

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

THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The engagement is announced of Miss Edith W. Hagan, only daughter of Mrs. C. F. Hagan, of No. 37 Clinton-ave., and Herbert W. Moses, son of Colonel G. W. Moses, of Boston.

The marriage of Miss Josephine W. Hollenback, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hollenback, and Louis Van der Perren Twyeffort, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Twyeffort, was celebrated on New Year's Day, at the home of the bride, No. 49 Washington-ave. Miss Anna W. Hollenback, sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Amelia B. Hollenback, Miss Juliette G. Hollenback, Miss Nellie Twyeffort, Miss Elsie W. Twyeffort, Miss Mabel Ray, of Brooklyn, and Miss Anna H. Beard, of Lakewood, N. J. The best man was Walter K. Twyeffort.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Helen F. Condon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Condon, of No. 139 Lincoln Place, and Horatio H. Phinney, of Boston.

The marriage of Miss Florence M. Lee, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Lee, and Alfred L. Norris, son of Mrs. John B. Norris, will be solemnized in Grace Church, on Wednesday afternoon, January 23. Following the ceremony there will be a small reception at the home of the bride's parents, No. 118 Willow-st. Miss Louisa W. Lee, younger sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor. The bridesmaids will be Miss Frances N. Norris, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Elizabeth C. Norris, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Bertha Stockwell, and Miss Agnes V. Wheeler, of Brooklyn; Miss Elizabeth Sargent, of New York; Miss Marion Richards, of North Attleboro, Mass.; Jay F. Carville, will be the best man. The usher will be Frederick J. Pearls, Lemuel C. Benedict, Ira Richards, Jr., William K. Fowler, Robins B. Woodard, and J. Norris Oliphant.

An attractive entertainment will be given at the Pouch Mansion on Thursday evening, January 24, under the auspices of the Thoughtful Circle, King's Daughters, for the benefit of the Rainbow Cot, St. John's Hospital. The programme will be given by Miss Julia F. Ayer, reader, and Miss Grace W. Heagle, pianist. Miss Laura Wheeler, violinist, and Miss May Colson, pianist. Some of Miss Ayer's most successful readings have been in Scotch and Southern dialects. Miss Heagle for several years has been the solo contralto at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. Miss Wheeler is associated with the Woman's String Orchestra, of New-York. The patronesses will be Mrs. Henry C. Sargent, Mrs. V. V. Braham, Mrs. Edward T. Cockey, Mrs. M. H. De Witt, Mrs. J. H. Dykman, Mrs. John B. Greason, Mrs. A. D. Goddard, Mrs. St. Clair Hester, Mrs. William G. Hoopie, Mrs. Calvin H. Hester, Mrs. Charles J. Richards, Mrs. Albert C. Keeney, Mrs. J. Ellert Langstaff, Mrs. Miles McNamara, Mrs. Emma L. Pratt, Mrs. William C. Pratt, Mrs. Charles J. Richards, Mrs. Harry L. Sniffen, Mrs. Estella T. Swan, Mrs. Harry L. Thompson, Mrs. John B. Van Every and Mrs. St. John Wood.

The Polytechnic winter ball this year will be of general interest, the president, Henry Sanzer Snow, having introduced a radical change in its management. In conjunction with the Class Committee, the following gentlemen have consented to act: Wyllys Terry, Norman S. Dike, Arthur M. Hatch, Dr. William B. Brinsmade, Howard Haslehurst, T. A. Gardiner, Harold T. White and Arthur Corlies. There will be a limited number of tickets, and the number will be limited to five invitations. He is expected to send in the names of his guests in advance, however, in order to make the dance as exclusive as possible.

It has been decided by the managers of last year's series of dances known as the twenty-Ninth and thirtieth, to give a dance this season. It will take place on Thursday evening, February 21, at the Farm House, Prospect Park. The members of the committee in charge are C. Stacey Bender, Clarence H. Day and Clarence R. Leach. The patronesses of the reception will be Mrs. William H. Bender, Mrs. Chester H. Lord, Mrs. John H. Hallock, Mrs. Edward G. Riggs, Mrs. George W. Leach, Mrs. Frank R. Riggs, Mrs. D. Perry and Mrs. J. Oliver Stokes, of Manhattan.

Among the Brooklyn folk who spent New Year's at the homes of the Hot Springs, Vt., were Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Du Val.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Skilton announce the marriage of their daughter, Cecelia D. Bishoprick, to Wyllys E. Abbot on Thursday, January 3. The ceremony will be held at the Avenue House, Evans-ton, Ill.

The marriage of Miss Carol Messinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Messinger, of Wrentham, Mass., and William P. H. Bacon, son of Francis Bacon, of Manhattan, will be solemnized in Plymouth Church on Wednesday, January 3. After the ceremony a reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents, No. 51 South Oxt. Miss Messinger's mother is Mrs. Charles H. Bacon, and her father is Mr. Charles H. Bacon, of South Oxt. Miss Messinger's mother is Mrs. Charles H. Bacon, and her father is Mr. Charles H. Bacon, of South Oxt.

The marriage of Miss Helen J. Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Campbell, of No. 90 Broadway, and Dr. Henry C. Keenan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Keenan, of St. James's Place, will be solemnized on Wednesday evening at the Church of the Nativity. The ceremony will be followed by a small reception at the bride's home, No. 90 Broadway. The bridesmaids will be Miss Alice Campbell, another cousin; Miss Ella Keenan, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Rita Pendas. Albert J. Keenan will be best man.

The wedding of Miss Louise Crego, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Crego, and David B. Babcock will take place on Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, No. 10 South Portland-ave. A small reception will follow the ceremony.

The marriage of Miss Rachel L. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Smith, of No. 197 Washington Park, and Charles E. F. Lewis, of Brooklyn, took place on Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents. The bridesmaids were Miss Lulu Hagan and Miss Edith Shouper, of Newburg, N. Y. The ushers were Edward L. Allen and George J. Pearson. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, No. 197 Washington Park. The bridesmaids were Miss Lulu Hagan and Miss Edith Shouper, of Newburg, N. Y. The ushers were Edward L. Allen and George J. Pearson.

The second of the Berkeley subscription dances was given on Thursday evening in the assembly room of the Institute. The Dance Committee included Miss Henrietta Jones, Miss Elsie Fuller, Miss Julia J. Ketcham, Miss Theo McCord, Miss Clara B. Adams, Miss Julia Sherman. Among the patronesses were Mrs. William H. Ziegler, Mrs. William F. Fuller, Mrs. James H. Oliphant, Mrs. Herbert T. Ketcham, Mrs. Adolphus P. Day, and Mrs. A. D. Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L. Bell celebrated the first anniversary of their wedding on Thursday at their home, No. 225 Ely-third-st., Bensonhurst, with a reception from 2 until 10 p. m. The drawing rooms were decorated with holly, palms and Christmas greens. The guests were received by Mrs. Charles H. Bell and Miss M. L. Clark. Following the reception there was a general merrymaking, which lasted till midnight.

The engagement is announced of Miss Maud Adena Durham, of Hancock-st., to William M. Adena, of Brooklyn.

MADE STANLEY'S SENTENCE LIGHT. For impersonating a United States pension agent, with intent to defraud, William Stanley, of No. 73 Prospect Park, was sentenced to a term of ten months' imprisonment in the Elmira Reformatory, with pay a fine of \$100. In June last Stanley, with Henry Hart, who is now serving a two years' term in Elmira, attempted by fraud, it was charged, to get possession of the \$50 pension due his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dorothea Felcke.

Judge Thomas made the sentence light because Stanley's wife had been a judge in the case, and in view of the fact that Stanley had not perjured himself as Hart had done in the case. Stanley was sentenced to a term of ten months' imprisonment in the Elmira Reformatory, with pay a fine of \$100. In June last Stanley, with Henry Hart, who is now serving a two years' term in Elmira, attempted by fraud, it was charged, to get possession of the \$50 pension due his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dorothea Felcke.

Patriotic, Secret and Business Societies. Tribune Almanac, 1901.

GOSSIP IN THE BOROUGH

When Hugh McLaughlin was asked at his home in Remsen-st. on New Year's night by a Tribune reporter whether he had received many calls from prominent politicians during the day, the veteran leader of the Kings County Democracy picked up a little, old, red covered book from the parlor table, and said, in his dry, humorous way:

"Young man, this book contains the names of many men, all politicians. Most of them are now in heaven, but some of them have been calling on me every New Year's day for a generation. I am transported to Van Diemen's Land or to South Africa to fight the Boers, and foreigners who are not politicians should be sent back to the country whence they came."

One of the coming dinners of interest in club circles is that of the "Properly Engrossed." This mystic phrase describes the members of the Crescent Athletic Club, who formed the original nucleus of the organization, and whose names in the first book of proposals for membership were properly engrossed in old English fashion. About twenty-five names were so engrossed, and, while about thirty names, written afterward in the most approved style of penmanship, were not "properly engrossed," they were not so improperly engrossed as to be omitted from the list. It has been thought best not to insist too strongly on the really properly engrossed names, but to accept of the others as members, some have since become members of other organizations and some are dead. William H. Ford, a certain Mayor of Albany, is the only one who is still a member of the "Properly Engrossed."

The rental clerk in the Children's Shelter in Schermerhorn-st. was at his desk last Thursday when a friend came in, rubbing his hands and complaining of the cold.

"Say, do you know," said the friend, after a few remarks, "they say this is the coldest day this century."

"What's that?" exclaimed the clerk, surprised at his friend's statement. "Are you crazy? It isn't so very cold to-day."

"That's all right," was the reply. "This is the coldest day of the century. The records show it."

The clerk thought for a moment, and then a light came to him. "Get out of here," he cried. "That'll do for you."

"That's a good one," mused the clerk. "I'll try that on some of those bright young people at the dinner table."

"Cold," said some one to the clerk that night. A smile came to the clerk's face as he said soberly: "Yes, it has been the coldest day this century. The records show."

"That you will be a case for the attention of the Coroner," broke in the man next on the right. "That's a good one," mused the clerk. "I'll try that on some of those bright young people at the dinner table."

There has been some speculation as to whether Congressman-elect Henry Bristow will resign his place as City Magistrate when he takes his seat in the House next March. His term as Magistrate will expire anyway in May, and, naturally, Mr. Bristow would like to serve out his term until the end. There seems to be no law which forbids such cases. Should the Democrats object to his retaining his office—Mr. Bristow is a Republican—he can point to two Democratic precedents. Some years ago Daniel O'Reilly, when elected to Congress, was a member of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen, and when elected to Congress, he resigned his office when a member of Congress, and it is said stood out firmly against a strong effort to make him resign.

DON'T WANT SALARIES REDUCED.

Brooklyn teachers urge voters to ask legislators to uphold the Davis bill. The teachers do not intend to lose the good salaries which they are now enjoying under the Davis bill if they can prevent the proposed amendments to the measure. They have thought of a scheme whereby the members of the Legislature from Kings County will be deluged with requests that they do all in their power to block any proposed legislation against the Davis bill. Within the last few days two cards like the following have been sent out broadcast throughout the borough:

Hon. Senator, ... Senatorial District, Hon. Assemblyman, ... Assembly District of Kings.

You are respectfully requested to do all in your power to prevent any amendments to the Davis bill which would reduce the salaries of the teachers of this city. The Davis bill is the best law governing the public schools of this city, and it is the duty of every citizen to support it. The teachers of this city are entitled to the salaries provided in the Davis bill, and they are entitled to the same salaries as the teachers of other cities. The teachers of this city are entitled to the salaries provided in the Davis bill, and they are entitled to the same salaries as the teachers of other cities.

The cards are accompanied by circulars requesting the recipients to sign the cards and forward them to their representatives at Albany. The cards contain a number of active teachers' associations, and the men in charge of their efforts that the present Davis bill was passed.

TROLLEY CAR KILLS CHILD.

Both his legs cut off and his dies before ambulance arrives. Vernon Anderson, six years old, whose home was at No. 1118 Forty-eighth-st., Brooklyn, was run down by trolley car No. 219 of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company at Thirty-eighth-st. and Fifth-ave. yesterday afternoon. Both legs were amputated and the child was dead before the arrival of the ambulance. The child was taken to the Norwegian Hospital.

John Murphy, of No. 24 Nineteenth-st., the motorman, was arrested and taken to the Fourth-ave. police station on the charge of homicide.

PRAIRIE INSTITUTE NOTES.

The special Christmas music, sung by the high school week before Christmas, was repeated on Tuesday morning, by special request. On Thursday morning the pupils from the Mollenhauer Conservatory of Music gave a musical for the high school. W. S. Perry resumed his course of art lectures, after the short vacation, on Wednesday afternoon, when he spoke on "Byzantine Art." The subject announced for the lecture next Wednesday is "The Art of Early Medieval Europe."

ATTACHES CHOSEN FRIENDS' MONEY. Sheriff Walton of Kings County, under an order in the suit of Daniel A. Fuller, of Brooklyn, a member of the Order of Chosen Friends, now in the hands of a receiver in Indiana, has attached funds amounting to over \$1,000 upon deposit by the order in the Sprague National Bank. The policy which Mr. Fuller had in the order entitled his daughter to \$2,000 if he died before attaining the age of twenty-one. It is held beyond that age the order agreed to pay \$1,000 in cash to the daughter, and four instalments of \$250 each. Mr. Fuller, who is now seventy-six years old, received the \$1,000 and the balance of the \$2,000, but the money was not paid when it became due, on November 21 last.

BROOKLYN'S ORCHID SHOW.

NEW VARIETIES AND HYBRIDS TO BE SHOWN AT PROSPECT PARK FLOWER SHOW FOR THE FIRST TIME.

The orchid display at the Prospect Park flower show should be at its best about the end of the week. Some of the more showy and interesting varieties are now in bloom, and the display throughout the month should be good. There is one peculiarity about orchids, however, which prevents the show of an elaborate mass of bloom in a well assorted collection, even at the height of the season. Each variety has its own blooming period, and cannot be coaxed into coming out before its time. The park gardeners say it is impossible to show a great mass of flowers at any one time except by growing a large number of specimens of each variety, and showing a few kinds only at their blossoming time. Although



GROUP OF NEW YEAR ORCHIDS. Prospect Park (Brooklyn) Flower Show.

one large greenhouse is given up entirely to orchids, it would be necessary to have many times the present room to make orchids a feature of the show as elaborate as carnations or chrysanthemums in their season.

What the Prospect Park collection lacks in quantity, however, is compensated for in quality. The variety of specimens shown in one season will, it is claimed, compare favorably with that of any other public collection in this country. Frank Segnitz, the gardener in charge, has had an extensive experience, both in Germany and in this country, in the care of fine private collections, and D. C. Thompson, the head gardener, looks upon one of the most capable orchid propagators in the country. It is the policy of Mr. Thompson to secure the finest specimens at the earliest moment, and among the blooms of this season some African varieties and fine hybrids in the genus of the Cypripediums, several of the prettiest of the Cypripediums, several in the genus of the Dendrobium phalaenopsis, a variety of Cattleyas, of which the Cattleya trianae and Cattleya virginialis are conspicuous, including a Cypripedium levizium, and a fine specimen of the Cypripedium hirsutum, several of the genus of the Dendrobium phalaenopsis, a variety of Cattleyas, of which the Cattleya trianae and Cattleya virginialis are conspicuous, including a Cypripedium levizium, and a fine specimen of the Cypripedium hirsutum.

At the north end of the orchid house has been boarded up, and against it have been banked a mass of begonias and other foliage. The group of plants illustrated was arranged in front of this bank.

HE REFUSED TO PAY.

EMPLOYEE WAS SUSPICIOUS OF BROOKLYN MEDICAL COMPANY—IT DISCHARGED HIM. Dr. H. D. Wilbur, president of the Vitae Medical Company, of No. 22 Montague-st., Brooklyn, will be asked by the police, if they find him, to throw light on the operations of the concern, which, through the agency of a man named John C. Brennan, has been stripping of its fixtures. The expensive chandeliers have been taken away by the gas man, who received nothing for his work, and the furniture has been removed. A large safe and a typewriting outfit remain. Cohen, the manager, now in jail on a charge of \$500 out of him by working the employment dodge. He said he worked for the company for four days, but was discharged when, on account of his suspicions, he would not give up his \$500. He was kept busy copying names of druggists all over the country out of his agency book. He was constantly pestered about the \$500 which he had not paid. The men promised to give him a bond on Manhattan property, and he got his lawyer to meet him at the company's office. When they refused to let the lawyer take the bond away with him for better inspection, the lawyer advised him to pay nothing. Then he got his walking papers.

The detectives who had the office in "The Mail and Express" Building in Manhattan, but were forced to get out because the police of the precinct made it too warm for them, and the owners of the building objected to their tenancy.

MANY WORTHLESS BONDS.

ABOUT FIFTY SAID TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN BROOKLYN POLICE COURTS—CRIME IS PERJURY. District Attorney Clarke has discovered that about fifty straw bonds have recently been offered to and accepted by police magistrates in Kings County. He is also alleged to have found that the men who went on them were John Conway, Owen Pendergast and John Bowe. He proposes to punish the men who give worthless bonds, and has instructed Detective Harrington, of the Police Headquarters, to go ahead in the matter.

Many defendants, who had been bailed out on straw bonds, had appeared in court at the proper time, and had had their cases disposed of. When some of them failed to appear recently, it is said that Conway, Pendergast and Bowe disappeared. Mr. Clarke said all these straw bonds had been given in police courts. A man who went on such a bond was guilty of perjury, and the man in question, if caught, would be prosecuted for that crime. The maximum punishment is ten years.

NO SKATING IN PROSPECT PARK. There will be no skating in Prospect Park to-day, despite the positive assertions in yesterday's Brooklyn papers that there would be. Captain McNamara, of the Park police, told a Tribune reporter last evening that skating on the lake to-day was entirely out of the question, and that the opportunities for bathing were quite good. The water for skating, if the present temperature held, however, there might be skating to-morrow on the inner lake, although not so far as the

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER FREEMAN.

HIS SERVICES IN THE NAVY—MAY BE RE-TIRED BECAUSE OF BRAIN TROUBLE.

Lieutenant-Commander Edward R. Freeman, who expects to go to Washington this week to be examined with a view to his retirement on account of physical disability, served in the Spanish war on the cruiser Cincinnati in the capacity of chief engineer. He was appointed on Mississippi in 1873, and became an assistant engineer in 1877. He served on the old Hartford and the Trenton, and was for a time in the draughting room of the Bureau of Steam Engineering. Then he became an inspector of new vessels being constructed for the Navy, and after cruises on the Concord and New-York, became a member of the Steel Board in 1894. He remained in this place until promoted to the rank of chief engineer in 1897. He went back to the Bureau of Steam Engineering, and then took a tour of duty on the gunboat Nashville. At the outbreak of



WHITMAN'S RIDE.

PROFESSOR BOURNE CALLED TO ACCOUNT FOR DENYING TO THE MISSIONARY THE CREDIT OF SAVING OREGON TO THIS COUNTRY.

to the Editor of the Tribune. In the Tribune of December 31, 1899, states that in his address before the American Historical Association, in Detroit, Professor Bourne set out to prove that Marcus Whitman did not save Oregon by his famous ride to Washington in 1842-43. He said the story was fabricated by Whitman's missionary colleague, the Rev. H. H. Spalding, to enlist public interest in the work of the missionaries, and to gratify his desire to cover Catholics and the Hudson Bay people, whom he charged with Whitman's murder.

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SAYS HE IS A WORLD WANDERER.

PRISONER ASKS TO BE SENT TO JAIL IN BROOKLYN TO REST FROM TRAVELLING. An interesting prisoner yesterday in the Grand-st. police court was John Byrnes, fifty-four years old, who described himself as a world wanderer, while the police call him a professional tramp. He wore a thick coat, however, and had an entertaining budget of experiences of travel to tell.

When the Civil War broke out, Byrnes, at the age of fifteen, was forced into a Texas regiment in the Confederate army, and, having a little musical talent, was made clarinet player in the band of the regiment. After the war he enlisted in the Regular Army, and served eleven years as a musician in the 24th and 30th Infantry, and the Army a quarter of a century ago. He then went to Mexico, and wrote stories of adventure. His father had been killed on the Union side in the war, and he had never received anything from Mexico or South America, though he travelled from Mexico to the Argentine Republic, and climbed the mountains of Peru and Chile.

Patrolman Lambert, of the Grand-ave. station, found Byrnes lying down in the East Side lands, and he was taken to the police station. He had a beard and boarder gray. His shoes were tied with strips of rags and his yellow jeans had seen much better days. He wore a thick coat, however, and had a tin flute, which he told Magistrate Street was the only friend he had in the world. In the court pen he related his wanderings. He explained, after each verse, how his song described his life. He asked, after which he proposes to continue his travels.

FLAGS FOR THE ALABAMA.

BATTALION COLORS PRESENTED BY WIFE OF BATTLESHIP'S CAPTAIN. Battalion colors were presented to the Alabama yesterday morning by Mrs. W. H. Brownson, wife of the captain of the battleship. Her daughter, Miss Caroline, made the formal address when the flags were handed over to the vessel. The entire ship's company, officers and band took part in the presentation of the silk colors.

The ship's crew about 11 o'clock marched ashore, headed by the band of the Alabama, and were drawn up on the waterfront of the Navy Yard, near the battleship. Captain Brownson and Lieutenant-Commander Badger faced the men, and behind them were two marines with battalion colors. Near the colors stood Mrs. Brownson and her daughter. In presenting the battalion colors, consisting of the National ensign and the blue infantry flag, Miss Brownson said:

On behalf of my mother I present to the officers and crew of the Alabama these colors, and will now permit me to mine to her just wishes for a pleasant cruise. May success ever attend this grand ship!

Executive Officer Badger accepted the colors, the color guard advanced and received the flags, unfurling them to the formal address of the "The Star Spangled Banner." Then the ship's new passed in review, returning to the warship. On board, the officers of the Vermont Club, through Mrs. Brownson, Miss Brownson and several invited guests were entertained at luncheon by Captain H. C. Taylor.

WOMAN HELD ON INFANTICIDE CHARGE.

Mrs. Antonette Bacato, of No. 22 Walton-st., Brooklyn, arrested on Friday on suspicion of having caused the death of her infant, was remanded yesterday by Magistrate Kramer in the Lee-ave. court, pending an examination on a charge of infanticide. Dr. Wuest, the Coroner's physician, made an autopsy and said the cuts on the left side of the child had been inflicted after death, and that the death had been due to exposure, and that the woman had made the fatal cuts in an effort to dispose of the body, but that her courage had failed. The woman said the child died from natural causes, and she kept the body hidden in a tub in the yard until she learned that the police were going to arrest her, when she removed it to her apartments, where it was found.

G. A. R. OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED.

The public installation of officers of U. S. Grant Post, No. 227, G. A. R., will be held in the headquarters in the Johnston Building, Nevins-st. and Flatbush-ave., next Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock. The installation will be conducted by General N. W. Curtis and his staff. General Curtis will also make the address of the evening. The Mandolin Club of the Boys' High School will furnish the music.

The following are the new officers: Commander, George W. Brush; senior vice-commander, A. H. Adjutant, William W. Brodie; junior vice-commander, J. H. Whitaker; surgeon, James J. Rapp; chaplain, J. O'Reilly; officer of the day, Miles; sergeant-major, C. B. French; quartermaster, sergeant, John Stewart.

FORT GEORGE CAR SERVICE.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Several weeks ago I noticed a letter in your paper regarding the infrequent service of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company for Washington Heights. I fully corroborate all that was stated in the letter. The same experience I have had in the cold and in the snow. I have had numbers of cars passed, and I was tired with the number of cars. I thought I would count one day the number of cars that passed the station. I counted eleven passed me, and one that was a car. I thought I would count one day the number of cars that passed the station. I counted eleven passed me, and one that was a car.

THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY.

HIGH TIME STEPS WERE TAKEN TO SECURE IT FROM THE HUDSON. To the Editor of the Tribune. Under date of March 22, 1899, John R. Freeman, one of the ablest and possibly the most practical of hydraulic engineers in the United States, after thorough investigation reported to Controller Coler that it would be necessary for the authorities during the summer of that year to take action to provide for a needed water supply of New-York, as it would take at least five years to build reservoirs, aqueducts, etc., and five years to have the limit of water supply in the city. This report was followed, in August of the same year, by that of the engineers of the Merchants' Association, all of them able men, who reached the same conclusions; and both reports concur in stating that the best supply for the city of New-York for the future was to be obtained from the Hudson river above Poughkeepsie, the water to be carried after thorough investigation reported to Controller Coler that it would be necessary for the authorities during the summer of that year to take action to provide for a needed water supply of New-York, as it would take at least five years to build reservoirs, aqueducts, etc., and five years to have the limit of water supply in the city.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

RESULTS PROVE IT FAR FROM PERFECT. THINKS THE REV. DR. VAN DE WATER.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: I bring no railing accusation of inefficiency against our public schools, but I can certify to the following facts, which have moved in a mercantile house of importance in this city, each of whom attended a public school until he was fourteen years of age, were wholly unable on a recent occasion of inventory to do more ordinary sums in multiplication, where fractions were not involved. Boys frequently applying for positions as clerks in the public school system is perfect, here is occasion for reflection.

GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER, St. Andrew's Church, Rector's Office, New-York, Dec. 30, 1900.

THE ADVANTAGE OF THE "DAVIS LAW."

A TAXPAYER THINKS THE SCHOOL TEACHERS' SALARIES SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: In that portion of the report of the Charter Revision Commission to the Department of Education the Commission recommends that the salary schedule of the so-called Davis law be repealed, giving as its reasons that the law provided for "the same minima and annual increments throughout the city with regard to the expenses of living in the localities where teachers were employed or the salaries which had been granted before the consolidation."

It is to be questioned whether the regulating of salaries by the expenses of living in the localities where teachers are employed is altogether just. Logically, salaries should be proportioned to the work performed. And if the same standard and curriculum are to be maintained throughout the city, it is equally logical that the salaries should be the same, regardless of salaries paid in what were village schools before consolidation.

The proposed increase in cost of maintenance of the school system—would be valid if the salaries paid under the Davis law were excessive. At the start \$900 a year—\$11.53 a week—while the salary is increased for meritorious service \$40 a year, the salary of a male teacher receives \$800 a year—\$17.30 a week—at the start, with an annual increase of \$10 for meritorious service for twelve years, when the maximum salary of \$2,100 is reached. The highest salaries paid to principals are \$3,000 a year, and to superintendents \$4,000 a year, and \$5,000 to men. No one familiar with the education, duties and the work of a teacher in a New-York public school will assert that these salaries are excessive. A female teacher receives \$700 a year, and a male teacher receives \$800 a year, and a male teacher receives \$800 a year, and a male teacher receives \$800 a year.

The advantage of the Davis law is that it offers some inducement to persons of scholarly attainments to become teachers and to remain such, by a gradual increase of salary for meritorious service. Some such inducement is necessary if the best class of teachers is to be obtained. It is unfortunate that the Commission, in its admirable report, has sought to economize the expenses of the city government by recommending a reduction of salaries to the level of the salaries of the most overworked and underpaid as well as the most faithful of its employees.

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DR. RAINSFORD'S TEACHING.

AN OLD READER OF THE TRIBUNE THINKS IT DANGEROUS. To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: My age is nearly eighty-seven. Before the birth of Christ, the apostle Paul, who was the New-York Tribune instructed and cheered me. His evident aim has ever been to publish fact and truth, to elevate and bless society. My great age has not yet chloroformed my hope of usefulness, hence an occasional article from my pen has been honored by the Tribune and other papers.

Your issue of December 6 I have a brief report of Dr. Rainford's teaching, in which he has grossly misstated: (1) that the Apostles had grossly misstated the teachings of Jesus Christ; (2) had incorporated their mistakes into the New Testament; (3) the Church had been grossly misled; (4) the prayer book's teachings had been largely influenced by a muddled handling of the Bible, which did not discriminate between the spiritual teachings of Jesus and the concepts of the Pharisees; (5) charges St. Jude with a delightful theological and grossly misstated twisting of the meaning of Jesus in explaining His non-appearance by urging that, with the Lord, one thousand years were as one day, and (6) the writer of the Book of Revelation had been misled in prophesying of the second coming of the Lord. I shall rule them with a rod of iron, he shall dash them in pieces as a potter's vessel. "Scarcely could imagine a more grotesque than the lamb changed into a roaring lion."

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