A wedding breakfast will follow at the home of the bride's parents, No. 934 Putnam-ave.

Miss Rose A. Carroll, daughter of ex-Supervisor Lawrence F. Carroll, and Henry B. Gorsuch, a patrolman of the Sixtieth Precinct, were married last evening at the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul by the rector, the Rev. Sylvester Malone. The bride was attired in ivory-white satin, with tulle veil, and carried bride roses. She was attended by Miss Margaret Hayes, who wore white mousseline de soie over pink and carried pink roses. The best man was Daniel Carroll, brother of the bride, and the pages were Masters John and James Dunn, half-brothers of the bride. The wedding was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's father, No. 269 Bedford-ave. Both church and house were profusely ornamented with roses. After a bridal trip, Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch will live at No. 227 Wythe-ave.

## PROPERTY TO PAY FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Mayor Van Wyck yesterday vetoed the Surf-ave. Improvement bill. The bill sought to put the cost of laying Surf-ave., in Coney Island, as follows: One-third on the Borough of Brooklyn, one-third on the old town of Gravesend and the remaining third on the adjoining property. The original bill put the whole cost on the adjoining property. This amounts to $267,000.

The Mayor holds that the property has been benefited to that extent, and that the bill is not just to the Borough of Brooklyn, nor the old town of Gravesend.

## REACHING FOR STEAMBOAT TRAFFIC.

It was reported that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company is negotiating with the Iron Steamboat Company to lease or purchase outright the boats of that company, also its pier leases in Manhattan and at the west end of Coney Island. The object of the transit company, it is supposed, is to acquire absolute control of all the passenger business to and from Coney Island. Indications are said to point to a successful consummation of the negotiations, although the stockholders of the steamboat company are said to be holding out for a stiff price for their stock.

## TO SAVE TIME ON BROOKLYN MAIL.

A new system of handling mail intended for Brooklyn is to be put into operation, which will result in a great saving in time. At present mail for Brooklyn has to go from the station to the Postoffice in Manhattan, where it is sorted again and placed in the pneumatic-tube carriers for Brooklyn. After this the Brooklyn mail will be sorted on the cars. When it reaches the Grand Central Station it will be put in the smaller carriers used on the Brooklyn line of the pneumatic tube, sent through the larger tube to the Manhattan Postoffice and transferred to Brooklyn at once.

## NASSAU HOSPITAL DIRECTORS CHOSEN.

Mineola, Long Island, April 17.—The report of Treasurer Samuel J. Underhill, of the Nassau Hospital Association, shows that there is a balance of $12,000 in the treasury. This is to go toward the building fund for a new hospital. A building committee, consisting of Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont and Percy Bromfield, of Hempstead; Mrs. J. A. Albertson and James R. Willets, of North Hempstead, and Commodore William L. Swan and Mrs. Oliver L. Jones, of Oyster Bay, has been appointed.

A new Board of Directors has been chosen as follows: Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. John Lewis Childs, Mrs. J. A. Albertson, Percy Bromfield, Mrs. H. H. Cammann, Mrs. S. Russell Clapp, Richard H. Hunt, Mrs. Fred Ingraham, Mrs. Philander R. Jennings, Mrs. Charles Meyers, Mrs. C. G. Peters, William L. Swan, Miss Attala W. Thayer, Mrs. Timothy Tredwell, James R. Willets, Mrs. A. A. Hand, Mrs. Oliver L. Jones, Mrs. S. L. Pettit, Mrs. J. K. O. Sherwood, Samuel J. Underhill, Mrs. Samuel J. Underhill, Mrs. James R. Willets, Mrs. Edward Willets, Drs. Louis N. Lanehart, Charles H. Ludlum, Joseph H. Bogart, G. A. Fensterer, E. D. Skinner, John Mann and James S. Cooley. The directors will meet next week to elect officers.

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## DECLINE TO WEAR GOWNS.

### JUSTICES OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION DO NOT GRANT THE REQUEST OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

After careful consideration the members of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court have decided not to comply with a request from fifty-six members of the bar to wear gowns while attending to the functions of their office. Justices Hatch, Cullen, Bartlett and Woodward agreed that they did not care to adopt the wearing of gowns. Their opinion was dissented from by Justice Goodrich, who is the presiding Justice.

The petition, which was presented to the court on January 25, is signed by many well-known members of the bar. The names include those of Stewart L. Woodford, Benjamin D. Silliman, Horatio C. King and Thomas S. Moore, who has since died. In announcing from the bench yesterday that the request of the lawyers would not be acceded to, Justice Hatch said:

"A majority of the members of the court are of the opinion that the disadvantages which would attend the adoption of the proposed judicial costume would be far greater than any benefits which could be possibly derived therefrom." Justice Goodrich, in making the announcement that he was in favor of the idea, said that he favored it because it would tend to lend greater dignity to the court.

The full list of names signed to the petition is as follows: B. D. Silliman, George G. Reynolds, Joseph H. Choate, Flamen B. Candler, Thomas S. Moore, Robert D. Benedict, Enos N. Taft, C. W. Bangs, Charles H. Ostrander, Edward C. Ward, Hiram D. Steele, Albert McDonald, Augustus N. Weller, Horatio C. King, Wilhelmus Mynderse, Frederick A. Ward, William Gay, T. Henry Dewey, Albert B. Boardman, Alfred E. Hinrichs, Elmer G. Sammis, Adolph Elerck, jr., C. W. West, Frederick P. Bellamy, F. E. Crane, Norman S. Dike, Charles H. Hyde, Isaac N. Miller, Frederick William Sherman, Stewart L. Woodford, Frederick B. Campbell, Egerton L. Winthrop, jr., Edmund L. Baylies, Robert W. Candler, Thomas G. Shearman, Edward Lauterbach, Edward T. Horwill, Samuel Hoff, F. E. Stillman, George B. Glover, George G. DeWitt, Benjamin F. Blair, Stephen Perry Sturges, Alexander S. Bacon, William S. Haskell, D. Gilbert Barnett, James McKeen, John Notman, George C. Brainerd, Edward H. Hobbs, Fred W. Hinrichs, Charles A. Decker, David Barnett, H. C. Conrady, John C. Maguire and Sidney V. Lowell.

## HELP FOR GERMAN HOSPITAL.

### GENEROUS ADDITIONS MADE TO THE BUILDING FUND.

Generous gifts were made to the fund for the new German Hospital, St. Nicholas-ave. and Stanhope-st., in the Eastern District, at a meeting held in the new building on Sunday afternoon. The givers were ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren, Abraham Abraham and Henry Batterman.

At the meeting it was stated that it had cost $300,000 to erect the hospital, and that so far the funds had been furnished largely by the Germans of moderate means. A letter was read from Mr. Abraham, in which he sent his regrets at being obliged to be absent from the meeting, but said he desired to contribute to the fund. A check for $1,000 was inclosed. In five minutes ex-Mayor Schieren and Mr. Batterman had both put their names to checks for similar amounts. It was announced that the Platt-Deutscher Verein had contributed $500 to the fund, and it was hoped that a concert which was given by the Arion Society would net a similar amount for the building fund.

The hospital is to be dedicated on May 20, and before that time it is hoped to clear the building from debt by raising $75,000. A committee was appointed for that purpose, consisting of ex-Mayor Schieren, chairman; ex-Mayor Schroeder, Henry Lehrenkrauz and Abraham Abraham. This committee will be assisted in its efforts by the Building Committee, composed of Messrs. Evarts, Rauch and Fischer.

Dr. John A. Fowler made a speech, in which he said that the new hospital would be one of the best-equipped institutions of its kind in New-York City. Others present at the meeting were ex-Mayor Frederick Wurster, ex-Judge Naeher and Dr. Charles J. Hettesheimer.

## SWEDISH MUSIC TO BE HEARD.

### AN INSTITUTE CONCERT PROGRAMME FOR TOMORROW EVENING.

Swedish music sung by Swedish voices will furnish an interesting evening in Association Hall, at Bond and Fulton sts., to-morrow, under the auspices of the department of music. The concert is to be given by the Swedish Glee Club, of twenty-five male voices, and the Swedish Ladies' Chorus, both under the leadership of Arvid Akerlind. The chorus will be assisted by Mrs. Agnes Staberg-Hall, soprano; Miss Flavie Van Den Hende, 'cellist, and Ernst Bystrom, pianist. This will be the programme:

March from the opera, "The Wedding at Ulfasa" ..... Söderman
The Swedish Glee Club.
"With Thine Blue Eyes" ..... Ariberg
Killebukken ..... Söderman
"At Even Tide" ..... Körling
Mrs. Agnes Staberg-Hall.
Sonate, Op. 36, A minor, for piano and 'cello ..... Grieg
Miss Flavie Van Den Hende and Ernst Bystrom.
"Heart's Sorrow" ..... Söderman
(For soprano, mixed chorus and piano.)
Members of the Swedish Ladies' Chorus and the Swedish Glee Club.
"A Summernight" ..... Witt
The Swedish Glee Club.
Romance ..... Godard
Dance Espagnole ..... Popper
Miss Flavie Van Den Hende.
Aftensteming ..... Kjerulf
Ingrid's Song ..... Kjerulf
Norwegian Echo Song
Mrs. Agnes Staberg-Hall.
Three Old Swedish Dance Songs ..... ——
The Swedish Glee Club.

## JUSTICE DICKEY'S STRANGE LETTER.

### THE QUESTION OF GEORGE C. ELY'S SANITY BEFORE A JURY.

Justice Dickey, in the Supreme Court yesterday, while listening to an application for an order directing that the question of the mental condition of George C. Ely be determined by a jury, received a letter purporting to be from Ely, in which the Justice was asked to pray to "Mrs. Holy Ghost" before he made any decision. In the petition for the order, made by T. Ellett Hodgskin, it is said that Ely, who is the son of the late John Ely, distiller, has a fantasy whereby he hopes to regenerate the world, and wishes that the Ely family shall be handed down to future generations as the great dispensers of spiritual instruction.

John Ely left about $300,000, of which his son George received about $90,000. About two years ago, upon his own application, George Ely was adjudged incapable of managing his own estate, and the Court appointed the People's Trust Company as the committee of the estate. Later the young man recovered, and the Court directed that his property be returned to him. It is stated that he is now in a worse condition than ever before.

John B. Lord, who said that he was Mr. Ely's legal representative, told the Court that his client was perfectly willing to come into court at any time and submit to an examination.

## KILLS HIMSELF THROUGH LOVE.

### A YOUNG MAN SAID TO BE A DISTANT RELATIVE OF THE CUBAN GENERAL GARCIA COMMITS SUICIDE.

Harry L. Garcia, eighteen years old, the son of Manuel Garcia, a merchant living at No. 161 Covert-st., committed suicide yesterday forenoon at his boarding-house, kept by Mrs. E. F. Ryan, at No. 104 Utica-ave., by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver. On Thursday last he engaged a room and board with Mrs. Ryan, saying that he had lately returned from Porto Rico with a hospital corps. He ate a hearty breakfast yesterday morning, but did not appear at luncheon. Mrs. Ryan sent her little son to his room, and then it was found that he had killed himself. In one of his pockets was a letter addressed to Miss Ida Hawkins, of No. 352 Marion-st. The father of the young man took charge of the letter and refused to divulge its contents. He said his son had undoubtedly killed himself on account of a love affair with Miss Hawkins, to which the parents of both objected. Miss Hawkins is about eighteen years old.

Mr. Garcia said his son had left home once before on account of his relations with Miss Hawkins, and seemed to be completely infatuated with her. It is said that Garcia is a distant relative of the late General Garcia, of the Cuban Army.

## HAMILTON CLUB DIRECTORS CHOSEN.

The following men have been elected directors of the Hamilton Club for three years: Willis L. Ogden, Caleb W. Shepherd, John R. Holland, A. Victor Barnes, Hampton Howell and Wyllys Terry. In the last year thirty-five new members have been added to the rolls, and twelve have been admitted under the provisions relating to Army and Navy officers. In the course of the year the club has lost fifteen members by death. The surplus on hand on April 1 was $108,030 31, as against $106,396 52 last year.

## DEATH OF MRS. H. S. CONANT.

### A REMARKABLE DISAPPEARANCE RECALLED BY THE OCCURRENCE.

HER HUSBAND, S. S. CONANT, WAS MANAGING EDITOR OF "HARPER'S WEEKLY," AND HIS FATE HAS BEEN A MYSTERY FOR FOURTEEN YEARS.

Mrs. Helen Stevens Conant died yesterday morning at the Homœopathic Hospital, where she was taken on February 5 suffering from a complication of diseases consequent upon a severe attack of the grip.

The death of Mrs. Conant brings to mind one of the most remarkable cases of disappearance ever known in this city, that of her husband, Stillman S. Conant, Managing Editor of "Harper's Weekly," who left his home, at No. 22 Willow-st., on Friday morning, January 16, 1885, and his wife never saw him again. He went to his office, and was there, as usual all day, but about 5 o'clock in the afternoon he decided that a trip to Albany would benefit his health, which was not good. He told his associates he would be back on Monday and dropped a hasty note to that effect to his wife. Nothing further was known of him until the following Wednesday, when he was traced to Dixon's Hotel, Coney Island, whence he went to Cohen's, leaving there by the 7 o'clock train for the city. Mr. Cohen, learning the next day of Mr. Conant's disappearance, wrote to Harper Bros., giving the letter to a friend to mail, but this friend carried the letter in his pocket for several days before mailing it.

A week later a friend of Mr. Conant met him leaving a hotel in Fulton-st., New-York, and said, "Why, Conant, where are you going?" receiving the short reply, "Don't you see I am going up the street?"

This was told at the office, and another search traced the missing editor to a hotel in Long Island City, which he had left only an hour before. Nothing more was ever heard of him.

Mr. Conant was the son of Dr. Conant, the linguist and professor of Greek, who, with his clever daughters, lived in a broad, old-fashioned house in Washington-st., when that thoroughfare was a fashionable residence part of the city. One sister, Mrs. Edward Loud, still lives here in Arlington Place, the others being abroad—one in Vienna.

After the disappearance of Mr. Conant, Mrs. Conant lived for several years in her Willow-st. house with her son, busying herself with writing, her articles on butterflies and a primer of Spanish literature having become standard works. She was an accomplished linguist, speaking fluently Spanish, French and German, besides reading other languages.

A few years ago her son died. Of late she had been confidential clerk and secretary for Professor Rossiter W. Raymond, at the same time keeping up her writing. She was a woman of great charm of manner and had many friends, especially in Plymouth Church, of which she had long been a member.

The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at the home of General and Mrs. Horatio C. King, No. 46 Willow-st.

## ABBOTT RECEPTION GIVEN UP.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF THE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF DR. AND MRS. LYMAN ABBOTT CAUSES A CHANGE OF PLANS.

The Plymouth League reception for Dr. and Mrs. Lyman Abbott this evening in the Sunday-school room of Plymouth Church has been given up because of the sudden death yesterday of Mrs. Lawrence Abbott, their daughter-in-law, wife of their oldest son.

She had been staying all winter at Saranac for the benefit of her health, but was thought to be recovering. Her husband and a little daughter survive her. Mrs. Abbott was Miss Valentine. She had seemed so much better and stronger recently that Mr. Abbott had built a house especially to her liking in Camden, Me., which she expected to occupy this summer.

Mr. Abbott is associated with his father in the management of "The Outlook."

## OBITUARY.

### MAJOR GEORGE R. HERBERT.

Major George R. Herbert, a member of the firm of Cove & Herbert, with offices in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Jersey City, died at his home, in the Imperial, No. 1,337 Bedford-ave., on Friday night. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and in 1884, when the formation of the Signal corps of the Second Brigade of Brooklyn, was authorized, he was made chief signal officer on General Molineux's staff, and had full charge of the organization of the new branch of the brigade.

Major Herbert was born in Brooklyn fifty-eight years ago. In the Civil War he was a member of the 159th New-York Volunteers, holding the rank of lieutenant. Afterward he was under General Greely in the Signal Corps for a number of years. Mr. Herbert was a member of Altair Lodge, No. 601, F. and A. M., and of the Legion of Honor and the Royal Arcanum. He leaves a widow, three sons and one daughter. The funeral was held last night in St. James's Episcopal Church, Lafayette-ave. and St. James Place.

## TO HAVE A SPECIAL JURY.

### WILLIS AND PHILIPS TO BE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT NEXT MONDAY.

Justice Goodrich, of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, yesterday granted a motion by Assistant District-Attorney Van Cott for permission to use a special panel of one hundred and fifty talesmen from which to select jurors for the trial of the Willis and Philips cases, which will begin on Monday next in the Supreme Court.

Colonel E. A. Lamb, representing Mr. Willis, consented to the motion. Mr. Van Cott said the trial was likely to be important, and that intricate points of law might be considered. Commissioner of Jurors Dooley will this afternoon, at No. 375 Fulton-st., impanel the special jury.

## LONG ISLAND FARMS DISAPPEARING.

### A REAL ESTATE BOOM OF LARGE PROPORTIONS IN NASSAU COUNTY.

Patchogue, Long Island, April 17.—The advance of prosperity is being felt on Long Island more this spring than ever before. Farms are disappearing, and in their places are being constructed houses. A real estate boom seems to be on all through Long Island. More than five hundred cottages have been leased for the summer between Valley Stream and this place. The owners are receiving good prices, rents for furnished houses ranging from $350 to $2,000 for the season, according to the location of the dwellings. It is estimated that real estate worth $500,000 has changed hands along the line of the Long Island Railroad in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Farms and large tracts of land are being cut up in all directions in Nassau County, and it is believed that in a few years there will be comparatively few farms left.

## FREE POSTAL DELIVERY FOR JAMAICA.

It is probable that after June 1 all the villages in the town of Jamaica, now in the Borough of Queens, of the greater city, will have a free postal delivery system. Postmaster Henry M. Haviland, of Jamaica Village, has received word from the Postoffice Department in Washington to begin a free delivery to the villages of Richmond Hill and Morris Park on June 1. The other villages between those places and Brooklyn, Clarenceville, Ozone Park and Woodhaven, it is reported, will be included in the district to be covered by the Brooklyn Postoffice.

When Postmaster Haviland informed some of the residents of Richmond Hill and Morris Park yesterday that carriers were to deliver the mails to them after June 1, and that they would no longer have to go to the postoffice for their letters, there was much rejoicing.

## AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON THE RHINE.

The third in the series of post-Lenten lectures by Dwight L. Elmendorf, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, was given last evening in Association Hall, at Bond and Fulton sts. The topic was "The Rhine and Southern Germany," and this much-used subject for illustrated lectures was treated in a somewhat novel fashion by Mr. Elmendorf. The pictures which he threw on the screen were numerous, and illustrated the beauty spots up and down the Rhine and in Frankfort, Heidelberg, Stuttgart, Strasburg, Wurtzburg and Nuremberg. The fourth and last of these lectures will be given in Association Hall next Monday evening. "Old Mexico and Her Pageants" will be the subject.

## A POLICE COURT "ANGEL" GOING HOME.

Miss S. Dale, who as one of the missionaries of the Brooklyn City Mission Society has been the "angel" at the Gates-ave. police court, is about to sail for England. Miss Dale was born in England, and has not decided whether she will return to this country or not. Scores of unfortunate women who have been called to the bar of the Gates-ave. court owe their rescue to Miss Dale.

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR PEOPLE'S MISSION.

An entertainment under the auspices of the King's Daughters will be given at Memorial Hall this evening for the benefit of the People's Mission, No. 246 Myrtle-ave. The programme will be given by the Cantata Quartet, from the Cantata Club, composed of Miss Laura H. Chapin, Mrs. E. W. Howiston, Miss Miriam Gilmer and Mrs. George H. Treadwell.

# The News of New-Jersey

The investigations of The Tribune indicate clearly that there were gross frauds in the elections in Hudson County on April 11, as well as in November last. This is notably true of the election in Hoboken, where about twelve hundred dead men, aliens and non-residents were registered and probably two thousand fraudulent votes were cast. It is not to be expected that the Grand Jury will look into this matter, but the facts can be disclosed by a recount by a Supreme Court Commissioner or by an investigation by a Senate committee. It now seems likely that many citizens of Hoboken will brave the wrath of the dominant ring and demand a thorough sifting of the charges that the registry was padded, and that repeaters voted on the names illegally placed on the registry-lists as well as on the names of citizens who did not vote. For reasons which are well known the election last fall was not investigated. The repetition of the outrage makes the demand for investigation imperative.

Some people in Jersey City innocently expect every one to have the same form of chronic delusion with which they are afflicted. They expect every one to see only perfectly clean streets and to ignore such trifles as mud and dirt and muck heaps. Another delusion of these people is that Jersey City has something to show for Democratic rule, and that the public improvements secured by the Wanser administration are the fruits of Davis rule. How beautiful is this childlike faith in Robert Davis as a beneficent ruler! By such faith dirty streets become clean without the use of broom or shovel, and the works of Wanser are imputed to Hoos.

The resignation of President Russ, of the Hoboken Commission of Public Instruction, is a sharp rebuke to the Fagan administration. It deprives the schools of that city of a man who was diligent in his efforts to better them and to conduct the public schools in the interests of the people and their children. He has contended in vain against the system which makes the schools yield spoils for the Democratic machine.

Governor Voorhees, in an interview, estimates the clamor against the New-Jersey corporation laws at its true value—"It is largely demagogical." New-Jersey derives a handsome revenue, sufficient to support the State from its incorporation fees and its tax on corporations, and the Democrats lie awake nights fretting because they do not have the spending of this money—hence the cry that New-Jersey is protecting trusts. The New-Jersey laws do not differ materially from those of other States, except that they more rigidly exclude fraudulent concerns and permit the incorporation of bona-fide companies only. The attractiveness of these laws to capitalists lies in their stability, the statutes not being subject to perpetual changes, and it not being necessary for the corporations to spend large sums in maintaining lobbyists at Trenton to work against vexatious "strike" bills. The State offers no protection whatever to trusts. It exacts high fees for the filing of incorporation papers, and imposes a fair tax, and then allows the concern to carry on its business subject to the laws of the land, without exacting stock and personal "gifts" for party leaders and legislators.

Fagan is paying his political debts. Yesterday he reappointed to the Hoboken Board of Education Herman Voll, Republican candidate for Assembly last fall, as a reward for the latter's services in helping Fagan to secure a fourth term as Mayor. Ernest Muzzy is also a machine Republican. These are the first instalments on the debt of Fagan to the Republican organization.

Edward Offerman, another appointee, bitterly opposed Fagan's renomination two years ago. He and John Keresey are Davis Democrats. Their appointment is a part of the price of the Little Boss's support.

The Tribune's Jersey editor speaks of "the Democratic press of Newark." There is no Democratic press of Newark. The newspapers of that city are independent.—(Plainfield Daily Press.

This is one of "The Press's" neat little jokes.

## THERE MAY BE SOME SURPRISES.

### THAT IS, IF MAYOR HOOS FOLLOWS HIS OWN INCLINATIONS AS TO APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Hoos of Jersey City announced yesterday that he would name his appointees on Friday, and this had the effect of stimulating the aspirants to increased activity. Several of the candidates enlisted their friends of prominence to call on the Mayor in their behalf and set forth the manifold virtues of the particular candidate they represented, and how vastly superior he was to his rivals. Much of the past unpleasant history of some of the candidates has been revealed to destroy their chances, so bitter has been the struggle for office. The Mayor, who, if let alone would undoubtedly make excellent appointments, has politely received all the callers, but has made no promises even to his most importunate callers, and it is predicted that there will be numerous surprises when the appointments are made public.

## A FATHER MAY PROTECT HIS DAUGHTER.

### JUSTICE GUMMERE HOLDS THAT HE MAY EVEN SHIELD HER FROM HER HUSBAND.

A suit for $10,000 damages by William Tomson against Amos Johnson, his father-in-law, was begun and ended before Justice Gummere at Newark yesterday. The persons belong in Lambertville. Johnson is quite wealthy. Tomson is under age. In September, 1895, Bertha Johnson, eighteen years old, daughter of Amos Johnson, was privately married to Tomson at Camden. They had known each other from childhood. The girl remained at her home, and the marriage was not made known until August 18, 1897. Bertha's father took her to Canada, and upon their return, when Tomson called at the house, he was forcibly ejected and denied access to his wife.

On the witness-stand yesterday Tomson said he had left the employment of the Lambertville Rubber Company in consequence of his distress of mind, and denied that it was by reason of unfavorable reports about his character. He was asked whether he had not entered the marriage to forestall a forced marriage with another girl.

Bertha testified that she had had an affection for her husband until she became convinced that he was a villain.

Justice Gummere granted a motion for a nonsuit, saying that the law was well settled that the marriage relation did not terminate the duties and rights of the parent and child; that the father had the right to protect the daughter, even after marriage and even against her husband.

## AGE MARRIES YOUTH.

Elizabeth, April 17 (Special).—John Eldredge, a well-known resident of Elizabethport, and who is seventy-two years old, to-night married Miss Emma Bennett, twenty-five years old, at the newly furnished home of the couple, No. 320 Fulton-st. The family of Mr. Eldredge, who was a widower, were bitterly opposed, it is alleged, to the marriage, but were unable to prevail on the aged bridegroom to break off the engagement.

## FREEHOLDER CONTEST DECIDED.

Hackensack, April 17 (Special).—The contested election case between Franz Fritsche and Adolph Kruger for the Freeholdership of Bergen Township was tried before Judge Dixon to-day, and resulted in favor of Kruger. The Election Boards of the several precincts showed Kruger, Democrat, elected by one majority. Fritsche alleged that in Woodbridge Borough there was a vote cast by a man living in one of Kruger's houses who was not a citizen; also that there were irregularities in Carlstadt Borough, and that one ballot-box was kept in a shed over night instead of being returned to the Township Clerk. George Wustlein, the alleged non-resident, swore that he had voted for Fritsche. This elected Kruger by one majority. The Board of Freeholders will now stand thirteen Republicans to nine Democrats.

## THE REGIMENT MAY NOT BE NEEDED.

Washington, April 17.—Governor Voorhees was at the White House to-day to offer to the President a regiment of New-Jersey Volunteers in case it should be decided to enlist additional volunteers. The President expressed his gratification at the offer, but informed the Governor that his latest advices from the Philippines were to the effect that the volunteers there were willing to remain until the fighting was over.

## ILLEGAL VOTERS DISCHARGED.

### PRETTY DIRECT TESTIMONY DOES NOT SERVE TO HOLD THEM.

Orange, April 17 (Special).—The men who were arrested in Orange on Election Day were all discharged from custody to-day by Judge Davis, of the Orange Police Court.

The two cases heard to-day were those of Peter and James Dwyer. The testimony was that the men had worked for years in Livingston, and that they came down to Orange on the day before election and secured an empty room at No. 49 New-st. to sleep in. They presented at the polls a transfer from the Livingston Election Board.

William Crosby, a boss hatter of Livingston, testified that he employed the men, lodging them and deducting from their weekly pay the charge for lodging, and, in addition, the groceries that they bought. Despite this evidence, Judge Davis dismissed the case and discharged the men. As the other cases were all of a similar character and the evidence practically the same, the prosecution consented that they should be dismissed. Republicans in Orange are highly indignant over this.

## TWO FIREMEN EXPELLED.

### PATERSON ALDERMEN RESENT THE HINT THAT THEY SOLD PLACES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paterson, April 17 (Special).—There was an exciting meeting of the Fire Committee of the Board of Aldermen at the City Hall this afternoon, when Firemen James Feurry and Frank Costello were called before the committee on charges of insubordination and intoxication.

Costello, replying to the charge against him, said: "There's no use of my talking. I'll plead guilty and have done with it."

Feurry was then called, and the excitement began. He is the fireman who, it is alleged, said that the Board would not dare expel him, as he would "squeal" and take an Alderman to prison with him, as was told in this morning's Tribune.

Alderman Close moved that both of the men be expelled. He said: "There is a rumor around town that the Board of Aldermen does not dare expel this man Feurry. A business man came to me and told me that he had heard the statement. I told him that I dared and would vindicate myself from being involved in any underhand work by voting for the man's expulsion, and I vote that way now. Further, Feurry's wife went to Chief Stagg and said it cost Feurry money to get his place."

Alderman Boylan, of the Eighth Ward, jumped to his feet and said: "Mr. Chairman, I take the privilege of the floor. I nominated this man Feurry and I must be the culprit who received money for getting him the place; and in justice to the other fifteen Aldermen I ask that Alderman Close will bring his evidence right here. I didn't come here to make any bluff, but I want to say right here that my resignation from the Board will be written out right away if I am implicated in any crooked work in this matter, and I am ready to go to the front for it, and I ask you (to Close) to bring this business man here."

"That seems right," said Chairman Post.

"When it is necessary I will do it," said Close.

The committee voted to expel both firemen.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen tonight a motion was carried that a committee of three, of which the Mayor shall be chairman, be appointed to investigate the allegations to the effect that bribery was resorted to in order to secure a place in the Fire Department.

## RUSS IS NOT A PUPPET.

### THEREFORE HE RESIGNS FROM THE HOBOKEN SCHOOL COMMISSION—FAGAN APPOINTS FOUR MEMBERS.

Mayor Lawrence Fagan of Hoboken yesterday appointed four members of the Commission of Public Instruction, a bipartisan board, for terms of two years each, as follows:

John Keresey and Edward T. Offerman, Democrats, and Ernest Muzzi and Herman Voll, Republicans. Voll was reappointed and the others succeed Charles A. Hicks and C. J. Carling, Democrats, and Frank J. Lees, Republican.

Voll and Muzzi are young men and are known as "Regular Republicans." Both are members of the County and City Republican committees, and are faithful followers of Leader J. J. Guisto, who stood sponsor for their appointment.

Mr. Keresey is a wholesale liquor dealer, and Mr. Offerman is an ex-member of the Common Council, who is now in good graces of Mayor Fagan and is returning into politics.

At the last meeting of the Commission of Public Instruction for 1898-'99 yesterday morning Edward Russ, who has been connected with the management of the Hoboken Public Schools for ten years and president of the Board for eight years, sent in his resignation. Mr. Russ stated that his resignation had been sent by him to Mayor Fagan on November 21 last, with instructions that it was to take effect yesterday. He did not explain why he retired from the Board when he still had one year more to serve, but it is generally known that Mr. Russ has not been satisfied with the way in which the Commission has been running things. Mr. Russ briefly stated to a reporter that he retired from the Board because he was not a "puppet." He has been a true friend of the public schools for a decade, and showed a lively interest in everything pertaining to their management. Mr. Russ never made any pretence of being a politician, and his influence in the schools will be sorely missed.

Messrs. Carling, Hicks and Lees, who were not reappointed, purposely absented themselves from the last meeting of the old Board.

The new Board was organized for the year 1899-'00 by Mayor Fagan. Edward T. Offerman, a new member, was elected president. The following reappointments were made, all for terms of two years: William Kerr, secretary, salary $1,200; David E. Rue, treasurer, $400, and City Superintendent of Schools A. J. Demarest, $2,700.

Mayor Fagan will in a day or two appoint a successor to Mr. Russ.

## PATERSON'S FIRE RECORD.

### AN INCREASE SHOWN—TWENTY-SIX PERSONS INJURED IN THE YEAR, TWO OF THEM FATALLY.

Paterson, April 17 (Special).—Fire Chief Stagg's annual report was presented to the Board of Aldermen to-night. The report shows that there were 457 fires in the year, an increase of 165 over the previous year. The total loss by fire was $142,783, covered by an insurance of $2,401,280, and an insurance loss of $136,147. Twelve firemen were injured in the performance of duty, and fourteen civilians were burned, two fatally.

There are 79 officers and men in the Department with 3 vacancies; 9 engines (1 chemical) and 3 hook and ladder companies. The chief asks for an increase in the number of firemen.

## A DRUNKEN MAN WITH A PISTOL.

### HE SHOOTS A SALOONKEEPER AND ALARMS PEOPLE AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATION.

George Brighton, thirty-seven years old, of No. 78 Coles-st., Jersey City, driver of a laundry wagon, entered the saloon of Joseph Sanford, at Newark-ave. and Erie-st., yesterday afternoon, and handing a check for $10 to Sanford, said, "Cash that!" Sanford pleaded he had no money, and Brighton, exclaiming, "If you don't cash it I'll kill you!" drew a pistol and fired a shot which pierced Sanford's right hand. Brighton ran out, and ten minutes later appeared in the waiting-room of the Pennsylvania Railroad station and alarmed the passengers by brandishing his pistol. He was arrested by Policeman Boyle. The prisoner said he had no recollection of having shot Sanford. One chamber of his revolver was empty. The police learned that Brighton bought the pistol a few minutes before entering the saloon. Brighton was under the influence of liquor.

## TO KEEP TWO STREETS CLEAN.

There was unwonted activity in street cleaning in Jersey City yesterday, especial efforts being made to keep Montgomery and Mercer sts. in a better condition, and it is the intention of the city authorities to pay special attention to these streets. The police were diligent in enforcing the ordinance against littering the streets with dirt and rubbish, and there were some arrests of those who violated the ordinance. Complaints as to the falling off of energy in the Street Cleaning Department immediately after election have spurred the authorities and contractors to better performance of their duty.

## SCHOOL COMMISSION ORGANIZES.

Paterson, April 17 (Special).—At the City Hall this morning the Commission of Public Instruction organized for 1899-'00. The new Commission consists of A. Elbert Hopper, William D. Plumb, Thomas E. Platt, Edward R. Weiss,