The News of Brooklyn.

WOODRUFF-CLARKE DEBATE.

TO BE HELD IN THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC MONDAY EVENING.

COUNCILMAN M'GARRY'S BROTHER OFFERS TO WAGER $4,000 ON THE DEFEAT OF THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

It has now been definitely settled that the joint debate on the merits of the Records bill, to which John F. Clarke, the Democratic candidate for District Attorney, challenged Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, will be held in the Academy of Music next Monday evening, October 23. Mr. Woodruff yesterday afternoon sent a letter to Mr. Clarke accepting the date and place, and, in agreeing to the condition that each side should share the expenses of the hall, gave the Speaker for his part.

This debate has created a great deal of attention in political circles, and promises to be one of the most interesting features of an otherwise quiet and dull campaign. The Lieutenant Governor's ready denial of the charges which Mr. Clarke made against the integrity of the Records bill in a public speech last week, and his equally prompt acceptance of the challenge to a debate on the subject which followed, on the part of Mr. Woodruff, have aroused favorable comment from Democrats as well as Republicans, and there is no doubt that there will be a great demand for admission to the Academy of Music next Monday evening.

MR. WOODRUFF'S LETTER.

The final details of the meeting will be arranged this morning by James W. Ridgway, Mr. Clarke's representative, accepting the invitation to a conference which was made by Mr. Woodruff. The letter sent by the Lieutenant Governor to Mr. Clarke is as follows:

No. 26 Jerdone-st., Brooklyn, N. Y., October 19, 1899.

Hon. John F. Clarke, No. 190 Montague-st., Brooklyn, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR: Answering yours of yesterday, I beg to say that next Monday, October 23, the first day named in your letter, will suit me for the debate in which you have challenged me, and the place is such as I have mentioned, namely, the Academy of Music is entirely satisfactory as to place.

In accordance with your request that I divide the expense which in this way will be $100, I inclose my check to your order for $50 to cover the same.

You suggest that I name a representative who will meet your representative, the Hon. James W. Ridgway, to arrange the details. The time is so short between now and next Monday night that I think it advisable that I be expedited by my meeting your representative myself, and, therefore, I should be pleased to see Mr. Ridgway, if convenient, call upon me at Republican Headquarters, No. 203 Fifth-ave., New York, to-morrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock. Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY L. WOODRUFF.

It was announced at Republican headquarters last night that Joseph M. McGarry, a brother of Councilman J. J. McGarry, one of J. Morrissey Gray's personal Democratic opponents in the Tenth Ward, was so confident that the Willoughby Street ticket would be defeated this year that he had wagered $4,000 on the proposition. The wager, it is said, was the result of an exception which some Democrats took to conditions of his brother's course in opposing the nomination of Gray, which were made at the Democratic headquarters, in the Jefferson Building, last night.

Mr. McGarry, according to the story, declared that the Democratic ticket would be routed. Robert Bright, a former partner of Mr. McGarry, thinking that he knew his partner's trade, said that he would accept the bet on the success of the Democratic ticket and give any odds. Mr. McGarry immediately said that he would stake $4,000 against $1,000 that it would make $14,000 against $1,000. It was agreed that the money should be put up with Mr. Patterson, one of the supervisors in the auditor's office, this morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. McGarry offered to wager $5,000 that Mr. McGarry would not come to time with his money. The offer was also immediately snapped up. The wager was taken as indicative of the overwhelming confidence the Republicans feel in their candidate, and it is well in touch with Councilman McGarry, who is well in touch with sentiment in South Brooklyn, he has that the majority of the borough will desert the Democratic ticket on account of the distasteful nomination of Mr. Gray.

DEMOCRATS FORSAKE THEIR TICKET.

The Lieutenant Governor, who arrived in Brooklyn from New-Haven yesterday noon, spent a busy afternoon and evening in attending to the details of the campaign and in receiving encouraging reports of Republican gains and Democratic defections in various parts of the county. The Democrats have been inclined to crow over the somewhat decreased Republican registration, but a systematic endeavor is being made to get all of the Republicans out to-day and to-morrow, and the leaders claim that after the close of the registration to-morrow night the figures will be satisfactory to them.

John W. McGowan, a prominent Democrat of the 30th Assembly District, has declared his intention of supporting the Republican ticket from top to bottom.

John T. Dwyer, Jr., James J. Gallagher and John H. Mohr are among the staunch Democrats of the Eighth Ward who have come out for James J. Minard, the Republican candidate for Alderman.

The Alex Chambers ex-postmaster and exchairman of the Seventh District, and William Lakeland, the active worker, both of the Democratic ranks, have come out for Dunnell, Wright and Lundy, the Republican nominees for Municipal Court, Assembly and Alderman, and have brought with them the support of the Independent Democratic Club of Coney Island.

Ex-Congressman Howe, the Republican candidate for Register, has been indorsed by the War Veterans and Sons' Association.

PETER HAD A HARD TIME.

A BROOKLYN LAD REACHES HOME AFTER A BITTER EXPERIENCE AS A RUNAWAY.

Peter Rogers, seventeen years old, who was reported missing from his home yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, lives with his parents at No. 1 Bedford-avenue.

Peter is a worker in a rubber factory. Last Monday he had a falling out with his father and struck up an acquaintance with members of the crew of a freight train. They told the boy that in the upper part of the State fruit was at a premium, and there was the chance to make money.

With the assistance of the freight hands the boy secreted himself in a car and rode as far as Albany, where they were stranded. They had to walk to Troy, but could find none. Food was scarce and expensive, and they decided to return home. Unable to work their fortune further afield, they took to the freight cars to get back. They hid in the trucks, where they were blindfolded, gagged and robbed with a fusillade of [illegible]. Nine times they were dragged out of the cars. The boys were in and about Jersey City. Peter left them and reached home safely, and returned to his own home. He was very ill, and is recovering from a severe cold. The boy has lost and regained and he was weak from hunger and exposure.

BRIDGE MOTHER DEMANDS SUPPORT.

Mrs. Rosina Kleber summoned her daughter, Pauline, to court yesterday on a charge of deserting her infant. Pauline, who is eighteen years old, married a few months ago and was married to Paul Falk, a street artist. Falk was in court yesterday, and while the Magistrate demanded to know of the girl, in severe tones, why she had forsaken her mother, Pauline lifted her eyes to the Magistrate's bench, and Falk, with the marriage certificate in his hand, stepped forward from his seat and handed it to Magistrate Kramer. Falk is a good looking young man, twenty-three years old.

The Magistrate told Mrs. Kleber that she had no authority over her daughter. She turned away indignantly and exclaimed: "I don't care what you say, I will go to a better court."

Pauline grabbed Pauline by the shoulder frantically as she was leaving the courtroom on her husband's arm and shouted that she still expected to be supported. Mrs. Kleber lives at No. 190 Bridge-st.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT FOR A WEDDING.

The firemen in the Richmond Hill section of Queens Borough were called out twice on Wednesday night for alarms of fire which proved to be false. The first time the alarm was sent from Kurtz's Hotel. It turned out that he had just been married and desired his fellow firemen to drink some beer and eat luncheon with him in celebration of the event. Many of the firemen accepted the invitation, but some were so angry they threatened to turn the hose on the bridegroom. Late in the night another alarm was sounded, and this time by a fireman named Maddox. He was arrested for sending in when it was found to be a false one. He explained that he was leaving Kurtz's place when a man passing in a carriage shouted to him that there was a fire, and he sounded the alarm. He was discharged.

ASSOCIATED PHYSICIANS INCORPORATED.

Hempstead, Long Island, Oct. 19.—The Associated Physicians of Long Island, a new society, has filed articles of incorporation. The society proposes to extend the usefulness, and the members will aid each other by holding frequent meetings and exchanging opinions relative to the diseases peculiar to or prevalent upon Long Island.

TO GO TO THE COURT OF APPEALS.

HEARING IN THE SUIT OVER THE ATLANTIC-AVE. RAILROAD CONNECTION.

A hearing in the suit of John Gallagher, as a taxpayer, against James P. Keating, as Highway Commissioner of the City of New-York, to discontinue the connection between the Fifth-ave. branch of the Brooklyn Elevated Railroad and the tracks of the Long Island Railroad Company, at Flatbush-ave., was held before Justice Maddox, in the equity term of the Supreme Court, yesterday morning. This action was brought by Mr. Gallagher some time ago for the purpose of determining Commissioner Keating's right to grant to the two roads permission to build the connection. He maintains that the building of this connection required a new franchise, which, under the terms of the new charter of New-York, must be passed on by the Municipal Assembly before it can become legal. A permit, he declares, is not sufficient.

Commissioner Keating and the railroad companies assert that the provisions of a statute passed in 1887 permit two railroads to connect their tracks if permission has previously been obtained from the city officials having such matters in charge. The hearing was continued.

The case began with a temporary injunction, which was dissolved in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Desiring to carry the case to the Court of Appeals, Isaac M. Kapper, who appears for Mr. Gallagher, pushed the case to trial in the equity term, as no appeal could be taken from the order of the Appellate Court.

WEDDINGS.

Miss Ruth Kirk, daughter of the late William Kirk, and William Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Green, of No. 76 Putnam-ave., were married at No. 171 St. Mark's-ave., the home of the bride, at noon yesterday. The Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her brother, John Linton Kirk. She had no attendants. The best man was Gordon Logan, of Manhattan, and the ushers were G. Albert Aschoff and Robert Drummond, of Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Green were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Theodore E. Green, Mrs. George Allison Logan, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Margaret Jane Kirk and Mrs. Harry Washington Fairfax, sisters of the bride.

The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a diamond brooch, and the bride's gift to him pearl studs. The couple will be at home Wednesdays after November 14 at No. 171 St. Mark's-ave.

Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Stimson, Judge and Mrs. Leslie W. Russell, George Van Ness Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Hazard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles May, Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Walcott, Robert Linton Cleland, Samuel H. Cleland, Landon P. Smith and Miss Cleland, all of Manhattan, Miss Logan, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Alden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Morrier Gray, Mrs. John Mason, Mrs. William Green, grandmother of the bridegroom, and Miss Mason.

Glen Cove, Long Island, Oct. 19.—Miss Elsie Sheppard Wright, daughter of Dr. Fred A. Wright, and Harry Parks Pratt, of Scranton, Penn., were married last evening. The Rev. James Avery Norris, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiated. The maid of honor was Miss Grace Peck, of South Norwalk, Conn. Dr. Wright gave the daughter away, and Ford Pratt, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

STARTED TO SEE A YACHT RACE.

A YOUNG BOY MISSING SINCE LAST MONDAY.

Frank Brainard, fifteen years old, who lived with his parents at No. 836 Quincy-st., has been missing since last Monday. Mrs. Brainard says her son was about five feet four inches in height, with fair complexion, of medium build, with blue eyes and brown hair. He attended Public School No. 44, in Putnam-ave.

He started out last Monday to see the yacht race and had a ticket which he said a friend had given him. He showed the ticket to his mother, but she did not notice what boat the ticket was for.

Since Monday the worried parents have not seen their son, and they fear that he may have fallen off one of the excursion boats.

OLD BRIDGE EMPLOYES DEFEATED.

JUSTICE MARSAN DECIDES ADVERSELY A TEST SUIT FOR REINSTATEMENT.

The old Bridge employes who were discharged on June 28 last by Commissioner Shea, when the new system went into effect, are not entitled to reinstatement. Justice Marsan and a jury decided a test case in the Supreme Court yesterday against the men.

P. J. McCarthy, of No. 499 Hendricks-st., a conductor, sought an alternate writ of mandamus to compel Mr. Shea to reinstate him, on the ground that a written statement of the causes of his removal had not been filed, as required by the Civil Service law. Mr. Shea asserted on the stand that he had made the change for the sake of economy, and that the city saved some $40,000 a year by it. William J. Carr, Assistant Corporation Counsel, said that the Civil Service was not intended to apply where a position was abolished. The case was taken out of the hands of the jury by consent, and Justice Marsan decided for the defendant, holding that McCarthy had been discharged in good faith. An appeal will be taken.

WHEELMEN'S RIGHTS ON THE BRIDGE.

The rights of wheelmen on the Brooklyn Bridge will be determined by the trial of William Nulty, a motorman, on a charge of criminal negligence. Theodore Tappen, of Jersey City, and his uncle, James McBride, were riding a tandem across the south roadway on August 23 last. It was crowded with teams, and the two men rode along the trolley tracks.

The car ahead of them suddenly slowed up, and before Nulty, who was behind them, could stop his car it crashed into the tandem. Tappen died from his injuries. The Coroner's jury found Nulty guilty of negligence. A preliminary examination was held yesterday before Magistrate Nostrand in the Adelphi-st. court, and McBride gave his testimony. Nulty waived examination and the Magistrate held him in $500 bail for the Grand Jury. Assistant District Attorney Tyler represented the People and J. B. Tuke appeared for the League of American Wheelmen.

SCHOOL JANITORS' PAY HELD UP.

The effort of the Brooklyn School Board to equalize the pay of janitors has met with a rebuff in the form of an order of the Civil Service Commission holding up the increased salaries.

At a recent meeting of the School Board the salaries of many of the janitors were raised a few considerably. The Civil Service Commission objects to the adoption of the new schedule until the men have been subjected to an examination, on the ground that increasing the pay raises the recipients into another class.

The janitors are expected to furnish assistants out of their salary, and as some schools require more assistants than others, it is obvious that the salaries should be so arranged as to equalize the personal pay of each janitor. This the School Board endeavored to do.

THE CENSORSHIP IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Pietermaritzburg correspondence of The London Post.

Every newspaper reader in England knows the town of Newcastle, Natal, by name. It is the place where the cables come from. From the time of Dr. Jamison's incursion it has been quite impossible for the Transvaal correspondents of English journals to send messages containing the whole truth about any political subject, or otherwise reflecting on the conduct of the Boer Government through the Transvaal telegraph office. Instead of the kindly methods of the censorship, which refuses, alters or abbreviates at will any cable message which passes its hands. This is done in the interests of truth, and we who have lived for some years in the Transvaal know that nothing can be really truthful which does not shed the most favorable light on the acts of Mr. Kruger and his satellites. Correspondents who do not accept Boer view of truth have been compelled to send their telegrams by way of Newcastle. Till quite recently they were posted, leaving Johannesburg or Pretoria early in the evening and reaching Newcastle the next morning. But early in August Mr. Kruger's friends discovered that the correspondents who were too shrewd to trust the telegraph office were not too shrewd to trust the postoffice. Orders were therefore given that all letters addressed to Newcastle should be opened, and if they contained cable dispatches they were to be suppressed as the white rabbit was suppressed, that is to say, put in a bag and forgotten. The correspondents, therefore, united. Their telegrams were collected at an appointed time every evening and handed to a trusty messenger, who handed them at Newcastle to the postmaster of his choice, since their messages were delivered to a lady. This is why on a certain day all the London dailies received their Johannesburg news by way of Maritzburg. There is also a story of a correspondent who for a time did not choose to come into the combination, but went to the Park Station each evening and himself chose a trusty courier. Once the trusty messenger turned out to be a Secret Service agent and the telegram went to Pretoria, but not to London.

HEMPSTEAD CHURCH GUARDED.

ANTI-ZWINGER FACTION WILL TRY TO INSTALL A NEW PREACHER SUNDAY.

Hempstead, Long Island, Oct. 19 (Special).—The new Board of the German Lutheran Church, at a meeting held last evening, passed a resolution authorizing the secretary to hire Deputy Sheriff Daniel Davis to watch the church property and protect it against any molestation on the part of the anti-Zwinger faction. The resolution fixes the Deputy Sheriff's salary at $5 a day. The church is divided in two factions, one adhering to Mr. Zwinger, and the other, known as the old Board, opposing him. The Deputy Sheriff sleeps in the church, and on Saturday night extra precautions will be taken to prevent the anti-Zwinger faction from gaining admission to the church.

The latter have already procured the services of a minister, and will endeavor at all hazards to have him occupy the pulpit next Sunday morning instead of the Rev. Mr. Zwinger. Mr. Zwinger's friends expect to withstand Sunday's assault. Assistant District Attorney Keith said: "We won hands down last Sunday, and surely will on October 22. Their Dutch heads have one or two more points in the game to fathom yet."

DOCTORS ARGUE, PATIENT WAITS.

DISPUTE BETWEEN HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES LIKELY TO REACH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Mary Finnegan, sixty-five years old, in the last stage of pneumonia and afflicted with uræmic poisoning, lay suffering and exposed for twenty minutes on a stretcher on the sidewalk in front of the Brooklyn Hospital yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock while three hospital physicians discussed which hospital ought to care for her.

She was finally taken to the Homœopathic Hospital. Dr. Hopke, in charge of that institution, said last night that she was in a bad condition and that it was uncertain whether she would live or not.

Yesterday afternoon the Police Department received a call from the Raymond-st. jail for an ambulance to take one of the women inmates to a hospital. The Police Department telephoned to the Brooklyn Hospital, which is adjacent to the jail. The answer was that their ambulance was out. A call was then sent to the Homœopathic Hospital. Their ambulance was in, and Surgeon Peckham hurried to the jail.

Mary Finnegan was removed to the vehicle on a stretcher and the wagon was driven rapidly to the ambulance entrance of the Brooklyn Hospital. Surgeon Peckham last night said that he went to the Brooklyn Hospital in accordance with the established rule that when an ambulance is called outside of its own district it shall take the patient to the hospital in which district the patient is.

Dr. Peckham and the driver carried Mary Finnegan from the ambulance to the porch in front of the hospital. Here he was met by Dr. Cole and another official of the Brooklyn Hospital. They demanded why Dr. Peckham brought the patient there, he insisted that she was in their district. They protested that there was no room in the hospital, and the doctors in their argument, apparently forgot the fact that Mary Finnegan, in a condition of high fever, was exposed to the afternoon air.

The Brooklyn Hospital physicians stood like adamant against the arguments of Dr. Peckham. Dr. Amber, the superintendent of the hospital, attracted by the noise of the discussion, came out of the building almost in time to hear the threat of Dr. Peckham to report the case to Dr. Biggs. He saw the state of affairs, and realized that the woman was in a critical condition. He told Dr. Peckham he would find a room in the hospital for her, and ordered some attendants to carry the stretcher into the hospital.

"No, you won't do that now," replied Dr. Peckham. "You are just taking this woman in now because I threatened you." With these words Dr. Peckham, with the help of the driver, put the stretcher and the woman back into the ambulance and drove to the Homœopathic Hospital, where she was attended to.

Dr. Peckham said last night that he had written a complaint against the officials of the Brooklyn Hospital, which would be placed in the hands of Superintendent Black, of the Health Department.

BRIDGMAN'S ARCTIC LECTURE.

COMMANDER OF THE DIANA EXPEDITION TELLS OF HIS TRAVELS.

Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, who commanded the Diana expedition of 1896, delivered his lecture, "Seeking Peary and the Pole," under the auspices of the Men's Association of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, in the chapel last night. It was illustrated by a large number of slides made from negatives taken by Lieutenant Peary in 1898 and 1899 in the Arctic regions. It was the first delivery of the lecture and exhibition of slides.

Mr. Bridgman briefly outlined Lieutenant Peary's Polar work from 1887 to the present time, and added a general statement of his plans for an attempt to reach the Pole next spring.

In the course of the lecture Mr. Bridgman stated that a cable dispatch had been received from Alfred C. Harmsworth, former owner of the Windward, which is now laid up at Bejuca, Newfoundland, a few days ago, stating that the vessel was an absolute gift to Lieutenant Peary. The vessel, Mr. Bridgman said, having been surveyed by a Lloyd's inspector, will probably be thoroughly overhauled, new boilers and engines installed and sent north next year and remain until Lieutenant Peary has returned from his attempt to reach the Pole.

The stereopticon views gave a vivid idea of the difficulties of Arctic travel and of Lieutenant Peary's journey along the ice floe from the winter quarters of the Windward to Cape Lawrence and Fort Conger, the destination of the party. Features of the country, which it is believed was never seen by white men until Lieutenant Peary visited it last July on his way across Grinnell land, the sanctuary of "Old Independence," a big Polar bear, and a herd of musk oxen on a big Polar bear, and a herd of musk oxen on the Polar pack last were shown also. The Fourth of July last were shown also. The set of views illustrating Peary's geographical work which resulted in a complete change in the map of the western shore of Smith Sound, north of Cape Sabine, was of much interest.

The closing views were several photographs of Peary's headquarters at Etah, from photographs taken by Professor William Libbey, of Princeton, on the day of the departure of the Diana, August 28.

RECEPTION FOR DR. LYMAN ABBOTT.

Members of the Plymouth League of Plymouth Church last night gave the reception to the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott which they had intended giving last April, when he was leaving Brooklyn, but which was postponed, owing to the sudden death of Mrs. Lawrence Abbott, Dr. Abbott's daughter-in-law. Mrs. Abbott was to have been at the reception with Dr. Abbott, and was unable to leave their home at Northampton-Hudson on account of a severe cold. A large number of Dr. Abbott's former parishioners were present to greet him. The lecture hall was filled with a program somewhat on lines in its entertainment. But refreshments were served in the basement, and opportunity was given to all to shake hands with Dr. Abbott.

NEW BARRACKS AT FORT TOTTEN.

It is reported that new barracks are to be erected at Willets Point for the accommodation of thirteen companies of the Nineteenth Artillery. The building will be of brick, numbered with stone, and will accommodate 150 men. The main structure will be 165 feet long, and a wing will be 75 feet long. It will have two stories, a basement and an attic. The wing will contain an office, a non-commissioned officers' room, dormitories, a kitchen and mess-hall.

NEW TROLLEY ROAD TO WHITESTONE.

Albany, Oct. 19.—The Court of Appeals has rendered a decision establishing the action of the State Board of Railroad Commissioners in granting to the New-York and North Shore Railway Company permission to construct and operate an electric road from Flushing to College Point and Whitestone, on Long Island. The Long Island Railroad Company contested the case and carried it to the State Board which have denied in favor of the State Board.

DR. STUDEBAKER INSTALLED.

The Rev. Dr. Albert H. Studebaker was installed as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Sixthave. and Second-st., last night. The ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. B. Remensnyder, president of the School of New-Brunswick, and New-Jersey. The Rev. Dr. John J. Young delivered the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. Frederick W. Kistemaker that to the congregation.

DWIGHT L. MOODY TO PREACH.

Dwight L. Moody will preach to-night in the Marcy Avenue Baptist church, Putnam and Marcy aves. He comes at the earnest request of the managers of the revival which is going on in Brooklyn under the leadership of the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan.

CAPTAIN ANDREW JACOBS DEAD.

Babylon, Long Island, Oct. 19.—Captain Andrew Jacobs died yesterday, eighty-two years old. He was on the Bay for forty years, and conducted many sailing parties, having as guests at different times a number of prominent men. His father fought in the Revolution. Mr. Jacobs is survived by a son.

HELD UNDER $2,000 BAIL.

United States Commissioner Benedict yesterday held Edward L. Wheeler and John Merschheimer, who were indicted by the United States Grand Jury on Wednesday for conspiracy to steal twelve cases of copper from the Brooklyn Navy Yard, in $2,000 bail each.

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No doubt the Governor is not enamoured of the difficult and thankless task of investigating public institutions. Nevertheless, circumstances are thrusting this duty upon him, and he will probably meet the responsibilities of his office in this respect squarely if not cheerfully. The scandals connected with the State Prison are such that he cannot overlook them, and now that the State Industrial School affair is off his hands it is to be hoped that he will take hold of the prison affair in his oldtime vigorous and fearless fashion.

The struggles for party nominations among the Republicans in the several counties are exceedingly disheartening to the Democrats. They expected that the party would be so split up in many cases that they would be able to profit by the dissensions, but instead the Republicans are coming out of several local contests more harmonious and united than before, and in each county except Hudson they will present a united front on Election Day. The only source of weakness will be that apathy which falls upon Republicans in an off year.

A Republican nominating convention in Essex County has come squarely out for the assessment of rights of way owned by quasi public corporations, and this action will doubtless force the Democratic County Convention to make a similar deliverance. Mayor Seymour's Tax Board in Newark, and Mayor Seymour himself, are thus placed in a trying situation. The Board has labored for over three months to escape from its duty to assess the millions of property represented in rights of way, and the Mayor has been keeping a mum sociable on the subject for the same length of time, and here is their duty thrust at them as a political issue and in a way to command the earnest support of 90 per cent of Newark's voters.

There was just enough friction over the Republican nominations in Essex to stir up the party interest and give the campaign a good start. The friends of the several candidates have done much hustling, and their activity has had an excellent effect upon languid voters. The well attended primaries on Monday night were good evidence of the awakened interest in the election. The indifference of the Democrats was shown also on Monday night in the poor enrolments made. Thousands of Democrats never appeared at the enrolment places. The Republicans have also a great advantage in the registry. They will have nearly every party voter registered, while the Democratic leaders acknowledge that they are far behind the usual registration figure.

HOSPITAL STAFF DISMISSED.

THE SISTERS PROPOSE TO MAKE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, AT PASSAIC, A HOMŒOPATHIC INSTITUTION.

Passaic, Oct. 19 (Special).—The members of the medical staff of St. Mary's Hospital in this city have received the following letter from the Mother Superior of the Sisters of Charity, at Madison:

Owing to the lack of success financially under the present management of St. Mary's Hospital, it has been decided to dispense with the present allopathic staff and turn it into a homœopathic institution. The Sisters will organize a new staff of that school. You are requested to withdraw on or before November 3, in order that this arrangement may be put into effect. Thanking you for your tireless efforts in behalf of the institution, etc.

The present staff consists of Drs. George T. Welsh, William H. Carroll, F. F. C. Demarest, Percy H. Terhune and David R. Crounse. These physicians were astonished and indignant. The hospital was incorporated six years ago by five physicians, three of whom are still on the staff, Bishop Wigger, the Rev. John A. Sheppard, then rector of St. Nicholas's Church, and the Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Newark. The Bishop, the rector of St. Nicholas's, the Vicar General and five of the physicians are the Board of Governors under the constitution, and the physicians are in the majority.

The Sisters own the building, but it is understood that the doctors claim the right to withdraw to other quarters, and leaving the hospital under the same name and take the floor which the county gives the hospital free of charge, which would probably do so. Dr. Charles A. Chupin, a homœopathic doctor, will, it is said, be asked to form the new staff.

St. Mary's Hospital was originally an outcome of a quarrel in the staff of the General Hospital. It has had hard work keeping up the institution, especially since the new building was put up. It is thought by many that the hospital will be forced to close its doors, and it has been proposed that the building be used for a school. Dr. Demarest is angry because his name has been mentioned in connection with the affair, and he wrote the following caustic letter to a local paper:

I have no fight with the sisters and I have never had any. I have resigned from the institution, and I don't care who they put in their hospital.

The members of the General Hospital are all allopathic physicians except one.

In Chancery Chambers, Jersey City, testimony was taken before Vice-Chancellor Pitney yesterday, in a suit over the contract for the erection of St. Mary's Hospital, in Passaic. The suit is over the apportionment of money in court among twenty-two creditors of Smith Brothers, contractors, who defaulted before the hospital was completed. The contract was between Smith Brothers and the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth.

The new hospital was to cost $30,987, and the contractors received all except $12,987. Work done by the contractors amounted to $8,438, which amount has been paid. The balance, $4,548, was paid into court, as twenty-two persons filed claims against the money.

The suit is to have the court approve of the action of the Sisters in completing the building and paying the second contractor, and to apportion the $4,548 among the twenty-two claimants, whose bills aggregate over $14,000.

BEASON ALLEGED FOR SUICIDE.

IT IS SAID THAT A YOUNG WOMAN KILLED HERSELF BECAUSE HER PARENTS WERE DISPLEASED AT HER SECRET MARRIAGE.

Miss Carrie M. Johnson, twenty-four years old, daughter of Mrs. Johnson, a well known Hoboken resident, who killed herself by swallowing carbolic acid at her home, No. 56 Washington-st., Wednesday afternoon, is said to have been married recently to Meyer Goodberg, a salesman in her father's store. Goodberg lives in New-York, and, according to an intimate friend of the family, the ceremony took place at Fonthill, New-Brunswick, a village adjacent to Fonthill, New-York, married the couple without the knowledge of the young woman's parents. When informed of the marriage the father and mother of the bride, it is said, were greatly displeased, and on Wednesday went to New-York to see Goodberg's family. While they were absent from home the young woman killed herself. It is said that she was of a highly sensitive nature, and was greatly distressed over the manner in which her parents received the news of her marriage. Her father yesterday said that he did not know why she wanted to die, and professed to be ignorant of the fact that his daughter had been married.

A PASTOR CALLED.

East Orange, Oct. 19 (Special).—The members of the First Baptist Church of East Orange have called the Rev. Donald D. Munro, of Little Falls, N. Y., to become their pastor, to succeed the Rev. Dr. J. A. Chambliss, who resigned some time ago to devote himself to literary work. Mr. Munro was born in Thurso, Scotland, in 1864, and was educated at Arbroath. He studied for the ministry at the Heriot National Institute. He was graduated from Harley College, London, in 1888, and then studied for a year in the Baptist School of Theology in Edinburgh. In 1891 he became pastor of a church in Gouverneur, N. Y., where he remained six years, and in 1897 was called to his present charge, in Little Falls.

MEDALS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Trenton, Oct. 19.—The medals which the State of New-Jersey has secured to present to the New-Jersey volunteers in the Spanish-American War, and which have not yet been distributed, have been sent by the Quartermaster General to the captains of the several companies for distribution to the men who served under them.

THE POLICEMEN WITHDRAWN.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad officials yesterday assured the police officials that they will not attempt to lay tracks across Washington-st., in Jersey City, until they have a legal right to do so, and the policemen on watch were then withdrawn by Chief Murphy.

THE CANVASS IN UNION.

CROSS, HOUSTON AND HOWARD LIKELY TO BE NOMINATED.

The Union County Republican primaries will be held on Monday evening and the convention on Thursday, October 26. Candidates will be named for Senator, County Clerk, Sheriff, three Assemblymen and Coroner. The fact that two of the most important offices in the county are to be filled has aroused unusual interest in the outcome of the convention. Several booms were started early in the summer for the Clerkship and Shrievalty, and they have been nursed with varying success.

For the Senatorship, Joseph Cross, of Elizabeth, will be renominated by acclamation. While there were some persistent rumors during the summer that he would have opposition, the demand for his renomination has been so strong throughout the county that nothing is now heard of any other candidate.

HOUSTON IN THE LEAD.

For the nomination for Sheriff the candidates are Assemblyman Robert G. Houston, of Elizabeth port; John V. Dervalli, of Westfield, and B. Frank Coriell, of Plainfield. Any one of them would win, but there is a strong feeling that Houston should receive the nomination. He was a candidate three years ago and had a large number of supporters. In the interest of harmony, however, he withdrew, and W. T. Kirk, of Plainfield, the present Sheriff, was nominated. It was generally understood at the time that he would receive the nomination this year. Houston served several terms in the Board of Freeholders, and made a record for faithful attention to duty and watchfulness of the taxpayers' interests. He gained the title of "Honest Bob" by the manner in which he scrutinized every expenditure of public money. His popularity with the voters is shown by the fact that when a candidate for Assembly in 1897 and 1898 he received a larger number of votes each year than any other candidate on the ticket. Dervalli, of Westfield, is a rock man in county politics, and his support is chiefly from his own township. B. Frank Coriell, of Plainfield, is the present Deputy County Clerk, and it is not generally believed that his friends will make a serious effort to nominate him unless County Clerk Howard fails to secure a renomination.

CONTEST FOR THE CLERKSHIP.

The contest that is exciting the most interest is that for County Clerk. There are four active candidates, with one or two who are "willin'." They are the present County Clerk, William Howard, of Rahway; Assemblyman George A. Squire and ex-Alderman Charles H. K. Halsey, of Elizabeth, and Major J. A. Hicks, of Summit. The latter has made his canvass on the ground that the township should have a share of the county offices, but it seems that the contest will be between Howard and the two Elizabeth candidates, and the drift of sentiment seems to be in Howard's favor. It is pointed out that he was the first Republican to vote the office from the Democrats. Party usage and precedent, his friends contend, entitle him to a renomination, especially on account of the excellent manner in which he has conducted the work of the office.

Assemblyman Squire has been working hard for several months to capture the nomination for County Clerk, and it is said he will have the support of several wards in Elizabeth and of a number of country districts, but party sentiment seems to run in the direction of sending him back to the Legislature.

Alderman Halsey has a number of enthusiastic supporters in Elizabeth, who expect to control several wards in the upper part of that city, and some delegates from other parts of the county.

MORRIS DEMOCRATS NAME A TICKET.

Dover, Oct. 19 (Special).—The Democrats of Morris County held their convention in Moller's Hall, in Dover, this afternoon and nominated James Porter, of Boonton, for Sheriff; M. H. Bartley, of Bartley, and Samuel Brant, of Madison, for Assemblyman, and Thomas B. McGrath, of Dover, W. H. Beekers, of Morristown, and C. T. Kyte, of Boonton, for Coroners.

A single resolution declaring against trusts and indorsing the acts of both the National Democratic Committee and of the State Democratic Committee was adopted.

The convention was presided over by Charles B. Gee, of Madison, and W. L. R. Lynd, of Dover, was secretary.

ASSEMBLYMAN KING CARRIES PASSAIC.

Passaic, Oct. 19 (Special).—The Republican primaries were held last evening in all the wards to elect delegates to the County Convention at Paterson on October 25. Two sets of delegates were voted for, one pledged to Assemblyman John King for renomination, and the other pledged to Andrew Foulds, jr., a young lawyer, who also seeks the nomination. King carried all the wards except the Second. This gives him fifteen delegates and Foulds five. The King men say that several of the Foulds men elected are King men, and were placed on the ticket without their knowledge. There were 744 votes cast, and King's majority was 212.

COMPANY STORES SHOWN UP.

MR. STAINSBY FINDS THAT THEY ADD ON AN AVERAGE 15 PER CENT TO THE COST OF GOODS.

Trenton, Oct. 19.—Chief Stainsby, of the New-Jersey Bureau of Labor Statistics, has gathered some facts relative to the existence of company stores in the State. He found that there are fifteen such institutions, and in every case an average of their prices for household necessities was obtained. Similar prices were obtained from other stores in the same neighborhood. As a result of a comparison, the statistician finds that on an average the person obliged to deal at a company store pays 15 cents on the dollar more than if he could purchase where he pleased.

Of the fifteen stores in the State which are classified as company stores, six are in Cumberland County, Gloucester County has four such stores, Morris County has two, and they are located, and for every dollar's worth the buyer is charged $1.15. Salem County has two such stores, and their prices are the lowest of any company stores in the State, or at least never the free store prices, for the excess charged is only 6 cents on the dollar. Sussex has only one company store, but in that store 18 cents is added to every dollar.

The report calls attention to the evil caused by these stores. In many cases men have not for long periods received a dollar in cash, because when pay day came they found their wages eaten up by the cost of the house or rooms owned by the company and by the bills they had contracted at the company store. There is a law in the State against these stores, and it appears to be very stringent, but it cannot be enforced owing to a fatal weakness. Through this flaw the whole act fails of its intention and the company store flourishes.

It is expected that the incoming Legislature will take steps to cause the wiping out of these stores, and the statistics were gathered for this purpose. The glassworkers in South Jersey are the ones who are mostly obliged to patronize company stores. In that section it is said that less than forty in each 400 own their own homes, although they are classed as skilled laborers.

SAYS HE WAS KEPT A PRISONER.

Orange, Oct. 19 (Special).—Benjamin Rosenfeld, of Fall River, Mass., has made an affidavit that he was kept a prisoner in the hat factory of F. Berg & Co. He wrote a letter to his wife and smuggled it out of the factory, he says, and his brother-in-law came to Orange and secured his release. His book at the factory showed that he had earned $6 in six days, and he alleges that he received only $2.50, the balance being retained by the firm. Frederick Berg, jr., the head of the firm, denies the statement entirely.

CHANCELLOR M'GILL GOES TO MARYLAND.

Chancellor McGill has again found it necessary to take a rest for the benefit of his health. Accompanied by Mrs. McGill he has gone to Maryland, where he will spend several weeks with his sister at Hagerstown. He will stay at Baltimore a few days to consult Professor Baseley of the Johns Hopkins University. Chancellor McGill's physicians say that he is suffering from overwork, and that a prolonged rest will restore him to health.

WHEN M'KINLEY FIRST MET HANNA.

From The Cincinnati Enquirer.

J. W. McKinley, a first cousin of the President, resides just north of Muncie, and already is being talked of as a possible candidate for Sheriff of Delaware County, although he was defeated before the County Board of Commissioners recently when asking for the office of janitor of the courthouse.

A peculiar feature of the Delaware County McKinleys is that John McKinley is the only Republican among them. He has several brothers living in the county. One of these, however, is a radical Free Silver Democrat, and every one presumably voted for Bryan.

J. W. McKinley said: "I remember distinctly the first time that William met Mark Hanna. It was in a lawsuit. Hanna was having a number of strikers prosecuted for the alleged destruction of his property. The strikers were def