BROOKLYN SOCIAL WORLD.

The last of the Cinderella Dances will be held on Friday evening at the Pierrepont Assembly Rooms. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barnes will give a dance in honor of their daughter, Miss Beatrice Barnes, on Wednesday night in the Pierrepont Assembly Rooms. On Friday afternoon the usual hop will be held at Building No. 7, in the Navy Yard. The Misses Campbell will give a dance at their home, No. 1,315 Pacific-st., on Tuesday evening of next week. The second of the Neighborhood Dances will be held on Wednesday evening, February 14, at the home of Mrs. William H. Lyon, at No. 170 New-York-ave.

The reception for Admiral and Mrs. Dewey will be given at the Union League Club on Thursday evening.

The first of the Amphictyonic Dances will be held at the Germania Club, in Schermerhorn-st., on Friday evening, February 23.

A reception was given for Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, the actress, by the members of the Barnard Club on Friday afternoon at the clubrooms, No. 132 Remsen-st. A bunch of American Beauty roses was presented to Mrs. Gilbert on behalf of the club by John A. Taylor, the chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Taylor paid a tribute to Mrs. Gilbert, and closed with the following expression: "As the sun sets, all things are beautiful, and after it has dipped below the horizon the afterglow is fairest of all." During the reception, which was attended by many well known people, Miss Beers and Miss Kidder poured tea, and the following acted as hostesses: Mrs. Charles Adams, Mrs. T. R. French, Miss Fulton, Mrs. T. G. Bergen, Mrs. James L. Morgan, jr., and Mrs. Everett R. Butler.

At the Pierrepont Assembly Rooms on Friday night the last of the Friday Evening Dances was held. The favors, which were distributed by the patronesses, Mrs. William A. Taylor and Mrs. James MacBride, consisted of water colors of Rough Riders, silk bags and baskets of pink paper roses. The cotillon was led by Wyllys Terry and Miss Julia Fish. The arrangements for the dance were made by Miss Julia Fish and Miss Alice Ogden.

The Ingleside Literary Club, of Flatbush, is making preparations to celebrate some time in March the fifteenth anniversary of the club. Mrs. John Duffield Prince is president of the club, Miss Elizabeth Cott Ditmas vice-president, Mrs. E. J. Webster treasurer and Miss S. Walden secretary.

Mrs. L. M. Palmer, jr., née Burnham, held the second of a series of "at homes" last Wednesday afternoon and evening at her home, No. 855 Prospect Place. Mrs. Palmer was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Lowell M. Palmer, sr., Mrs. Percy B. Burnham, Mrs. George Burnham, Mrs. Arthur Foote, Mrs. Dwight Backenstone, Miss Florence Palmer, Miss Reed, Miss Mabel Beers and Miss Sampson. After the afternoon reception a dinner was given for the receiving party and Lowell M. Palmer, Lowell M. Palmer, jr., George Burnham, Dr. Nathan T. Beers, Arthur Palmer, Harold Smith, Edward Escher and John Eaton, of New-Haven.

Among the Brooklyn people at the new St. Charles Hotel, in New-Orleans, last week were Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Cocheu, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fellow and Clark Wilcox.

Mrs. Leonard Moody and Miss Moody, of Seventh-ave., returned recently from a two weeks' stay at Lakewood.

A dance was given on Friday night by Miss Louise Brown at her home, No. 883 Union-st. The house was decorated with masses of smilax intertwined with pink ribbon. The receiving party included Mrs. Joseph Beers Brown, Mrs. William Seward Brown, Mrs. Francis Walter Coler, Mrs. J. William Haviland, jr., Mrs. West Pollock, Mrs. William Henry Sanford, Miss Grace Ellis, Miss Ethel Baker, Miss May Hueston, Miss Florence Hutchinson and Miss Elsie McKee.

Miss Florence Hicks, of No. 685 Putman-ave., gave a euchre party on Wednesday. The first prize was won by Miss Laura Prince, and among the other lucky players were Miss Metcalf and Miss Meinken.

Mrs. Marvin Thomas Lyon, of No. 857 Prospect Place, has issued cards for two receptions, on Thursday and Friday afternoons of this week, from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Miss Agnes Cowperthwait and Miss Eleanor Cowperthwait, of No. 49 Linden-ave., Flatbush, gave a tea yesterday for their guest, Miss Kennard.

Miss Marie Beaumont Weber, of No. 363 Carlton-ave., has issued cards for a tea on Wednesday, from 4 until 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Edward Tasker Howard, of No. 143 Willow-st., has issued cards for Tuesdays in February; Mrs. George Hartley Fletcher, of No. 214 Lincoln Place, for Fridays, and Mrs. Edward W. Mascord and Miss Mascord, of No. 69 Montague-st., for Tuesdays.

About threescore of the members of the local Borough Board of Education will give a dinner for Henry W. Maxwell, the chairman of the Finance Committee, on Saturday, February 17, at the Brooklyn Club, on the Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Street and Miss Street, of Gates-ave., sailed last Tuesday for Bermuda. On their way home they will visit a number of places in Florida. Charles G. Street, jr., returned last week from a business trip through the West.

At the Pierrepont Assembly Rooms on Thursday the third of the Thursday evening dances was given. The fourth of the dances will be held on the first Thursday after Easter, April 19. The patronesses are Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Mrs. W. B. Mabie, Mrs. Otto Heinicke, Mrs. Henry Blatchford, Mrs. George Adam, Mrs. E. B. Ackerman and Mrs. W. H. Hutton.

Mrs. James Stranahan Burke, of No. 275 Union-st., has issued cards for February 14, from 4 until 7 p. m.

Henry W. Maxwell, A. M. White and Arthur R. Lyman, of Brooklyn, expect to leave on March 3 for a trip to the Holy Land. On their way home they will visit the principal cities of the Continent and return to New-York in the early fall.

Ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren and Mrs. Schieren will make a tour through California, starting on February 14.

The last of the Twenty-ninth Dances was held on Monday night at the Farm House, in Prospect Park. The patronesses were Mrs. George Duncan Perry, Mrs. J. Oliver Stokes, Mrs. William Howard Bebder, Mrs. John Headon Hallock, Mrs. George Warren Leach, Mrs. John R. Stine and Mrs. Edward G. Riggs. The committee which has conducted these dances consists of Clarence Stacey Bender, Clarence Randolph Leach and Clarence Heman Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wright Driggs, of No. 279 Washington-ave., started on Wednesday for a trip through Mexico and Southern California. During their absence their daughter, Miss Alice A. Driggs, will visit her cousin and his wife, Congressman and Mrs. Edmund Hope Driggs, of Ocean-ave., at their home in Washington.

Miss May Elizabeth MacRoberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. MacRoberts, was married on Wednesday evening to Herbert Edward Fox, of Northern New-York, at the home of the bride's parents, No. 218 Martense-ave., by the Rev. J. Howard Hand, pastor of the Lenox Road Methodist Church.

A reception was given on Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Healy, of No. 26 South Oxford-st., Brooklyn, to introduce their daughter, Miss Mabel Healy. About four hundred guests were present. The receiving party consisted of Mrs. Frank Healy, Miss Mabel Healy, Miss Edna Eldredge, Miss Edna Cantoni and Miss Bessie Cook. Miss Mabel Healy was gowned in white organdie over white satin, and wore pearl ornaments. The drawing room was decorated with American Beauty roses and wild smilax, the dining room (used as a parlor) with dark red roses and ferns, the library in white, and the Arabic room and hall with palms and wild Alabama smilax. Supper was served in the basement, in the large billiard and breakfast rooms, which were decorated with ferns, smilax and palms. There was a canopy of Alabama smilax, festooned with pink roses, over the door leading to the supper rooms.

Ernestus Gulick gave a dinner and theatre party at the Montauk Theatre on Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hungerford, of Watertown, N. Y.; Mrs. George Copley, of Montclair, N. J.; Miss Gulick and the Rev. O. D. Gulick, of Steinway, Long Island.

The third of the Flatbush Assembly Dances was held on Thursday night at the Knickerbocker Field Club house, East Eighteenth-st. and Tennis Court. The large supper room and auditorium were decorated with palms and cut flowers. Supper was served at midnight.

Miss Agnes Thomas Bryan, daughter of Mrs. Allison Bryan, and niece of Warren C. Tredwell, Deputy Register of Kings County, was married to Russell Wells Whitlatch, son of Mrs. J. W. Whitlatch, on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. Tredwell, No. 44 Sterling Place, by the Rev. George F. Breed, rector of St. John's Church. The bride's gown was of white satin, trimmed with duchesse lace, and she wore a white tulle veil, and carried a bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor was Miss Helen Stuart Bryan, sister of the bride. The gift of the bridegroom was a diamond solitaire. There were no bridesmaids. The ushers were Ralph Raymond, Dr. James Taylor Hanan, Palmer Hooper Jadwin, and A. Wollis West, of Plainfield, N. J. The best man was Wilber Daniel Tredwell, the bride's cousin. The bridegroom is first sergeant of the 3d Battery, N. G. N. Y. The couple will make their home at No. 44 Sterling Place.

The annual dance of the Manual Training High School Association was held on Wednesday night in the Pouch Mansion. The ballroom was decorated with palms. A supper was served after the dancing. The patronesses were Mrs. Charles D. Larkin, wife of Principal Larkin; Mrs. Alfred T. Mackay, Mrs. Clarence Vail, Mrs. P. I. Shinn and Mrs. E. C. Vanderpool. The officers of the association are: President, L. V. B. Bennet; vice-presidents, Reuben Wilson and Charles D. Allen, jr.; secretary, E. A. Ostrom, jr.; treasurer, Harry Van Ness.

Clarence W. Seamans and family, of Pacific-st., started on Tuesday on their annual trip through Florida and the South.

Lewis L. Cantor, whose engagement to Miss Lilla D. Colby, was recently announced, sailed on Tuesday for Havana, where he will engage in business. Mr. Cantor is a graduate of "Poly," '97.

The High School Chapter of the Neighborhood Association, made up of the alumni of Pratt Institute, held an informal dance at the institution last Friday night for the benefit of the Astral Settlement of Greenpoint.

Miss Sarah Crandall Wiltse, daughter of the late Commodore Gilbert Crandall Wiltse, U. S. N., will be married to E. Kraus, of Manhattan, on Tuesday evening, February 20, at St. Thomas's Church, in Fifth-ave. and Fifty-third-st., Manhattan.

To promote sociability among the men of his congregation the Rev. James H. Darlington, rector of Christ Church, in Bedford-ave., will give a subscription dinner at the Hanover Club to-morrow night. Among the speakers will be the Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, rector of Trinity Church, Rochester; President Almon F. Gunnison, of St. Lawrence University; ex-Mayor Frederick W. Wurster, who will represent the Hanover Club in the absence of the president; James A. Sperry and Henry A. Powell, a member of Christ Church and also of the Union League Club. There will be singing by S. Henry Holland and Harry I. Storms. One hundred covers will be laid.

CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY LAW.

THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES BY DIRECT VOTE DISCUSSED.

A committee from the Young Republican Club had a conference on Friday night with Walter B. Atterbury, Michael J. Dady and John K. Neal, clerk of the Bureau of Elections, at the Republican headquarters, relative to the drafting of a bill requiring political parties to choose their candidates by direct vote, instead of by the system now in use. The committee from the club consisted of ex-District Attorney Hiram R. Steele, F. Harvey Field, Willis L. Ogden and Mr. West. There was some difference of opinion as to the merits of the proposition, and another conference will be held next week. At present the Primary law allows the selection of candidates by a direct vote, but does not make it mandatory.

TARS COMPLAIN OF COST OF TOBACCO.

THE GOVERNMENT CHARGES FORTY-SEVEN CENTS A POUND.

The tars of the receiving ship Vermont, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, are complaining about the price of tobacco. They say that 47 cents a pound, the price which the Government charges them, is exorbitant. They have complained to the Navy Yard officials, and have pointed out that the men in the Boston Navy Yard pay only 30 cents a pound, and at Philadelphia the price is 37 cents.

Captain Manney, of the Equipment Department, said to a reporter yesterday that the difference in the price of tobacco was due to the fact that the original supply had been exhausted, and that more tobacco to meet the demand had been purchased at an increased price. Captain Manney said that after the new schedule goes into effect the price of tobacco will probably be the same in all the navy yards on the Atlantic Coast.

MACCLELLAND CASE COMPLICATED.

THE TRUSTEES OF IMMANUEL CHURCH ISSUE A STATEMENT AND B. F. STEPHENS PUBLISHES AN OPEN LETTER.

By way of accentuating the troubles between the Rev. George L. MacClelland and the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, which have occupied the attention of the Brooklyn Presbytery for several months without there being any immediate prospect of a settlement, the trustees of the church yesterday gave out a statement to the newspapers. It virtually charges the Presbytery with wishing to dismiss the case without hearing the evidence. It also states that the Rev. Mr. MacClelland promised to leave the city for a money consideration, that the money was given to him and that he has refused to carry out his agreement.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery, last Thursday, when it was supposed that the MacClelland case would be disposed of, the Rev. Mr. J. F. Carson offered a resolution which would have dismissed the case. He was a member of the first committee which investigated the charges against Mr. MacClelland, and his action on Thursday has greatly displeased the Stephenses, who have been active in pressing the charges against the minister.

Benjamin F. Stephens yesterday sent to the papers copies of a long open letter which he has addressed to Mr. Carson, in which the latter is virtually accused of bad faith.

DETECTIVE DOYLE TO BE TRIED.

James Doyle, formerly a detective on the Brooklyn police force, will be tried to-morrow in Part I of the County Court, before Judge Hurd, on the charge of murder.

Doyle on the night of April 13, 1899, was off duty, and was drinking in one of the rear rooms of "Gus" Spohr's saloon, in Lorimer-st. and Montrose-ave. Five young men came into the saloon singing and annoyed Doyle. A quarrel ensued, and the proprietor ordered the men out. Doyle ran up a flight of stairs leading to rooms above the saloon. It is alleged that he turned and fired the shot which killed Martin Carey, of No. 86 Richardson-st.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS DISCHARGED.

Six electrical inspectors who were stationed at the Bridge to examine the electrical apparatus of the cars each morning and assist the motormen in case of difficulty, have been discharged by W. T. Goundie, superintendent of the elevated division of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. The men received $2 50 a day. Mr. Goundie said yesterday that the motormen are familiar enough with the electrical apparatus and no longer need the aid of experts.

DENIES THAT HE THREATENED HIS WIFE.

Lorenzo Lovejoy, a lawyer employed by the German-American Title Company, was accused yesterday of threatening to kill his wife and burn down the house by the counsel for Mrs. Emma Lovejoy, who appeared before Justice Marean, in the Supreme Court, in her suit for separation from her husband. They were married in 1898, and three weeks afterward, counsel alleged, Lovejoy came home drunk and threatened his wife. At other times, it is alleged, he threatened her life.

Before her marriage Mrs. Lovejoy kept a boarding house at No. 84 Keap-st., and Lovejoy was one of the boarders. He denies allegations against himself, and declares that his wife is insanely jealous, and that several of her relatives visited his home in Fortieth-st., on January 11, and took away the furniture, leaving him without a bed to sleep on, and with no money to go to a hotel.

THE DOUGHTY BILL OPPOSED.

Far Rockaway, Long Island, Feb. 3.—Business men and property owners held a mass meeting here last night and decided to oppose the bill of Assemblyman Doughty, which he has introduced in the Legislature, to take the Fifth Ward of the Borough of Queens, or the larger portion of it, comprising Far Rockaway, Arverne and Rockaway Beach, from New-York City.

C. D. Curnen, president of the Taxpayers' Association, submitted statistics to show that no advantage would be gained by taking the places mentioned out of New-York and going back to the old town form of government. Resolutions were passed to oppose the bill, and a committee, consisting of B. L. Stark, D. S. Joslin and A. D. Van Wagner, was appointed to go to Albany on Tuesday, when a hearing is to be had on the bill.

A TROLLEY FRANCHISE GRANTED.

Fresport, Long Island, Feb. 3.—The Nassau Belt Line Company obtained a conditional franchise from the Board of Trustees last night to build a trolley road through this village. The road must be finished within one year after the franchise is signed. The agreement is to continue for ninety-nine years. All the trustees voted in favor of the franchise except Raynor R. Smith, who favored another company, which asked for similar privileges.

MICHAEL J. DADY SAILS FOR HAVANA.

Michael J. Dady left yesterday noon for Havana on the Atlantic Transport Line for the purpose of meeting the City Council of Havana and arranging for a hearing before Governor-General Leonard Wood in the matter of his large sewer contract. Mr. Dady was accompanied by his counsel, ex-Senator Pavey.

AT UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

SOME WELL KNOWN MEN TELL ANECDOTES AND DISCUSS TOPICS OF INTEREST.

An interesting group of men gathered a week ago last night in the parlors of the Union League Club, in Grant Square. Among the men were Charles R. Skinner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who had just delivered an address before the members of the club; Colonel Alexander S. Bacon, Dr. Frederick B. Keppy and Nathaniel B. Hoxie.

Naturally, the question of the present muddle over teachers' salaries came up, and Mr. Skinner said that it was due in a measure to the jealousy between the various boards and officials. One of the group suggested that it was due to the provisions of the charter, which placed the responsibility of the teachers' salaries on no one in particular, and made it impossible to place the blame and correct the evil.

From local conditions the conversation led to State affairs, and Mr. Skinner was asked his opinion of politics at Albany, where he has served the State during the last seventeen years.

"Well," said Mr. Skinner, "Albany is an interesting place. It is the place where many an embryo legislator thinks he will blossom out into a National figure and revel in the limelight of publicity. It is the Mecca of many men's ambition. But still you find many disappointed men there. I remember a Mr. ——, who was popular with his party before the election. He was nominated without opposition, and made a great run for the office. When the votes were counted it was found that he was snowed under by a majority of 170,000. He used to tell me that he was nominated unanimously and defeated by acclamation."

When the laughter had subsided Colonel Bacon said: "Speaking of political disappointments recalls to my mind an incident in a campaign in Brooklyn some time ago. I was called upon to speak at a dinner given for the defeated candidate by some of his friends. No reporters were admitted. During the speech I said that there was a bright side to defeat, and that was the knowledge that although we had been defeated, like Lazarus in the Bible we were licked by dogs. A reporter of one of the Brooklyn papers buttonholed one of the guests after the dinner and he was told something of what had been said. To my surprise the next day I read in the paper something like this: 'Colonel Bacon commiserated with the defeated candidate and said that there was hope for him yet, as he might, like Lazarus, be raised from the dead.' Of course the reporter had got his Biblical facts mixed, and had alluded to the wrong Lazarus."

"Talking of the Bible," said Dr. Keppy, "I remember when I was travelling in the West some time ago I had occasion to buy a Bible in Minneapolis for a friend, and I went to some of the stores, but I could not get exactly suited, and I crossed the river to St. Paul, and went into some of the stores of that city. Every one knows, of course, the rivalry that exists between the two cities. I got the Bible of the particular binding which I wanted in St. Paul, and I asked the storekeeper why it was that in Minneapolis their supply of Bibles was not so extensive as in St. Paul. 'Why, don't you know?' replied the man who had sold me the Bible. 'The reason the people of Minneapolis have no use for the Bible is that the good book makes frequent references to St. Paul but does not mention their town.'"

Nathaniel B. Hoxie, who has travelled a good deal, in narrating some of his experiences, said:

"Now, the difference between Brooklyn and New-York is simply that one has grown upward and the other horizontally. In Manhattan you swing a cat perpendicularly to avoid the tall buildings, but in Brooklyn you are able to swing the feline around your head. If you go out to some Western towns, however, you will notice a decided difference in the way people treat strangers. If a man in New-York stands at the corner and looks up at one of the tall buildings or gazes at some piece of statuary, people will say, 'Well, there is some country cousin just arrived in town.' Or if they don't openly make this remark they will inwardly cuss the man for standing in the way. I tell you in the West the residents take a pride in their town. There is a fearful decay or lack of civic pride in Brooklyn and New-York. In the West if the people see a stranger who is looking at the town they give him the glad hand and welcome him hospitably. I tell you this New-York spirit of trying to make a lot of money is destroying some of the better qualities of mankind. There is another idea rampant, and that is that New-York has the best in every line. Why, some of the Western towns—Cleveland, Detroit and St. Paul—can give New-York pointers on her accommodations and her cuisine. Take the question of electric lights—the idea sprung up in the West and New-York adopted it. Even in telephones we are away back. Some years ago I was in Detroit, and telephone service was $12 a year for every private house. You can't imagine the way the people have utilized the telephones as an adjunct of society. I remember the hostess' daughter went to the telephone, and ting-a-ling went the bell. 'Hello, Kate,' said a voice; 'how are you this morning? I am glad to hear it. Will you be able to come and lunch with me to-day? I am so glad. I will expect you at 1 o'clock.' That's the way it goes in the West. The expense of the telephone in New-York is out of the question for most families, and, therefore, the advantage is lost, as the more the telephone is used the greater the benefit to the individual user."

"There is another feature in the West," Mr. Hoxie continued, "that ought to be introduced in Brooklyn if there is danger of a water famine, and that is water meters. Do you think the average householder would allow his servant to waste the water if he knew it would increase his monthly bill? I tell you, you would not hear the water officials crying water famine again."

"But," said Colonel Bacon, "there is no need for such a measure here. There ought to be a huge reservoir in the Adirondacks to supply the needs of Greater New-York. But, aside from that, all the water this city needs can be obtained right here on Long Island. Artesian wells are everywhere. Bore the earth for a few yards, and abundant streams of water gush forth. It ought to be that way. We are surrounded by the sea. Twelve feet of sand turns the salt water of the sea into clear fresh water. That fact was known by Alexander and Cæsar centuries ago."

AN OHIO DIVORCE DISPUTED.

THE SITUATION COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT BOTH PARTIES TO IT HAVE MARRIED AGAIN.

Justice Marean, in the Supreme Court yesterday morning, reserved decision on an application for alimony and counsel fee by Gertrude S. Higgins in the action brought against her by Thomas C. Higgins, a real estate dealer, with offices in Montague-st., for an annulment of their marriage. The plaintiff, who is sixty years old, while his wife is only thirty-three, declares that the marriage was not legal in this State, as Mrs. Higgins's divorce from her former husband, Frederick W. Sharp, was obtained in Ohio, and Sharp had not put in a defence.

Mr. Higgins also asks to have set aside a deed transferring certain land to her in January, 1898. He also wishes a note for $5,000, which he gave to her about a year ago, cancelled.

Colonel Albert E. Lambs, who appeared for Mrs. Higgins, said that the marriage took place in June, 1894, soon after the Ohio divorce was obtained. The couple lived together until January, 1900. At that time Mr. Higgins left his wife, and the papers in the suit for annulment were served on the same day. The pity of it all was, said Colonel Lamb, that if the Ohio divorce was illegal, then two women would be miserable, as Sharp as well as Mrs. Higgins had married, both relying on the validity of the decree.

Justice Marean said that if he had the power he would grant a counsel fee of $500 and $20 a week alimony, but that under the circumstances he would reserve decision.

PASTOR'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

The resignation of the Rev. William E. Needham as pastor has been accepted by the trustees of the Calvary Baptist Church, to take effect on May 1, when Mr. Needham will enter into evangelistic work. A resolution has been adopted changing the name of the church to the Sumner Avenue Baptist Church.

ANTI-HORTON LAW MEETING.

A meeting of the clergymen of Brooklyn who are interested in the repeal of the Horton law will be held to-morrow afternoon at 1.30 o'clock in Association Hall. A committee will be named to go to Albany on Wednesday, when there will be a hearing on the bill. T. De Quincy Tully, who is in charge of the movement in Brooklyn for the repeal of the law, stated yesterday that the petition had been signed by every clergyman in Brooklyn, and that a number of congregations had voted to support the repeal of the law.

JACOB WORTH TO GO TO ARKANSAS.

Ex-County Clerk Jacob Worth will leave to-morrow for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will remain until May. Mr. Worth has not been in good health recently, and the change of climate, it is thought, will improve him. Mr. Worth spent a year at Carlsbad, Germany.

POT OF PAINT EXPLODES.

A large pot of paint which exploded yesterday in the rubber goods factory of Amadee Spadone & Co., on the second floor of a five story brick factory building at No. 515 to 521 Kent-ave., Williamsburg, burned the engineer, John Timmermann, thirty-two years old, of No. 257 Division-ave., and Joseph Higgins, a clerk, of No. 46 Clymer-st. The paint was being prepared for some rubber hose, and Timmermann and Higgins, with the foreman, John W. Hayes, of No. 66 Schaeffer-st., were near the pot, when from some unknown cause it exploded and set the premises on fire. The engineer and clerk sustained the full force of the explosion, and were rendered unconscious. They were carried into another part of the building. An alarm of fire was turned in, and a hurry call for an ambulance brought Dr. Halpin from the Eastern District Hospital. He found that Timmermann and Higgins had been burned about the face, head, arms and hands, and took them to their homes. The damage by the fire amounted to $1,500.

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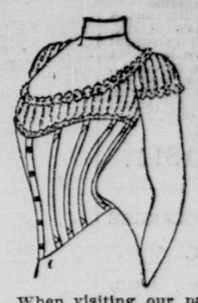

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AN HONOR FOR LIEUTENANT BEAL.

ELECTED TO COMMAND THE FIRST DIVISION, SECOND NAVAL BATTALION.

The 2d Battalion of the Naval Militia is strongly in hopes that the bill appropriating $500,000 to build it an armory will be passed at Albany this session. Its effectiveness is naturally hampered at present; with an adequate, well equipped home, it could be brought to a better state of usefulness. The Spanish War, so the men feel, amply vindicated the value of a Naval Reserve.

LIEUTENANT THADDEUS R. BEAL.
Who has been elected commander of the 1st Division of the Brooklyn Naval Battalion.

The first division of the Brooklyn battalion has just elected a new commander in Thaddeus Reynolds Beal, lieutenant, senior grade. Lieutenant Beal is not yet thirty years old, and his rise in the Naval Battalion has been rapid. He enlisted in the 1st Naval Battalion on June 23, 1891, becoming gunner's mate in 1893 and ensign in 1897. In the latter year he was transferred to the 2d Battalion, in which he became lieutenant, junior grade, in April, 1898. When the war with Spain began he entered the Regular Navy, receiving a commission as lieutenant, junior grade. He remained until mustered out at the close of the war. Most of the time he was stationed on the old monitor Jason, in Long Island Sound, first as watch officer and then as navigator.

Besides having been an enthusiastic yachtsman from boyhood, Lieutenant Beal has been a hard student of the sciences relating to navigation ever since he joined the Naval Militia. His father is a veteran of the Civil War, and a brother was also in the Navy in the war with Spain.

TESTIMONY IN A WILL CONTEST.

A NEPHEW ACCUSED OF HYPNOTIZING HIS AUNT AND GIVING HER A SMALL WHITE PILL.

Jamaica, Long Island, Feb. 3.—Another hearing was held yesterday in the Queens County Surrogate's Court in the contested will case of Hannah Foster, who left a $25,000 estate to a nephew, Thomas Foster, who lived with her for several years preceding her death. The will is contested by Jacob Foster, a nephew, and by Ellen and Emma Foster and Ida Martin, nieces, who were not mentioned in the will.

Ellen and Emma Foster, in their testimony yesterday, asserted that Thomas refused to give his aunt the prescription left by the doctor, but instead gave her a small white pill, which, they alleged, seemed to daze her, and her eyes became glassy looking. They said that she steadily grew weaker, and that she at times cried out that Thomas had made her sign a paper, taking all her property from her. The contestants also say they believe that their aunt was hypnotized by Thomas. A further hearing will be held.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RESIGNS.

Huntington, Long Island, Feb. 3.—Jared Barhite, principal of the High School at this place, yesterday sent his resignation to the Board of Education. The only reason he will give for his resignation is that he cannot act with honor to himself and the advancement of the school under certain conditions which exist at present. His resignation will take effect at the end of the school year.

NASSAU WANTS TO BE EXEMPT.

Mineola, Long Island, Feb. 3.—When the Good Roads Convention meets next week at Albany the Board of Supervisors of Nassau County and the County Engineer will attend the meeting and will oppose the State Roads bill, providing for State aid in the construction of good roads, unless the county of Nassau is exempted.

There are at present over two hundred miles of good roads in Nassau, and the county is not disposed to help to defray the expenses of good roads in other parts of the State, contending that they never sought outside assistance in constructing their own roads.

"THE DRUNKENNESS OF GREED."

A new praise service will be rendered to-night at the Lee Avenue Congregational Church, Lee-ave. and Hooper-st., by the quartet and chorus choir. The Rev. Sidney Herbert Cox will speak on "The Drunkenness of Greed."

HIS WIFE'S DEATH LEADS TO SUICIDE.

Frank E. Lynn, thirty years old, a locomotive engineer, committed suicide at his home, No. 324 Fifty-eighth-st., yesterday afternoon by swallowing carbolic acid. His wife died two weeks ago, and since then Lynn had acted strangely. He gave up his work, and stayed in the house, eating little. The only other member of the family was a three-year-old daughter. She was playing in the dining room yesterday afternoon when she heard her father groaning in the adjoining room. She ran in, and seeing him unconscious ran to the family downstairs, crying: "Papa is dying!" Ambulance Surgeon Ohly was called from the Norwegian Hospital, but Lynn was dead when he arrived.

FIRE DAMAGES THE YACHT ELSA.

Fire in the saloon of the steam yacht Elsa, lying at Tebo's basin, at Twenty-third-st., caused $3,000 damage yesterday afternoon. The Elsa was built in England four years ago for E. B. Sheldon, of the New-York Yacht Club. She is an iron boat, 200 feet long, and has both sail and steam power. Two weeks ago the Elsa was sold by Mr. Sheldon to Dick Bros., of Philadelphia. The new owners were expected to-day to look over their new boat. In fixing up the boat Captain Brown ordered the watchman to build a fire in the saloon stove, which had not been used in a long time, and the woodwork caught fire. When the fireboat arrived the firemen found it necessary to chop a hole through the deck in order to get at the flames, and then put out the fire in a short time.

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BROOKLYN MILITARY NOTES.

Colonel Austen of the 13th Regiment has relieved Lieutenants Fahnestock and Lynch from duty with Company I and has detailed them temporarily to duty as battalion quartermasters. This step was taken to allay the dissatisfaction which has existed in the company for some time. Lieutenant T. R. Fleming, battalion adjutant, has been assigned to command the company, and this step has proved satisfactory to the members, who have agreed to do their utmost to build up the company. Battalion Quartermaster Sergeant George Curtis, a popular member of the regiment, has been detailed by Colonel Austen to act as first sergeant of Company I. Sergeant Frederick Becker, of Company G, has been appointed assistant inspector of small arms practice on the staff of Colonel Austen. He will rank as a first lieutenant. Lieutenants W. D. Farrington, of Company H, and David M. Demarest, of Company B, who were recently elected, have passed the Brigade Examining Board, as has also Chaplain W. C. P. Rhodes, who was recently appointed.

The nineteenth annual reception of the Non-Commissioned Officers' Association of the 13th Regiment, N. G. N. Y., will be held on Wednesday night, February 21. There will be a concert by the regiment's band and a dance. Refreshments will be served.

Major Case, of the 23d Regiment, who is in command pending the choice of a successor to Colonel Smith, retired, has ordered a review of the regiment before Major General Roe for Saturday evening, February 10, at the armory. Battalion drills in the regiment have been ordered as follows: Companies F and G, February 6, 16 and 20 and March 2; Companies D, E and I, February 5, 13, 26 and March 5; Companies A and K, February 15, 21 and March 1 and 7; Companies B, C and H, February 14, 19, 28 and March 9.

Brigadier-General McLeer, Second Brigade, will review the 47th Regiment at its armory on Wednesday evening, February 14. There will be a dance after the military ceremonies. The members of Company B will hold their annual dinner on February 22.

NEWS OF BROOKLYN SCHOOLS.

PRATT INSTITUTE.

The Domestic Art Chapter of the Neighborhood Association gave a salmagundi party on Wednesday afternoon in the studio of the costume design classes.

A reception was given for the members of the freshman class and their parents by the faculty of the high school on Tuesday evening. Dr. Henderson, the director of the school, met the guests in the assembly hall and gave a short talk on his ideas and plans for the school, and asked the co-operation of the parents. Miss Hobson played several of Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words," after which refreshments were served.

The high school alumni association gave a dance in the music room of the high school building, on Friday evening.

W. S. Perry closed his second series of art lectures, on Wednesday afternoon, when he spoke on "Spain of To-day and Her Fairy Palaces of Moorish Art." The history of painting will be treated in the third series of lectures, which will begin on February 7.

The Neighborship Association will give its annual dance on Thursday evening. It is to be a fancy dress children's party.

POLYTECHNIC PREPARATORY.

The Debating Society held its annual mock trial on Tuesday afternoon. The case was one of assault and battery, the plaintiff being Earle Shaw, a junior, and the defendant Giles Haley, a senior. The attorneys for Mr. Shaw were George W. Cummings, Oscar R. Houston and Richard S. Childs; the attorneys for Mr. Haley were Andrew J. Steel, Le Roy W. Rees and Algernon Isaacs. Edward R. Wright was judge. A jury was empanelled, a clerk selected, a stenographer appointed to take notes, and the case was tried according to regular legal procedure. After much amusing cross questioning of the witnesses and speeches by the attorneys, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

The half yearly examinations have been in progress during the last ten days, and both teachers and pupils express themselves as more than satisfied with the results.

The record made by the "Poly Prep" hockey team at the Clermont Rink in the game with Latin School, Friday, January 26, has encouraged the friends of the team to expect even greater things from the game with Pratt on February 9.

The track team is practising at the armory of the 23d Regiment. At the games that are to be held in the armory on March 17 the team intends to participate and will doubtless make a good showing.

The Chess Club yesterday again met the Columbia freshmen, whom they defeated on January 26. Meanwhile the school tournament continues, and it is generally thought that it will result in Avery being the champion.

The Mandolin Club played at the Prospect Park Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association on Thursday evening.

A special Polytechnic Institute car will be run by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company on and after Monday between the Flatbush station and the City Hall on every school day. The car will leave the Flatbush station at 8:19 a. m., and, going by way of Flatbush-ave. and Fulton-st., will arrive at the City Hall at 8:45 a. m., in good time for the opening of school at 9 o'clock. In the afternoon the car will leave the City Hall at 2:45 for the return trip and will arrive at the Flatbush station at 3:11.

The three representatives of the Literary and Debating Society of the school met the team representing the Adelphi Academy at the Pratt Institute on Friday evening for a spirited debate on the question of whether the suffrage should be extended to women in the United States. The team representing "Poly Prep" was composed of A. Rowden King, Armand Langdon and Lawrence C. Hull, jr. The result of the debate was a victory for the "Poly Prep" team.

ADELPHI COLLEGE NOTES.

L'Alliance Française, of Brooklyn, has arranged with M. Henri de Regnier, to deliver a lecture at the Adelphi on Thursday evening, March 22. M. Regnier comes to America as the third annual lecturer of the Cercle Français, of Harvard University, where he will deliver a course of lectures on modern French poetry, beginning March 1.

The last accession to the Adelphi Board of Trustees is William G. Gilmore, of the Park Slope, who is with the Arbuckle Company.

The new semester began on January 31. The new courses in the college department are Miss Both-Hendriksen's course in the history of art and Dr. Fradenburgh's course in French history, both for sophomores; social history for the juniors, and astronomy for the seniors.

The Dramatic Society will give the play "The Rajah" on February 21, at the Criterion Theatre.

"The Chautauquan" for February contains an article by Professor Lawton, on classical influences in American literature. It includes a special study of Longfellow's poetry. "The Educational Review" also contains a brief article from the same hand on Greek composition.

JOSEPH L. PARTRIDGE'S CONDITION.

Joseph L. Partridge, father of John N. Partridge, State Superintendent of Public Works, is seriously ill at his home, No. 125 Montague-st. His physicians think that it is doubtful whether he will live more than a few days. Some time ago Mr. Partridge was stricken with paralysis, and since then he has been confined to his bed.

Mr. Partridge was born in Cambridge, Mass., ninety-six years ago, and is one of the oldest citizens of Brooklyn. During his life he has enjoyed the acquaint