ACCUSING NOTE BESIDE HER

STORY OF MARY E. M'VICKAR'S LIFE TOLD BY THE JANITRESS OF THE FLAT IN WHICH SHE LIVED.

Mary McVickar, forty-five years old, was found dead Thursday in her flat, at No. 326 East Thirty-fourth-st., as reported in The Tribune yesterday. It is believed that she had been dead several days. A bottle which had contained carbolic acid was found under her pillow, and her death is supposed to have resulted from this poison. Beside the bottle lay a copy of the New Testament, and between its leaves was found an unsealed envelope marked "Private," which contained two sheets of paper. On one of these appeared the following:

Mr. Fred Mead, No. 138 Pearl-st.; residence, No. 1 West Fifty-sixth-st.; supmmer home, Greenwich, Conn.; trustee Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Below this was written:

Frederick Mead: May oGd forgive your perjured soul, and may God forgive me.
MARY E. M'VICKAR.

The other half sheet contained this:

I swear before my God that Frederick Mead has taken his sacred oath on this book. God forgive him. May Almighty God forgive his perjured soul. My last request, bury it with me.
P. S.—There are others who can affirm the same.
MARY E. M'VICKAR.

On the pillow of the cot lay a folded sheet of paper, on which was written "What I am to do without a——" and within the folded paper was a copy of some verses entitled "The End of the Way."

The Frederick Mead mentioned in the notes is supposed to be the senior member of the wholesale tea firm of Frederick Mead & Co., who have offices in this city at No. 138 Pearl-st. His home in this city is at No. 1 West Fifty-sixth-st., but at present he is living at his summer home at Palmer Hill, near Stamford, Conn., where he occupies one of the cottages owned by Henry O. Havemeyer. Mr. Mead's father, who died a year or two ago, was a director of the Fourth National Bank in this city, and was reported to have left a large fortune, half of which Mr. Mead inherited. Last October Mr. Mead married a Mrs. Bowman, musical editor of one of the New-York newspapers. His sister is the wife of E. A. Abbey, the artist. Mr. Mead is a member of the Yale Alumni Association and University and City clubs, and a trustee of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. He was graduated from Yale in the class of '71.

Up to a short time before her death Mrs. McVickar had lived at No. 251 East Eighty-second-st. for several years, and while there she told Mrs. Rooney, the janitress, that twenty-three years ago she was married to a Wall Street man in Grace Church, but that they had separated seven years ago; that she had received money from him up to last February, when he sent her $35, and that since that time all remittances had ceased. Mrs. Rooney further said that Mrs. McVickar had been in the employ of this man in her early youth, when she was good looking. In attempting to retain her fine complexion she had resorted to the use of drugs, and in consequence one side of her face was disfigured. For this reason she always wore a veil when in the street.

Mr. Mead, when seen yesterday afternoon, is reported to have acknowledged knowing Mrs. McVickar, but to have said that he had not seen her for a long time. He is said to have denied emphatically that Mrs. McVickar had any right to leave such a note as the one addressed to him and quoted above, and to have declared that there was nothing in his entire life to justify her writing such a letter.

Dr. Parkhurst was widely reported to have been Mr. Mead's pastor, but when seen last evening Dr. Parkhurst said that this was an error, arising from a similarity in the names of the churches, Mr. Mead being a trustee of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, while he (Dr. Parkhurst) was pastor of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Howard Agnew Johnson, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, when seen at his home, No. 1,206 Madison-ave., last evening, made the following statement:

"As to the circumstance mentioned in the paper, I have nothing whatever to say. Mr. Mead has been held in high esteem, as a man of irreproachable character and has been a valued trustee in our church."

DIES FROM YELLOW FEVER.

A PRIVATE WHO CAME HERE ON THE BUFORD SUCCUMBS TO THE DISEASE.

Private C. Oswald, of the 1st Infantry, who was transferred to Swinburne Island last Tuesday from the United States transport Buford, died at 8:50 o'clock last evening from yellow fever.

Key West, Fla., Sept. 22.—The new cases of yellow fever number thirty-eight and the deaths five. Three of those dying were children.

SUGAR WORKS MAY BE CLOSED.

RUMOR THAT A NUMBER IN BROOKLYN AND GREENPOINT ARE TO SHUT DOWN—MOLLENHAUER REFINERY DISCHARGES FIVE HUNDRED MEN.

There were rumors last night that a number of the sugar refineries in Brooklyn and its vicinity were about to be closed. It was said that the superintendent of the refinery in Kent-ave. belonging to the trust had received orders early in the day from the head office, in Wall-st., Manhattan, to close last night, and discharge the employes, numbering about twelve hundred, but that later another order postponed the closing for a week. The report said further that the refineries of Havemeyers & Elder, in Williamsburg and Greenpoint, were to be shut down in a week, throwing several thousand men out of work. At the refinery in Kent-ave., one of the officials said that that place was not to be closed.

The Mollenhauer refinery, it was learned, was closed two weeks ago, when five hundred men were laid off. An official there said he had heard that the other factories were to close, and that the sugar war with the Arbuckles was at an end. No further confirmation of the reports could be secured.

A PRIEST STRICKEN IN THE STREET.

A man in the garb of a priest of the Roman Catholic Church fell ill on the sidewalk at Broadway and Fourteenth-st. last night, and was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. He is about thirty-five years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, one hundred and fifty pounds in weight, has dark complexion and dark hair and eyes. In his pockets were found a rosary and a prayer book. On the fly leaf of the book appeared the words "Baron Stuart, Holy Order, San Francisco, Cal."

A priest was called from St. Francis Xavier's Church, in Sixteenth-st., to see if he knew the stricken man, but he did not. The man was still unconscious at a late hour. He appears to have had an apoplectic stroke.

CAUSED TROUBLE AT A THEATRE.

Michael Minden, proprietor of the Minden House, Williamsburg, and the Minden Hotel, on the Coney Island Cycle Path, was arrested last night for causing a disturbance in the Victoria Theatre. He was taken to the West Forty-seventh-st. police station and released on bail. Minden, with some friends, attended the performance of "The Rogers Brothers in Wall Street." In the second act the men became boisterous, and were told by an usher to keep quiet. They refused to do so, and one of the men, who it is thought was Minden, threw a glass on the stage. The men were then taken into the lobby, but Minden, it is said, became so noisy that Policeman Hough, of the City Hall station, detailed at the theatre, took him to the West Forty-seventh-st. station. Patrick Woods, a liquor dealer, of No. 652 Ninth-ave., furnished bonds for Minden's release. He will appear in the West Side court this morning. Minden denies that he threw the glass on the stage.

DECISION ON SOLDIER'S BACK PAY.

Albany, Sept. 22.—Dr. John H. Grant, of Buffalo, a milk inspector of the Health Department of that city, who served in the Spanish-American war, wrote the Attorney General recently asking him if he was not entitled to pay during his absence at the front. The Attorney General in an opinion handed down to-day holds that he is not entitled to pay as such inspector while absent in the military service of the United States; that the law passed last winter only makes provisions for State employes, not those of municipalities or otherwise.

THE PHILADELPHIA TO CARRY SUPPLIES.

The Central Porto Rican Relief Committee has received bids for a large amount of medical supplies, asked for in a requisition made by Major Hoff, chairman of the Board of Charities on that island. The chairman of the committee has received a check for $1,008 25 from the Mayor of Baltimore. The shipment of 350,000 pounds of beans and 350,000 pounds of rice for the relief of the sufferers, which was scheduled to go on the United States transport Buford, was transferred to the Red D Line steamer Philadelphia, sailing for San Juan to-day. It will go free of freight charge.

CHICAGO FIRM ATTACHED AGAIN.

Deputy Sheriff Leavitt received another attachment yesterday against Barrett, Farnum & Co., grain merchants, of Chicago, for $1,567, in favor of Goldsmith & Wolf, for money advanced in grain transactions.

DR. B. I. WHEELER IN TOWN.

Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler arrived in the city yesterday and is staying at the Hoffman House. He will start for California on Monday, where he will take up his duties as president of the University of California.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL BRAULT.

Paris, Sept. 22.—General Brault, who succeeded General Rénouard as Chief of the General Staff on November 4, 1898, is dead.

When General Brault was appointed Chief of the General Staff to succeed General Rénouard it was suggested that he was selected by M. de Freycinet, then Minister of War, because of his attitude in regard to the secret documents in the Dreyfus case.

General Brault was born on January 10, 1837. He took part in the Mexican campaign in 1867-'68 and returned to France a captain and was decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor. For his services in the Franco-Prussian War he was recommended to be an officer of the Legion of Honor. By 1879 he was a lieutenant colonel and took part in the Tunisan campaign. In 1888 he became general of brigade, and was made Chief of Staff under M. De Freycinet. In 1892 he became commander of the Eleventh Division of Infantry and in 1896 commander of the Eleventh Army Corps. At the same time he was raised to the rank of grand officer of the Legion of Honor. In November last he became a major general.

COLONEL JAMES F. DWIGHT.

Word was received in this city last night of the death yesterday of Colonel James F. Dwight at his summer home, in Stockbridge, Mass.

Colonel Dwight was seventy years old. He was at one time a well known lawyer of this city. He was a member of the Century Association and the New-York Historical Society. The funeral will be held at 3 p. m. to-morrow at Stockbridge.

COLONEL WILLIAM CRICHTON.

Traverse City, Mich., Sept. 22.—Colonel William Crichton, a well known capitalist of Cincinnati and Louisville, died here to-day, aged sixty-seven.

WANTED FOR A BOLD CRIME.

ARREST HERE OF MEN IMPLICATED IN A PORTSMOUTH (R. I.) ROBBERY.

John Adams, alias "Mass. Joe," and "Jim" Kennard, alias James Murray, alias "Big Jim," two more of the band who are alleged to have robbed the employes of the Massachusetts Electric Company, at Portsmouth, R. I., at midnight on July 20 last at the points of revolvers, are in custody in this city. Kennard was arrested on Tuesday in Second-ave., at First-st., by Detectives Holland, Gallagher and Reap, of Captain McClusky's staff, and Chief of Police Hanlt and Detective Richards, of Newport, R. I., and Mr. Dougherty, assistant superintendent of Pinkerton's Agency. The arrest was made on Rhode Island requisition papers.

In the District Attorney's office on Wednesday Kennard's hearing was set for next Tuesday.

McAdams was arrested Thursday morning in Hudson-ave., Brooklyn. Two men who were with him at the time were also arrested. At Police Headquarters, Manhattan, one of them was recognized as John Cavanagh, a New-Jersey burglar. McAdams gave his right name when arrested, but Cavanagh said he was John Brown, while the third man gave the name of Wyckoff.

Cavanagh had a union card in the American Mechanics. The police say these cards are fraudulent, and are carried by "hobo burglars" in country towns for the purposes of identification. McAdams was held pending the arrival of the Chief of Police from Newport, who will take him to that place for trial. The other prisoners now under arrest at Newport charged with being implicated in this robbery are Arthur Vaughn, alias William Stanley, alias "St. Paul Tip"; Joseph Curran, alias "Troy Joe", and George Brown, alias "Milwaukee Kid."

The leader of this band of "hobo burglars" is Arthur Vaughn alias "St. Paul Tip," who it is alleged has killed several men, among them being a police officer of St. Louis, Mo. He is now under indictment for this murder, and will be returned to St. Louis in case he is acquitted at Portsmouth or released on bail.

"Big Jim" Kennard was formerly a partner of John Tobin, alias George Howard and John B. Ferguson, two safe burglars, who were sentenced to two and one-half years in the New-York County penitentiary. He has also served a year in the New-Jersey State prison for burglary.

John McAdams is a "hobo" bank vault and safe burglar and is said to have been the principal in a number of postoffice and store safe burglaries. He his served time in the Central Prison, Toronto, Ont. He and the burglars associated with him employ desperate methods in committing crimes.

FOR TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS.

THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH WANTS THEM IN ALL CITIES.

The State Board of Health met yesterday at Quarantine. Vaccination and tuberculosis were among the subjects discussed. Reports regarding the successful application of vaccination were read, and at the conclusion of the discussion of the subject of tuberculosis it was decided to recommend to the Legislature the passage of a law requiring all cities in the State to establish and maintain hospitals for the treatment of tuberculosis patients.

THE ORDER OF ST. CHRISTOPHER.

BROTHERHOOD TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED—MILL SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THIS CITY.

The Order of St. Christopher, a brotherhood of young men founded in 1890 for prison work, is again to be established after a lapse of five years. At a meeting yesterday of the Prison Association of New-York at No. 135 East Fifteenth-st. W. M. F. Rounds, secretary of the association and founder of the order, explained the system of reformatory work introduced by the brotherhood and now in operation in the Burnham Industrial Farm, at New-Canaan Four Corners, N. Y. A delegation was in attendance from the Ohio State Reformatory and from various local associations of charity. "The order," said Mr. Rounds, "will receive on October 1 ten consecrated young men for the three and one-half years' training and service required by the brotherhood. No denominational lines will be drawn in respect to applicants." In describing the system at the Burnham Farm Mr. Rounds said that it was based on a paper currency, which has the mill as its unit. It was known, therefore, as the mill system. Each inmate of the institution was graded according to the number of mills he earned. The harder a boy worked the fewer were the restrictions placed on his liberty, and the better his food and clothing.

Among those who attended the meeting were General Roloff Brinckerhoff, of Mansfield, Ohio; H. H. McFadden, of the Ohio Penitentiary; Anthony E. Abel, of the Laurel Industrial School, of Virginia; Colonel Omar V. Sage, superintendent of the House of Refuge, in this city; Mrs. Elizabeth Mansell, of the Charity Organization Society, and Warden Fallon, of this city. It is said that the mill system will be introduced in the House of Refuge, the Catholic Protectory and the Juvenile Asylum, of this city.

HENDERSON AND CURRENCY LEGISLATION

AS SPEAKER HE WILL SUBMIT THE NEW FINANCIAL BILL TO A REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Washington, Sept. 22.—A prominent Republican member of the next House of Representatives said to-day that it was the purpose of General Henderson, of Iowa, who will be the next Speaker, to submit the new financial bill drafted by a special committee of Republicans to a Republican caucus soon after the House is organized, and have it considered in caucus before reference to any committee. By this plan it is hoped to avoid any wrangle over the proper reference of the bill to committee, and to secure speedy action on it in the House.

ANOTHER CAR BLOWN UP IN CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 22.—Another Big Consolidated streetcar was blown up with dynamite tonight. The explosion occurred on the Wade Park Line, in a lonesome place near the city limits. The car was running rapidly toward the city, when a loud report was heard. The explosion smashed the front wheel on one side. The car jumped the track, ran across the other track and was stopped in the gutter of the street. There were only two passengers aboard, and they escaped injury. No body was seen about the place where the explosion occurred and there is no clew to the perpetrators.

SAILORS TO BE TRIED FOR CANNIBALISM.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 22.—Warrants were sworn out to-day by Vice-Consul Witte, acting for the Government of Norway, against Anderson and Thomas, the Norwegian sailors from the bark Drot, who, according to their own story, killed and ate a companion while drifting in midocean on a raft. The men are still sick, and the warrants were not served, but a guard was placed over them. They will be sent to Norway as soon as able to travel.

ADIRONDACK GUIDE'S CRIME.

Malone, N. Y., Sept. 22.—A guide named Nelson, who lives at Fulton Chain, became involved in a quarrel with his wife last night, and, grabbing an axe, split her head completely open. He fled to the woods, and as yet has not been captured, although officers and a large posse of guides are in pursuit.

NOMINATED FOR ASSEMBLY.

Cooperstown, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The Otsego County Democratic Convention to-day nominated Henry Clark for member of Assembly.

HOLLAND BOAT'S GOOD TIME.

SUCCESSFUL IN POINT OF SPEED AND DIVING ON THE PECONIC BAY COURSE.

The submarine torpedo boat made a remarkably good showing at the practice run yesterday over the course in Little Peconic Bay, which will be used for the Government tests to be held later. The vessel was recently overhauled, and in the run yesterday showed a considerable increase of speed. The new diving apparatus worked successfully, the boat getting under water and completely out of sight in quick time. Besides diving, running on the surface and under water for a length of time, torpedo practice was indulged in. The torpedo used was of the regulation Whitehead type, and similar in design to those used on vessels of the United States Navy. Sufficient air was stored in the air chamber of the torpedo to give it a radius of action of about five hundred yards.

The trial was in sending the boat over a mile course submerged, at the end of which it came to the surface and the torpedo was discharged from the tube, which is about five feet below the surface of the water. The run under the water was made in about ten minutes. The torpedo was successfully discharged from the tube, but owing to what is though to have been a disarrangement of some of the mechanism, the torpedo, instead of taking a straight course, took a downward turn, and the volume of muddy water sent up showed that it struck bottom about fifty feet from the bow of the boat.

After the torpedo had been discharged W. R. Eckert, consulting engineer for the Standard Electric Company, of California, and also for the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, which company built the battleship Oregon, the cruiser Olympia, and several of the fast torpedo boats, went on board to inspect the vessel and examine the machinery which she was running under water.

He said, when asked about the boat and its performance: "I am much pleased with the exhibition, and am convinced it is no trouble for the boat to do all that is claimed for it. I have been on the trial trips of many of the new vessels built for the Government, and would say I would rather be, and feel safer, in the Holland boat when under water than in the engine or fire rooms of any of the fast torpedo boats. I consider her absolutely safe."

KINGS COUNTY TICKET NAMED.

REGULARS AND INDEPENDENTS MEET WITH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WOODRUFF AND JOIN FORCES.

Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, leaders of the regulars and representatives of the independents in the Republican ranks in Kings County met last night in the Woodruff home, at Eighth-ave. and President-st., in a spirit of harmony and named the following ticket for county officers, which will be submitted for the approval of the county convention which will be held this afternoon in Prospect Hall, at Fifth-ave. and Fifteenth-st.:

For District Attorney—HIRAM R. STEELE, of the Tenth Ward.
For Sheriff—Civil Justice JACOB NEU, of the Twenty-ninth Ward.
For Register—Ex-Congressman JAMES R. HOWE, of the Thirteenth Ward.
For County Clerk—HENRY R. MAYETTE, of the Twenty-fifth Ward.
For County Treasurer—ISAAC H. CARY, of the First Ward.

This ticket gives representation to the old supporters of Seth Low or the independents, and to all great political divisions of the borough.

The regulars, including the twenty-one executive members, each representing one of the twenty-one Assembly districts, and four or five prominent Republicans from each Assembly district met at 7:30 o'clock. Nearly one hundred of the regulars were present. Mr. Woodruff presided. Executive Chairman Michael J. Kelly sat beside his great political enemy in the 1st Assembly District, R. Ross Appleton, while ex-Civil Justice Laimbeer chatted with his bitter political opponent, Mr. Hanton. It was love all around. Harmony was the keynote of the meeting.

While this meeting was going on in the drawing room the independents were discussing the ticket and politics generally on the other side of the house in the library. Among the latter were George S. Richards, Max Brill, F. W. Barthmon, jr., William H. Sturgis, William Gornson, Richard Young, District Attorney Steele and about twenty others.

The roll of each Assembly district was called by Mr. Woodruff in the meeting of the regulars in making up the ticket. Mr. Steele, Mr. Howe and Mr. Neu were voted for unanimously.

There were four candidates for County Clerk—Henry R. Mayette, William Schnitzpan, Edward H. Schlecter and ex-Senator George A. Owens.

The names of Henry Batterman, Isaac H. Cary and James M. Boremus were presented for County Treasurer. In order to get the opinion of the independents, a committee consisting of one from each Senate district was appointed to wait on them. The committee presented the names on the ticket and then retired. The independents unanimously voted in favor of Mr. Cary for County Treasurer and Mr. Mayette for County Clerk. They also unanimously indorsed the other nominees.

Mr. Woodruff then appointed a committee of five to present the ticket to to-day's county convention.

Mr. Woodruff said that it was the strongest ticket ever presented for county offices in Kings County. He is delighted that he has succeeded in bringing all the elements together, so that the party will present a solid front in the November elections.

DON'T WANT MAYOR JONES TO SPEAK.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF CINCINNATI METHODIST CHURCH OBJECT TO HEARING A POLITICIAN.

Cincinnati, Sept. 22 (Special).—Mayor S. M. Jones, the Toledo candidate for Governor, will not speak at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday, as has been announced. No formal action has been taken by the official board on the Rev. Dr. Robinson's invitation to Mayor Jones, but it seemed to be the general sentiment in the congregation that the church should not get mixed up in the political campaign.

Dr. M. T. Carey, of the Board of Trustees, said: "While Jones is a worthy man, as far as I know, I object, on the ground of principle to any politician, as a politician, speaking in Trinity Church. Dr. Robinson has quietly acquiesced in this opinion."

SAMOAN QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN UP.

THE BRITISH COMMISSIONER SOON TO HAVE A CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY HAY.

Washington, Sept. 22.—C. N. E. Eliot, the British Commissioner to Samoa, has arrived here, after an extended tour following the work of the Samoan Commission at Apia. Mr. Eliot had hoped to meet Mr. Tripp, the American Commissioner, in Washington, and to confer further on the status of Samoan affairs, but after his recent talk with the President Mr. Tripp returned to his home in Yankton, S. D. Secretary Hay is expected back soon, however, and the British Commissioner probably will discuss Samoan affairs with him. The German Commissioner, Baron Von Sternburg, has arrived in Berlin, and it is thought that the German Government is about ready to proceed with the determination of this question, as recommended by the Commission. The British Government is also in possession of Mr. Eliot's full report. Up to the present time there has been the most complete harmony of action between the representatives of the three governments, and the report, as well as the draft of amendments to the Treaty of Berlin, is signed by all three Commissioners.

COOLY LABOR IN HAWAII.

Washington, Sept. 22.—George D. Gear, an attorney of Honolulu, called at the State Department to-day to present a statement relative to the ill treatment of cooly labor in the Hawaiian Islands. He asserts that the Supreme Court of Hawaii by its rulings is sustaining a system of slavery of the worst kind in the islands, in violation of the Constitution of the United States, and he asks that the Attorney General be required to declare whether or not the Constitution covers the islands.

GLEASON BEGINS A CONTEST.

DEMOCRATS IN QUEENS HAVE A NICE LITTLE FIGHT OF THEIR OWN.

Ex-Mayor Patrick Jerome Gleason, who was defeated at the primaries in Queens, is fighting the results, and yesterday morning, through his counsel, secured an order from Judge Moore in the County Court ordering the custodian of the primary records in New-York to produce the ballot boxes, ballots and all papers connected with the primaries. Gleason's complaint was that under the provisions of Chapter 473 of the Laws of 1899, the committee caused a number of names to be printed on the ballots that should not have been there, and should not have been voted for by the people at all.

The order is made returnable on Monday next before Judge Moore.

A copy of the order was served upon John P. Madden by Gleason's counsel, who says, speaking for his client, that there is no action contemplated against Mr. Madden, but, rather, against the custodian of primary records. The outcome of the matter is anxiously awaited by politicians in Queens.

BUST IN MEMORY OF GOVERNOR SEYMOUR.

GIFT OF DR. G. L. MILLER, OF OMAHA—THE GOVERNOR PRESENT.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 22.—A bronze bust of the late Governor Horatio Seymour, presented to the Oneida Historical Society by Dr. George L. Miller, of Omaha, was unveiled with appropriate exercises in this city this afternoon. Governor Roosevelt came to Utica from Cooperstown to participate and delivered an address. The presentation speech was made by Dr. Miller and that of acceptance by Thomas R. Proctor, president of the society. The Rev. Dana W. Bigelow offered prayer, and George M. Weaver spoke of "Horatio Seymour as a Citizen and a Neighbor." The speakers were escorted to the Munson-Williams Memorial, where the exercises were held by G. A. R. veterans.

NO PAY, NO LIGHTS.

RICHMOND BOROUGH WILL BE LEFT IN DARKNESS IF THE CITY DOES NOT SETTLE WITH THE ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Officials of the New-York and Staten Island Electric Light Company have informed Henry S. Kearney, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, that if the bills of the company against the city for light are not paid by October 1, the lights in all the streets will be cut out. For the last twenty months the electric light company has been lighting the island free of charge, although the money that was raised by the lamp tax in the old villages is now in the posession of the treasurer of the City of New-York.

About a week ago J. H. Swinarton, general manager of the New-York and Staten Island Electric Light Company, sent a communication to the Commissioner informing him that unless the city made some arrangements to pay for the current used for street lighting purposes all the street lights on the island would be discontinued on October 1. Mr. Swinarton said that the company would await the action of the Commissioner to recover the money due them for light supplied under contract in the last year and a half, but the company could not and would not continue to supply current for street use unless the city would guarantee that the bills would be paid regularly hereafter.

Commissioner Kearney acknowledged receipt of the letter, and replied that he had sent it to the Mayor and Controller; also that the former bills of the company had been approved by his Department and forwarded to the Controller, and that he had no further power in the matter.

The company is now supplying nightly current for 2,459 lights, of which 451 are arc and 2,978 are twenty-five candle power incandescent lights. Up to July 24 there were 300 incandescent lights in the old village of Edgewater, but they were discontinued on that date, owing to the failure of the city to pay its bills. The contract for the Edgewater lights expired in June, 1898, and was not renewed, but by order of the Commissioner of Lighting and Supplies the service was continued. Warrants were issued in payment, but the Assistant Controller would not honor them, asserting that the Commissioner had no authority to order the lights continued, as they did not come under the head of supplies. When the bills were not paid the company promptly discontinued supplying current for incandescent lights in Edgewater, continuing the arc lights ordered by the old Board of Village Trustees.

The city now owes the electric light company more than $175,000 for current for street lights since consolidation, and a suit has been begun to recover that amount.

General Manager Swinarton admitted that the notice had been served on the Commissioner, but did not care to discuss the matter further. He said, however, that whatever was done in regard to street lights the commercial lights would be kept up without interruption, and every effort would be made to improve the service.

The residents of the island are greatly exercised over the fact that the lights may be discontinued, and it is likely that a mass meeting will be held to devise some means whereby the city authorities will be compelled to pay the bills or make some satisfactory arrangements with the company.

CHICAGO ENGRAVERS INDICTED.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY UNDER ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Chicago, Sept. 22 (Special).—The action against twenty leading firms of Chicago engravers, indicted on Thursday by the Grand Jury, was brought under the State Anti-Trust law. Each of the indictments includes two counts, conspiracy to defraud and conspiracy against trade. The complaint was made by William Hughes, a Wentworth-ave. publisher, who was invited to join the combination, but declined.

The men indicted are Oscar E. Bluner, Alfred Berebach, Frederick D. Montgomery, John A. Barnes, John Behrens, Edward B. Dumong, George H. Benedict, Julius Regenstein, Edwin S. Osgood, Charles J. Whipple, H. C. Maley, Hugo Wangeman, E. L. Gray, Daniel D. Griffis, Daniel C. Bitter, Joseph L. Lebeau, Oscar Bloomgren, Charles Reinach, William G. Kraicker, and William B. Brewster.

IRON FAMINE IN CLEVELAND.

MANY MANUFACTURERS EMBARRASSED BY FAILURE TO CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY.

Cleveland, Sept. 22 (Special).—There prevails an iron famine all through this region that is embarrassing nine-tenths of the foundries and factories. It had its beginning some months ago, when the manufacturers failed to contract for the pig iron that would run them through the last four months of the year, as they believed at that time that the prices would be lower by September 1, and depending on that hope failed to lay in their supply. Instead of the prices falling, they have been steadily increasing, until they have now reached famine height. This leaves a large percentage of the factories without an iron supply, and with no iron on the open market from which to draw. The factories find they are using more iron than they contemplated. This causes them to be living from hand to mouth, taking the iron as fast as it comes out of the furnace and converting it immediately into the finished product.

Even this way, the supply is inadequate, and they have to suspend operations at times for want of material. The coke supply is getting low, which hampers the furnaces. In addition to this there is now a strike prevailing among the coke handlers in the southern part of the State, which has caused nine of the furnaces there to temporarily go out of blast. The loss from this will not be made up this year. Then the ore shippers are giving notice to the furnaces that they will have to shave their contracts from 10 to 15 per cent, as the capacity of the boats will not permit all of the ore contracted for to be carried down the lakes. This gives promise that the present conditions will continue far into next year.

DUEL IN PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.

Eau Claire, Wis., Sept. 22.—Hugh Thompson's photograph gallery was the scene of a duel with sabres to-day. A handsome young woman was hired by Thompson as his assistant. Later, a man in a state of great excitement entered the gallery. He said his name was Maguire, and that he was the husband of the young woman. Exactly how the fight started is uncertain, but hanging on the wall were two sabres, and in a moment Thompson and Maguire were engaged in deadly conflict. The girl called for help, and as Arthur Rickard, a furniture man, rushed into the gallery he saw Thompson on the floor covered with blood, and Maguire apparently about to run the sword into Thompson's chest. Rickard pulled Maguire off, and the latter fled. No arrests have been made. Thompson's injuries may prove fatal.

MORE STRIKERS AT CRAMPS.

Philadelphia, Sept. 22.—The strikers at Cramps' shipyards were joined to-day by the blacksmiths and their helpers, who have been at work at the drydock. Several machinists and joiners, who at first refused to join the nine hour movement, also deserted their posts. Although the blacksmiths who left the drydock yard to-day were only five in number, the defection included all employed at that particular point and caused a total suspension of work. Only a foreman was left to look after the forges, the helpers refusing to remain behind.

A MYSTERIOUS VAULT FOUND.

A party of men in the employ of the Department of Highways, working in Beach-st., Richmond Hill, struck a brick arch under the road. On digging down they found a brick vault, 9 feet by 16 feet, with a tunnel leading from this vault to a cellar, the house above which was moved away years ago. This house was on what was formerly the Napier farm. No one in the neighborhood can surmise the use to which the vault and passage were put.

ARGENTINA TO SAVE MONEY.

Buenos Ayres, Sept. 22.—The Argentine Senate agreed to-day to the financial proposals of the Government, involving a conversion of the currency at the ratio of 44 gold centavos to a paper dollar, and the formation of a reserve by means of various measures, including a 1 per cent reduction in the salaries of all officials.

OKLAHOMA MAGNETIC HEALING SCHOOL.

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 22 (Special).—Articles of incorporation were signed in the office of the Secretary of Oklahoma to-day by the Southwestern School of Magnetic Healing. The corporation has a capital of $25,000, and is formed for the purpose of establishing a college of mental science and hypnotism. Paul Alexander Johnson is one of the corporators.

NEW STATE CORPORATIONS.

Albany, Sept. 22.—The following companies were incorporated to-day:

Hudson Gas Motor and Vehicle Manufacturing Company, of Saratoga Springs; capital, $100,000. Directors, Ira B. Freyer, of Ballston Spa; Joseph P. Brennan, W. S. Robertson, William P. Tarrant and H. A. Rood, of Saratoga Springs.

The Rutland Shirt Company, of Troy, capital, $15,000. Directors, Daniel W. Coon, of Mount Vernon, Orley C. Badger and Grace R. Palmer, of Troy.

Waterport Manufacturing Company, of Waterport, Orleans County, to manufacture and sell agricultural implements, capital, $15,000. Directors, Daniel D. Bromley, Warren T. Bromley and Albert M. Ives, of Waterport, George F. Lum, of Albion, George R. Shepard and W. B. Bennett, of Niagara Falls.

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BUSY MAKING SLATES.

"BOSS" M'LAUGHLIN HARD AT WORK ON THE COUNTY TICKET.

SOME OF THE MEN MENTIONED AND THEIR CHANCES—CROKER LIKELY TO ACCEDE TO "THE OLD MAN'S" WISHES AS TO BRIDGE COMMISSIONER.

With a pencil in one hand and a sponge in the other, Hugh McLaughlin, surrounded by his lieutenants, sits nowadays in the rear room of the Willoughby-st. auction rooms, listening to everybody, saying nothing, trying to bring order out of chaos, endeavoring to reconcile the differences between the leaders in the various parts of the borough, and striving to make up a ticket for the county offices and the Assembly that will in a measure satisfy the numerous claimants for nomination and political recognition.

The slate held by Mr. McLaughlin is not a new one. Since he returned from the South, and later from Jamesport, Long Island, he has smashed at least a dozen slates, and with them the hope and ambition of many Democrats, who were willing to serve Kings County—for pay and patronage.

Even the Democratic leaders themselves have not yet decided upon a full ticket. As The Tribune stated weeks ago, Bridge Commissioner John L. Shea can have the nomination for Sheriff, if he wants it. He does, and he will accept it if Tammany Hall agrees to name a Brooklyn man to succeed him as Bridge Commissioner. It is understood in Willoughby-st. that Richard Croker, especially since John C. Sheehan's victory, is more than anxious to have the good will and undivided support of the Kings County Democracy in the November elections, and is willing to let Mr. McLaughlin name the successor to Mr. Shea. The latter, therefore, will probably be the Democratic candidate for Sheriff.

James Shevlin, first lieutenant and trusted friend of Mr. McLaughlin, came down from Saratoga yesterday and was warmly greeted by the old leader and the members of the inner circle of the party. "Shev" was in good humor and predicted a Democratic victory. He and "the old man" got their heads together over the slate. The sponge was rubbed over its surface frequently while they were talking. The fate of Register H. F. Haggerty was sealed. He will have to step down and out. Senator "Pat" McCarren, of the Eastern District, made a gallant fight for "Harry," but the days of the Register are numbered. The Senator is not so badly off, however, as the "Long One" will have the naming of the candidate for Register. Senator Michael J. Coffey, who has a political mortgage on most of South Brooklyn, and can control all the Democratic votes down that way in defiance even of all of the powers of Willoughby Street, has a keen eye on the slate makers, and as they have a wholesome respect for his power it is likely that if he should suggest the name of a South Brooklynite for a county office, the suggestion would not be disregarded.

John F. Clarke will get the Democratic nomination for District Attorney. He cannot be kept in the background any longer. Under two Democratic District Attorneys, James W. Ridgway and the present Supreme Court Justice Josiah T. Marean, Mr. Clarke was the practical and experienced man in the office, and did most of the work, especially in important criminal cases. The sponge will not run across his name.

County Clerk William P. Wuest has been "turned down" good and hard. He was defeated in his own district in the primary elections, and that sort of a defeat in Tammany or Willoughby Street means a jaunt for the loser to the well filled pomeans a jaunt for the loser to the well filled political graveyard. In accordance with the written and unwritten law of politics in Kings County Sheriff Frank D. Creamer cannot run for a second term. It is the general belief, however, that the term. It is the general belief, however, that the one term in the office of Sheriff lines the holder's pockets for life. Nothing has yet been decided upon regarding the other county offices, or the naming of candidates for the Assembly.

The Silver Democrats and all of the Bryanites are talking of combining with the labor organizations in naming a county ticket and candidates for the Assembly. They may divide the nominations between them. Their action is causing uneasiness among the regulars.

POLICE IN A PREDICAMENT.

THE DEATH OF JOHN CHATTERTON TAKES ON A SERIOUS PHASE.

Roundsman Philip Boyle and Policeman Gustave Van Dewzer, who are alleged to be implicated in the death of John Chatterton in the hotel at No. 171 Washington-st., early on Wednesday morning, are thought to be in a serious predicament. Their presence in a resort that was already under police surveillance, and their concealment of the facts in the case, are in themselves serious circumstances. The District Attorney's office is not satisfied that all the facts have been disclosed yet, and this is borne out by the fact that Detective George Brennan, of the Fulton-st station, arrested another man on Thursday night in connection with the case. This is John Salzgever, twenty-four years old, of No. 207 Livingston-st. He is a waiter, and is charged with selling liquor after 1 o'clock on the morning of the trouble. His arrest is probably technical, so as to have him where he can be reached when needed.

Meanwhile Boyle's story, that he only went into the place to put the proprietor, John H. Newman, to bed, conflicts strongly with the statements said to be made by "Red" Moran, and the women who were with Chatterton when the trouble occurred. It is alleged that Boyle was in the place for hours prior to and at the time the blow was struck by Van Dewzer. It is said that then Boyle disappeared through Newman's room.

The latter says he was asleep at the time, and knows nothing of what occurred, except what he learned from the bartender, Timothy Golden. Golden says Chatterton was one of his best friends, and nothing would be permitted to happen to him in the place. He says a man named William Beggs, who has a spite against the place, started the murder story.

Assistant District Attorney Edward Roehr believes that the roundsman knows more about the affair than he has told. Meanwhile Van Dewzer has been suspended from duty. Newman has had trouble with the police before, and was badly clubbed by Patrolman Doherty, of the Fulton-st. station, on July 11 last. Doherty charged him with assault. Newman, when arraigned in court, was covered with blood, and underneath the bandages that swathed his head were a dozen stitches put in by an ambulance surgeon to close the wounds in his scalp. He denied Doherty's charge, and said the latter had threatened to drive him out of business. He admits that Captain Druhan had placed a man outside his door. These facts put the visits of Boyle and Van Dewzer to the place in a worse light.

This condition may cause a shake up in the Fulton-st. station, followed, as it is, by a letter from Policeman Doherty to Captain Druhan. The former is the man who clubbed Newman. In the letter he accuses various other policemen in the precinct of frequenting Newman's place and drinking there. His fellow policemen are furious over his action.

Chatterton has worked as a stereotyper for twenty-five years with one Manhattan publishing house. He has a brother and sister living, the latter married to an undertaker and well to do. He will