THE NEWS OF BROOKLYN.

AFFAIRS OF THE BOROUGHS ON LONG ISLAND—HAPPENINGS IN NASSAU AND SUFFOLK.

CLINTON-AVE. FIGHT STILL ON

PROPERTY OWNERS, IF THEY DO NOT SUCCEED ON APPEAL, WILL AGAIN GO TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The controversy between the property owners in Clinton-ave. about the preservation of the dooryard feature of that fashionable thoroughfare is not yet over. It was supposed by the builders who had their eyes on some of the fine sites that are now in the market that Judge Marean's decision that the dooryard law was unconstitutional would end the struggle, and that the old residents would calmly resign themselves to what the other parties call the march of improvement. The old residents, however, are not content to have the character of the avenue altered by a single decision, and have appealed, or will within the statutory time, from Judge Marean's decision. By this means they hope to overthrow the ruling or hold in abeyance a final adjudication of the question until the Legislature can be induced to cure by a new enactment the informality in the law.

Meanwhile, builders, who see a splendid future in Clinton-ave. investments for apartment house purposes, have not been idle. The northeast corner of Clinton and Gates aves. has been bought with the avowed intention of erecting a large apartment house on the site, and it is rumored that the property of John A. Nichols, a little north of the centre of the west side of the block, is under consideration by a large hotel corporation as the site for the largest family hotel in the borough. This property has a frontage of about a hundred feet in Clinton-ave., and of the same in Vanderbilt-ave.

The Nichols family is not wholly in sympathy with the fight of Albert B. Chandler, John Williams, ex-Mayor Schieren and others for the preservation of the dooryards. The Nicholses say they are ready to sell to the hotel syndicate if they can get their price. There are some restrictions on the property besides those specified in the dooryard law. Under these restrictions, it is said that only the corner sites of the block may be built to within twenty feet of the street line, so there is a hope on the part of the dooryard preservers that the hotel project can be blocked. The old Quaker house next door to the Nichols property on the south is expected to be in the market soon.

Several of the owners of property in the west side of the block between Greene and Gates aves. have from time to time bought adjoining premises in order to keep clear of objectionable buildings. There was a fine white ash tree, said to be seventy years old, in front of Mr. Williams's premises until a few years ago, when he had it cut down and sold it for butchers' chopping blocks. An old resident declares that every householder in the block pleaded to have the fine old tree spared, but Mr. Williams was deaf to their entreaties. When the Greene-ave. corner was about to be sold, the west siders warned Mr. Chandler, whose premises adjoined it, that he would do well to buy. He did not heed the warning, and the big hotel that extends almost to the sidewalk shut off his view. When the Tabernacle and the family hotel on the northeast corner of Greene-ave. were burned Mr. Williams, Mr. Chandler and Mr. Schieren bought the sites in order to get them restricted, but allowed the new hotel to shut out their view of that corner altogether. Mr. Chandler got even with the hotel by turning his residential back upon it. He extended his house to the street by constructing a narrow arched porch against the hotel walls with all its architectural beauties facing the middle of the block.

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH.

A little incident caused some amusement the other evening at a meeting of the Manufacturers' Association, at its rooms, in Montague-st. That is, the incident was amusing to everybody but the victim of the joke. A report of the Committee on Water Supply had been presented, and Charles N. Chadwick, its chairman, was urging its adoption. He spoke forcibly about the pollution of water in Brooklyn, and then, rising to a higher flight in oratory, endeavored to drive his argument home in this fashion:

Suppose the president of this association, Ludwig Nissen, were to leave the room, and in his absence some one should put arsenic in that pitcher of water. Suppose that on his return he should be on the point of driking from the pitcher, what would you do, what would anybody do?

"Let him drink it," promptly shouted a joker.

The members were convulsed with merriment. Mr. Nissen's countenance, however, was a study for a moment at the thought that anybody should wish to cut him off in his prime.

After the laughter had subsided Mr. Chadwick exclaimed: "That is exactly the position of the city authorities. They know the people of Brooklyn are drinking poisoned water, and they let them drink it, without any interference on their part."

A few days ago a man from Long Island City went to Brooklyn and walked into one of the big restaurants. The waiter handed him a menu card and asked him what he would have. The man from Long Island City was not accustomed to menus, so, after looking at the card for a minute, he turned to the waiter and exclaimed:

"Well, I guess about half of it 'll do me!"

The bright weather, the strings of holly and the holiday crowds have made the streets of Brooklyn look gay during the last week. Along Fulton-st. at almost every corner there is a pile of cedar boughs and laurel leaves. Holly, with its red berries and bright green leaves, is unusually popular, and is being sold by any number of people. One of these impromptu merchants put a little placard over his stock, on which was scrawled in some Long Island dialect, "Holly Riths." A little below him was a competitor whose placard read "Holley! Holley!"

It was in a stationery store one day last week—a store that is one of the relics of the days when the merchants stuck closely to one line of business. The proprietor was on his knees, going through a collection of colored tissue paper, while a fussy woman hesitated as to just what shade she wanted. Finally the customer selected two sheets, had them wrapped up, and, after leaving two cents with the storekeeper, went away. The next customer stepped up and asked for some wrapping paper. "I need it to send away some Christmas presents," was the explanation. Six sheets were counted out, for which five cents was paid.

"That's the way it's been all day," said the storekeeper, with a sigh. "People been coming in all day and buying two and three and five cents' worth of string and paper. Yes, and I used to have a good business here, too. But it's all gone—all gone." The man heaved another sigh. "People buy all their presents in the department stores, and only come here for odds and ends."

A Brooklynite had an unpleasant experience yesterday in learning how rigid the express companies are in enforcing the agreement whereby certain companies handle the matter from certain territories to certain territories exclusively. Their rules forbid them to accept express matter for points which under the agreement are covered by other companies. The Brooklynite was hurrying to get away a Christmas package, which was going to Cape Cod. Hearing that the —— company would forward packages to the desired point, he went to the main office, near the river.

"We can't take packages for that point," said the clerk. "Yes, we carry express on the railroad running down there, but you will have to take matter for this point to the —— company."

So the Brooklynite toiled wearily back for half a mile. The clerk in the —— company, after learnedly consulting several guides and schedules, declared loftily that the package would not be carried by his company.

"We do not pick up for that point in Brooklyn," he said. "If you want to send that you will have to go to the —— company," naming the one from which the Brooklynite had just come. The clerk said this with a crushing air, intimating that the Brooklynite ought to have known better than to bother him in that way. He finally admitted that his company did carry packages to the Cape Cod town from other points, but the joint agreement forbade their taking Brooklyn business. Finally the Brooklynite got his package accepted at a branch office of the company which he had first visited.

A RING FOR COMMISSIONER GUILFOYLE.

John Guilfoyle, Buildings Commissioner, yesterday received a handsome ring, set with diamonds and emeralds, which is said to have cost $200. The ring was paid for by and is a present from the employes in his department.

ORDERS HER REMOVED FROM THE ASYLUM

Justice Maddox, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, decided that Mrs. Martha A. Barlow should be removed from the asylum at Amityville, Long Island, and placed in a boarding house, in Brooklyn. The Justice said he had conversed with Mrs. Barlow, and that he proposed to accede to her wishes. The question came up on an adjourned hearing of a motion for the removal of Mrs. Barlow's brother, Francis D. Lockwood, as committee of her person. He had had her removed from her home in Brooklyn to the asylum.

THE OFFENDING APARTMENT HOUSE AND MR. CHANDLER'S RESENTING EXTENSION.

CLINTON-AVE., LOOKING NORTH FROM GATES-AVE.
Showing the wide lawn borders of the sidewalk and the inclosed gardens.

FREE KINDERGARTEN SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Brooklyn Free Kindergarten Society was held last week at the Pratt Institute. A discussion was held concerning the establishment of a kindergartners' library, and it was decided to request the Brooklyn Public Library Association to assist in this work.

The penny fund has amounted to $57 02. E. W. Bliss generously remembered the kindergarten which is supported by him and which bears his name.

The mothers' meetings held this year at the Grace Church Kindergarten have been singularly helpful. Froebel's gifts have been taken up, and the mothers have seemed pleased and interested to learn of their educational value, having looked upon them as mere toys.

At the last mothers' meeting at the Memorial Industrial Kindergarten each mother framed a picture of the Sistine Madonna to take home.

The last mothers' meeting held at the Bliss Kindergarten was made of practical use to the mothers by the helpful talk on "The Care of Children" given by Dr. Delaney.

POLYTECHNIC PREPARATORY NEWS.

The Christmas number of "The Poly Prep" came out on time, Friday, and was voted by the school a success. The Christmas stories are by Lawrence Cameron Hull, jr., Albert Rowden King and Edwin Louis Stoiber. Two poems, "Christmas Eve," by R. T. H., and "The Christmas Sun," by Charles Highland McCarty, attracted favorable comment. The cover, designed by Louis Thompson Hunt, of the senior class, is printed in colors.

Perry David Bogue, of the senior class, has been elected manager of the track team.

During the illness of Stanley Herbert McGahie the basket ball team will be under the management of Arthur Lincoln Kearsing.

The hockey team is to have regular practice on the ice Monday and Thursday afternoons.

On Thursday George W. Cummings, jr., '00, who is now studying at the New-York Law School, made a visit to the school. Samuel Russell Bogue, '99, who is now in the sophomore class at Yale, and Edward Wheeler Hall, of '98, now studying at Hobart College, also made welcome visits. On Friday morning William Frederick Laint, of the class of '00, now studying at Williams College, and Raymond Rogers Neilson, now at Washington, D. C., preparing for Annapolis, were present at speech hour.

By action of the corporation prizes have been offered for competition in oratory, debate, English prose composition, English poetry, translation from foreign languages and drawing. The first of the contests for the year, that in oratory, took place on Friday evening.

THINKS IT WAS PTOMAINE POISON.

Patrick Boyce, a stonecutter, of No. 467 Essex-st., Brooklyn, died early yesterday morning after a night of suffering, caused, it is thought, by ptomaine poison. He complained of pain on Friday night, and told Dr. Francis I. Miller that he had taken a cup of chocolate at supper. The chocolate will be examined in the laboratory of the Board of Health. It is thought by the police and by Mrs. Boyce that heart disease was the cause of death. Moreover, several of his children drank more of the chocolate than he did, and showed no ill effects yesterday. Dr. Miller declared that Boyce's death had unquestionably been due to ptomaine poisoning. He had learned, however, that Boyce had eaten several things in a saloon in Manhattan on Friday, and thought that they and not the chocolate might have developed the poison.

VACCINATED BY FORCE.

POLICE THREATEN WITH CLUBS COLORED MEN WHO REFUSE TO BARE THEIR ARMS.

The colored colony in and about Gwinnett-st., Brooklyn, was visited by a corps of doctors from the Health Department on Friday night and obliged to submit to vaccination. Fifteen doctors vaccinated over three hundred men, women and children, and were protected by a force of policemen from the Lee-ave. station. The colored colony was highly indignant, and, being also superstitious, they would certainly have eluded the doctors if the police had not prevented their escape.

This part of the Eastern District is occupied exclusively by colored people, and the doctors' visit was made as a precautionary measure against an outbreak of smallpox. It was learned by the Health Department recently that there was considerable sickness among the colored residents. The district covered by the doctors lies between Harrison and Marcy aves. and Gwinnett and Walton sts.

The colored folks were taken by surprise, and in many instances bolted and barricaded the doors of their homes, which had to be forced by the police. Some of the negroes would not bare their arms until threatened with a club. Others declared that the invasion of their homes was a violation of law, and threatened to sue the city for damages.

THE MAYOR TO GIVE A HEARING.

BROOKLYN MEN WILL DISCUSS BEFORE HIM WAYS OF WARDING OFF A WATER FAMINE.

A request was forwarded to Mayor Van Wyck by J. Hampden Dougherty, chairman of the committee appointed by the Manufacturers' Association and the Brooklyn League to see whether measures cannot be taken to ward off any possibility of a water famine, that he set a date early next week if possible for hearing the petitions of the committee and friends. Mr. Dougherty has received a reply from Alfred M. Downes, the Mayor's secretary, to the effect that the Mayor will be at his office on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, when he will hear all who desire to be heard on the subject.

FIREHOUSE IN SEA CLIFF NEARLY GOES UP IN SMOKE.

Sea Cliff, Long Island, Dec. 22 (Special).—The fine firehouse which was erected here three years ago at a cost of several thousand dollars came near going up in smoke on Thursday night. Some of the members had spent the evening in the hook and ladder side of the house. They had been smoking and had used a box filled with sawdust for a cuspidor. Before leaving some one carelessly threw a cigar butt into the box. Next morning when the janitor went in to attend to the furnace he found the box in the basement. It had smouldered all night, burning a hole in the floor and dropping through. Only the fact that the building was tightly closed, and that there was no draft or current of air averted a conflagration.

The building contains several thousand dollars' worth of valuable apparatus, and is atractively fitted up and furnished.

CHRISTMAS AT OYSTER BAY.

THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN ADDRESS AT CHRIST CHURCH'S FESTIVITIES.

The churches at Oyster Bay are all busy preparing for Christmas. As usual Christ Church leads the series of festivities, holding its Sunday school entertainment on Christmas Eve. For a great many years the young people of the congregation have entered gladly into the work of decorating the church. The emblem which the eyes of the children will gaze on at the coming festival will be a harp of evergreens, fifteen feet by twelve, lighted by electricity. Governor Roosevelt will deliver the address.

AN OVERFLOW CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mrs. Frank Sittig, president of the Sittig Brooklyn Christmas Tree, said yesterday:

I must let the generous public know that I have not enough for more than half the demands upon the Christmas tree. Plaintive appeals come to me by the handfuls in every mail for tickets for the poor children. I cannot send them unless I have money to pay for more toys—more dolls. I have secured the Park Theatre, through the kindness of Mr. Baker, and "Judge" Green has offered to furnish a fine entertainment for the overflow children.

I will try my best to give them buns and coffee at the Saengerbund Hall, which has also been generously donated by Mr. Laeger. Mrs. Laeger, the wife of the manager, has kindly offered to make the coffee herself. As long as the coffee and buns hold out, the children shall share and share alike, but can the public bear to have these children go home empty handed, without toys or dolls? I have determined to try to see what I can do. If the public will send the money as late as Monday night, I can telephone and get all the toys I want and get them in time for the overflow children at the Park Theatre.

Dolls are still being dressed—the sewing machines will run all night.

SURPRISED AT SCHRENK'S INDICTMENT.

David Schrenk, who shot and killed George Schaeffer, a fellow workman in the Sohmer piano factory at Astoria last week, was arraigned before Judge Moore, in Long Island City, yesterday. The indictment found by the Grand Jury against Schrenk caused surprise. It was for murder in the second degree. It is known that Schrenk gave money to a friend an hour or so before he shot Schaeffer, and told him to give it to his wife in case anything happened. Schrenk pleaded guilty, and was remanded for trial.

BROOKLYN SOCIAL WORLD.

Mrs. William R. Adams, of No. 1,327 Pacific-st., on Tuesday afternoon introduced her daughter, Miss Clara B. Adams, a Packer graduate of last June. In the receiving party were Miss Ada B. Adams, Miss Isabelle Atterbury, Miss Edna Cantoni, Miss Julia Sherman, Miss Aline Sloan, Miss Julia Ketcham and Miss Adele Bull.

Mrs. John E. Tousey, of No. 250 Henry-st., gave a reception on Wednesday to introduce her youngest daughter, Miss Louise Tousey. The drawing room was decorated with pink roses, the library with various colored flowers and the dining room with holly and red carnations. All the table appointments were in red, with a large centrepiece of carnations. In the receiving party were Miss Elizabeth Tousey, Miss Grace Knowlton, Miss Adele Bull, Miss Mollie Maxwell, Miss Millicent Turle, Miss Jessie C. Moore, Miss Helen Benedict, of Manhattan; Miss Luchen Hewitt, Miss Jessie Neergaard and Miss Mary Colton.

At the reception given on Monday evening by Dr. and Mrs. John E. Sheppard at their home, No. 108 Pierrepont-st., the decorations were mainly of Christmas greens. The centrepiece on the table was composed of white roses. Mrs. Sheppard was assisted in receiving by Mrs. P. Howard Worth, Mrs. Maud B. Carey, Mrs. Charles Hester, Miss Mary Cropsey, Miss Nellie Dunn and Miss Alice Jewett.

A holiday dance will be given on Friday evening by the commandant and officers of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, in Building No. 23. A large attendance is looked for, as invitations to the affair will be extended to friends of the officers both in Brooklyn and Manhattan. On the day of the dance the afternoon hop will be omitted.

Mrs. Fritz Achelis, of No. 86 Pierrepont-st., on Friday evening, January 4, will give a cotillon for her daughters, Miss Margaret Achelis and Miss Elizabeth Achelis.

The first of the dances of the Perpetuum Mobile Club, composed of well known young people of Brooklyn, will be held on Friday evening, January 4, at the Pierrepont Assembly Rooms. Two subsequent dances will be given at the Pouch Gallery. Among the patronesses are Mrs. Edward M. Grout, Mrs. William J. Carr, Mrs. Julian D. Fairchild, Mrs. James Kirwin and Mrs. Henry Sanger Snow.

The wedding of Miss Jane K. Salisbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Romeyn Salisbury, of No. 396 Washington-ave., and Harold W. Chapman, son of Mrs. Maria B. Chapman, of No. 95 Pierrepont-st., was celebrated on Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Sallie Hodges attended the bride as maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Ellen L. Mairs and Miss Helen Nesmith. The best man was Marvin A. Chapman, and the ushers were Albert T. Salisbury, J. Howard Rhoades and Walter Crate.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Julia A. Wood, only daughter of Mrs. E. A. Wood, of No. 273 Union-st., and Edgar D. Pouch, son of Mrs. Alfred J. Pouch, of No. 315 Greene-ave. Miss Wood is well known in the younger set.

The engagement of Miss Emily Sackman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Washington Sackman, of Eighty-third-st., Dyker Heights, and George Ris, son of Mrs. John Ris, of Seventy-seventh-st., Bay Ridge, has been announced.

The wedding of Miss Evelyn Haigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Haigh, of No. 180 South Oxford-st., and Raymond N. Kellogg, of Holyoke, Mass., will be solemnized on Wednesday evening in St. Luke's Church. After the ceremony there will be a reception at the bride's home.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Maude E. Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ray Goodwin, of No. 317 Hancock-st., and George F. Dobson, jr., son of George F. Dobson, of No. 137 Remsen-st.

There will be a subscription dance on Monday evening, January 31, at the Dyker Heights Club house.

The engagement of Dr. Alexander S. Clarke, formerly of Remsen-st. and in recent years a prominent physician in Paris, and Mrs. William F. Burden, was announced last week.

A reception and dance will be given on Friday evening by the non-commissioned officers of Company G, 23d Regiment. About a thousand invitations have been sent out, and the squad room will be handsomely decorated for the occasion.

Interest has been shown in the concert which the Musical Clubs of Cornell University will give in Memorial Hall on Friday evening. The student musicians will be entertained with a dance afterward at the Pouch Gallery. Their entertainment while in the city will be looked after by prominent members of the alumni. The patronesses of the dance are: Mrs. Francis O. Affeld, Mrs. Charles G. Attwood, Mrs. Nathan T. Beers, Mrs. Timothy L. Woodruff, Mrs. Jesse C. Woodhull, Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley, Mrs. Edward Burns, Mrs. John W. Chapman, Mrs. Herbert W. Cowing, Mrs. Frederick S. Cowperthwait, Mrs. Horace E. Dresser, Mrs. Julian D. Fairchild, Mrs. Lewis W. Francis, Mrs. Thomas F. Goodrich, Mrs. J. W. Gould, Mrs. William H. Harkness, Mrs. Alfred E. Hinrichs, Mrs. Horace Hardy, Mrs. Charles W. Ide, Mrs. John E. Leech, Mrs. Charles Mallory, Mrs. Henry R. Mallory, Mrs. S. D. McConnell, Mrs. D. P. Morse, Mrs. Frederick W. Moss, Mrs. William McCarroll, Mrs. James H. Oliphant, Mrs. William C. Pate, Mrs. William H. B. Pratt, Mrs. Garret P. Serviss and Mrs. Walter L. Tyler. The members of the committee in charge of the dance are Francis O. Affeld, jr., Charles H. Blair, William F. Atkinson, Juan Almirall, Allen Cowperthwait and Joseph A. McCarroll.

The wedding of Miss Edith H. Cornell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Cornell, and D. O. Dechert, a young lawyer of Harrisonburg, Va., was celebrated on Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, No. 126 Lincoln Place. Miss Mamie Cornell, sister of the bride, was her maid of honor. The best man was Dr. Frank B. Olhausen, of Harrisonburg, Va., and the ushers were James Cornell, brother of the bride, and John F. Lewis. Among the guests at the wedding were ex-Governor and Mrs. Alonzo B. Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goodspeed, jr., Miss Charlotte Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rowlands.

A COMING WEDDING.

Sea Cliff, Long Island, Dec. 22 (Special).—The marriage of Miss Jessie Carpenter, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Carpenter, of Sea Cliff, to Chester A. Conklin, of the same place, is announced to take place early in January.

ORDERED TO TEAR DOWN SPITE FENCES.

LAW DEPARTMENT HOLDS THAT FIRE MARSHAL HAS RIGHT TO TAKE AN AXE TO THEM.

Regarding the right of Fire Marshal Brymer to order down fences composed of frame or wood more than ten feet in height, Assistant Corporation Counsel Callahan yesterday gave an opinion in the affirmative. He said the right of the Fire Marshal to remove obstructions of any character which might interfere with the work of the Fire Department, or which might conduce to the spread of fires, was of so strong a character that that official might, if he saw fit, order the removal of a high fence forthwith or take an axe and knock it down himself.

Yesterday Fire Marshal Brymer sent a notice to the owners of two spite fences in First Place, Brooklyn, to the effect that unless they were removed within five days the matter would be taken into the courts. Mr. Brymer said that Fire Commissioner Tully was disposed to go slow, and had instructed him to give the people who had erected these obstructions plenty of time to comply with the law. "There was no wish to annoy any one, but people should understand that the Fire Department might knock down the fences higher than ten feet at any time. It made no difference whether the high fences were spite fences or not. Where they were constructed of wood they endangered adjoining property and must come down. Where they were made of iron they were not objectionable, because they offered a barrier to the extension of fires occurring on either side.

TO BE ORDAINED IN THE CATHEDRAL.

Garden City, Long Island, Dec. 22 (Special).—Ordination services will be held in the Cathedral of the Incarnation to-morrow. Bishop A. N. Littlejohn, of the Long Island Episcopal Diocese, will elevate to the priesthood two candidates and also ordain two deacons.

Bishop Littlejohn will preach the sermon. He will be assisted in the services by the Rev. Wilmer P. Bird, the precentor of the Cathedral, and Dean Samuel Cox, of the Cathedral Corporation. The candidates for the priesthood are the Rev. Horace R. Fell, who is at present attached to the Church of the Nativity, at Mineola, Long Island, and the Rev. Howard Key Barto, the curate of Christ's Church, at Rye, N. Y. The deacons are Thomas T. Swift, of Brooklyn, and Albert W. Hinds, of Sea Cliff, Long Island. Neither has yet been assigned to any church.

A RACK FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Sea Cliff, Long Island, Dec. 22 (Special).—The Library Board at its meeting on Friday evening received from Mrs. K. I. Reill a proposal to furnish for the reading room a rack containing children's books and magazines. Mrs. Reilly is anxious that the age limit be removed, and that children of all ages who are willing to be quiet and orderly be made welcome. Her offer was accepted and a committee appointed to draw up rules governing the conduct of visitors to the library. Mrs. Reilly has also offered a prize of a $5 gold piece for the best essay on the works of J. Fenimore Cooper written by a pupil of the village school. The Library Board will act as a committee on award. George W. Collord and Mrs. Coles A. Carpenter were added to the committee on new books, and the committee was instructed to purchase the list of books which has been approved by the State Library authorities, without delay.

THEIR SERVICE NEARING A CLOSE.

COLONEL AND MAJOR EDDY WILL RETIRE FROM THE 47TH REGIMENT IN 1901.

Colonel John G. Eddy, who has been recommended for a brevet brigadier-general's commission by Brigadier-General James McLeer, is the commanding officer of the 47th Regiment, the only National Guard organization in the Eastern District. He has served in this regiment with distinction for twenty-five years, and has already received his long service medal. He went out with the regiment when it enlisted in the United States service at the time of the Spanish war and commanded it during its stay at Fort Adams, and through a portion of its service in Porto Rico. On account of pressure of business duties he then resigned. When the regiment returned to the National Guard, however, Colonel Eddy was again placed in charge, and to him is due the credit of reorganizing the regiment and putting it on a sound basis.

COLONEL JOHN G. EDDY.
Forty-seventh Regiment, to be commissioned brevet Brigadier-General for twenty-five years' service in the Guard.

Although Colonel Eddy will not say just when he intends to retire from the National Guard, it is understood that he will ask to be placed on the retired list some time within the early part of the coming year.

MAJOR WILLIAM H. EDDY.
Forty-seventh Regiment, to be recommended for commission as brevet Lieutenant-Colonel for twenty-five years' service in the Guard.

Major W. H. Eddy, the senior major of the regiment, is a brother of Colonel Eddy. He also has served for twenty-five years, and it is understood that he will be made a brevet lieutenant-colonel. It is his intention to retire some time within the year 1901. He was unable to enlist in the volunteer service, as in the absence of his brother he was obliged to remain in Brooklyn to look after the business in which both are interested.

Colonel Eddy and Major Eddy are partners in the firm of George M. Eddy & Co. manufacturers of tape measures at No. 351 Classon-ave., Brooklyn.

MACHINERY PULLS OUT HER HAIR.

Sarah Jacobs, nineteen years old, an employe of the Gotham Silk Mills at Astoria, Long Island, is in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, suffering from a severe scalp wound. While at work in the mill on Friday her hair was caught in the machinery, and before she could be rescued a quantity of it was pulled out. She will be in the hospital for some days.

BOY RUN OVER BY A TRUCK DIES.

Thomas Ball, the eight-year-old son of ex-Assemblyman Henry A. Ball, who was run over by a brewery truck on Friday afternoon, died yesterday at his home, No. 308 Albany-ave., Brooklyn. The boy was playing at Kingston and Atlantic aves. when he was knocked down by the wagon, and received internal injuries. The driver of the wagon was arrested last night. He is William G. Hilling, thirty-five years old, of No. 173 South Elliott Place.

THE MULE MARKET STILL LIVELY.

RECENT WARS HAVE BROUGHT SMALL FORTUNES TO NEW-ORLEANS.

From The Chicago Record.

The wars of the last few years have made the livestock market of New-Orleans a lively one, and small fortunes have been made by those who "got in on the ground floor." This city is the natural distributing point for Cuba and Porto Rico and the Transvaal, and besides, the American animal has field qualities found in the horse and mule of no other country.

Hardly had the boom of cannon of the Spanish-American war died away when the Boers put on their fighting garments to take issue with the English. Both of these conflicts required mules, and the animal was as necessary as powder and shot. The first week did much to exhaust the "visible supply" of mules, and when Tommy Atkins repeated the cry of a noted officeholder of England, who was alleged to have offered the little island for a horse, the market price of the mule seemed to indicate that King Richard was not such an extravagant fellow after all.

It is hard to classify the mule, but the largest, which are, of course, the most valuable, are called the "sugar" mules, deriving their name from the fact that they are well adapted to haul the huge wagons that are used on the plantations of Louisiana. To be classified as a sugar mule the animal must be from 15½ hands high to 16 hands and 1 inch, and must weigh from 1,000 to 1,400 pounds. Before the late wars the price of the sugar mule was from $100 to $165, but to-day the price ranges from $165 to $225, and frequently an extraordinarily fine pair of mules sell for as high as $550.

The sugar mule is bred in Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and Indiana, as are all of the mules that are sold by the New-Orleans dealers.

Although the price of all kinds of horses and mules were sent skyward by the two wars referred to, the armies used only one class of animals, the "cotton" mule, or the animal that is used by the cotton planter of the South. Ploughing requires a small mule, and up to a few years ago that grade had no other field of usefulness than the cotton patch. The cotton mule is from 13 to 15 hands high, and his weight is from 600 to 900 pounds.

There has been a dearth of the cotton mule during the last few seasons, and the Southern planter has suffered considerably. The only animal that could be purchased was the sugar mule, and cotton would have to bring 12 cents a pound to allow such an investment. The small mule had to be replaced by a mongrel breed of the Western horse, a wild and untutored equine savage, which proved to be a poor substitute for the sturdy little animal that was kicking up his heels to the strains of martial music and the roll of musketry in distant lands. Besides, the price of the mustang kept pace with the staple article of animal flesh, and the unruly pony, fresh from the Western plains, which once sold for $10 a head in carload lots, was quoted at $40, and the supply was a limited one, even at that price.

The wars did not affect the price of driving horses, but there has been a marked increase for good roadsters during the last few years. This may be attributed to the building of asphalt streets throughout the city. New-Orleans now has sixty miles of excellent roadways, and simultaneously with the completion of the paving of Carrollton-ave. and the West End Road there were established several of the finest stables in the country.

THREE MEN SUBDUE A LUNATIC.

BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED A FIRE TO BURN UP THE EARTH.

Louis Rumpel, an alleged firebug, nineteen years old, of No. 356 Central-ave., Brooklyn, was such a lively prisoner yesterday in the Butler-st. court that it required three policemen to subdue him. He was arrested on Friday afternoon in Michael Griffin's saloon, at No 75 Atlantic-ave. The bartender, Michael Joyce, heard an explosion about 3 o'clock in the back room, and on running in found Rumpel dancing around a fire which the latter is supposed to have kindled. Rumpel asked Joyce to join him in a fire dance, but the bartender instead threw him into the barroom and extinguished the flames.

When Policeman O'Connell had been summoned Rumpel declared he would not be taken to the lockup alive; that he was one of the Lord's Twelve Apostles, and that he came on earth to set fire to it. At the station house he tore off most of his clothes. In the Butler-st. court yesterday Magistrate Brenner tried to read the complaint, but the prisoner would not listen to him.

"You are charged with attempting to set fire to a house," said the Magistrate.

"What the —— do I care?" replied Rumpel.

"Why did you do it?"

"God commanded me."

"I'll set this case over till the 28th inst.," decided Magistrate Brenner, "and in the mean time I will have you examined as to your sanity."

"No, you don't," shouted the prisoner. "Don't you put this case off at all. It must go on right away, and you must give me money."

Rumpel then pulled away at the bench so hard that it threatened to fall over, and three officers had their hands full in landing him in a cell. He had kept up a running fire of curses and thrown his hat at a lawyer.

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