HEALTH BOARD AND MILK.

PRESIDENT MURPHY SENDS OUT INSPECTORS TO WATCH GRAVES'S WORK.

President Murphy of the Board of Health seems to be alive to the pernicious effect which any extensive holding back of the city's milk supply would have upon the poor, especially in hot weather. He has accordingly sent out inspectors to gather the facts and learn whether William Graves and his backers are confining their operations to lawful processes or are overstepping the line in their efforts to get the milk delivery system of this city into their own hands. Colonel Murphy declares he will at once institute proceedings if he finds any one trying to decrease the supply below the city's needs or raise the price arbitrarily. The Tribune some days ago pointed out the particular decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court under which President Murphy can proceed, if he is so disposed.

That the farmers have placed their laudable efforts to benefit their own condition in the hands of ill chosen guides in this instance seems to be apparent, but a great deal of the farmer's discontent arises from the fact that he compares the price he gets for his milk—say, 2 cents a quart—with the price which the actual consumer pays for it in the city—5 to 8 cents a quart—and he wonders why he cannot have more of the big profits which he imagines are made by the middlemen. In order to learn how large these profits really are, a Tribune reporter endeavored last week to get a conservative estimate of the cost of a can of milk at the different stages between the producer and consumer. He talked with one of the largest and most conservative wholesale dealers, and afterward showed the figures to another man, who for fifteen years was a commission agent for the farmers, but is now retired. The latter considered the figures accurate, except that the average retail price might be a little less than that given by the dealer. The dealer mentioned is paying 2 cents a quart. Here is the table, the unit being a forty quart can:

Amount paid to farmer	$0 80
Cost of handling at receiving station	12
Freight (average)	30
Handling of milk in city, including wholesale dealer's commission	20
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Cost to retailer	$1 43
Expenses to retailer in delivering	80
Total cost to retailer	$2 23
Cost to retailer, per quart	5 23-40
Average price received by retailer, per quart	07
Retailer's profit	1 17-40 per quart.

The wholesale dealer's profit amounts to about 10 cents a can, as half the commission is paid out for expenses in handling in the city. In fact, a fraction of this profit is also paid out for office expenses. The wholesale dealer receives about 3 23-40 cents a quart. The retail price varies from 3½ and 4 cents, charged by grocers, who buy direct from the wholesale dealer, and often cut prices on milk in order to draw trade for their other articles, to 8 cents, charged for bottled milk. Unbottled milk is sold for 6 cents a quart by the retail dealers.

The profit is really less than appears, because dealers say it is impossible to get exactly forty quarts of milk from a forty quart can, and there is much breakage and loss from other causes to the dealer who distributes his milk in bottles.

CUSTOMS INSPECTOR ATTACKED.

HELD UP AND ROBBED BY TWO MEN, WHO ESCAPE.

Thomas Dougherty, fifty-seven years old, of No. 49 West Twenty-second-st., was assaulted and robbed of a silver watch and chain and a small amount of money by two unknown men at the end of West Twelfth-st. a few minutes after 12 o'clock yesterday morning. He received a slight scalp wound, and was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where his injury was dressed. Mr. Dougherty is a Custom House inspector. He had been engaged at work at the pier of the National Line of steamers, Pier No. 39, in the earlier part of Saturday night, and finished his labors there at 11:30 o'clock. He then strolled up West-st., and had reached the office of the Wilson Line, at Pier No. 50, North River, when he was set upon by two men. One of the men threw his arms around him, while the other dealt him a heavy blow on the forehead, which sent him to the ground.

Although badly hurt, Inspector Dougherty was not made wholly unconscious by the blow, and he remembers telling his assailants to take all he had, but to spare his life. As soon as the highwaymen had robbed him of his watch and chain and had taken 50 cents from his pocket, being all the money he had, they disappeared in the darkness.

The sound of the scuffle and the groans of the injured man attracted the notice of Michael Reilly, of No. 72 State-st., Brooklyn, the watchman on the Wilson pier, and he opened the door of the office to find Dougherty half stunned and bleeding from a gash in the head. He rapped loudly for assistance, and meanwhile helped the victim of the assault inside. Captain Halpin, of the Charles-st. station, and Patrolmen Sheehan, McGovern and Hare, of the same command, who happened to be near by at the time, hurried to the spot. They sent for an ambulance from St. Vincent's Hospital. The surgeon in charge found that Mr. Dougherty was suffering from a slight scalp wound and from shock, and took him to the hospital.

BOYS HURT IN A DUMBWAITER.

ONE FALLS IN THE CAR AND THE OTHER TUMBLES AFTER HIM.

Two small boys wandered into No. 205 Eighth-ave. yesterday afternoon and found a dumbwaiter on the top floor, which tempted them to try it. Thoms Carroll, eight years old, got in first, and William Waters, nine years old, followed, holding the rope as they descended. Carroll caught a doorknob at the fourth floor and hung on, while Waters kept on descending; but he was so frightened that he lost his grip on the rope and landed in a heap on the bottom, spraining his right ankle.

Carroll soon came tumbling down after him and smashed the car, adding to Waters's injuries. He broke his own hip and cut a gash in his head.

The noise brought the inmates of the house to the shaft, where, looking down, they saw the boys, who were groaning with pain. It was found that the elevator shaft extended to the cellar. There was not only no opening there, but the opening to the store on the first floor could not be reached, as no one had the store key.

Neighbors let down doubled clotheslines and Waters's father tied a rope around the Carroll boy's waist, and some of the other people dragged him up. He was badly hurt, and an ambulance took him to New-York Hospital.

Young Waters was then taken out, and his father drew himself up hand over hand by the rope. Dr. Knox, of No. 304 West Twenty-second-st., attended the boy, and he was taken home.

It was feared last night that Carroll's skull was fractured. Both boys live next door.

DEFENDANT APPEARS; NEW BOND MADE.

George J. Burgheim, whose $5,000 bail was on Saturday declared forfeited by Magistrate Zeller, yesterday walked into the Jefferson Market Police Court with his counsel and his surety, Julienne E. Wilson, of No. 63 Pineapple-st., Brooklyn. Burgheim is charged with embezzling $10,214 19 while acting as manager of the local branch of the William McKinley Music Company, a Chicago concern. Counsel explained that the default was due to the failure on his part to tell the defendant to appear. A new bond was made in the same amount.

ALLEGED POTASH THROWER HELD.

Mrs. Ettie Warner, thirty years old, of No. 59 West One-hundred-and-fifth-st., who was arrested on Saturday night at her home by Detectives Dale and Kammer, of the West Forty-seventh-st. station, who accuse her of being the woman who on Thursday night last threw caustic potassium into the face of Mrs. Carrie Cronin, wife of Dr. Cronin, of No. 433 West Fifty-first-st., was arraigned yesterday morning in the West Side Court. Mrs. Warner, who is the wife of Harry Warner, a stenographer, was held by Magistrate Mayo in $5,000 bail for examination next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Bail was furnished. Mrs. Warner was represented by Glanvil G. McIntyre, who said that his client was ready to proceed with the case and could prove a complete alibi.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate
FOR
Brain Workers.
Strengthens the exhausted and confused brain, relieves nervous headache and induces refreshing sleep. A wholesome tonic.
Genuine bears name HORSFORD'S on wrapper.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

TO RAISE ATLANTIC-AVE. TRACKS.

THIS DECLARED TO BE THE INTENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

A dispatch from Philadelphia was published in Brooklyn yesterday which quoted Vice-President Prevost, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, as saying that it was the intention of his company to raise the tracks of the Long Island Railroad in Atlantic-ave. "But I question whether the necessary legislation has been passed," Mr. Prevost is quoted as saying. "That is a matter that must await Mr. Baldwin's return. He is the expert to be consulted."

Eugene G. Blackford, chairman of the Atlantic Avenue Improvement Commission, said yesterday in regard to the dispatch:

The plan for the improvement of Atlantic-ave., as is well known, contemplates the depression of the tracks to Bedford-ave.; then as an elevated line to Howard-ave., and then depression for the remainder of the distance. There are two reasons why the tracks could not be elevated all the way. The first one is that the people of Brooklyn would not allow it, and the other is the law under which the improvement of the avenue was authorized.

I am under the opinion that the Pennsylvania officials used the word "elevated" in a general way, without intending to mean an elevated line all the way. I did not see the officials when they were here, so I cannot speak from any knowledge of their intentions.

Vice-President Pugh, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was quoted in the dispatch above mentioned as saying that his company "would welcome any plan that would put a hole under the river and connect Brooklyn and New-York."

As soon as President Baldwin of the Long Island Railroad returns from his inspection of the tunnel system in London the plans of the Pennsylvania for the improvement of the Long Island Railroad will be formulated. He is expected back about June 1.

TULLY'S NEW CRUSADE.

THE REV. HORACE PORTER WITHDRAWS BECAUSE OF A PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT.

On Saturday afternoon T. De Quincy Tully, well known in Brooklyn as a reformer, visited the newspaper offices with a story of a "powerful" movement that his Law Enforcement Society was about to launch on the unsuspecting Coney Island. According to Mr. Tully, he had secured the co-operation of all the leading ministers in the borough. Typewritten statements were given out to which were appended the names of some thirty ministers, who, it was alleged, had signed articles in the proposed movement against vice at Coney Island.

Coney Island quieted down toward night yesterday only when it learned that the crusade could not be found. Some of the ministers whose names were appended to Tully's statement, as having subscribed to the movement, denied all knowledge of it. The Rev. Horace Porter, of Plymouth Church, immediately withdrew from the crusade. His explanation follows:

Mr. Tully called upon me several times, at last presenting to me a large number of leaflets with a plea for help, morally and otherwise, in the work of purifying Coney Island. Feeling that signatures of so many prominent ministers and other professional men indicated that there were a number of reliable people combining in such a manner that they would better enforce the laws, I put my name down.

Mr. Tully invited me to attend a committee meeting last Friday afternoon at his office. I did so. I understood at that time that strong, substantial evidence was to be secured and presented to the Grand Jury in a quiet way, without any publicity whatsoever, and then, to follow this, that the entire church strength of Brooklyn was to be put to the wheel. With that understanding I agreed to serve on the committee. I am disappointed at the outcome, for I realize that it will now be difficult to act in a proper manner to secure evidence that I shall at once withdraw from the committee, for I cannot in any measure be identified with the society or its officers.

AMBULANCE IN COLLISION WITH CAR.

WAS HURRYING TO THE AID OF A VICTIM OF THE TROLLEY.

In answering a hurry call for William Cluskey, of No. 99 Twentieth-st., who had received severe injuries on the head while trying to board a car of the Third-ave. line, an ambulance from the Seney Hospital was partly wrecked in a collision with a trolley car at Nineteenth-st. last evening. The number of the trolley car was not obtained, as the motorman turned on the power soon after the collision and moved away.

The driver of the ambulance was Samuel Wilson, a substitute, and the ambulance surgeon was Dr. Paul Humpstone. Wilson and Dr. Humpstone, seeing that a collision was imminent, jumped from the vehicle just a second before the collision occurred. The ambulance was upset. The damage was $150.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO W. H. FLEEMAN.

IT AND A PORTRAIT UNVEILED IN ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

A bronze tablet and a potrait of the late William H. Fleeman, Commissioner of City Works under Seth Low, was unveiled at 3:30 p. m. yesterday in St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn.

WILLIAM H. FLEEMAN.
JULY 12, 1818. MAY 19, 1897.
A CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN
WHOSE LIFE EXEMPLIFIED STERLING INTEGRITY, TRUE HUMILITY, BROAD PHILANTHROPY, A DEVOTED FRIEND OF THIS INSTITUTION.

The sculptor of the tablet is William Ordway Partridge.

The Rev. Dr. Albert C. Bunn, director of the Church Charity Foundation, made a speech. Dr. A. W. Catlin, who directed the ceremonies, paid a high tribute to the character of Mr. Fleeman.

Mr. Fleeman, who died three years ago, was for years identified with St. John's Hopsital.

Thirty years ago, when the hospital was in a frame building in Atlantic-ave., he became the treasurer of the Hospital Committee for the erection of the new building. He worked unceasingly in raising funds and in the supervision of the new hospital building. One of the happiest moments of his life was the day when the hospital was dedicated. Mr. Fleeman was a flour merchant in Manhattan.

NOTES OF BROOKLYN SCHOOLS.

PRATT INSTITUTE.

W. S. Perry, the director of the department of fine arts, has just come back from his visit to the Western Art Teachers' Convention, recently held at Grand Rapids. Mr. Perry reports that the exhibit of work sent to the convention by the institute attracted much favorable comment.

The May number of "The Pratt Institute Monthly" was issued by the department of science and technology last week. It contains, among other papers, an article on "The Need for Secondary Technical Education," by A. L. Williston; a paper on "Some New Pieces of Physical Apparatus," by J. M. Jameson, and an article on "The Place of Correspondence Instruction in Technical Education," by A. L. Rice.

POLYTECHNIC PREPARATORY.

The baseball team is the centre of athletic interest in the school at present. Last week games were played with the Columbia freshmen at Manhattan Field and with the Norwich Athletic Club at Prospect Park. On Wednesday, at Washington Park, the school team will play Erasmus Hall High School. The battery consists of Hubert Dolbeare Kernan and Arthur Millington Ray, pitchers, and Frederic Estabrook Elliott, catcher.

MAN AND WOMAN ASPHYXIATED.

A man and woman were found asphyxiated by gas in a room in the Raines law hotel at Fulton-st. and Georgia-ave. yesterday morning. The gas was turned on, but the police believe it was an accident. The man was identified as Thomas T. Dwyer, a printer, of No. 717 Herkimer-st.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION TO MEET.

The annual meeting of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Union for Church Extension will be held in the Greene Avenue Presbyterian Church, Greene-ave., near Reid-ave., to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

DENIES A MARRIAGE TO LONSDALE.

Nettie Lonsdale, or Mason, said to be a relative of Senator Clark, of Montana, who was locked up in the Adams-st. police station on Saturday night on the charge of bigamy, was arraigned yesterday and remanded to the Raymond Street Jail for examination to-day. The woman denied that she had ever been married to John T. Lonsdale, who makes the charge against her. She refused to discuss her history.

HELD ON SUSPICION OF ARSON

MAN FOUND IN A BURNING ROOM BECOMES VIOLENT—TRIES TO ESCAPE.

Max Zimmer, twenty-one years old, of No. 380 Lorimer-st., was held by Magistrate Meade, in the Gates-ave. police court, yesterday morning, on "suspicion of having committed arson." Fire Marshal Brymer is making a careful investigation today of the circumstances surrounding a fire that was started in the basement of the two story frame house at No. 380 Gates-ave. at 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

The house in question is owned and occupied by Patrick Fitzgerald. Five young men were passing at 3 o'clock when they saw a blaze through the basement windows. When they rushed into the room no one seemed to be around, but suddenly one of the amateur firemen received a punch in the jaw that knocked him down. Another was shoved against the window and had his hand cut. The three others then pounced upon a man in his shirt sleeves, who ran out of the house and down the street.

At Greene and Nostrand aves. Patrolman Leppart intercepted the fugitive. None of the occupants of the house could be found. The fire was put out.

The prisoner, at the Gates-ave. station, said he had been drinking in the Eastern District with Fitzgerald, and had gone on to Greene-ave. ahead of his friend. Fitzgerald arrived later and admitted that he had been in the Eastern District. He knew Zimmer, he said, but could not explain his presence in the house.

HOLDS HIS FEES IN TRUST.

REGISTER HOWE SAYS HE HAS A PLAN TO USE THEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNTY.

At a private dinner on Saturday night, where a number of the Eastern District leaders of the Republican party were gathered, Register James R. Howe announced that, in accordance with his declarations in the campaign last fall and at the time he took office, as well as since, the fees he was receiving in the Register's office were not being accepted by him as personal gain, but were being held in trust in order that at the expiration of his term they might be applied in some way for the benefit of all the citizens.

"When I took office," said Register Howe, "I declared I would not accept fees. I mean to keep my word. The money will not go to charity. It will not go to any institution. I have a plan in mind whereby the citizens of the county may benefit, and I hope that the sum will be sufficiently large to accomplish my purpose."

Some of his friends made an effort to get the Register to divulge the scheme that was in his mind, but he insisted that he would keep his own counsel until the time came for action.

"THE FOLLY AND SIN OF SECTS."

DR. HILLIS GIVES HIS IDEA OF WHAT THE DISCIPLES WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF DENOMINATIONALISM.

The Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, in his sermon yesterday morning in Plymouth Church, pointed out the value of unity in Church efforts. His subject was "Christ's Prayer for the Unity of His Church: A Survey of the Folly and Sin of Sects and Denominations." Dr. Hillis said in part:

Unique men and colossal men were these Disciples! Nor was their unity simply outer and mechanical. They were not driven together by exterior persecution, but were drawn together by interior affection. Their union was organic and vital.

In that hour when the Disciples were met in that upper room, imagine some religious editor, or secular one, or bishop, or elder, rising up and urging some considerations that are presented every day in religious gatherings, such as: "Human nature is human nature, and organic unity is a dream! Therefore, let us agree to disagree, and each Disciple found a sect and denomination of his own. Let the rule be, 'You keep away from my field and I will keep away from yours.' And once a year we will meet together and celebrate our brotherly love'" Had the denominational leader of to-day appeared in the upper room and urged these considerations and others that are said not only to excuse, but to demand, sects, the Disciples would have looked upon the intruder as they would have looked upon Satan appearing to debauch their souls, to lure them from the path of duty, to rob them of their influence and to destroy their Master's life and work.

A SYSTEM OF CONSECUTIVE POLYGAMY.

SO PROFESSOR RUSSELL TERMS FREEDOM OF DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

In the course of a sermon at the Williams Avenue Methodist Church yesterday morning on "The Christian Home" Professor Isaac Franklin Russell, of the New-York University Law School, touched on certain phases of the Sunday school and women's clubs and the looseness of the divorce laws.

Dr. Russell called attention to the dangers threatening the home in our modern society, and particularly to those which, he said, wore the garb of liberty, philanthropy, education, religion and progress. Thus he attacked the Sunday school, so far as it is supposed to be an appropriate substitute for family prayers and is allowed to displace the religion of the home, and the kindergarten so far as it is patronized as a day nursery and as a place where mother's love and attention are bought for money. Women's clubs, too, came in for condemnation so far as public life and parliamentary law are exalted above motherhood and domestic virtues. The employment of women in breadwinning pursuits, the speaker contended, should be regarded as an exception to the general rule, and justified only by circumstances of necessity and where the holy and benign office of wife is not wisely and honorably attainable. Even the financial independence of woman and the liberty she enjoys under the law to dispose of her property, free from the control of her husband, might be carried too far, as in the State of New-York, and a premium thus put upon disunion. The freedom of divorce and the remarriage of divorced parties, as allowed in many States, the speaker characterized as a system of consecutive polygamy, destructive of morality and corrupting the civilization of the age.

COLD STEEL FOR INSOMNIA.

Hempstead, Long Island, May 20 (Special).—John Smith has a new cure for insomnia. It is cold steel. Smith was arraigned before Justice Gittens yesterday afternoon on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. His wife said she would refuse to live with him if he insisted on using his new remedy for sleeplessness. "Smith," asked Justice Gittens, "what have you to say to this charge?" "Well, Judge," replied Smith, "I have had the most horrible delusions and nightmares for some weeks, and have become so nervous that I have been unable to sleep. A friend told me that if I would put a piece of cold steel under my pillow nights I would be relieved of these nightmares. So every night for some time I have been putting my razor under my pillow. Twice during the week the blade opened, and my wife tells me that she is afraid that I will cut her throat some night when I have another dream."

Judge Gittens adjourned the case for one week to see whether Smith could be relieved of his hallucinations.

TO GIVE "THE PRIVATE SECRETARY."

William Gillette's farce comedy "The Private Secretary" will be given in the Academy of Music on Wednesday night by an amateur cast under the auspices of St. Francis's College. The cast follows:

The Rev. Robert Spaulding	M. J. McKenna
Mr. Cattermole	John J. Moran
Douglas Cattermole	William J. O'Leary
Mr. Marsland	E. V. Haverty
Harry Marsland	Valentine T. Patterson
Mr. Sidney Gibson	William J. McCahill
Knox	Arthur Miller
John	John J. Mack
Miss Ashford	Anna Walsh
Gallagher	
Edith Marsland	Rose Wickham
Eva Webster	Irene Cromwell
Mrs. Stead	Jane Mortimer

NEW HOME FOR TWO CONGREGATIONS.

Work on the new building of the Union Methodist Episcopal Church, at Leonard and Conselyea sts., is under way. The laying of the cornerstone, it is expected, will take place in the middle of June. The pastor of the new church is the Rev. W. P. Estes. The church is being built under the joint effort of members of the Powers Street and Leonard Street Methodist Episcopal churches. The site was recently given by the Brooklyn Church Society for a union church for the two congregations.

FEARS EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID FEVER.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In your issue of yesterday mention is made of the speedy relief obtained from the water famine as soon as connection was made with the city mains. If any relief has been given it is certainly not anywhere in this section; we have not been able to get a drop of water in the house for four days. It seems very strange, to say the least, that while a one horse affair like the Long Island Water Company could give us a plentiful supply of water, as soon as the great city of New-York gets control we are left without a drop of water, and nobody seems to know the reason why.

I greatly fear that unless we get water very soon there will be an epidemic of typhoid fever in this section. Then some of the wise men of the Department may discover that there is a reservoir belonging to the Long Island Water Company on top of the hill between Miller and Hendrix sts., and that that reservoir used to be full of water and is now empty, and has been so for some days. I don't know that this is the cause of the trouble, but it seems to me more likely than any of the reasons that I have seen given so far.

HENRY FARRER.

No. 205 Sunnyside-ave., Brooklyn, May 19, 1900.

HIS LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.

DR. DEWEY SAYS HE WILL BEGIN WORK IN CHURCH OF PILGRIMS JUNE 3.

The Rev. Dr. Harry P. Dewey, who is retiring as pastor of the South Congregational Church at Concord, N. H., will begin his pastorate of the Church of the Pilgrims a week from next Sunday, when he will preach at the morning service. In the Church of the Pilgrims yesterday the formal letter of acceptance of the call was read by the Rev. Dr. Edwin B. Coe, pastor of the Collegiate Church, Manhattan, and a son-in-law of the Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs.

Dr. Dewey is expected in Brooklyn on Thursday, May 31. He will preach the first three Sundays of June, after which he will take his summer vacation. He will return to the pulpit in September. Dr. Dewey will not move his family to Brooklyn until fall.

The formal letter of acceptance follows:

To the Church and Society of the Pilgrims.

My Dear Friends: You are already in receipt of a telegram from me saying to you that it was my purpose to present a letter of resignation from my pastoral office in the South Church of Concord, that I might accept the call which you had extended to me to become the pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, of Brooklyn. In pursuance of that announcement I now send you a formal letter of acceptance. In the last few weeks I have endeavored to fulfil the promise made to your committee, that if a call should be given me I would accord it most candid and serious consideration. A visit to the Church of the Pilgrims, which afforded opportunity to meet you and see the various conditions of your church life and work, confirmed favorable impressions which I had received in advance. Returning home with complete knowledge of the situation, and fully persuaded of the unanimous desire on your part to welcome me as your pastor, I gave myself to the task of reaching a decision. In the performance of that task my whole desire has been to determine the path that should appear to lead me to the greater usefulness. The question, in the light of all the circumstances, has not been to me a simple one; it has required much deliberation. I will not recite the steps of the process through which I have passed to a conclusion. I need only say that, balancing all the considerations which have seemed to be most important, I have felt constrained to respond to your earnest invitation. I do so in humble recognition of the great trust which I am taking—assured, in my sense of weakness and unworthiness of sympathetic co-operation from you, of wise and inspiring counsel from Dr. Storrs, to whom I shall look as my pastor, and, above all, of unfailing strength and light from Him who, loving His Church, gave Himself for it.

My resignation has been written to take effect upon the last Sunday of the present month, and I suggest that my work with you begin upon the first Sunday in June. Yours in Christian work and fellowship.

HARRY P. DEWEY.

MAY CHOOSE MAJOR EVERDELL.

MANY OFFICERS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD REGIMENT SAID TO FAVOR HIM FOR COLONEL.

The talk yesterday of the commissioned officers of the 23d Regiment points to the selection of Major Henry C. Everdell as colonel of the regiment. A meeting of the officers has been called for to-night. It is said that Major Everdell has been consulted by a committee of officers and has agreed to accept the honor. The officers, it is said, will ask General McLeer to call an election for Saturday or the following Monday. If it is found that the regiment can unite on Major Everdell the wish is to have him formally commissioned so that he may assume command of the regiment on Memorial Day, when the regiment will parade.

The Board which will examine the candidate for colonel of the 23d Regiment, it is said, will probably consist of Colonel David E. Austen of the 13th Regiment, Colonel John G. Eddy of the 47th Regiment and Colonel Bertram T. Clayton, of the 14th Regiment.

Major Everdell is a son of William Everdell, an early colonel of the 23d Regiment. He enlisted in Company A June 25, 1879, and was made a corporal April 7, 1880; sergeant in February, 1882; first lieutenant four years later; captain, December 14, 1887, and major in 1895. In that year, owing to a press of business, he was compelled to retire from the regiment.

OLD WOMAN RUN DOWN BY TANDEM.

THE RIDERS ABANDON THEIR MACHINE AND RUN AWAY.

After running down an aged woman who was trying to cross the Eastern Parkway, near Schenectady-ave., the two unknown men on the tandem, who were thrown by the collision, abandoned their machine and ran away. The old woman lay in the street, moaning with pain. A driver sent in a call for an ambulance. The woman said she was Mrs. Mary Hovey, seventy-five years old, of No. 1,336 Eastern Parkway. An ambulance surgeon dressed the injuries of the woman, which consisted of a scalp wound and contusions of the body. The police of the Fifty-second Precinct are holding the tandem wheel.

AGED WOMAN KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR.

A LARGE CROWD EXPRESSES INDIGNATION AT THE ACCIDENT.

Helen Eran, seventy-five years old, living at No. 212 Graham-ave., was knocked down and killed late yesterday afternoon by a Franklin-ave. trolley car at Franklin-ave. and Willoughby-st. A large crowd gathered and expressed indignation at the accident. The aged woman was taken to her home by an ambulance surgeon, where she died at 7 o'clock last night. The motorman of the car had not been arrested at a late hour last night.

C. H. MACKAY GUARDING AGAINST FIRE.

Hempstead, Long Island, May 20 (Special).—The recent burning of the stables of William C. Whitney on the Wheatley Hills, and also two of the country homes of members of the Meadow Brook Hunt Club, and Friday the fires caused by lightning at the country homes of Sidney Dillon Ripley, J. E. S. Hadden, and H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy, have caused uneasiness among the members of the Meadow Brook Hunt and the Rockaway Hunt clubs. Many of their places are almost completely isolated as far as fire departments are concerned.

Clarence H. Mackay has taken prompt means for fire protection. A large part of the stone of the old reservoir, at Fifth-ave. and Forty-second-st., New-York, will be taken to Mr. Mackay's country house, where he has completed arrangements for the building of a reservoir that will hold 25,000 gallons of water. The water will be pumped by steam from a large well near Hempstead Harbor. Pipes will be run to all parts of Mr. Mackay's estate for irrigation purposes.

EX-SENATOR BRUSH ADDRESSES CADETS.

Ex-Senator George W. Brush made an address on "Patriotism as an Accompaniment of Christian Living" yesterday morning, when the Cadet Corps of the Beecher Memorial Congregational Church, Herkimer-st., near Rockaway-ave., celebrated the fifth anniversary of its organization. The Rev. D. B. Pratt, the pastor, gave an account of the work accomplished by the Cadet Corps, and medals of honor for faithful service were presented to a number of the cadets.

T. G. SHEARMAN IN DEBATE ON BOERS.

Thomas G. Shearman will be pitted to-night against Andrew Devine in a debate on the South African question. He will uphold the negative side of the following question: "In the war now waging between Great Britain and the South African Republic are the Boers entitled to the sympathy of the people of the United States?" The debate will be held at the rooms of the Church Club of the Diocese of Long Island, at No. 2 Clinton-st.

DR. A. H. MOMENT TO BE INSTALLED.

The Rev. Dr. Alfred H. Moment will be installed as pastor of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Twenty-third-st., near Newkirk-ave., Flatbush, on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. David Gregg, pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Church, will preach the sermon; the Rev. Dr. John Reid, of the Memorial Church, will deliver the charge to the church, and the Rev. Alexander McGaffin, of the Second Church, the charge to the pastor. Dr. Kenneth F. Junor will preside.

LESS BUILDING IN BROOKLYN.

According to Buildings Commissioner John Guilfoyle the reports for the first quarter of 1900 show a falling off in the erection of new buildings in Brooklyn of nearly one-half over the same period in 1899. He believes that the decrease is largely due to the advance in the price of building materials.

DR. HIRAM HUTCHINS NINETY YEARS OLD.

Members of the Bedford Avenue Baptist Church will give a reception in the parlors of the church to-night for the Rev. Dr. Hiram Hutchins, pastor emeritus. He is ninety years old to-day, and for more than forty years has ministered to the people of the Bedford Avenue Baptist Church.

MANUFACTURERS TO MEET.

The last regular meeting for the season of the Manufacturers' Association of New-York will be held at No. 198 Montague-st. to-night at 8 o'clock. James T. Hoile, the secretary, announces that business of importance will be transacted.

GIRL TAKES FATAL DOSE OF ACID.

Rachel Hoffman, sixteen years old, a servant employed in the family of William G. Rothe, at No. 226 Stuyvesant-ave., committed suicide in her room yesterday morning by swallowing carbolic acid.

NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

Now that the options on the land for a park in Jersey City, known as "Little Italy," have almost expired, the people of that town are becoming anxious, and are asking Mayor Hoos what is the cause of his delay in taking action in the affair. It would seem that the people over there, inasmuch as it is admitted that "Little Italy Park" would be a positive advantage to the city, have the right to ask the Mayor what is the matter. They say that, having provided for the office holders, they think that now would be a good time for him to give the people his ear, and also pay some respect to their wishes.

The rumor that the Democrats of Monmouth County are cherishing the idea that ex-Congressman Geissenhainer may be induced to accept another nomination in the IIId District is not based upon an intimation by Mr. Geissenhainer that he is willing to accept the honor. But the other rumor that the Democrats of that district are willing to take on Mr. Geissenhainer in case Mr. Childs positively declines to be a candidate has probably a basis of truth.

Those individuals in New-Jersey who combine the coal trade with the ice trade, and who thus have "all seasons for their own," are said to be in a position to take a vacation almost any time and to be comfortable almost anywhere. In a continuous performance the ice and coal business is an all star combination, and is on velvet all the time.

The assertion that the New-Jersey Democrats as a party are having qualms and seasickness over the approaching nomination of Bryan for President is superfluous. They are not. All the motions of the Democratic opponents of Bryan indicate that they intend to let his supporters have their own way, and that they do not hope to carry the State on the Presidential vote. These indications further intimate that the Democrats of all classes will make a strong fight for the Legislature this year, and that they will make the contest for Governor in 1900 the most earnest that they have made since their party was stricken by the Bryan fever, and which may by that time have spent its force, or they are making a serious miscalculation.

Referring to General Sewell's remarks on the Havana postoffice frauds, an esteemed contemporary remarks that the Senator "must think that the old fashioned virtue of honesty has fallen into disuse." Oh, no; it isn't that. What Senator Sewell probably thinks is that this old fashioned virtue was caught in a crowd in Cuba and had its pocket picked, just as might happen anywhere any day in the week, and which actually and frequently does happen without the same degree of certainty that the thieves will be caught and punished when they rob the Government instead of an individual.

GORMLEY STEPS ASIDE.

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN WILL GIVE PLACE TO A SOUTH JERSEY DELEGATE.

Camden, May 20 (Special).—Announcement that Chairman Gormley, of the Democratic State Committee, had decided to step aside as a candidate for delegate-at-large to the National Convention so that a South Jerseyman might be sent as one of the "Big Four," greatly pleases the unterrified in this part of the State. Of course Mr. Gormley's action was prompted by a desire to advance the interests of the party and to bring harmony of action to the deliberations of the State Convention, and his act is clearly appreciated, but there is great danger of a hammer and tongs day of it when it comes time to make the South Jersey selection.

Some weeks ago, when the South Jerseymen announced that they meant to fight for one of the four places at the head of the State's delegation, a slate was quietly projected. On it was the name of ex-Congressman Thomas M. Ferrell, of Gloucester County. The Thompson people are responsible for springing the name, it is said, and they worked to have it put through by placing that of George Pfeiffer with it as a district delegate. But the Pfeiffer men say that will never go; that their leader must be the delegate at large or that there will be trouble. They are willing to aid Ferrell's election as a district delegate, but Pfeiffer must go as one of the "Big Four," for be it known that great things are expected of "Mysterious George," as he is known, and the expectations may not fall below a nomination for Governor.

CHURCH FREE OF DEBT.

Elizabeth, May 20 (Special).—Trinity Episcopal Church is now free of debt. The last incumbrance, a mortgage for $2,000 on land adjoining the church, bought in 1895 by the late Rev. Dr. McAllister, has been satisfied, and to-day the Rev. Dr. John P. Atkinson, the rector, tore up the mortgage in the presence of the congregation.

INSTANTLY KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Frederick Eckert, sixty-six years old, of No. 65 Pamrapo-ave., Jersey City, was struck by a Central Railroad train at Currie's Lane yesterday and instantly killed. The lane passes through Currie's Woods, and G. W. Turner, the engineer, says he did not see Eckert until he stepped on the track directly in front of the train.

WHEELMAN HURT IN A COLLISION.

Two wheelmen came into violent collision in turn-last evening. William Sachs, seventeen years old, of last evening. William Sachs, aged seventeen, of No. 19 Orleans-st., was hurled some distance from his wheel. His collar bone was broken and his left shoulder dislocated. The other wheelman mounted and rode off.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT AT INCENDIARISM.

Bloomfield, May 20 (Special).—An investigation is being made to-day of an alleged attempt to destroy the frame buildings in Broad-st. near the Centre, among them the American House. The discovery of the supposed crime was made by Walter M. Hopler, a butcher, who lives in the building next to the American House, and whose attention had been attracted by dense smoke coming into his apartments through the windows.

Mr. Hopler found that some paper had been saturated with kerosene oil and placed under the flooring between his apartments and a shoe store adjoining. He extinguished the flames. This is the second attempt at arson in the town in the last four weeks.

NEW STATION FOR PLAINFIELD.

Plainfield, May 20 (Special).—It was announced in Plainfield yesterday that G. H. Warren, first vice-president and chairman of the Executive Board of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey, had assured a committee of busines men that the company had prepared all plans and would begin work in a short time on the construction of a new station for eastbound traffic at North-ave. The company will spend about $100,000 on the work, which will include a station of red brick to correspond in appearance with the present structure on the north side of the tracks; underground tunnels leading from one station to the other and the laying out of a pretty little park around the new building, with a driveway winding in from East Fourth-st. and Park-ave.

PRESIDENT BISHOP TO RESIGN.

Paterson, May 20 (Special).—Arthur W. Bishop, who has been president of the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for many years and has placed the organization on a solid footing, has announced his intention of retiring from the society next month.

GROCER'S CLERK MISSING.

Plainfield, May 20 (Special).—Thomas Garrigan, who has been employed by W. W. Wilson, a grocer, is missing. Last Tuesday he left the store on an errand and has not since been seen by his employer. Garrigan's accounts are all straight. He has a wife and child in New-Brunswick.

THE ENGLEWOOD CHORAL CLUB'S CONCERT

Englewood, May 20 (Special).—The people of Englewood are looking forward with a good deal of pleasure to the annual spring concert of the Englewood Choral Club, which is to be given in the Englewood Lyceum next Tuesday evening, May 22. Two years ago the club began giving oratorios in its spring concerts, "The Creation" was given in 1898, and last year "Elijah" was given. This year Handel's "The Messiah" will be given. There are one hundred voices in the club, and this large chorus has been trained by Arthur D. Woodruff, the club's conductor. The soloists who will assist this year are Miss Shannah Cumming, soprano; Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, contralto; Hobart Smock, tenor, and Joseph Baernstein, basso. The accompaniment will be furnished by twenty-two men from the Philharmonic Society under the leadership of Gustave Dannreuther. Sidney S. Huxham, organist of St. Paul's Church, Englewood, will preside at the organ, which will be a Liszt. Great interest in the concert has been shown by all the towns in the Northern Valley and a large audience is expected.

MURDERED IN THE STREET.

LONG STANDING QUARREL BETWEEN COLORED MEN ENDS FATALLY FOR ONE.

Paterson, May 20 (Special).—A quarrel between two colored men that had lasted more than two years culminated in a murder at midnight last night. Frederick Brinson was shot down at Washington and Godwin sts. by Nelson Booker, the victim of the shooting dying in the police ambulance as