JOHN J. ROGERS ASSIGNS

HIS PARK PLACE RESTAURANT LOST PATRONAGE TO NEW DOWN-TOWN CLUBS.

John J. Rogers, proprietor of a restaurant and chophouse at No. 6 Park Place, made an assignment yesterday to James P. Bennett, without preferences. The assignment is attributed to falling off in patronage, heavy interest charges in carrying the building occupied by him, which he owned until recently, losses in the United States Hotel at Far Rockaway, which he managed for the last ten years, and losses by a fire in the Park Place restaurant last spring, which caused a suspension of business for several months. For many years the place has been the resort of politicians and Irish-American patriots. Mayor Van Wyck often lunched there. The late Chester A. Arthur frequently dropped in.

Denis A. Spellissy, Mr. Rogers's attorney, said yesterday that business at No. 6 Park Place had not been so good of late as it was a few years ago. One of the reasons was the number of clubs which had started in the neighborhood, and which absorbed a good deal of the trade Mr. Rogers formerly had. The restaurant was in the heyday of prosperity several years ago when the County Democracy leaders made it their day headquarters. Among those who could then be found there daily were the late Hubert O. Thompson, Maurice J. Power, now Aqueduct Commissioner; "Tim" Campbell, Judge Henry J. Ford, Colonel M. C. Murphy, now president of the Health Board; "Tom" Costigan, Mr. Spellissy, Senator James Daly, William Pitt Mitchell, Police Commissioner John R. Voorhees, James W. Boyle, now Bridge Commissioner; Judges James Fitzgerald, Newburger and O'Reilly, Senator John Fox, Nelson J. Waterbury, Charles Reilly, former Commissioner of Jurors; Alderman Thomas P. Walsh, Colonel John R. Fellows, and many others. It was also a great resort for Irish Nationalists and Irishmen of different organizations, Judge O'Gorman, General O'Beirne and others.

The United States Hotel at Far Rockaway, Mr. Spellissy said, did not pay, and the profits of the Park Place restaurant went to pay the liabilities incurred at Far Rockaway. Mr. Rogers purchased the property at No. 6 Park Place about fifteen years ago, and sold it recently for $105,000, but it was heavily mortgaged, and he received only about $5,000 for his equity, which money went to pay debts. Mr. Rogers was originally a chef at the Astor House, and started in business for himself in 1875 at No. 12 Barclay-st., and in 1878 moved to his present location. He occupied the ground and second floor for his restaurant, and rented out the upper part of the building. Mr. Spellissy said the liabilities are about $15,000, and assets $8,500, consisting of a stock of wines and liquors, fixtures, etc., and some debts due him. The liabilities are mostly for supplies. Some are for loans from friends. A few years ago Mr. Rogers spent $10,000 in erecting a casino and pavilion at Far Rockaway for the United States Hotel. When the lease of that hotel expired last year Mr. Rogers did not renew it. Mr. Rogers valued the property at No. 5 Park Place at $100,000, but when he sold it in February last, it realized only $105,000, the mortgage against it being $88,000.

Business went on as usual yesterday at the restaurant, and it is expected that Mr. Rogers will be able to make a speedy settlement with the creditors, who are said to be willing to extend to him facilities for the continuation of the business.

WHALEN ON SUFFOLK COUNTY ACT.

WOULD COST A MILLION TO TEST IT—CENTRAL PROTESTS AGAINST OPENING STREET.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Public Improvements yesterday the question of continuing West One-hundred-and-thirty-second-st. through the freight yards of the New-York Central Railroad came up for consideration. The Commissioners of Highway introduced resolutions petitioning the State Board of Railroad Commissioners to compel the New-York Central to maintain a grade crossing over the tracks of the company in One-hundred-and-thirty-second-st. west of Twelfth-ave.

Robert L. Luce, representing the New-York Central, stated that it was a question of maintaining the freight yards at Manhattanville or of keeping the street closed. The yards would be abandoned, said Mr. Luce, if the street was opened. The Highway Commissioners' resolution was carried, Commissioner Nagle and President Coogan voting against it.

Replying to a request of the Board for a legal opinion as to the validity of the Suffolk County act of 1896, and asking for suggestions as to the manner of procedure to test the law, Corporation Counsel Whalen held that it would require an outlay of $1,000,000 or more for the city to test the validity of the law, and with little chance of any adequate return.

The Suffolk County act empowers the Supervisors of that county to prevent the New-York Water Supply Commissioners from obtaining any water supply from Suffolk County.

Commissioner James P. Keating, replying to a complaint of the Board of Health as to the condition of Elm-st. between Worth and Duane sts., in a report stated that in view of the fact that excavations for the rapid transit tunnel would soon begin it would be impracticable to take any action toward regulating the grade of the street.

By resolution of the Board President Haffen of The Bronx was asked to investigate and report upon the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company's occupation of the waterfront along Alexander-ave. between East One-hundred-and-thirty-second-st. and the Harlem River.

CARRIAGE COMPANY FAILS.

CORPORATION ORGANIZED A YEAR AGO SAID TO HAVE LIABILITIES OF $10,000 AND ASSETS OF $1,500.

The Blaurock Carriage Company, of No. 1,593 Broadway, dealer in carriages and vehicles, made an assignment yesterday to Morrison V. R. Weyant. The deed was dated June 15, but was not filed in the County Clerk's office until yesterday. It was signed by John A. Blaurock, president, and attested by J. S. Jenkins, secretary. The company is a New-York corporation, organized on May 22, 1899, with a capital stock of $25,000. Mr. Blaurock started the business in November, 1898. The company had no rating at Bradstreet's, as it had not established general credit in the trade. The annual report, filed on January 16, showed assets of $21,736 and liabilities of $15,419.

At the company's place of business yesterday no one would say anything about the assignment. From other sources it was learned that the liabilities are about $10,000, and the actual assets, it is said, will not realize more than $1,500. The failure is attributed to poor business and heavy expenses. Mr. Blaurock, the president, came here from St. Louis a few years ago. On May 4 a judgment for $544 was entered against him in favor of J. Smith, and at the Sheriff's office it was said yesterday that the execution had been returned unsatisfied.

GIRL SLAYER WILL PLEAD INSANITY.

After two days spent in selecting a jury, the trial of Aaron Halle was begun yesterday before Justice Fursman, of the Supreme Court. Halle is charged with the murder of Miss Mary Brannigan on May 12 last, by shooting her in the drygoods store of H. Reinhardt, Sons & Co., because she refused to become his wife. His counsel will make a plea of insanity, it is said. Assistant District Attorney Hennessy opened the prosecution, and then Miss Harriett Strauss, a witness of the shooting, described it for the jury, about as it was reported in The Tribune at the time. Annie Schroeder, Annie Newburger, Mary Monteith, Sarah Davis, Louis Reinhardt, Isadore Weisbader, Maurice Yuster, Margaret Quinn, Patrolman Thomas A. Kelly, Detective B. J. Farrell, Police Sergeant Thomas Reilly, Police Captain Frers, Samuel Rubinsky and others told of the prisoner's actions before, during and after the shooting, and said he conducted himself in all things like a sane man.

SUES HUSBAND AND SECOND WIFE.

Sarah Link, who was married to Louis Link, brought a suit in the Supreme Court against Link and a woman named Sophie Graufinkle for the annulment of Link's marriage to the latter, which took place in December, 1898. The plaintiff's marriage was celebrated twenty years ago.

William Greenthal, who appeared for Mrs. Link, the plaintiff, said the Links separated two years ago, and Link then made Miss Graufinkle's acquaintance. He wished to marry her, but was afraid he would be prosecuted for bigamy, although he had secured a Jewish divorce when he and his wife separated.

Miss Graufinkle persuaded him to go to an uncle of hers, named Wohrmann, who is a rabbi, and he married them. He did not file the certificate of marriage with the Board of Health, as required by law. Fearing he would be arrested, he left Sophie, who had him prosecuted in a police court for abandonment and non-support.

Magistrate Mayo allowed her weekly allmony pending the trial of the suit for the annulment of the marriage, which the first Mrs. Link had instituted. Counsel explained that Mrs. Link and her husband had agreed to live together, as she had forgiven him. The action was brought under Section 1,757 of the Code of Civil Procedure, which provides that such a suit can be brought against both of the parties contracting an illegal marriage by the party aggrieved. The annulment of the marriage would protect Link from being prosecuted for bigamy. Justice Andrews gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff.

COLER REPEATS CHARGE AGAINST COOK.

DENIES ONLY THAT HE MADE THE STATEMENT WITH MALICE.

Controller Coler yesterday said he was not going to dodge responsibility for his charge that Henry R. M. Cook, the auditor of the Board of Education, was incompetent. Mr. Cook has sued Mr. Coler for $50,000 damage, and Delos McCurdy, the Controller's attorney, has put in a general denial of the allegations made in the suit. J. Edward Swanstrom, Mr. Cook's attorney, has said that the Controller is trying to throw the responsibility on the newspapers that published the charges made by the Controller.

"I have not seen the answer filed by Mr. McCurdy," the Controller said yesterday. "It was prepared while I was absent from the city, but I never gave any instructions to deny that I stated Mr. Cook was incompetent. What I do deny is that the statement was made with malice. I repeat that Mr. Cook is incompetent, and I say that as Controller of the city I had the right to make the charge. I am prepared to prove it. The statement of Mr. Swanstrom is in line with all other attacks on me that have emanated from him. I assume full responsibility for the statement that Mr. Cook is incompetent. The records show it, and I am prepared when the case comes to trial to prove it to the satisfaction of any jury. I am not throwing the responsibility on the newspapers or anybody else."

J. Edward Swanstrom is the attorney through whom the recent charges against the Controller were made to the Governor.

ADOPTED DAUGHTER DISOWNED.

SHE MARRIED THE COACHMAN SECRETLY AND HER FOSTER PARENTS ARE ANGRY.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mulligan, of Fulton-ave., Tremont, adopted some years ago Ella Caraman, the child of a French father and a New-England mother. They gave her a good education, fine clothes and expensive jewelry. She was confirmed by Bishop Farley in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church a short time ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan planned a bright future for her. Last Monday, while they were at breakfast, the postman delivered an envelope which contained a marriage notice that had been clipped from a local paper, stating that Ella Caraman, eighteen years old, had been married to William Lahey, twenty-five years old, by the Rev. Dr. George Nixon, pastor of the Tremont Presbyterian Church, on May 9. Below the notice was written by the sender the following: "This is true, as there is a heaven above. If you want more proof, go to the minister and he will confirm it."

Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan asked their adopted daughter if this were true. At first she denied it. Then she confessed. Lahey was Mr. Mulligan's coachman. He was at once ordered from the house and the bride was disowned and sent after him, with a small check to keep them from starving before the coachman finds another job.

GRACE E. RAMSEY AGAIN ACQUITTED.

JURY HOLDS THAT SHE WAS INSANE WHEN SHE KILLED HER HUSBAND.

Grace E. Ramsey, who killed her husband, Herbert J. Ramsey, by cutting his throat in the Garden Hotel, on June 23, last year, and was acquitted before Judge Blanchard in General Sessions, on the ground that she was insane, was returned from the Matteawan State Asylum for Criminal Insane last week and lodged in the Tombs. She was arraigned yesterday and acquitted by a jury before Judge McMahon, on the ground that she was insane at the time she committed the act. Judge McMahon held it discretionary with him to hold her, and he sent her back to the Tombs till Friday, so she could be examined as to her present state of mind.

A child was born to Mrs. Ramsey while she was in the asylum. Dr. Allison, of the asylum, pronounced her sane. Physicians will now examine her to determine the present condition of her mind. The child is in Williamsport, Penn., and the mother is anxious to go to it. Mrs. Ramsey said at the time she killed her husband that she wanted to see the color of his blood.

THE FAYNE MOORE CASE ON APPEAL.

APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT RESERVES DECISION.

The case of William A. E. Moore was submitted yesterday on appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Moore was convicted of robbery in the first degree, with a recommendation to mercy, and sentenced to nineteen years in State Prison. He was indicted with his wife, Fayne Moore, for robbing Martin Mahon. As the complaining witness is now dead, the defendant would probably go free if he should get a new trial.

Abraham Levy, counsel for the defendant, goes over the evidence in detail in his brief, and argues that it was insufficient to support the judgment of conviction. He also maintains that the question as to whether the offence was robbery or extortion was one of fact, and that the Court erred in not submitting it to the jury. He also excepts to other matters in the Recorder's charge, and says, finally, that the punishment inflicted is out of all proportion to the offence.

Assistant District Attorney Le Barbier, in his brief, also reviews the evidence at length, and he holds the Court did not err and that the evidence fully justified the verdict. The Court reserved decision.

CANNON CRACKERS IN A CHURCH.

BOYS DISTURB RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND ARE PUNISHED IN COURT.

Henry Gartelman, fourteen years old; John Kothe, thirteen years old; Oscar Hansen, twelve years old, and Wilfred Ehrsan, ten years old, were arraigned before Magistrate Cornell in the Morrisania police court yesterday, charged with throwing cannon crackers into the windows of the Polish Catholic Church, at Robbins-ave. and Fox-st., on Sunday night.

According to Father Nowak, the church was crowded with women and children at the time. The celebration was that of Corpus Christi. The sodality procession, consisting of small children, headed by himself, had nearly reached the rear of the church when several explosions occurred. They sounded like dynamite cartridges. The church immediately filled with smoke. The women and children screamed with terror. The father had opened the doors and great clouds of smoke had rolled out. He himself had feared a plot to wreck the church and kill or injure the hundreds of persons inside. He had raised his arms as if in benediction, and cried out repeatedly that all was well. Except for that a panic would have ensued, and many of the children would have been trampled under foot by the terrified elders. Father Nowak told the story with great emphasis. After the congregation had become quiet Father Nowak dismissed them, and found fragments of five large cannon crackers. They had been thrown into the windows of the church.

Magistrate Cornell said that the boys should be severely punished, but owing to their tender age he could do nothing. He imposed a fine of $3 on each, excepting Kothe, who proved an alibi.

THE KALTENBORN CONCERTS.

At the Kaltenborn concerts in St. Nicholas Garden, to-night will be Wagner night, the programme being as follows, with Carl Hugo Engel, violin; Joseph Eller, English horn, and Ludwig F. Hoffman, 'cello, as solo performers:

Overture, "Stradella"	Flotow
Ballet music, "Henry VIII." (Oboe solo, Mr. Joseph Eller.)	Saint-Saëns
'Cello solo, "Caprice Hongroise" (Mr. Hoffman.)	Dunkler
Waltz, "Vienna Blood"	Strauss
Siegfried's Rhine Journey, "Die Götterdämmerung"	Wagner
Violin solo, "Romance" (Mr. Engel.)	Wagner
Prelude, "Parsifal"	Wagner
Introduction to Act III., "Tristan und Isolde" (English horn solo by Mr. Joseph Eller.)	Wagner
Overture, "Tannhäuser"	Wagner
Overture, "Mignon" (String Orchestra.)	Thomas
Träumerei	Schumann
The Mill	Gillet
Schiller march	Meyerbeer

On Friday night, known as "popular night," a number of popular selections will be played; Miss Bianca Holley, soprano, will sing. On Saturday night Master Newman Hunt, boy soprano, and Joseph Kovarik, violin, will be heard in solos.

WOMAN'S STORY DISCREDITED.

Mrs. Anna Williams, who says she is a widow, thirty-five years old, of No. 239 West Thirty-third-st., appeared as complainant in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday against Joseph Kirschoff, of No. 328 East Fifty-fourth-st.; William Murphy, of No. 354 East Fifty-fourth-st.; Robert J. Bonheim, of No. 980 First-ave.; William Garrison, of No. 334 East Sixtieth-st.; Joseph Gillick, of No. 408 East Fifty-fourth-st., and Martin Hoberns, captain of the barge Thompsonia, moored at East Fifty-third-st. Mrs. Williams charged these men with assaulting her on the barge Mangan on Tuesday.

Magistrate Crane recognized Mrs. Williams as a woman who had been in the court before. He was inclined to discredit her story. Bonheim and Garrison were discharged and the others fined $10 apiece for being disorderly.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

M'CARTHY'S PLACE REOPENED.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WARNS POLICE THAT HE WILL MAKE A RAID AT FIRST CHANCE.

The saloon in Borden-ave., Long Island City, formerly kept by Patrick McCarthy, who was convicted in the Queens County Court of keeping a disorderly house there, has been reopened by Thomas Jordan. District Attorney Merrill learned yesterday that the place had been reopened, and sent a letter to Captain Anthony S. Woods, in which he said:

Upon the recent trial of McCarthy you testified to your ignorance of his establishment. You have a chance now to find out and keep posted as to the character of the place, which I now apprise you is conducted by McCarthy, his former bartender, Connors, and his new friend, Thomas Jordan.

Make no mistake, and note that I shall raid this place without notice to any one on earth, the very first chance I get.

Mr. Merrill sent a copy of the letter to Deputy Chief Mackellar.

It is said that the District Attorney has been investigating a "Chuck" Connors ball on Tuesday night at North Beach.

DEATH PREVENTS A WEDDING.

A LARGE NUMBER OF GUESTS HAD GATHERED AT THE CHURCH.

The sudden death of the bridegroom's father prevented the marriage of Miss Clara La Burt, daughter of John La Burt, of Jamaica, to Samuel Macdonald on Tuesday night. The wedding was to have taken place in the Episcopal Chapel in Dunton.

It was still decided to hold the wedding even after the reception of the news. But after the church had filled with guests the bridegroom received an imperative summons to Baltimore. His telegram explaining that he had gone was not delivered at the bride's house till the next morning, and this caused some annoyance.

TO RETAIN TEN-CENT FARE.

COUNSEL OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS COMPANY ADVISES THIS COURSE.

In spite of Justice Dickey's opinion that the collection of a ten-cent fare to Coney Island is illegal, the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, relying on the counsel of its lawyers, will continue to run at the increased rate. Professor C. A. Collin, of Sheehan & Collin, counsel for the company, made the following statement yesterday:

Justice Dickey's decision was in favor of the railroad company, and permits the company to collect the ten-cent fare as heretofore. While this opinion suggests that the right of the company to charge the additional fare may be tested by a different kind of action than the one before him, yet, of course, he did not assume to decide such a case before it should be brought. We have advised, and still advise, the company that it will be able to maintain its legal right to collect the additional fare to Coney Island.

DINNER OF "BEECHER'S PHALANX."

THE FIRST LONG ISLAND REGIMENT'S THIRTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Survivors' Association of the 1st Long Island Regiment, afterward the 67th New-York Volunteers, forty strong, held a dinner and a reunion in the Argyle Hotel last night to celebrate the thirty-ninth anniversary of their muster into service.

Major Thomas M. K. Mills, the president of the association, presided. The toastmaster was General Lewis M. Peck. W. J. Breckneil, Henry Metcalf, Robert F. Johnson, George R. Cross, W. W. Halsey, Captain Miles O'Reilly, George B. Lincoln, Thomas Atkins, William Gleason, Samuel H. Whiteley, Captain Arthur H. Howe, Mrs. W. J. Breckneil, Mrs. Lewis, of Chicago; Mrs. Robert McKay, Mrs. S. H. Whiteley, Mrs. Wesley W. Halsey, Mrs. Frank R. Johnson and Miss Johnson were among those present.

Speeches were made by George B. Lincoln, of Arnot, Philadelphia, and others, and a song was sung by Miss Anna and Miss Helen O'Reilly.

Through the efforts of Henry Ward Beecher the regiment was mustered into the Union service on June 20, 1861. The companies were recruited in Plymouth Church and the old Cranberry-st. armory by Mr. Beecher and Nelson Cross. A son of Henry Ward Beecher, Harry W. Beecher, became the first lieutenant in Company A. In 1862 the regiment joined the Army of the Potomac and took part in twenty-two engagements.

LIGHTS GO OUT AT A NIGHT PICNIC.

Several large picnics that were scheduled to take place in Wissel's Ridgewood Park this week may probably have to be postponed on account of the destruction of the private lighting plant at an early hour yesterday morning. The damage was about $4,000. Arrangements are being made to light the grounds from the city's wires, but cannot be completed this week. When the lights went out suddenly shortly after midnight yesterday, several hundred dusky picknickers were thrown into a condition bordering on a panic.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM HOSPITAL.

August Cramer, the young man who was shot and wounded at Port Washington on Tuesday night by a constable who was chasing him, and who alleges he discovered him and his brother forcing an entrance into a new house for the purpose of burglary, escaped from St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, yesterday morning. From the bathroom he climbed down the fire escape. He was caught later near Woodside.

MINISTER HURT WHILE WHEELING.

The Rev. Dr. John Abbott French, pastor of the Flushing Congregational Church, sustained a serious fall while riding his bicycle on Tuesday. A bad gash was cut over his right eye.

ASSESSMENTS IN QUEENS LOWERED.

By direction of Justice Garretson, final orders have been entered in eighteen certiorari proceedings brought by taxpayers of Long Island City to compel the reduction of the assessed valuations of their real estate. The original assessments of more than $1,000,000 on 2,300 lots are reduced by the Court to $682,045.

X-RAY PHOTOGRAPH AS EVIDENCE.

In the suit of John Capitani for damages against the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company Justice Garretson, in Long Island City, yesterday admitted as evidence an X-ray photograph of the plaintiff's foot and ankle showing the broken bones. The counsel for the railroad fought against the admission.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Garden City, Long Island, June 20 (Special).—The Commencement exercises of St. Paul's School were held this afternoon. The school is under the supervision of the Long Island Episcopal Diocese, and many of the clergymen of the diocese were present, besides the friends and relatives of the graduates.

Bishop Littlejohn presented the diplomas, and made an impressive address to the members of the graduating class. The special prizes, cups and medals were presented by Dean Samuel Cox to the following: Latin, Alvin B. Baird; Greek, Alvin B. Baird; English, sixth form, George R. Ellison; fifth form, Kinasland W. Spencer; ancient history, John A. Johnson, jr.; algebra, William Highlands; geometry, Charles W. Caldwell; higher mathematics, Charles S. Caldwell, jr.; physics, George Snowden; chemistry, T. Minford Goldsborough; United States history, John Graves; arithmetic, John Ellis Knowles; French, Edwin W. Blount; German, Henry Mehl; progress in German, William B. Sprague.

CORNERSTONE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL.

The cornerstone of Temple Israel, Fairview-ave., Rockaway Beach, will be laid next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The officers of the association are Sigmund Weisskopf, president; B. Edelstein, vice-president; Joseph Gottlieb, secretary; Lulu Lewy, treasurer; S. Wiener and S. Leit, trustees. Max Lewy, M. Langengen, B. Edelstein, M. Friedlander, Jacob Kohn and Joseph Gottlieb are the Building Committee.

NINE GRANDSONS TO BE PALLBEARERS.

The Rev. Dr. David Gregg, pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, will conduct the funeral of A. D. Matthews at the church at 8 o'clock to-night. The Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler will make an address. Mr. Matthews was his lifelong friend. Several hymns will be sung by the church quartet. The pallbearers will be nine grandsons of Mr. Matthews. They are Azel D. Matthews, Harry P. Matthews, John A. Matthews, George C. Matthews, Walter A. Forman, Arthur W. Forman, Frederick P. Forman, James Herbert Lane and Charles F. Bond.

It is expected that two other prominent Brooklyn pastors will assist at the services.

SUICIDE OF HERMAN SCHAEFFER.

THE EX-PRESIDENT OF THE GERMANIA CLUB DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID.

Weary of life at forty-five, Herman Schaeffer, the president of the Dr. Jaeger Sanitary Woollen System Company, and up to two years ago president for several terms of the Germania Club, Brooklyn, committed suicide yesterday morning by swallowing carbolic acid at his home, at No. 270 Berkeley Place. His body was found in his room at 7 o'clock, a few hours after death.

Several letters addressed to his family and to his firm, at No. 642-644 Broadway, Manhattan, showed that he had planned death. On May 24 Mrs. Schaeffer, her daughter and two sons sailed for Germany.

Charles Orbeck, employed by Mr. Schaeffer in the office of the company as a porter, called at his house yesterday to get a package which Mr. Schaeffer had told him to carry to Manhattan. The cook said that Mr. Schaeffer was not up yet. Orbeck decided to go to his employer's room. There he discovered Mr. Schaeffer lying dead on the bed. A glass and a bottle of carbolic acid and three letters were beside the bed.

One of the letters, addressed to Orbeck, was plainly the package which Mr. Schaeffer had asked Orbeck to call for. In the letter Mr. Schaeffer declares: "I have had so many disappointments recently that I am tired of life. I was good to every one, probably too much so for my own good." He asks that a telegram be sent immediately to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Otto Franke, Bound Brook, N. J., so that she will be sure to attend the funeral, and then asks that the death certificate be sent to his wife, in care of Louis Lehn, No. 12 Carl Frankenburgstrasse, Godesburg-on-the-Rhine. Mr. Schaeffer's firm yesterday refused to discuss the death.

KAPPER PURGED OF CONTEMPT.

HE MAKES A PUBLIC APOLOGY TO JUSTICE MAREAN.

Isaac M. Kapper was not sent to jail yesterday by Justice Marean for criminal contempt. Mr. Kapper, who, on account of a tilt with Justice Marean last Saturday, was declared to be in contempt, apologized, and Justice Marean accepted the apology.

When Justice Marean ascended the bench yesterday morning Mr. Kapper, pale and evidently disliking his position, approached the bar and in a low tone said:

In the trial of the case out of which the present unhappy conditions arose I felt that I was animated solely by professional zeal in my client's behalf. Such a thing as a personal affront to Your Honor was the remotest from my mind, and if I have occasioned Your Honor or the court over which you preside any offence, it was without the slightest intent on my part, and I deeply deplore and regret it.

Justice Marean responded and said:

What you say does you credit. The Court considers, in view of it, that its authority has been amply vindicated without any punishment. I shall enter an order that you are deemed purged of contempt.

MOTHER RELEASED ON BAIL.

DAUGHTER WHOM SHE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SHOT OUT OF DANGER.

Mrs. Theresa Tracy, of No. 103 Putnam-ave., who has been in jail for several weeks, on a charge of shooting her daughter, Mrs. Annie Conger, was released under $1,500 bail yesterday. Mrs. Tracy's younger daughter, who had been imprisoned at her own request with her mother as an important witness, was also released.

Mrs. Conger, who has been in the Brooklyn Hospital since the shooting, was reported by the physicians as being out of danger.

It is alleged that Mrs. Tracy quarrelled with her son-in-law over his visit to Coney Island and pointed a pistol at him. The bullet entered the body of her own daughter, who had jumped in front of her husband in an endeavor to end the quarrel.

HANFIELD & SMITH RECEIVERSHIP.

Justice Dickey, in the Supreme Court, yesterday confirmed the report of James Bishop, the referee, who in his report directed that Monroe B. Washburn, a receiver of the firm of Hanfield & Smith, railway construction contractors of Manhattan, pay over to the present receiver, William D. Stratton, $17,884.50. If there is any money over, Wasnburn is to receive $7,000, which he lent to members of the firm.

T. F. MILLER ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Theodore F. Miller was unanimously elected president of the Brooklyn Trust Company yesterday and immediately assumed the duties of the office. As is well known, he takes the place made vacant by the resignation of General C. T. Christensen, who has retired from active business life and is now in Denmark, his native land.

The other changes in the personnel of the company's officers include the promotion of Frederick C. Colton, the secretary, to the second vice-presidency, a newly created office. Stanley W. Husted, assistant secretary, becomes secretary.

William Hallis, jr., of the Hanover National Bank, of Manhattan, has been elected a director of the Flatbush Trust Company.

BROADWAY BOARD OF TRADE RECEPTION.

Controller Coler will speak at a reception that is to be held to-night by the Broadway Board of Trade at Nos. 1,028-1,030 Gates-ave. Otto Kempner will speak on "Our Board of Trade." The Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis, of the First Reformed Church, will also speak. The Euclid Quartet and Henry Eyre Brown will furnish the music.

VERDICT OF $15,000 FOR DEATH OF A MAN.

A verdict for $15,000 against the New-York and Queens County Railroad Company was handed to Justice Marean in the Supreme Court yesterday in favor of Annie Hock as administratrix of the estate of her husband, Julius Hock, who was killed on May 24, 1899, by a car of the defendant at Eleventh-st. and Jackson-ave. The suit was brought to recover $50,000.

A WEDDING.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place yesterday at 5 p. m. in St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church, Pacific-st., near Bedford-ave., when Miss Lita Cornwell, daughter of Mrs. Amelia Cornwell, was married to Dewitt Wilde Mills, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney B. Mills, of Manhattan. Mr. Mills is a member of the Westhampton Country Club and an expert yachtsman.

The church was handsomely decorated, the color scheme being white and green. Miss Cornwell, who was gowned in ivory white meteor, with duchesse and point lace trimmings, wore a tulle veil and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. She was given away by her brother, Joseph T. D. Cornwell. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Charles Homer.

The matron of honor was Mrs. H. Warren Beals, sister of the bride, and the best man was Marshall Freeborn Mills, brother of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Bertha Margaretta Cook, of Brooklyn; Miss Bessie G. Price, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Miss Anne Read Beals, of Manhattan, and Miss Anna Margaret Schofield, of Brooklyn. They were dressed in white silk organdie and lace. They wore large Neapolitan hats, garlanded with roses, and carried bouquets of white roses and sweet peas. The ushers were Sidney B. Mills, jr., Benjamin F. Mills, W. B. Judson Mills and H. Warren Beals.

A reception at the home of the bride's mother, No. 186 Lefferts Place, followed the services at the church. There was a large number of handsome and useful presents. The bride has been a great favorite in Brooklyn society.

MAN RESCUED FROM DROWNING.

Frank Guttenberg, who worked about the Brooklyn Yacht Club, at Gravesend Bay, went out fishing with John Hasenkamp yesterday afternoon. When they were about half a mile from shore Guttenberg fell overboard. As he was sinking for the third time he was rescued.

A PLACE FOR A BROOKLYN MAN.

George L. Horn, of Brooklyn, has been appointed a deputy factory inspector at an annual salary of $1,200.

A DEFENCE OF BLACKSNAKES.

From The Lebanon (Ky.) Enterprise.

The reporter was advised not to kill a blacksnake under any circumstances. An old, honest, reliable man explained thus: "Only a few days ago I saw a black racer whizzing around in a circle, his flaming eyes distended; his attention seemed riveted on something not far away. I advanced, and, to my astonishment, I saw a large rattlesnake coiled up in battle array. The blacksnake continued his circuits, getting a little nearer his victim each time. After ten or fifteen minutes the rattlesnake dropped his head on the ground. Almost instantaneously the blacksnake pounced on his victim. After securely fastening his teeth in the back of the rattlesnake's head, he began his deadly coiling. Within five minutes that rattlesnake was dead. So don't kill a blacksnake." The color came in the old gentleman's face as he was relating the above, and he said: "Boys, blacksnakes are game, but they won't hurt you, for I had one for a pet for four years, and because my old woman woke up one night and found the snake in bed she raised an awful fuss and killed it."

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COMMENCEMENT AT RUTGERS.

CLOSE OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR OF THE COLLEGE.

New-Brunswick, June 20 (Special).—Rutgers College closed its 134th year with the commencement exercises and graduation of the class of '00, in this city, this evening. The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on the following candidates in course: Arthur Perlee Brokaw, Clarence Edwards Case, Robert Anderson Cooke, Charles Tiebout Cowenhoven, jr., Frank Eckerson, Fred Chester Gaskill, Paul Fred Girtanner, Stetson Pratt Hardenbergh, William Edwin McMahon, Robert Walter Pettit, Marinus Seymour Purdy, Waldo Alberti Titsworth and John Wirth.

The candidates in course receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science were Persen Myer Brink, Maurice Viele Campbell, Henry H. Conover, Harry Francisco Cooper, Herbert Cottrell, Blanchard Collins Edgar, Harold Thomas Edgar, Joseph Johnston Hart, John Bayard Kirkpatrick, jr., Michael Lipman, William Morris McClain, Ellis Bowne McLaury, Ralph Brighton Parsons, William Henry Pearce, Ernest Harold Rapalje, Herbert De Witt Rapalje, William Stewart Roray, Chilion Robbins Rosell, John Francis Tinsley, Cornelius Van Leuven, Winant Van Winkle, Herbert Reynolds Voorhees and Graham Crowell Woodruff.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Giles Herbert Sharpley, '88; Charles Seward Johnson, '91; Alfred Drury, '96; Clifford Philip Case, '97; Frank Hamilton Dobson, '97; Alfred Erickson, '97; Louis Provost Peeke, '97, and Andrew Judson Walter, '97. That of Master of Science upon Morrison Crosby Colyer, '97; Samuel Lawrence Harding, '97; William James Morrison, jr., '97, and John Stanley Verga, '97. That of Civil Engineer upon James Scott Thompson, '94; Robert Stevens Parsons, '95, and George Elbert Jackson, '96.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held this morning. Officers elected were: President, Charles Bradley, '76; vice-presidents, the Rev. P. T. Pockman, '75; George H. Large, '72, and Nathaniel W. Voorhees, '47; orator primarius, the Rev. Paul F. Sutphen, '76; orator secundus, Dr. E. A. Bowser, '68; secretary, William S. Myers, '89; treasurer, Theodore B. Booraem, '81; biographer, Irving S. Upson, '81.

The oration before the alumni was delivered by the Rev. Asher Anderson, '70, of Meriden, Conn. His subject was "The Literary Study of the Bible." The class of '80 presented to the college a bust of former President Campbell.

WOMAN WENT TO RUSSIA FOR EVIDENCE.

Chancellor Magie has granted a decree annulling the marriage of Michael and Petronella Pultritis, of Newark. To obtain the decree the wife made a journey to the interior of Russia for evidence. The couple were married in Hackensack in 1894, and lived together until May, 1896, when they parted, after the wife had seen letters from a woman in Russia who said she was Pultritis's wife. Last year Mrs. Pultritis determined to see the first wife. She made the journey to the town of Schwyren and met the woman, who said her maiden name was Marie Dytschmons; that she had lived with Pultritis as his wife for a dozen years, and that they had four children. Certified copies of the marriage certificate and of the church and civil records were procured. Pultritis made no defence.

LOST HIS HAND AND MAY LOSE HIS LEG.

Bailey Dickerson, five years old, was run over by a trolley car in Washington-ave., in Irvington, yesterday. The boy's left hand was amputated at St. Barnabas's Hospital, in Newark, and it is thought it will be necessary to amputate his left leg. Wilmer Crane, the motorman, says he rang his gong and put on the brake, but too late to avoid striking the boy. The motorman and John Woodward, the conductor, were arrested.

LIVERY STABLE BURNED IN NEWARK.

The large livery stable establishment of Michael A. Mullin, No. 261 to 265 Washington-st., Newark, was badly damaged by fire yesterday morning, the loss on building and stock amounting to $25,000. All the horses were rescued from the building. There were eighty-seven on the basement and ground floors. The fire originated on the third floor, and about sixty carriages which were stored on the two upper floors were nearly all burned or ruined. There was also a large loss in feed supplies. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The stable was burned two years ago, with a loss of $35,000.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER MISSING.

Chief of Police Charles A. Donovan of Hoboken has sent a circular to Police Headquarters in New-York asking for information concerning W. H. Lawrence, of Hoboken, who has been missing since June 13, when he was last seen leaving that city on a Barclay-st. ferryboat. Lawrence was formerly a locomotive engineer on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. He is thirty-seven years old, 5 feet 5 inches in height, weighs 145 pounds, has a light complexion and brown hair, is slow in his movements, and wore a black suit made by Fisher, of New-York.

IF IT WAS A SILVER PLATE—WHAT THEN?

Congressman William D. Daly said yesterday that he had no desire to represent New-Jersey on the Democratic National Committee, and that Chairman W. B. Gourley is welcome to the place. Congressman Daly added: "I am a member of the National Congress Committee, and am one of the seven men who constitute the Executive Committee of the Congress Committee. This gives me all the honors that I desire in that line, and I would not take the position of National Committeeman if it were offered on a gold plate."

HALF A MILLON DOLLARS FOR WATER.

The Street and Water Commissioners of Jersey City yesterday sent to the Board of Finance the estimate of the appropriation required for the fiscal year beginning December 1 next. The total amount asked for is $512,290. The Board of Finance will make up the budget next month.

PLANK ROAD CASE TO BE REVIEWED.

The North Jersey Street Railway Company law department officials announced yesterday that they have carefully considered the recent opinion of the New-Jersey Supreme Court declaring not valid the franchise of the Newark Plank Road Company, which is controlled by the North Jersey company, and that the company intends to have the case reviewed.

LIFE OF A TRAMP SUITS THIS BOY.

George Brower, thirteen years old, of No. 287 Sixth-st., Jersey City, has a good home, but prefers the life of a tramp. eH has been arrested twenty-one times