WOMAN STOPS TRIAL.

HER CONFESSION CAUSES TWO MEN TO BE SENTENCED TO EIGHTEEN YEARS IN STATE PRISON.

Freehold, N. J., Jan. 2.—Justice Fort to-day sentenced Dr. Reuben P. Thompson, a physician of Seabright and a son of ex-Sheriff John I. Thompson and a grandson of ex-Sheriff Joseph I. Thompson, and Harry Fowler, a carriage manufacturer of Long Branch, each to eighteen years in State Prison at hard labor, for the murder of an infant child of which Fowler was the father. Within thirty minutes after the prisoners pleaded they were sentenced.

Dr. Thompson, Fowler, Miss Etta White, the mother of the murdered babe, and Mrs. Nellie White, the mother of Miss White, were all to have been tried to-day upon a joint indictment for the murder of the infant, but at the last moment the prosecution presented a confession which Mrs. Nellie White had made and signed since being in jail here, and which implicated Fowler and Dr. Thompson. The fact that Mrs. White turned State's evidence caused great surprise, and changed the status of the case. It was apparent that, hedged in upon all sides, Dr. Thompson and Fowler could hardly escape conviction of murder in the first degree.

There was a conference between Justice Fort, Prosecutor Foster and counsel for the defence lasting over an hour, and at the end of that time Dr. Thompson and Fowler were both arraigned before the bar and pleaded non vult to murder in the first degree. Fowler is a tall, fine looking young man, about thirty-two years of age. Dr. Thompson, who is about thirty-six years old, was suffering from the gout, and stood with a cane. Both prisoners appeared to realize the straits in which the confession of Mrs. White had placed them.

In imposing sentence Justice Fort stated that he considered they had taken the best course in pleading guilty, and that the Prosecutor had acted wisely in accepting the plea under the facts. The Court wished to say publicly that it also accepted its share of the responsibility in the acceptance of the plea. The crime was a most serious one, and under the plea, both men were liable to the penalty for murder in the second degree—thirty years in State prison. But, in view of the fact that the prisoners had saved the county the expense of a trial, had always borne good reputations, and that the victim was a newborn babe, the Court would give them what it considered a just sentence. He then sentenced the men to eighteen years in State prison at hard labor. While sentence was being pronounced Dr. Thompson closed his eyes in a dazed manner, and clutched the railing, but otherwise both men received their sentence firmly.

There was a pitiful scene in the court immediately afterward. The mother, father, brothers and sisters of Fowler, and the father and other relatives of Dr. Thompson were present, and the women especially became hysterical, and left the courtroom weeping. They had expected that the prisoners would be acquitted.

The crime for which the prisoners were held was committed in May last, at Long Branch. Fowler is a married man. A local physician of Long Branch attended Miss White. Dr. Thompson would have been the attending physician, but he arrived too late. According to Fowler's alleged confession the doctor, after his arrival, put a funnel in the infant's mouth and poured something down its throat, which killed it. The two men then wrapped it up, tied a stone to the body and dropped it in the South Shrewsbury River. The Long Branch physician became suspicious when he found that the baby had disappeared, and an investigation resulted, which revealed the body in the river. Dr. Thompson was arrested on Fowler's alleged confession. By good behavior both men can reduce their sentences to fifteen years.

SENATOR FRYE RENOMINATED.

UNANIMOUS ACTION BY THE REPUBLICANS OF MAINE.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 2.—The seventieth Maine Legislature met to-day for organization with only eight members of both bodies absent. The session was a brief one, and adjournment until to-morrow was taken before noon. The oath of office was administered to the members of the two bodies by Governor Powers, and then officers nominated last evening were elected. The inauguration of Governor-elect John F. Hill will take place at noon to-morrow.

United States Senator William P. Frye was unanimously renominated by the joint Republican executive caucus held in the hall of the House of Representatives this evening. His name was eloquently presented by Senator Fernald, of Androscoggin, amid great enthusiasm. The warm eulogies of Mr. Frye were all colored with kindly expressions of sympathy for him in his great bereavement. The nomination was made by a rising vote.

SOUTHERN CONGRESSMEN IN PERIL.

WRECKED OFF THE LOUISIANA COAST AND WITHOUT FOOD.

New-Orleans, Jan. 2 (Special).—Congressmen H. B. Clayton, of Alabama, and R. T. Broussard, of Louisiana, had a thrilling experience on Monday, being shipwrecked off the Louisiana coast while on a hunting trip. Broussard, Clayton and a number of local men were invited to Jefferson Island, the former home of "Joe" Jefferson, as guests of General F. F. Myles, the wealthy salt exploiter. The plan was for a hunting trip near the island, but the sourrounding swamps became flooded from continued rains and the game fled. Then a smaller party was made up to go by schooner to Bayou Tigre, on Vermillion Bay.

Broussard and Clayton were the leaders of the party. Outside the mouth of the bayou the little vessel, the True Republican, was struck by a terrific gale and washed up into the marsh, cooking utensils, guns and provisions being washed overboard. The hunters were left up to their waists in water and had to wade for hours over the trembling prairie, through storm and cold to the nearest house. The wreck occured at Chypremort Hummock, and several oyster luggers were swamped at the same time.

WOMAN KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR.

NOT IDENTIFIED—THE MOTORMAN IS ARRESTED.

An unknown woman was instantly killed last evening, at 6 o'clock, by trolley car No. 513 of the Fifth-ave. line of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit road, at Twenty-eighth-st. She wore a black skirt, white wrapper, black stockings and laced shoes, and had a market basket on her arm. She was between thirty-five and forty years old, of dark complexion and had black hair. She had crossed the downtown track, when she was struck by the car going in the opposite direction. Her skull was fractured and her body badly bruised. The body was removed to the Fourth-ave. police station.

Thomas Campbell, thirty years old, the motorman, was locked up on a charge of homicide.

GIFT TO MEDICAL SCHOOL.

DR. KNAPP DEEDS PROPERTY TO OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL INSTITUTE.

Dr. Herman Knapp has deeded as a gift to the New-York Ophthalmic and Aural Institute the property on the south side of Twelfty-st., 132.2 feet west of Broadway, 25 by 102.3, irregular, and also No. 44 East Twelfth-st., 25 by 103.3.

The future plans of the institute could not be learned last night. Dr. Knapp could not be seen, and William P. Howe, the secretary, professed to know nothing of the gift. Dr. Knapp is the well known specialist on diseases of the eye and is the executive surgeon of the New-York Ophthalmic and Aural Institute. The property given by him to the institute is that at present occupied by the hospital, clinic and dispensary of the institute, which uses for these purposes the two four story and basement brownstone front houses which are on the property.

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FUR DEPARTMENT.

Considerable reductions have been made in the prices of
Broadtail and Alaska Sealskin Coats,
Fur Lined Garments,
Russian and Hudson Bay Sable and Silver Fox Skins.

KILLED AT BRIDGE TERMINUS

AN UNKNOWN MAN GROUND UNDER THREE CARS.

An unknown man was killed at 6:30 o'clock last evening at the Brooklyn terminus of the Bridge. He was one of the last of the passengers to leave the last car of the train in which he had crossed the Bridge. Staggering across the platform from the left side, he fell off the right side of the platform, directly in front of a train which was drawing into the station. Three cars of the train passed over his body and mangled it horribly. Traffic was delayed half an hour before the body could be removed from under the wheels of the car. The man was dead before the arrival of an ambulance from the Brooklyn Hospital.

The dead man was about forty-five years old, five feet and seven inches in height, of light complexion, gray hair and mustache, and wore a blue overcoat, light gray shirt and laced shoes. William R. Clayton, the motorman, was arrested and locked up in the Fulton-st. police station.

A SHOOTING MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

LENA PFINFIG ACCIDENTALLY WOUNDED HERSELF WHILE PLAYING WITH A REVOLVER.

The shooting of the woman who called herself Mary Braun when admitted to the Presbyterian Hospital on Tuesday night has been explained. Valentine Wetzler, of No. 401 East Eighty-first-st., who was arrested on suspicion of having inflicted the wound, was in the Harlem police court yesterday, and was held in $2,000 for examination to-morrow. He said that the woman's real name was Mrs. Lena Pfinfig, and that he spent Monday night celebrating New Year's with her husband, Hermann, who is engaged in an Eighth-ave. restaurant. They went to Pfinfig's house, from which Pfinfig went to work. Wetzler had a revolver in his pocket which Mrs. Pfinfig removed. While the two were fooling with the pistol it was accidentally discharged and the bullet entered Mrs. Pfinfig's body just below the heart. She refused to allow Wetzler to call an ambulance, saying that she wished to avoid publicity, and he went with her to the hospital.

In the hospital Mrs. Pfinfig was finally induced to tell her story of the shooting, which corroborates that of Wetzler in every particular. Captain Haughey, of the One-hundred-and-fourth-st. police station, has detained Pfinfig as a witness.

BEHEADED BY A TROLLEY CAR.

MOTORMAN SAYS MAN DELIBERATELY DROPPED ON THE TRACK.

John Herlitz, forty years old, a cabinet maker, of No. 425 Bushwick-ave., Brooklyn, was beheaded at 11 o'clock last night by car No. 1,120, of the Bushwick-ave. line, at Bushwick-ave. and Boreum-st., Brooklyn.

Charles Bates, the motorman, says that the man deliberately dropped in front of the car.

POSTOFFICE RECORDS BROKEN.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN THIS CITY LAST YEAR GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE.

The annual report of Postmaster Van Cott, which he made public yesterday, shows that more business was done during the year just closed than in any other year in the history of the New-York Postoffice. The gross receipts for the year 1900 were $9,869,458 35; the receipts for 1899 were $9,126,051 78, showing an increase last year of $743,506 57, or 8.15 per cent. These receipts are the largest on record. The gross receipts for December, 1900, were $985,157 18; for December, 1899, $911,850 22, showing an increase of $73,306 96, or 8.03 per cent. The gross receipts for the quarter ending December 31, 1900, were $2,783,851 58; for the same period in 1899, $2,554,493 04, showing an increase of $239,088 54, or 9.37 per cent.

DR. PEARSONS AND SERVANT GIRLS.

Chicago, Jan. 2 (Special).—A solution of the servant girl problem is among the early thoughts which Dr. D. K. Pearsons, the philanthropist, has launched upon the twentieth century. He has determined that the existing shortage in the commodity so essential to the kitchen must be met and overcome. Dr. Pearsons's hope for the kitchens of the western world—and in the western world only is he interested—lies in the mountains of Kentucky.

The white women of these mountains, declares Dr. Pearsons, must of necessity become the source of supply for the servant girl market. Firmly convinced that the young women of the Kentucky wilds have a future, he is considering the advisability of establishing a new department for Berea College, the function of which shall be to teach girls to cook, make beds in which civilized people are wont to sleep, and, in short, to do all that has to be done in the keeping of a household.

Dr. Pearsons, who has avowed his intention of giving away his entire fortune during his lifetime, has given Berea College $100,000, and has distributed nearly $3,000,000 thus far among various Western colleges.

MRS. GEORGE HOFFMAN MARRIED.

Mrs. George Hoffman and Charles Gouverneur Weir, of Garrisons, N. Y., were married yesterday at St. Thomas's Church. Mr. Weir is a member of the University Club and is a son of Mrs. Robert W. Weir. Mrs. Hoffman is a daughter of the late John W. Ellis and a sister of Ralph Ellis, of the Meadow Brook Hunt.

SUICIDE RATHER THAN RE-ENLIST.

A. J. Brady, a sailor on the receiving ship Vermont, who was staying temporarily at No. 153 Sands-st., the Naval Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, committed suicide there yesterday afternoon. Brady had been in the Navy for some time, but did not want to re-enlist. He tried to get a place on shore but failing, and having no prospect except of returning to a life that he was tired of, he drank carbolic acid.

PRACTISES WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Cornelius Edison, of No. 288 Lincoln-ave., Brooklyn, was sentenced in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday to pay a fine of $250 or to spend three months in jail for practising medicine without a license. He pleaded guilty. The complainants were David Myerle, secretary of the Kings County Medical Society, and Hugh L. Clark, of No. 276 Lincoln-ave. Edison had treated a member of Clarke's family.

CHAPLAIN BASS SERIOUSLY ILL.

The Rev. Job G. Bass, the chaplain of the Kings County Penitentiary, is seriously ill at his home, No. 431 Waverly-ave., Brooklyn. Mr. Bass has been chaplain of the penitentiary for thirty-five years.

He was born in Charleston, S. C., in 1816, and came North in 1850. He was chaplain of the 90th New-York Regiment in the Civil War. After the war he returned here, and engaged in missionary work. About five years ago, the Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler and other ministers started a movement which resulted in the presentation of a sum of money to Mr. Bass.

LOIE FULLER'S MANAGER ARRESTED.

George Crager, who lives at the Hotel Navarre, Thirty-eighth-st. and Seventh-ave., manager for Loie Fuller, the dancer, was arrested late last night on a charge of abandonment, preferred by his wife, and was locked up in the East Thirty-fifth-st. station. He was bailed later. The warrant for Crager's arrest was secured by his wife from Magistrate Olmsted in the Yorkville Court. Mrs. Crager lives at No. 222 East Twelfth-st. Richard Stearns, the proprietor of the Hotel Navarre, furnished $500 for the bond, and in an hour Crager was released. He will be in the Yorkville Police Court this morning.

VERIFY FACTS AND DATES.
See The Tribune Almanac, 1901.

MEREDITH BROTHERS MAKE UP.

THEY BECOME RECONCILED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE CENTURY.

The Rev. Dr. Robert R. Meredith, pastor of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, and the Rev. Richard Meredith, brothers, both well known in Brooklyn, who fell out over the pastorate of the Park-ave. branch of the Tompkins Avenue Church about six months ago, met last Monday evening and became reconciled. Richard Meredith was assistant to his brother. He resigned from the place, and said that he had been forced to do so. He then started on a trip around the world, from which he has just returned. On the last day of the nineteenth century the brothers decided to clear up their misunderstandings and bury the past.

Dr. Robert R. Meredith is ill with grip at his home, No. 95 McDonough-st. He has been confined to his home for a week, but will be able to preach next Sunday.

DR. FELTER RECEIVES HIS PAY.

THIS SETTLES THE CONTROVERSY AS TO THE VALIDITY OF HIS CERTIFICATE.

Dr. William L. Felter, principal of the Commercial High School, has received pay as such from the treasurer of the Board of Education, and the validity of his certificate under the McCarren act has thus been confirmed. Dr. Felter's pay was held up in November, but the controversy has finally been dropped and Dr. Felter received his check as a New Year's present. President Robertson of the Brooklyn Board said yesterday:

"This is one of the most important victories yet won by Brooklyn in its school affairs."

THROUGH TRAINS IN TWO WEEKS.

A PLAN WHEREBY PASSENGERS CROSSING THE BRIDGE ONLY MAY BE SEPARATED FROM OTHERS.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has arranged a plan by which passengers who wish merely to cross the Bridge on through trains can be separated from those who wish to go further. The Manhattan platforms will be divided into two parts and special ticket boxes will be put up.

The forward car will be set apart for the use of those who wish merely to cross the Bridge. A special stairway will be built in Brooklyn for these passengers to use in descending to the street. This stairway will be completed in two weeks, when the cars will begin running.

Trolley cars will not be run across the Brooklyn Bridge between midnight and 6 o'clock in the morning for nearly two weeks. This inconvenience is caused by the laying of a pavement in the space between the tracks.

THE FOWLER STATUE REJECTED.

COMMISSIONER BROWER'S DECISION IN LINE WITH THAT OF MUNICIPAL ART COMMISSION.

Park Commissioner Brower of Brooklyn decided yesterday to reject the statue of General Fowler, which was made by Mr. Baerer, and rejected some time ago by the Municipal Art Commission on the ground that it did not have sufficient merit. There is still considerable feeling among Mr. Baerer's friends, who think he is a victim of jealousy.

ADMITS WRITING BLACKMAILING LETTERS

YOUTH WHO TRIED TO GET $15,000 OUT OF A PROVISION DEALER HELD.

John Hanna, nineteen years old, of No. 762 Broadway, Brooklyn, who was arrested on Saturday night on the charge of sending a letter to Louis Stutz, a provision dealer of Broadway and Ellery-st., Brooklyn, demanding $15,000 under threat of revealing secrets reflecting on Stutz's daughter, Augusta, was arraigned in the Manhattan-ave. court yesterday. He was held in $300 bail for trial. Hanna said that the idea of writing the letters had not been suggested to him by any one, but that it had occurred to him after reading several passages in the Bible. He denied that he was working for a gang of blackmailers. He said:

I heard a story that was circulated by Mr. Stutz's daughter, and then I decided that I would marry her for $20,000. I wrote a letter to this effect. Then I wrote another letter saying that I would marry her for $15,000, and I got a reply. Mr. Stutz made an appointment, and I kept it. I was then arrested.

Hanna is a cigarette fiend.

AN ACTIVE NIGHT FOR BURGLARS.

Two more burglaries committed on Sunday night in Flatbush have become known. This makes four in all, and it is reported that there are still others. It is thought that all the burglaries were committed by one man. The two additional houses entered are those of J. M. Godinez, at No. 415 East Twelfth-st., and of Elijah Packer, at No. 405 East Twelfth-st.

Mr. Godinez had most of his property stored in boxes in the cellar. These boxes were broken open and the contents tossed about. From the first floor an overcoat, a pair of gloves, a pair of spectacles and two long, thin knives were taken. From Mr. Packer's house were taken two overcoats, a pair of spectacles, an umbrella and other things. The people in Flatbush say that they are insufficiently protected.

TO HAVE A PLACE AT ST. LUKE'S.

The Rev. Floyd Appleton, who has been curate of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, in Plainfield, N. J., for the last four years, as assistant to Dean E. M. Rodman, has accepted a call to become one of the clergy attached to St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Brooklyn. Mr. Appleton will take the place of the Rev. F. J. Swezy, who goes to Holy Trinity Church, in Harlem.

EPIDEMIC OF GRIP IN THE NAVY YARD.

A mild form of grip is going the rounds of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Over one hundred men are now victims of the epidemic, and Dr. J. C. Burns, of the Navy Yard, said yesterday that he thought the disease would go through the barracks before it was controlled, owing to the poor sanitary conditions of the building. There are about thirty cases on the battleship Alabama, about twenty on the receiving ship Vermont and twenty-five in the Naval Hospital.

BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT TO BE TRIED.

A motion was granted by Justice Maddox in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, to open a judgment taken by the defendant, Henry E. Kordes, by default, in the action brought against him by Miss Blanche Van Horn, of No. 1,074 Putnam-ave., to recover $10,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. Frederick E. Crane said that the attorney for Miss Van Horn, when the case was called, did not know that the trial was to be held then, and was not present. When the case was dismissed Miss Van Horn retained Dailey, Bell & Crane in order to have the case tried.

Justice Maddox granted the motion to open the judgment on payment of $10 costs, and on condition that the case would be tried in February. Miss Van Horn alleges in her complaint that between August 1 and September 31, 1896, Kordes, whose father is a prosperous business man in the Eastern District, promised to marry her, and afterward refused to keep his promise.

SITES CHOSEN FOR SCHOOLHOUSES.

At a monthly meeting of the School Board of Brooklyn yesterday, the following sites for new schools were proposed and approved: Hemlock and Richmond sts., Evergreen-ave. and Eldert-st., Pacific and Court sts. and Havemeyer and North Ninth sts. The Eastern District High School will be erected upon the latter site.

HIS PROPERTY RETURNED TO HIM.

By the order of Justice Maddox, the Christian Literary Union, a Catholic organization, conveyed a piece of real estate valued at $20,000 at No. 344 Marcy-ave., Brooklyn, to Peter J. Slane for a consideration of $1. The action grew out of allegations of misrepresentation which Slane made against the union. Slane owns the real estate. Some time ago he conveyed it to the union for $1 and other valuable considerations. Subsequently Slane brought suit. The union was anxious to avoid a suit, and so asked permission to return Mr. Slane's property to him. This return took place under Justice Maddox's order. Mr. Slane gave the union a general release from all causes of action and discontinued his suit.

LOVING CUP FOR SENATOR FULLER.

Albany, Jan. 2.—A handsome silver loving cup was placed on the desk of Senator Randolph S. Fuller in the Senate to-day by Kings County admirers. It bears explanatory inscriptions.

A FATAL FALL DOWNSTAIRS.

Patrick Donnelly, forty-eight years old, fell downstairs yesterday at his home, No. 559 Wythe-ave., Brooklyn, and fractured his skull. He died before the arrival of an ambulance surgeon from the Eastern District Hospital.

NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

SENATE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

SENATOR PITNEY FOR PRESIDENT, W. E. EDGE FOR SECRETARY.

Trenton, Jan. 2 (Special).—The Republican members of the Senate spent two hours in caucus at the Republican Club to-night agreeing upon the organization of the Upper House for the session which opens next Tuesday. Senator Pitney called the caucus to order and Senator Reed presided. Wood McKee was secretary. Senator Mahlon Pitney, of Morris County, was selected as the next president without opposition.

The contest for the secretaryship between Walter E. Edge, of Atlantic County, and George A. Frey, of Camden County, resulted in the choice of Mr. Edge by a vote of 9 to 7. Senator Reed, of Somerset County, was chosen as leader of the majority on the floor.

The other officers agreed upon were as follows: For assistant secretary, J. Frank Lindsley, of Morris County; journal clerk, Palmer H. Charlock, of Union County; assistant journal clerk, William H. Fischer, of Ocean County; calendar clerk, Robert E. Bustard of Pasasic County; sergeant-at-arms, John T. Garwood, of Salem County; assistant sergeant-at-arms Arthur Bedell, of Camden County; supervisor of bills, Jesse R. Salmon, of Essex County, and assistant supervisor of bills, James Shoemaker, of Cape May County.

Senators Francis Stokes and Hutchinson were appointed a committee to apportion the minor offices. These will be agreed upon at a conference next Monday night. Prospective legislation was only casually discussed at to-night's caucus. The caucus adopted a resolution unanimously indorsing General William J. Sewell, of Camden, for re-election to the United States Senate. A similar resolution was previously passed by the Republican majority of the House of Assembly.

LUCKY NUMBER THIS TIME.

THIRTEEN SHARES OF STOCK, WORTH $1,300, SELL FOR $50,000.

The United Electric Company, which recently absorbed the People's Electric Light and Power Company of Newark, found several small stockholders of the latter company who refused to give up their stock on the terms accepted by the other stockholders, and demanded high figures. The United Electric Company has been unable to issue real estate bonds in consequence.

All the stock has now been acquired, the last purchase being thirteen shares of stock, worth $1,300, for $50,000. The stock was held by William Fairchild, a real estate dealer. The $18,000,000 of the company's bonds, which are collateral trust bonds, will be called in and replaced by real estate bonds. The People's company will go out of existence, and the United Electric Company will own the electric lighting plants in Essex, Union, Hudson, Bergen and Morris counties.

PLEADS GUILTY TO FORGERY.

BUT WESTERVELT SAYS HE IS NOT GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Charles R. Westervelt, the defaulting secretary of the Dime Savings Bank of Newark, pleaded guilty in the courts at Newark yesterday to indictments for forgery, but denied his guilt of embezzlement. Westervelt forged a withdrawal check of $1,200 in the name of Pauline Rube, and another similar check for $2,015 in the name of Frederick Carson, depositors in the bank.

The indictments for embezzlement charge that Westervelt took $45,392 of the bank's money in July, 1900; $3,500 on June 23, 1899; $1,000 on November 9, 1899, and $1,000 on November 10, 1899, making the whole amount $50,892. Judge Skinner did not name a day for the trial.

CONGRESSMEN WERE HIS CUSTOMERS.

MAN WHO WAS FORMERLY A BARBER IN WASHINGTON HANGS HIMSELF.

Caldwell, Jan. 2 (Special).—Charles Hasler, sixty-four years old, who was a barber in Washington, D. C., late in the sixties, and who had many of the Senators and Congressmen for customers, committed suicide in his shop, in Bloomfield-ave., in this town, some time during the night. His body was found by his son hanging by a rope to the rafters of the shop. Hasler had stood on a chair, and after tying the rope around his neck kicked the chair from under him. His son immediately notified Dr. E. E. Peck, who found that Hasler had been dead several hours.

KILLED ON GRADE CROSSING.

Belleville, Jan. 2 (Special).—Another fatal accident at an unprotected grade crossing occurred in this town last night. George H. Sandford, a prominent citizen, was struck by a train at the Cleveland-st. crossing of the Erie Railroad, and died a few hours later in St. Barnaba's Hospital. Mr. Sandford's skull was fractured and his left ear torn from his head.

MAY LOSE THE SIGHT OF AN EYE.

Plainfield, Jan. 2 (Special).—Mrs. Clement B. Emory of New-Vernon, Morris County, was accidentally shot in the head, near the left eye, yesterday afternoon, by William Connett, a colored boy, eleven years old, with a Flobert rifle. It is feared that she may lose the use of her eye. She and her husband were driving on West Third-st., near Liberty-st., where the boy was playing. He told a companion that he was going to see if he could hit the wheels of the wagon. His shot, however, went too high. The young shooter was arrested, and was arraigned before City Judge Runyon this morning. The case was adjourned to await the result of Mrs. Emory's injuries.

WAS POSTMISTRESS AT WEST POINT.

Hackensack, Jan. 2 (Special).—Miss Blanche Berard, who for nearly half a century was postmistress at West Point and is known by nearly all the officials of the Regular Army, was stricken with paralysis last night at her home, on Hackensack Heights, and is in a critical condition. She is seventy-four years old.

SLOT MACHINES WERE REMOVED.

Phillipsburg, Jan. 2 (Special).—After opening court at Belvidere to-day Judge Gummere charged the Grand Jury concerning the numerous slot machines in Phillipsburg, and instructed that body to indict all persons harboring them. Half an hour after his charge all the slot machines in the hotels and saloons here were removed.

CHARGED WITH SETTING FIRE TO A BARN.

Plainfield, Jan. 2 (Special).—John Kenney, of East Fourth-st., was arrested to-day on a charge of setting fire to the brick barn in South-ave., occupied by W. D. Manning. The fire occurred yesterday afternoon, the loss being estimated at nearly $400. This is the second time the building has been on fire inside of six months. It is thought that Kenney, who has been a driver for Manning for more than a year, is responsible for both of these fires, a preceding one in the same building, and a fire at his father's home. He is twenty-five years of age, and a single man. It is thought that his mind may be somewhat unsettled.

ROUNDING UP SUSPICIOUS PERSONS.

Paterson, Jan. 2 (Special).—Street robberies and pocket picking have been so numerous in this city during the last few days that the police came to the conclusion that the town had been invaded by tramps and thieves. Orders were issued by Chief Graul to the force to arrest all suspicious persons who could not give an account of themselves. The result was that nineteen men of this description were lined up in police court this morning, and all were committed to jail for the safety and peace of the town. It was the biggest catch of the kind that the police had made in a long time.

GOVERNOR OPPOSED TO A STATE BOARD.

Trenton, Jan. 2 (Special).—Governor Voorhees, in his annual message next week, will recommend the abolition of the State Board of Arbitration. Since the Board was created it has had little work to perform, and a few years ago the Board itself recommended in its annual report that it be abolished.

HUDSON COUNTY NEWS NOTES.

Justice of the Peace Julius Jarecki, who died suddenly at his home, No. 140 Erie-st., Jersey City, on New Year's Day, soon after performing a marriage ceremony, will be buried to-morrow at Cypress Hills Cemetery. About a week ago while talking with a friend Mr. Jarecki predicted his death and said he did not think he would live long after the dawn of the twentieth century.

Louise Iszoposi, five years old, of No. 268 Wayne-st., Jersey City, was frightfully burned on the head and body yesterday at her home. She was playing with matches and accidentally set her dress on fire.

Assistant Prosecutor George T. Vickers yesterday took the oath of office at the Hudson County Courthouse before County Clerk Stack. Mr. Vickers succeeds Marshall Van Winkle, who resigned.

Detectives McCormack and Reilay, of Prosecutor Erwin's office, made a raid yesterday on gambling machines in West Hoboken, and obtained eight slot devices. The machines are worth $100 each. They were taken from the following places: J. Gessner, No. 401 Spring-st.; E. Napivoda, No. 422 Spring-st.; O. Kunzli, No. 434 Spring-st.; M. Strobert, No. 435 Spring-st.; A. Walhelb, No. 460 Spring-st., Charles Haberman, No 478 Spring-st.; T. Bonhard, No. 504 Spring-st., and Theodore Bernhart, No. 581 Spring-st. The machines will be destroyed.

"I THINK?" BETTER BE SURE.
See The Tribune Almanac, 1901.

MONEY RAISED FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

A NEW CHURCH TO BE BUILT AND TWO OTHERS FREED FROM DEBT.

Perth Amboy, Jan. 2 (Special).—The First Presbyterian Church, of this city, of which the Rev. Dr. H. G. Mendenhall is pastor, had long contemplated erecting a new church building. Less than three months ago it was announced that if $10,000 could be raised by January 1 the church could be built. It is proposed to spend about $25,000 on the building. The pastor has announced that the last of the $10,000 was pledged with the close of the year.

Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church has been struggling under a debt of $7,500 for nearly forty years. By personal solicitation the pastor, the Rev. S. T. Jackson, secured the amount, and the church is now free from debt.

The pastor of the First Baptist Church, the Rev. Percy R. Ferris, has been in charge of the church less than two months, and he has already secured subscriptions for $1,500, covering the full amount of the church's indebtedness.

HOSPITAL TROUBLES IN ESSEX COUNTY.

SUPERINTENDENT HINCKLEY, AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS IN OFFICE, WILL RESIGN.

Dr. L. S. Hinckley, Superintendent of the Essex County Insane Hospital for fourteen years, will resign at the meeting of the Essex Board of Freeholders next Thursday. Allegations have been made to County Supervisor Johnson, who has the power of removal, that Dr. Hinckley has failed to maintain proper discipline in his staff. The immediate cause for his resignation is said to be the dismissal last week of Miss Dormada, a nurse, who had charge of the doctors' ward.

Their had been complaints against the nurse of discourtesy, and the Hospital Committee made an investigation. The nurse declined to make any statement, and referred the Freeholders to the Superintendent for information. When her resignation was tendered it was refused. On Saturday the committee met and considered the case in relation to the Superintendent.

Dr. D. M. Dill, chairman of the committee, declined to say yesterday whether or not the committee had requested the Superintendent to resign. Dr. Hinckley was formerly an interne at the hospital on Blackwell's Island, and conceived there the idea of training hospital employes as professional nurses.

NEW SILK COMPANY INCORPORATED.

Paterson, Jan. 2 (Special).—The Clowes-Southern Company, a new silk concern, was incorporated this morning. It is capitalized at $50,000. The corporators are William Clowes, Paterson, 110 shares; John Southern, New-York, 110 shares, and Adolf M. Ackerman, Brooklyn, 110 shares.

NEW-JERSEY POLITICAL NOTES.

The announcement by Congressman Loudenslager, of the 1st New-Jersey District, that "there is absolutely no foundation for the report" that he is to be the Commissioner of Pensions, and that he is "not an applicant for the place and would not accept it as a most precious gift," ought to be both satisfactory and conclusive to the newspapers and individuals that more than a week ago had Mr. Loudenslager upon the threshold of the office and his resignation as a member of Congress already typewritten and needing nothing but his signature to complete the whole transaction.

As is usual at this season of the year, anxious New-Jersey Democrats are fearful that the Republicans will not do enough for the colored members of the party. These same colored men learned long ago that they might as well try to extract roast beef from trap rock as to expect recognition from the Democratic party.

One of the compliments of the season received by Robert Davis, the Hudson County Democratic leader, on New Year's Day was a monkey. Mr. Davis had the animal carefully carried to the Davis Association clubhouse, with the intention, as was said, of presenting it as an expression of sympathetic resemblance to the opponents of ex-Congressman Clark for United States Senator after the adjournment of the Democratic joint caucus of the members of the incoming Legislature.

The first political organization in New-Jersey to open the campaign of 1901 was the Social Democratic party, which on January 1 renominated the Rev. Charles H. Vail for Governor. Mr. Vail only a few days ago resigned as pastor of the First Universalist Church, of Jersey City.

As The Tribune has from time to time foreshadowed, the outcome of the caucus of the Republican State Senators was the selection of Walter E. Edge, of Atlantic County, to be Secretary of the Senate. It was in this place that the interest of the caucus centred, and there has not been for weeks anything tangible upon which to base the repeated rumors that Essex County would, by dexterous management and because of impending complications in South Jersey, be able to obtain the place of Secretary of the Senate. The selection of the other Senate officers practically has been settled for some time, and only the meeting of the caucus last night was needed to ratify a foregone conclusion.

NEW-YORK MAN SHOT IN NEWARK.

In a quarrel in Murray's café, at No. 186 Market-st., Newark, at midnight on Tuesday, Patrolman Joseph Vance, of the Police Department, who was off duty, dropped his revolver from his pocket. The weapon was discharged, the ball entering the leg of Charles Nopes, sixty-four years old, living in Twenty-third-st., New-York. Vance was arrested by a brother officer, and was suspended from the Department pending investigation by the Police Board. He was paroled yesterday by Judge Lambert. Nopes is in the German Hospital at Newark.

The Wanamaker Store

WHAT a strong and enthusiastic story the White Garments and fabrics tell! Did you visit the store yesterday? How white, clean and refreshing were the goods shown in such profusion. Yet first glance told little of the magnificent accomplishment that this dazzle of white represents. More whiteness can be seen anywhere and is seen widely since we set the fashion years ago. But white is only an incident here—the surface of the sale—just as clear and honest is every detail through and through; but who can tell the masterful battles fought before the garments could be made so good for the prices. Maybe it took us a month to find a manufacturer who would make a gown or petticoat a quarter of a yard wider. But we got every one the width we thought it should be. Maybe a dozen manufacturers had to be canvassed before we could get pearl buttons instead of agate on the very low priced corset covers. But we got them.

It has been a battle of details—a demand for betterment of trifles as well as radical improvement in many more important matters. Perhaps, the most interesting improvement is in variety. More kinds of gowns or petticoats at each price, making such an array as is unthought-of and, of course, unattempted by any other store.

This is because we do not plan a bargain sale—don't buy a dollar's worth merely because it's cheap. But we plan a splendid gathering—broad, complete variety of the neatest, most refined, most comfortable under-garments that care and skill can make. Then, after goodness and beauty are assured, we pare down the prices.

That is why this sale has no counterpart, and no real imitator. It stands alone in attracting women who care nothing for a bargain that compels them to sacrifice their taste for refined and carefully-made garments.

Briefly these are chiefest varieties at most popular prices:

Night Gowns—
2 styles at 38c each—not more than 3 of these gowns to one buyer.
1 style at 50c — 8 styles at $1
1 style at 65c — 2 styles at $1.25
4 styles at 75c — 2 styles at $1.50
3 styles at 85c — 4 styles at $1.75

Chemises—
1 style at 18c each—not more than 3 of these chemises to one buyer.
1 style at 25c — 4 styles at 50c
1 style at 35c — 3 styles at 75c
3 styles at $1

Short Petticoats—
1 style at 25c — 4 styles at 50c
1 style at 35c — 1 style at 75c
3 styles at 85c

Drawers—
1 style at 10c each. Not more than 3 of these to one buyer.
1 style at 15c — 6 styles at 50c
3 styles at 25c — 5 styles at 75c
3 styles at 35c — 4 styles at $1

Corset Covers—
2 styles at 8c each. Not more than 3 of these corset covers to one buyer.
1 style at 18c — 8 styles at 50c
6 styles at 25c — 1 style at 75c
5 styles at 35c — 1 style at 85c
3 styles at $1

Petticoats—
1 style at 35c — 9 styles at $1
3 styles at 50c — 6 styles at $1.25
1 style at 75c — 3 styles at $1.50
2 styles at 85c — 4 styles at $1.75

Corsets—
Medium waist, low bust corsets of jean, in white, drab and black, at 45c; "J. B." corsets of sateen, at 65c; Globe corsets of coutil, white and drab, lace trimmed, low bust, at 75c; "P.D." corsets, imported, at $1, regularly $1.75; other "P.D." corsets at $1.25, though formerly $2.75; still another lot of "P.D." corsets at $1.50, instead of $3.50 and $4; Lillian corsets, imported, at $1.75 to $5, that were $2.50 to $8.50. The new Nemo Cadet corsets, straight front—the latest model—in whalebone, are $1.50.

Children's Garments—
Drawers at 10c for sizes 2 to 4 years; 15c for sizes 6 to 10 years; 18c for 12-year sizes. Also at 25c for sizes 2 to 12 years.
Gowns at 38c for sizes 2 to 14 years; also at 50c and 75c.
Petticoats at 35c for sizes 2 to 8 years; 45c for sizes 10 to 16 years. Also at 50c, sizes up to 8 years, and 65c for sizes 10 to 16 years.
White dresses of nainsook at 38c for sizes 6 months to 3 years; 45c of nainsook for sizes 6 months to 2 years; 65c of lawn for 1 to 3-year sizes, at $1, of nainsook.
Long waist dresses of lawn at $1 and $2.
Infants' long slips of n