EASY FOR GIRL SLAYER.

ACTION OF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY PIERCE CAUSES SURPRISE.

EQUAL ASTONISHMENT AT HIS INSISTING ON TRYING DEAN AND MARSHALL AFTER DAVIS'S ACQUITTAL.

Twenty years in prison was the sentence imposed by Judge Cowing yesterday in the Court of General Sessions in the case of Michael Keating, who killed his sweetheart, Mary Smith, a belle of Cherry Hill, last fall. Keating, who is nineteen years old, was allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter in the first degree on the recommendation of Franklin Pierce, the Assistant District Attorney, who said:

The very fact that he [the prisoner] was brandishing the revolver, the going off of which resulted in the death of the deceased, seems to me to make it a case of at least murder in the second degree. But I have found recently that juries do not accept the version of the District Attorney, however honest and however well fortified it may be.

Keating went to the home of Mary Smith and shot her. His act was called at the time a cold blooded murder, and it was said that he boasted of his crime after it was committed. The recommendation by Mr. Pierce of the acceptance of Keating's plea of manslaughter caused surprise in the Criminal Courts Building yesterday, it having been supposed that Keating could be convicted of murder without much difficulty. In imposing sentence Judge Cowing said that Keating had committed an atrocious crime, for which a jury could find him guilty of murder in the first degree, and the District Attorney had extended to him extreme clemency. In the circumstances, the judge said, the extreme penalty for manslaughter in the first degree must be imposed.

Keating took his sentence with apparent composure. Before he was led from the courtroom he received another token of Mr. Pierce's sympathy. Mr. Pierce leaned over the railing and shook hands with Keating.

The statement of Mr. Pierce that he had found recently that juries did not accept the District Attorney's version was supposed to refer to the case of Jesse R. Davis, the former Bellevue Hospital nurse, who was acquitted of responsibility for the death of Louis H. Hilliard in the insane pavilion of the hospital. Mr. Pierce conducted the trial of Davis, and seemed to be disappointed because the jury acquitted the prisoner. It was said about the Criminal Courts Building, immediately after the verdict in the Davis case was announced, that the indictments found against Edward O. Dean and Clinton L. Marshall, the nurses who were with Davis at the time of Hilliard's death, would be dismissed. The evidence against Davis was said to be stronger than the evidence against the other nurses. Mr. Pierce has insisted upon the trial of Dean and Marshall, however, and he announced on Monday that their cases would be placed on the calendar in the Court of General Sessions yesterday, to have the time of their trial set.

The cases of Dean and Marshall were called yesterday in the Court of General Sessions, and Judge Cowing directed their trial to be set down for March 19. Mr. Wellman, counsel for the defendants, wanted the trial to go over from the present term, but Assistant District Attorney Pierce asked for a speedy hearing, and the date of March 19 was agreed on.

Mr. Pierce said the acquittal of Davis would not interfere with the trial of the other nurses. At the same time it was said in the Criminal Courts Building that it probably would be impossible to secure the testimony of Thomas J. Minnock, the star witness for the prosecution in the Davis case, as Minnock had fled to Philadelphia and was not expected to be willing to return to this city. Persons in the Criminal Courts Building who had watched the developments in the Davis case said yesterday that they were almost as much surprised at the action of Mr. Pierce in the cases of Dean and Marshall as they were astonished at his action in the case of Keating, the murderer.

NEW-HAVEN WANTS WESTERN FREIGHT.

COMPLETES AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE LEHIGH VALLEY TO USE BOSTON AS AN OUTLET.

New-Haven, Conn., March 5 (Special).—No more important step has been taken in years by the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford road than the recent arrangement which has been effected with the Lehigh Valley road, by which the Consolidated is to increase its Western freight business and, using Boston as an outlet, begin a new departure as an exporting grain and produce carrier. The first move has already been made in this direction, and it is expected by the New-Haven road managers that within a short time the Consolidated will be handling at least its share of the business that comes over the rails from the West.

President C. P. Clark of the New-Haven road was always opposed to any such plan, but when his successor, John M. Hall, entered the office the plan above outlined was at once put into force. For two years this plan has been steadily moving forward, until, with the addition to the official list of the road of the new freight manager and vice-president, Percy R. Todd, formerly of the Lake Shore, almost complete arrangements have now been made. A new era for the New-Haven is now opened, and incidentally an interesting phase of the railroad rate war brought into relief.

Railroad men here disclaim any intention on the part of the New-Haven road of competing with the Pennsylvania or the New-York Central for the bulk of the business, but with its Boston terminal, gained through its New-England dependency, the Consolidated is in a position to make a fair fight for what business rightfully belongs to it. Railroad men here say there will be no break in the harmonious relations between this road and the Pennsylvania or New-York Central because of its new departure. No one line can get all the business, and the only position which the New-Haven takes is that it is entitled to its share of the long haul business.

COURT DECLINES TO REMOVE REISS.

BUT ORDERS HIM TO MAKE AN ACCOUNTING OF CORDAGE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.

Justice Gaynor, in the Brooklyn Supreme Court, yesterday denied the application for the removal of Bert Reiss as receiver of the John Good Cordage Company. Justice Gaynor, however, has directed Mr. Reiss to make an accounting to the court of the affairs of the company. If this accounting is not satisfactory the receiver may be removed.

The application for removal was made by Ira Leo Bamberger on behalf of the North Side Bank of Brooklyn, John G. Jenkins and other creditors of the Cordage Company. It was based on allegations that Mr. Reiss had drawn a large amount of money belonging to the company from the Kings County Trust Company. It was further alleged that he was incompetent to manage the affairs of the company.

BURGLAR KNOCKS WOMAN DOWN.

SHE PURSUES AND CAUSES ARREST OF MAN WELL SUPPLIED WITH JEWELRY.

Two of the many burglaries that are of daily occurrence in Brooklyn came to public notice yesterday because of plucky people who, finding the thieves at work, pursued them and secured their arrest.

When Mrs. Mary Doyle returned to her apartment at No. 1,456 Pacific-st. at 4 p. m., she found two men just leaving. She screamed, and was promptly knocked down. Getting up, she followed the fleeing men, crying all the time for assistance. Patrolman Parker managed to catch one of the men, but the other escaped.

At the station house the prisoner described himself as Harry Woods, twenty-two years old, of No. 253 Fifth-ave. On his person was a gold pin, which Mrs. Doyle identified as being her property. It seems to have been all the men had an opportunity of getting in her apartment. Evidences of other robberies were found in the following list of valuables taken from Woods: One gold watch and chain, one diamond locket, one diamond collar button, one gold watch engraved with the name of Patrick Philippi, one diamond ring, one pair of diamond sleeve links, $61 77 in money, and six pawntickets representing jewelry.

The other burglar captured said he was Harry Smith, thirty-three years old, of No. 1,862 Fulton-st. He was surprised while going through the apartment of Mrs. B. Herbert, on the first floor of No. 618 Bainbridge-st., at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Smith ran into the street and was pursued by Christopher Othello, of No. 18 Rockaway-ave. As Othello gained upon him Smith turned and fired four shots in rapid succession. They all went wide of the mark, but resulted in summoning Patrolman Snyder, of the Hamburg-ave. station, who caught the fugitive. At the station house a pocketbook belonging to Mrs. Herbert was found; also a gold watch marked "G. St. C. & Co.," a diamond charm and a wishbone scarfpin set with five diamonds.

STRIKE CAUSED THIS FAILURE.

ASSIGNEE OF A COAL FIRM SAYS MIDDLEMEN ARE DRIVEN OUT.

Mrs. Margaret Wells, wholesale dealer in coal at No. 1 Broadway, made an assignment in Brooklyn yesterday to Joseph E. Ennis. The business was conducted in her name by her son, Joseph K. Wells, as agent. He has been identified with the coal trade for thirty years. The assignment is attributed to the coal miners' strike in Pennsylvania last fall. Mr. Ennis, the assignee, said that contracts were made then which could not be filled. Then, again, methods of business had changed of late, which would result in practically driving out the middlemen in the coal trade. He could give no figures as to assets or liabilities. Trade estimates are that the liabilities are over $50,000.

JEALOUSY LED TO MURDER.

ITALIAN GIRL SHOT IN MULBERRY-ST. WAS A CONCERT HALL PERFORMER.

The Italian girl who was murdered in Mulberry-st. yesterday morning, as briefly told in The Tribune, was an actress, her stage name being Mamie Cyrelli. Her murderer, Antonio Triolo, twenty years old, of No. 55 Oliver-st., is under arrest in the Elizabeth-st. station.

The tragedy was the result of jealousy. The murdered girl lived with her mother, Santina Magano, a widow, thirty years old, at No. 40 Madison-st. The mother is an actress, and she and her daughter have been performing in small concert halls and other resorts frequented by Italians.

LAWYER CUTS HIS THROAT.

SUICIDE SUPPOSED TO BE DUE TO TEMPORARY INSANITY.

William Benedict, a lawyer, forty years old, living with his wife on the second floor of the flathouse at No. 150 West Sixty-sixth-st., committed suicide yesterday morning by cutting his throat with a razor. The only reason that can be ascribed for the suicide is that Benedict had been suffering from grip and other ailments and took his life in a fit of temporary insanity.

Mrs. Benedict left her husband asleep in bed at 11 o'clock while she went downtown to do some shopping. On her return at 12:30 o'clock she discovered her husband's body. Benedict had an office in the Pulitzer Building.

COURT THOUGHT VERDICT EXCESSIVE.

BUT RAILROAD IS REBUKED FOR NOT FURNISHING BETTER ACCOMMODATIONS.

In setting aside a verdict for $5,000 against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad as being excessive Justice Gaynor, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday delivered a brief address on the prejudice of juries, and took occasion to condemn the railroad company for not furnishing more adequate accommodations.

The verdict set aside was that obtained by Lottie Crocker. The court said that the defendant had shown other cause for the woman's injuries than the accident named in the case. Justice Gaynor then went on to defend the jury from a charge of prejudice, and continuing in general said:

That jurymen are prejudiced against this railroad company on account of the way they are treated by it I, of course, well know from hearing them examined from day to day. But they do not allow such prejudice to influence them. It is not easy for judges and jurymen who go home to luncheon in the middle of the day and have to stand up in the cars, as a rule, both going and coming for lack of a seat, although there is plenty of room on the street for more cars, to come back feeling altogether pleasant toward the company.

"KID" McCOY AND "MAJOR" TAYLOR SAIL.

THE PUGILIST AND CHAMPION WHEELMAN START FOR EUROPE.

Among the passengers on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which sailed yesterday for Cherbourg, Southampton and Bremen were "Kid" McCoy, the pugilist, and "Major" Taylor, the negro bicycle rider.

This will be McCoy's third trip abroad within a few months. He came from Europe on the Kaiser last week. According to a friend, he has gone over to see a little more of the European Continent. Taylor will spend two months racing in Paris. He has been assured an income of $3,000 for the trip, it is said, but it is thought that he will clear $10,000.

BIG GERMAN LOAN TO BE OFFERED HERE.

Speyer & Co., bankers, of this city, confirm the report that they are going to offer for subscription in this country the whole of a loan for 15,000,000 marks for the city of Frankfort, Germany. The bonds will be offered at about 96, and will bear 3½ per cent interest. Principal and interest will be payable in this city.

LOST DESPITE MANDAMUS.

COURT ORDER DOES NOT SAVE RECORDS BOND ISSUE.

RESOLUTION FOR MONEY TO INCREASE BROOKLYN WATER SUPPLY LOST IN THE COUNCIL—CITY FLAGS TO FLY ON ST PATRICK'S DAY.

Various members of the Municipal Council were served yesterday with papers in mandamus proceedings ordering them to vote on an appropriation of $2,000,000, the second instalment for the construction work of the new Hall of Records. In spite of the mandamus and the possibility of a fine the resolution was lost, fifteen voting in the affirmative, and two Councilmen, Brice and Wise, refusing to vote.

Councilman Brice said:

I have been notified by my attorney that on Friday I am to be before the Supreme Court on a contempt of court charge. That refers to the previous mandamus, which case I have fought for over a year. I will fight this matter if I never do anything else. I can only say, I do not see how I can be placed in such a position when I always voted as the court desired. I will not vote on this bond issue to-day until I know what action the court might take in my case if I did vote.

A resolution authorizing a bond issue of $302,640 for the Commercial High School was then brought up and adopted. The school, if ever built, will be at Sixty-sixth-st. and Amsterdam-ave.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies to have State, municipal and national flags flying on city buildings on March 18, in honor of St. Patrick. March 18 is selected, as St. Patrick's Day, March 17, is Sunday.

A resolution asking the heads of departments to close their offices on Good Friday, April 5, was adopted.

A resolution setting aside "The Farm," the strip of asphalt in West-st., from Bowling Green to Gansevoort Market, for the use of children as a playground on Sundays and holidays from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., was adopted.

Councilman Conly introduced a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Commissioner of Bridges to provide sufficient and adequate shelter for passengers waiting for trolley cars at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Bridge. The resolution was approved.

A resolution was introduced by Councilman Doyle authorizing the appropriation of $1,500,000 for the furtherance of the water supply in Brooklyn. The amount was approved by the Board of Estimate on January 18. The resolution was lost.

SHELTER FOR BRIDGE TRAVELLERS.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY—P. J. GLEASON AGAINST MORE GRAVEYARDS.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution providing for a shelter for passengers at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Bridge. It was also passed by the Municipal Council yesterday.

Patrick J. Gleason, ex-mayor of Long Island City, unexpectedly made his appearance on the floor of the Aldermen's Chamber when the report of the Committee on Streets and Highways in favor of certain changes in the map of the Borough of Queens came up. After some discussion he received the privilege of addressing the board. He denounced the measure and said it ought not to be passed until the residents of the borough had been heard.

The measure proposes to close several streets in the Borough of Queens, adjoining Calvary Cemetery, for the obvious purpose of giving more territory to the cemetery.

"Our borough," said Mr. Gleason, "should be called the 'Borough of Graveyards' instead of the Borough of Queens, the way we are treated. The graveyards have more ground than they can use in one hundred years for burying purposes."

The clerk read messages from Mayor Van Wyck vetoing resolutions for permitting the Aguilar Library to erect an ornamental sign, and one permitting the Camp Memorial Church to erect a transparent sign at Delancey and Chrystie sts. The church is in the "Red Light" district and its pastor has assisted the Rev. Mr. Paddock in the fight against vice.

A resolution providing for an appropriation of $250,000 for extension of water mains in rBooklyn was passed.

The Committee on Water reported favorably in a resolution providing for a pumping station at the Jerome Park, to cost $80,000. After a lively tilt between Aldermen Geiger and Wafer, the report was referred back to the committee.

COUNSEL FINISH ARGUMENTS.

VICE-CHANCELLOR RESERVES DECISION IN AMERICAN SMELTING COMPANY CASE.

Vice-Chancellor Emery, at Newark, yesterday reserved decision at the conclusion of the argument of counsel in the suit brought by some stockholders of the American Smelting and Refining Company to restrain the company's officers from acquiring the plant and goodwill of M. Guggenheim's Sons at a figure agreed upon, on the ground that the property is not worth the price to be paid.

A statement signed by all the counsel for the company was submitted to the court in answer to two questions, namely: May the directors properly issue stock for property when, in their judgment, the property is not worth the amount of the par of stock to be issued? The answer is in the negative. The second question was: If it is evident that the directors intend to go counter to this rule, may equity enjoin them? To this question the counsel answered that there was large room for doubt, and that the court should not attempt to decide this question until a case was presented requiring it. The present case was not such a case. The statement then went into the elements of value of the property to be acquired and for which stock was to be issued.

The Vice-Chancellor remarked that he thought the statute giving "conscious overvaluation as the basis of fraud" was applicable in this case. Consequently he believed the case had resolved itself largely into the question whether the action of these directors in appraising the various properties concerned had warranted the assumption that the values had been deliberately inflated.

Samuel Untermyer, of counsel for the Guggenheims, supplemented his argument of the day before, and declared that the arrangement of the company with his clients was a sound business bargain.

Richard V. Lindabury, of counsel for the stockholders, made the final argument. He said that if there was an attempt to water stock to the extent of $30,000,000, the harm would be incalculable. Every legislature had declared against watering stock. There was a great principle involved in the case, and any one who said that the violation of that principle was sound business did not know what he was talking about. The statutes of New-Jersey had become the plaything of Wall Street. It was well known that the statutes were being openly evaded in New-York at the behest of Wall Street and for speculative interests. The action of the American company directors was the boldest evasion of the statutes. In reply to Mr. Untermyer, Mr. Lindabury asked if he thought anybody out of the nursery would accept the theory that the American company stock was worth $100 a share—stock that for months had sold for from $40 to $50 a share. There were lean years and fat years for stocks, as well as for Egyptian kine.

When the court made its announcement that the case would be taken under advisement, Mr. Lindabury intimated that, should the ruling be against his clients, he might apply for a stay to prevent the final consummation of the deal.

THINKS BLACKMAIL HIS PURPOSE.

George Duysters, a member of the law firm of Kneeland, La Fetra & Glaze, at No. 346 Broadway, complained to the West Thirtieth-st. police station last evening that one of his clients, John W. Fletcher, of No. 144 West Forty-second-st., had been visited twice in the evening by a man who impersonated a detective from the Central Office. The man had told Fletcher that he was going to make a complaint against him to the police and would also appear in the Jefferson Market police court in the morning. He did not declare the nature of the complaint.

Duysters said he believed the man tried to frighten Fletcher into giving him money to suppress the complaint, although he asked for none. According to the City Directory Fletcher is an astrologist.

At the Central Office Duysters was told that no detective had been sent from there to see Fletcher.

POLICEMEN MUST BE SPRINTERS.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 5 (Special).—A novel law was agreed upon to-day by the Jacksonville Board of Trustees regulating examinations for service on the police force. In discussing the qualifications of applicants for places on the force a trustee thought they should be subjected to sprinting, as he said no man who could not run when necessary without falling exhausted was fit for a policeman. The men should, said the trustee, be required to run around a city block as a part of the physical examination, and the city physician should examine the applicant after the run.

What was at first regarded humorously was subsequently taken seriously, and that requirement was adopted.

JERSEY CITY INTERESTED IN DECISION.

The decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals that property owned by railway corporations not actually used for railway purposes is subject to be assessed for taxes and improvements by local boards of assessors is important to Jersey City. It has claims for taxes aggregating more than $400,000 against the Erie Railway Company, and has five claims for assessments for city improvements against the Lackawanna.

VICTORY FOR ATTERBURY.

DADY MEN BEATEN IN GENERAL COMMITTEE ON DADY'S CANDIDACY FOR ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER.

In spite of the denial of Michael J. Dady that he wants the position of Republican Commissioner of Elections for Kings County under the new bill, and the protest of both him and Walter B. Atterbury that no unfriendly feeling has arisen between them because Mr. Atterbury was not willing to recommend Mr. Dady for the place, the respective friends of both men quarrelled for some time over the question at the meeting of the Kings County Republican General Committee, held last night in the Johnston Building, Brooklyn. The main victory was virtually for Atterbury, although he was defeated on another proposition.

Michael J. Dady, chairman of the executive committee, had called a meeting of that body, which lasted for an hour prior to the other. A resolution was passed recommending that the county committee delegate its power of selecting an election commissioner to the executive committee. It is understood that the resolution was passed with only one dissenting vote, that of Records Commissioner Waldo.

When this resolution was reported to the county committee a storm of disapproval arose, and it became evident that the resolution could not pass. So there was little opposition to a substitute offered finally by Mr. Patterson, calling for a meeting to be held at some later date, when the bill had become a law, to decide the question.

There was another clash between the Dady and Atterbury forces over the question of selecting a committee to work with similar committees for the overthrow of Tammany. The Dady men passed a resolution empowering the executive committee to appoint a committee of seven, one from each Senate district. A substitute motion, making the committee one of fifteen and giving Atterbury the power of appointing it, was defeated by a vote of 65 to 30.

WORK IN HARBOR DELAYED.

DEFEAT OF RIVER AND HARBOR BILL AFFECTS THE EAST RIVER AND SHIP CHANNEL PROJECTS.

The defeat of the River and Harbor bill will have the effect of delaying the completion of the project for dredging a forty foot ship channel from the ocean into the East River, as it killed for the present the dredging of Buttermilk Channel. Congress having already acted upon the propositions for improving the Red Hook, Bay Ridge and Ambrose channels, which are the other links in the chain between the East River and the deep sea, work on that part of the programme will not be interfered with. The appropriations for the continuation of that work were contained in the Sundry Civil bill.

The projected improvements are a forty foot channel 2,000 feet wide from the open sea to the Narrows, following the Ambrose Channel, and a channel the same depth, 1,200 feet wide, from the Narrows through Buttermilk Channel, following the Bay Ridge and Red Hook channels. The total cost was estimated at about $8,000,000, of which $4,000,000 was to be spent upon the Ambrose Channel, $2,000,000 on Bay Ridge and Red Hook channels and $1,000,000 on Buttermilk Channel. The contracts have been let for all but Buttermilk Channel, and before long the contractors expect to be hard at work upon them.

The defeat of the Buttermilk Channel project will probably delay the execution of the plan to enlarge Governor's Island, as it was intended to utilize the material taken out of the channel for filling in the triangle to be made on the southwest side of the island.

The annual appropriation for keeping open the main ship channel was also in the River and Harbor bill. It costs about $37,000 a year to keep this channel in good condition. Major W. L. Marshall, U. S. A., who has charge of the work in New-York Harbor, said yesterday afternoon that he thought there was enough money previously appropriated for this work to last until Congress meets in December.

PASTOR LEANS TO AXE WORK.

HE AND HIS WIFE PRAYING FOR GUIDANCE AS TO THE ADVISABILITY OF IMITATING MRS NATION.

The Rev. and Mrs. George H. Gray, of Brooklyn, are now praying for guidance as to the advisability of emulating the example of Mrs. Nation and starting on a tour of saloon destroying. The Rev. Mr. Gray is pastor of the Vanderveer Park Methodist Episcopal Church, Flatbush. At the midyear conference of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, held in the Flatbush Congregational Church, on Monday, the discussion turned upon Mrs. Nation and her hatchet. Mr. Gray said:

I was wishing the other day that Mrs. Nation was my mother, and that I was her son, and could shoulder an axe and break up the saloons. I think it is time we should do something—even shoulder an axe, if necessary, and if Mrs. Gray, my wife, will take an axe, I will go with her, and if she goes to jail I will go there, too. I have seen the dark side of this question, and have not visited the jail for twenty-five years without seeing there the misery which has been caused by drink. I wish we could force the liquor dealers to give up their business.

When Mr. Gray had finished, his wife, who is president of one of the local unions, said:

If it is necessary and there is that work to do, we will start out with the axe. I ask for your prayers that I may do whatever the Lord calls me to do.

At a late hour yesterday neither Mr. nor Mrs. Gray had started out with an axe, and they are still engaged in an attempt to determine their duty in the matter.

MR. PADDOCK ON TRIBUTE PAYING.

SAYS SHOPKEEPERS WHO SELL ON SUNDAYS ARE OBLIGED TO BUY IMMUNITY FROM ARREST.

The Rev. Robert L. Paddock, who figured prominently in the charges against and the trial of Police Captain Herlihy, addressed a company of young men last evening in the rooms of the Young Men's Club of the Old First Presbyterian Church, Eleventh-st. and Fifth-ave. He took for his topic the social conditions to be found in the crowded East Side. He declared that the laws of to-day, which are supposed to protect and elevate the lower classes, oppress and enslave them instead. He pronounced the collection of tribute, in return for which shopkepers were allowed to keep their little stores open on Sunday, an evil.

Some of the shopkeepers, Mr. Paddock said, possessed sufficient political influence to secure them immunity from arrest if they violated the law by keeping open on Sunday. Others not so fortunate saw their business leaving them, and they also threw open their doors on the Sabbath. The first time they did they would be arrested. Then while their case would be pending in court they would be approached and told that a small sum of money would secure the discontinuance of proceedings, and also leave them free to do as they pleased in the matter of Sunday opening in the future. He told of one instance where, to his certain knowledge, a small storekeeper had paid $50 for protection.

WANTS A PART OF THE PROPERTY.

Judge Crouse, presiding in the 1st District Court at Jersey City, yesterday, listened to the testimony in the replevin suit of Richard M. Jordan against his wife. Jordan has entered suit for divorce in New-York, and his wife has filed a counter bill. She moved the effects from their flat in New-York to Jersey City, her former home, and her husband instituted the action to recover a part of them. Each claimed the property, and Judge Crouse reserved decision. Jordan is a brother of Conrad N. Jordan, sub-Treasurer of the United States.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

SIXTEEN HORSES ALSO PERISH IN A BROOKLYN FIRE.

In a fire which occurred early this morning in the two story frame stable at No. 226 Marion-st., Brooklyn, occupied by Louis M. Curth, John McFarland, a negro stableman, and George Hull, a white boy, who were sleeping in the stable, were burned to death. Sixteen horses owned by Curth were also burned to death, and several moving vans and a large amount of harness were destroyed. The damage to the building was estimated at $1,500 and the loss on the horses and stock at $4,000.

The flames spread rapidly, and before they could be controlled several adjoining buildings were on fire. The two story and basement frame building at No. 224 Marion-st., occupied by William McCabe, was damaged to the extent of $500. The two story frame building at No. 228, occupied by Martin Kurll, was damaged to the extent of $1,300, and the two story frame building at No. 131 Sumpter-st., occupied by Andrew Marz, which adjoined the stable in the rear, was damaged to the extent of about $100. The occupants of all the houses were removed in safety.

IRON WORKS FOR LAKE ERIE.

SITE NEAR ASHTABULA, OHIO, REPORTED CHOSEN FOR A LARGE PLANT.

Ashtabula, Ohio, March 5 (Special).—A big movement to utilize a large tract of land on Lake Erie in close proximity to Ashtabula has been started. Although no information can be obtained from the agents who are securing options, it is practically certain that industries are seeking a site. George J. Chapman and F. M. Weston, of Conneaut, as agents for a big coal and iron company of Montreal, Canada, have secured options on a large tract of land east of Ashtabula Harbor.

The options are for two weeks. If purchased the investment in real estate would represent about $200,000. The tract of land on which options have been secured aggregates four hundred acres. This property includes land north of the lake road owned by Pierce & Jacques, Sheldon Harmon and M. L. Rice. Some two hundred acres are on the south side and are owned by John Harmon. The land is situated a short distance from the Lake Shore Railroad's main line and also the northern terminal of the Jamestown and Franklin branch. The site is considered an excellent one for iron industries.

The Wanamaker Store

Magnificent Silks
Magnificent Response
Magnificent Quantities

A Rare Silk Offering

The Silks looked like a new spring display yesterday. Brightest, freshest designs, and most beautiful colorings. Chiefest attraction of all, was the immense variety. There could not have been broader variety if you had to pay regular prices.

Prodigal varieties of the popular Foulards, at 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c
Splendid assortments of Printed Liberty Satins at 50c and 65c
Nearly a hundred different shades of Plain Taffetas at 50c

Little wonder that the response was so immediate and emphatic. Today's best news is that all the items of yesterday are here in full supply and generous variety this morning; though many of the lots may not continue during the entire day. The same broad display—Main aisle, from Broadway to Fourth avenue, and all around the Rotunda.

The details follow:

85c and $1 Printed Foulards, 40c yard—A good variety of small and medium designs, on grounds of navy blue and other colorings. Brief word, for they will likely go in a jiffy.

75c Black and Colored Taffetas, 50c yard—A purchase of over a thousand pieces from one manufacturer, and several hundred from another. Nearly a hundred different shades to select from. A most unusual offering, because these are probably the most staple of all silks. We could probably sell every piece this season at the regular price of 75c. You will find almost every shade, starting with white and running through the whole line of color-variations—a list too long to enumerate. Good, strong, perfect taffetas, at 50c a yard.

$1 White Silks at 65c a yard—Fine corded Taffetas with canalae and broche stripes. White silks, like black, seldom go at bargain prices.

$1 Printed Foulards and Liberty Satins at 50c a yard—Many variations of color and design to select from at this little price. The patterns are dots, coral effects, striped effects and Grecian designs.

$1.50 and $2 Black Silks at 65c a yard—A startling offering—rich Lyons black Satin. Muscovite, with single and cluster cords. The opportunity of a life-time, and the silks are so fine that they will probably last a life-time, as well.

$1 Checked Silks at 65c a yard—Twelve distinct patterns from tiny checks to quarter-inch checks. Some have bands of black showing more striped effect than check.

$1 and $1.10 Printed Foulards at 75c yd—Fine designs and colorings on best quality grounds; also beautiful hemstitched printed foulards, in medium and evening tints.

$1 and $1.25 Printed Foulards and Liberty Satins at 65c a yard—An almost endless variety, embracing many different size dots, hair-line stripes, Persian effects—neat and large designs in navy-blue-and-white, black-and-white, and all newest colorings.

$1 Fancy Colored Silks at 65c a yard—Many kinds of striped taffetas, satin brocades, plaid taffetas on white grounds and colored moire velours.

$1 to $1.25 Printed Silks at 85c a yard—Rich Liberty Satins and Foulards, in various fine patterns—many are two and four-toned color printings.

$2.75 Novelty Silks at $1.25 a yard—A beautiful assortment, in various Persian and cashmere designs of warp-printed poult de soie with bands of satin in contrasting colors; some are in plain colors without the designs; but all have the rich satin bands. 29 inches wide.

Main aisle, Broadway to Fourth avenue, including Rotunda.

The Most Successful
SALE of CHINA
We Have Ever Known

It was "busy as Christmas" in the China Store yesterday; and that seems phenomenal for March.

The merit of the merchandise made it—nothing else.

We made the most elaborate preparation in our history, in anticipation of the Silver Anniversary. The wares are more beautiful and in greater variety than ever before—

And They Are All NEW!

Not an old piece of china and glass in the offering. No odds or ends, or factories' surplus stocks. Everything is brand-new—made up specially for us by the best and biggest factories in the world. Everything is tasteful and refined in character; yet so masterful is the Wanamaker china-buying organization that these newest and finest wares from home and abroad are

An Average Third Under-Price

The newness, perfection and beauty of these offerings illustrate the cause of the success of Wanamaker retailing which we are celebrating this month. It is natural that, during this Anniversary month, the offerings should be the best ever made.

Bric-a-Brac—
Sevres Mounted Vases—
$8.75 kind at $6.50. $15 kind at $10.50.
$10 kind at $7.50. $25 kind at $20.
Up to $200 kind at $140.
Berlin Candelabra, 3, 4 and 5 lights—
$11 kind at $7. $27.50 kind at $18.
$14 kind at $9. $30 kind at $20.
Small Vienna Bronzes—
$4.50 kind at $3. $12.50 kind at $8.
$6.50 kind at $4. $20 kind at $13.50.
Pieces of Hungarian Pottery, Art Nouveau decorative effects—
$7.50 kind at $5. $17.50 kind at $12.
$12.50 kind at $8. $40 kind at $30.
$100 kind at $70.
Porcelain Plaques, Art Nouveau decorations—
Unframed, $1 kind at 70c.
Unframed, $2.50 kind at $1.50.
Framed, $4 kind at $3.
Marble Pedestals—
Worth $15 and $17.50, at $10 each.
Art Room, Basement.

Dinner Sets—
Medium-priced sets at unmatched prices—
At $5—Complete porcelain sets; from $6.50.
At $13.50—Fine china sets; regularly $22.50.
At $17.50—French china sets; regularly $27.50.
Also dinner sets of the highest grade made, at these prices:
One set of the finest English china made; 149 pieces; handsome flower border decoration, with roses and heavily gilt trimmed. $285 was its original price; today's price, just half, $142.50.
The same quality of china, in a pink border decoration overlaid with gold, exquisitely decorated. 1 set, 125 pieces, at $200; worth $300.
French china covered steak dishes, in three beautiful decorations—
At $6.50, worth $10.
At $5.50, worth $8.50.
At $5, worth $7.50.
Basement.

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TO-DAY, Wednesday.