SESSION LAWS DELAYED.

LAWYERS COMPLAINING OF ALLEGED LAXITY OF THE STATE PRINTER.

An unusually large number of complaints have been heard recently among the lawyers practising in New-York courts as to the dilatory methods in vogue at the office of the State Printer at Albany. James B. Lyon, of No. 110 Beaver-st., Albany, the State printer, advertises to give the official reports of all cases adjudged in all courts of record, and the session laws of the State of New-York, in advance form and in permanent volumes. These advance sheets, for which a subscription price of $35 a year is charged, give the identical paging of the official reports of the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court and miscellaneous courts, and are issued in accordance with the acts of the legislature. The reports are supposed to be sent out and bound at regular intervals. So it is with the session laws, but because the latter are so far behind in making their appearance lawyers have lost their patience and are inquiring of the publishers of law books why this valuable advance information is denied them.

Considerably less than one-half of the session laws of the last year have been placed in the hands of the lawyers who have subscribed for them. The legislature adjourned on April 23. On May 23 the legal time in which the Governor could pass upon these bills expired, and the list of the year's laws was complete and ready for the State Printer. Three weeks later, according to local publishers, all session laws should have been in the possession of the lawyers, in the form of the advance sheets.

As it is now, complain the lawyers, only a little more than one-third of the session laws have been published, when they should have been ready before June 15.

Said a publisher yesterday:

"The session laws are published at intervals of about two months after they are passed, and never are all printed in the advanced parts. The law states that the publisher may cause to be issued advance parts of the session laws and law reports at a cost not exceeding 50 cents a single number, but does not say that these shall be published. It is likely, therefore, that the State Printer takes advantage of this provision of the law."

"But why is it that only 296 out of a possible 1,000 chapters have appeared in the advance sheets?" he was asked.

"In my opinion," was the reply, "the publication of the session laws was purposely delayed to increase the sale of the 'Greater New-York Charter,' published by Thomson, who apparently has an understanding with the State Printer. In fact, the latter has placed his name in the flyleaf of the volume. The charter, which is Chapter 466 of the session laws, should have been published several weeks ago in the advance sheets, but had it appeared at that time a decided cut into the profits of the publication would have been made. There has been a great demand for this book because of these circumstances.

"The original plates for Chapter 466, which were used to prepare for the members of the legislature copies of the charter, were afterward employed, together with annotations, for Mr. Thomson's book. Thus the State printer received pay from the State for the advance sheets, which since Chapter 296 have not appeared; for the permanent edition of the same, and also no doubt a generous allowance from the proceeds of the sale of Mr. Thomson's volume. That is why lawyers have not received their session laws. Mr. Lyon wanted to sell Thomson's Greater New-York charter."

Another publisher said that he had received printers' proofs of the session laws up to Chapter 284, which was the last sent out.

"These slips are furnished us," he continued, "to enable us to prepare our editions of tax and corporation law and to keep our books thoroughly up to date. We receive them regularly. I don't know why they are not at the same time incorporated in the official edition of law reports and session laws and furnished at once to the lawyers."

A lawyer, when asked if he had been inconvenienced by the delay in furnishing him with the session laws, said:

"I have been greatly handicapped, especially in my corporation work. Not long ago I looked for a statute that was enacted before the adjournment of the legislature, and was surprised to find that the advance sheets did not contain that for which I was looking, but contained no statute later than Chapter 296, which became a law on April 5. Like many other lawyers, I have been forced to buy a special volume of the corporation laws as enacted this year. When had these reports been on time there would have been no necessity of my so doing. Last year the two bound volumes of session laws were sent to me on June 11, which was an exceptionally early date. The year before they were received several months later. I should have received my two bound books on the session laws and my third volume on the charter a week ago. I should have received the advance sheets of these over a month ago."

Another downtown lawyer expressed his hearty dissatisfaction with existing conditions at the State Printer's office as follows:

"It is notorious that the official edition never gives all the session laws. It is very evident that this year it will not give a quarter of them. I have been put to the expense of purchasing a separate compilation of tax laws, when I should have had the desired information in the advance sheets. It looks very much as if the printers were anxious to save setting up that amount of type, or else they wish to help along the publisher of the volume on taxes. The advance sheets are supposed to give the courts' opinions in full. This they never do.

"The State Printer is behind on his New-York Court of Appeals report. Where is Volume 166? The Appellate Division reports are practically behind two volumes, and the miscellaneous reports are lagging. I understand that the bound volumes will be furnished to us in a few days. They are long overdue.

A BLOW AT A WIFELY PRIVILEGE.

MAGISTRATE CRANE SAYS SHE MUST NOT SEARCH HER HUSBAND'S POCKETS.

Magistrate Crane, in Yorkville Police Court, made a decision yesterday that strikes at the root of one of the privileges long considered by many wives to be theirs.

"I never heard of such a thing as a woman being arrested for going through her husband's pockets. She had every right to do it," said counsel for Mrs. Selma Reichert, of No. 208 East Eighty-fourth-st., who had been haled to court for doing that very thing.

"On the contrary," said his honor, "no woman has that right."

The case in point developed marital tangles of some intricacy. According to counsel for Mrs. Reichert, his client had married Reichert after the disappearance of her first husband, who was legally dead, because he had not appeared for five years. Reichert, he said, afterward heard that Mrs. Reichert's first husband was alive, and then married a Chicago woman, thinking that his previous marriage was invalid. The Chicago woman got a divorce from Reichert, and the first Mrs. Reichert then sued him for abandonment, and got an order from the courts for $7 a week alimony.

When Reichert stopped paying it she went to his place of business, and when Reichert took to the woods on her arrival she went through his pockets and took the papers she found there. Reichert alleged that she got $57 at the same time, but as he had before said he had not the money to pay the alimony, Magistrate Crane did not give much weight to his charge, and let Mrs. Reichert go, after laying down the law on pocket searching as before narrated.

THE ART OF STARTING.

From Pearson's Magazine.

Skilful starting, like most instances of physical prowess, is a matter partly of natural aptitude, partly, in a footrace, of cultivation. Men differ in what may be called personal error; in the duration of the interval between the act of will and the translation of it into action. Some men have to aim further in front of a driven partridge than others because it takes them longer to pull their triggers. Similarly, one runner takes longer than another to set his limbs in motion; both hear the bang of the pistol at the same moment, but the one actually moves his legs, or jumps into his stride, appreciably the sooner. And personal error, in this sense, is found to vary from day to day in the same man, being distinctly more pronounced when he is stale or jaded than when he is fresh and fit.

No amount of cultivation will altogether remove this personal difference between individuals; but each may reduce his own error to his own minimum by continued practice of a right method. By an incessant repetition an action becomes so habitual that it is done without conscious volition. The feet of an expert dancer thread of themselves the complicated steps of a jig or a hornpipe; and in a similar way a sprinter's limbs after due practice seem to start of their own accord at the sound of the pistol—the muscles of his legs seem to hear the bang direct.

An expert starter when in position on the mark, or when "set," as it is called, is in a concentrated, strained state, from which the detonation releases him automatically; his highly educated muscles fall at once into the requisite actions, and, knowing they will do so, he can fix his whole attention upon reaching the tape. He will arrive there all the more quickly for having but one idea to govern his body.

Apart from quickness of movement, natural or acquired, quick starting depends upon taking up on the mark an attitude suited to the end in view. On the details of such an attitude it is impossible to dogmatize; men have started almost equally well from the most diverse positions. But to be good the "set" attitude must satisfy three conditions; it must be absolutely steady, yet potential of quick forward motion, and that with real impetus.

FOUGHT MOSQUITOES ALL NIGHT.

DEMENTED MAN FOUND WANDERING IN NEW-JERSEY SALT MARSHES.

Elizabeth, July 23 (Special).—Tormented by swarms of mosquitoes, Edward D. Sykes, a manufacturer of surgical instruments, who lives with his father and brother at Bull's Head, Staten Island, wandered all last night in the salt marshes between Elizabethport and Tremley Point. That he did not perish in one of the creeks or salt marsh holes in that neighborhood is remarkable.

Mr. Sykes has been acting strangely for some time, and the recent hot speli seems to have completely unbalanced his mind. His relatives had made arrangements to take him to-day to a private sanatorium at Amityville, Long Island. It is believed that he heard them discussing the matter, as he slipped out of the house yesterday while his father, who was closely watching him, was in another room.

The police at West Brighton were informed of his disappearance, but he managed to reach the ferry to Elizabethport, which he crossed, and then roamed along the shore to Tremley Point where this morning he was seen by several men. He took off his shoes and stockings and waded to his waist in Staten Island Sound. The men who saw him, believing that he was deranged, went to the shore and coaxed him to come out of the water, when he was put in charge of Constable Titus, of Linden, who brought him to Police Headquarters in Elizabeth. From papers found on Mr. Sykes it was learned who he was, and a telephone message was sent to the West Brighton police station. He had $100 in cash in his pockets, and about $1,000 in good securities.

His face betrayed his experience with the voracious mosquitoes. He is thirty-three years old, and a widower. His father and brother took him home in a cab this afternoon.

NOT FROM A LEAKY WATER MAIN.

STREAM THAT BOTHERS THE MELA REALTY BUILDERS HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED BEFORE.

It was suggested yesterday that the underground stream which has been reached by the workmen engaged on the Mela Realty Building plot in Sixth-ave., between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth sts., might have its source in a leakage in a water main in the neighborhood. The plot adjoins the site occupied by the New-York Athletic Club. About three years ago, when the excavation for the building of the club was being dug, the same stream was encountered, but it was ascertained at that time that part of the water which was then pumped out came from a leakage in a water pipe adjoining the property.

Assistant Engineer Charles H. Bull, of the Department of Water Supply, said yesterday that the two hundred thousand gallons of water which are running every day into the excavation of the Mela Realty Building plot, did not come from a broken main.

"I am certain that there is no breakage in that vicinity," said Mr. Bull. "The department is always on the alert for leaks. As soon as one is found it is reported to Commissioner Dalton. The water comes from the stream which runs many feet beneath the foundations of the abutting buildings on the north side of West Fifty-ninth-st., between Fifth and Sixth aves."

A builder and contractor who is now in the employ of the Department of Water Supply, and who a number of years ago was engaged in the construction of the Plaza Hotel, at Fifth-ave. and Fifty-ninth-st., said that the existence of the stream was known by him sixteen years ago.

"As far as I know," he said, "this miniature river was first discovered when the foundation for the building now occupied by Park & Tilford, which adjoins the Hotel Netherland, was dug. That was about 1885. The stream was also encountered by the builders of the Metropolitan Club. When the Plaza Hotel, upon which I was engaged, was under erection we had difficulty with this flow of water. We experienced the same trouble as did the architect of the New-York Athletic Club three years ago. The stream loosened girders that supported planks which were used to shore up the earth walls of the excavation. At first the water collected on the Fifty-ninth-st. side of the building, and made necessary the sinking of many piles. Before the work was finished the water collected on the south side of the property. We laid a concrete floor, and thus obviated the difficulty. Ten years ago the stream was seen when the foundation for the Deutsche Verein Club building was laid. Two years later the contractor for the Catholic Club building unearthed the same flow of water. This proves to my mind that the water which is now running into the excavation on the Mela Realty Building plot does not come from a leak in a water main."

"But how do you account for the fact that fifty million gallons of water a day are wasted in Manhattan and The Bronx outside of houses?" he was asked.

"I can say only that the water pipes in the Borough of Manhattan are in a pretty bad state," he replied. "We are compelled to keep a sharp eye upon them, for they break frequently."

MISCREANT DEMANDS $10,000.

HE THREATENS TO BLOW UP HOUSE IF MONEY IS NOT PAID OVER.

Some miscreant or practical joker sent a letter to Mrs. A. J. Pouch, widow of the ex-secretary of the Standard Oil Company, threatening to blow up her home, at No. 315 Greene-ave., Brooklyn, and the large building in Clinton-ave., near Lafayette-ave., known as the Pouch Gallery, unless $10,000 should be placed in a tin box on the shore of Jamaica Bay at Alabama-ave. The money was to be put in the designated place at 8 p. m. last Monday. One of Mrs. Pouch's sons saw Captain Reynolds, of the Brooklyn Detective Bureau, on Monday. That night the directions given in the letter were carried out, except that there was no money in the box. Seven detectives watched the spot through the night, but nobody went near the box.

Meanwhile, the Pouch residence and the Pouch Gallery were being guarded by a score of detectives. The guard was still being kept up yesterday, but no arrests were made.

The Pouch Gallery, formerly the Graves mansion, is known to every one in Brooklyn as a place for holding dances and other gatherings. It is said to have cost about $100,000, and is now rented by the Pouch family for artists' studios and social affairs.

MOSQUITOES AFFLICT WESTCHESTER.

GOVERNMENT AID PROBABLY WILL BE ASKED FOR NEXT YEAR.

A plague of mosquitoes, the worst in years, has fallen on Westchester County and that portion of the borough of The Bronx bordering on the low marshes of Long Island Sound. The pests travel in big swarms, and screen doors and windows no longer keep them out. Druggists and drygoods men have exhausted their supply of camphor and mosquito netting, but the plague remains unchecked.

The worst sufferers from the pests are the artillerymen who garrison the Sound forts. In order to keep at their posts they have had to cover their bunks with netting and burn brush at night. At Fort Slocum the soldiers sprinkle oil three times a week on all of the fresh water ponds near the garrison.

In City Island the mosquitoes travel in clouds along the little horsecar line which runs to the railroad station. It is impossible, even in the day, to travel on this line without being stung. The car driver, when he approaches the woods which mark the "mosquito belt," whips up his horses, and they go through at a gallop. The mosquitoes also infest the route of the "Huckleberry" cars, and when the cars stop in the woods they attack the passengers in hordes.

What has caused the plague is not known, but old residents say that they have never seen it so bad as now. The people of Westchester County have never made a systematic attempt to destroy the larvæ of the mosquitoes, but it is likely that they will ask the Department of Agriculture to extend its New-Jersey experiments to Westchester next year.

A QUICK ADJUSTMENT OF LOSS.

INSURANCE MEN MAKE RECORD IN THE SETTLEMENT OF A FOURTEENTH-ST. FIRE.

A fire was discovered early yesterday morning in the establishment of R. Smith & Co., manufacturers of cloaks and suits, at No. 58 West Fourteenth-st., which caused considerable damage to the stock, principally through smoke and water. The firm was anxious to open for business again, and asked the insurance adjusters to make their examinations as soon as possible.

The adjusters, representing more than fifteen companies, reached the building at 3:15 p. m., and by 4 o'clock had settled the amount of the damages and went away. The adjusters told Smith & Co. that they thought a record for quick settlement of damages by fire had been made. Smith & Co. said the settlement was satisfactory to them.

CARROLL ON HIS WAY HOME.

SO DEVERY SAYS, AND THE BRAVES ARE WONDERING.

The story went the rounds of the Wigwam yesterday that John F. Carroll, the "vice-boss" of Tammany Hall, was on his way home from England. When it was learned that the story came from no other than Deputy Police Commissioner Devery, there were many nods of the head and such remarks as:

"Devery ought to know."

"Devery always gets the freshest news."

Or, as one Fourteenth-st. brave put it, in no way alluding to police raids, "Devery always gets the tip first."

When Mr. Carroll sailed away on the big Oceanic on the afternoon of June 20, the only remarks he made to newspaper men were:

"I am going for recreation. I am going to stay about a month."

Mr. Carroll has fulfilled his first prophecy, and now that his month is up it is believed that he is carrying out his second publicly avowed intention.

The arrival of the "vice-boss" and chief lieutenant of Mr. Croker is awaited by the lesser lights of the Wigwam with a great deal of perturbation. They believe that as a result of the month's court at Wauitage, in which Croker and Carroll have mapped plans of campaign and counted votes and voters, the slate for the Tammany municipal nominations is pretty well chalked off.

The last definite report as to Mr. Carroll's departure was that he would sail from England on July 26 and reach here August 1.

TRIES TO KILL A POLICEMAN.

WOMAN ATTACKS HIM FIERCELY IN COURT WITH A HATPIN.

Kate Joyce, of No. 17 West Sixty-third-st., who was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of drunkenness, created much disturbance in the West Side court yesterday by attacking Patrolman Kerr, of the West Sixty-eighth-st. station with a hatpin, and shrieking and fighting and calling on the spectators for protection. Two policemen had difficulty in overcoming her and carrying her out. She was afterward held in $500 bonds for good behavior. The police say the woman has been arrested at least thirty times, and has attempted suicide twelve times.

She went into the Hotel Empire, at Sixty-fifth-st. and Broadway, early yesterday morning, and said a man whose watch and chain had been stolen lay in the gutter at Sixty-second-st. Policeman Kerr went to the place with her, but no man was to be seen. The woman became abusive, and Kerr arrested her.

A woman missionary of the Home for the Friendless, in West Fifty-third-st., was in the courtroom yesterday when the Joyce woman was arraigned, and asked permission to talk to her. The missionary and the woman went to a corner of the courtroom, and Kerr stood near them. The woman went over her story about being left alone with a little child, and then began an abuse of the police. Kerr overheard the story, and stepped up to the missionary to warn her. The Joyce woman edged up, and when near Kerr drew out a hatpin and made a lunge at him with it, crying out, "I'll have your blood if I have to die for it!"

Kerr dodged in time to save himself, and seized the woman before she could repeat the attack. She bit and kicked and shrieked. The courtroom was immediately in an uproar. Everybody stood up, including Magistrate Hogan, to see what was happening.

"Take her out!" shouted Magistrate Hogan.

Another policeman came up, and the woman was carried to the corridor. Magistrate Hogan had her brought before him about half an hour afterward. He then held her. The policeman would not make a complaint of attempted assault against her.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

Washington, July 23 (Special).—The following assignments to regiments of second lieutenants recently appointed from the ranks are announced:

ARTHUR M. GRAHAM, private, 4th Cavalry, to 1st Cavalry; EDWARD R. COPPOCK, sergeant, 3d Cavalry, to 3d Cavalry; ROBERT W. LESHER, sergeant, 3d Cavalry, to 10th Cavalry; EDMUND A. BUCHANAN, private, 3d Cavalry, to 9th Cavalry; THOMAS B. BESTEY, corporal, 3d Cavalry, to 9th Cavalry; ROBERT R. LOVE, private, 3d Cavalry, to 9th Cavalry; ALBERT J. MOHN, private, 3d Cavalry, to 4th Cavalry; HORACE N. MUNRO, private, 4th Cavalry, to 1st Cavalry; WILLIAM F. WHEATLEY, private, 6th Cavalry, to 5th Cavalry; DAVID L. ROSOE, private, 4th Cavalry, to 1st Cavalry; RAYMOND S. RAMBERGER, hospital steward, to 7th Cavalry; HOMER E. LEWIS, corporal, 17th Infantry, to 30th Infantry; FLOYD C. MILLER, corporal, 16th Infantry, to 1st Infantry; JOHN J. MUDGETT, first sergeant, 7th Infantry, to 5th Infantry; GEORGE C. MILLEN, private, 4th Infantry, to 21st Infantry; DANIEL A. NOLAN, corporal, 19th Infantry, to 5th Infantry; GEORGE W. SAGER, corporal, 7th Infantry, to 19th Infantry; KNEELAND S. SNOW, private, Hospital Corps, to 9th Infantry; WILLIAM C. STOLL, private, 20th Infantry, to 11th Infantry; CHARLES W. TITLETSON, corporal, Coast Artillery, to 19th Infantry; KENNETH P. WILLIAMS, private, 12th Infantry, to 1st Infantry; NOLAN V. ELLIS, corporal, 17th Infantry, to 11th Infantry; WILLIAM A. ALFOUTE, corporal, 18th Infantry, to 18th Infantry; JOHN A. BROCKMAN, first sergeant, 23d Infantry, to 7th Infantry; CHANNING E. DELAPLANE, first class sergeant, Signal Corps, to 26th Infantry; BENJAMIN D. FOULOIS, sergeant, 19th Infantry, to 17th Infantry; DWIGHT B. LAWTON, battalion sergeant-major, 12th Infantry, to 30th Infantry; FRANK W. DAWSON, sergeant-major, 1st Infantry, to 29th Infantry; CLARENCE H. FARNHAM, corporal, Coast Artillery, to 29th Infantry.

The following appointments and assignments in the Artillery Corps of second lieutenants are made:

CLARENCE M. CONDON, JOHN S. JOHNSTON and HARRISON S. KERRICK, unassigned; THOMAS L. SHERBURNE, to the 32d Company, Coast Artillery; THOMAS W. HOLLYDAY, to the 38th Company, Coast Artillery; ALBERT L. RHOADES, to the 44th Company, Coast Artillery.

The following assignments to regiments of officers recently appointed are announced:

First Lieutenants—HUBERT B. MYERS, to 5th Cavalry; GEORGE J. ODEN, to 10th Cavalry; HENRY R. RICHMOND, to 1st Cavalry; JULIEN E. GAUJOT, to 10th Cavalry; GEORGE T. BOWMAN, to 15th Cavalry; JAMES M. BURROUGHS, to 12th Cavalry; ALVIN K. BASKETTE, to 3d Infantry; ROBERT T. CRAWFORD, to 1st Infantry; RUFUS B. CLARK, to 3d Infantry; PERRIN L. SMITH, to 16th Infantry; CLAUDE S. FRIES, JOSEPH H. GRIFFITHS and ERNEST VAN D. MURPHY, to 27th Infantry. Second Lieutenants—EDWARD Y. MILLER, to 29th Infantry; JOHN P. HASSON, ANTON H. SCHROETER and FREDERICK G. TURNER, to 6th Cavalry; JOHN E. HEMPHILL, to 3d Cavalry; THOMAS H. JENNINGS, to 7th Cavalry; LOUIS H. KILBOURNE, to 8th Cavalry; BASIL N. RITTENHOUSE, to 11th Cavalry; RICHARD W. WALKER, to 8th Cavalry; EDWIN S. HARTSHORN, to 14th Infantry; WALTER E. GUNSTER, to 7th Infantry; BRADY G. RUTTENCUTTER, to 1st Infantry; EUGENE P. CROWELL, to 14th Infantry; FRANCIS H. LOMAX, to 5th Infantry; SAMUEL D. M'ALISTER, to 13th Infantry; ODE C. NICHOLS, to 4th Infantry.

Major JAMES B. HICKEY, 11th Cavalry, will join the squadron of his regiment at Jefferson Barracks.

Second Lieutenant FRANCIS N. COOKE, Artillery Corps, is detailed as recorder of the examining board at San Juan, Porto Rico, vice First Lieutenant John R. Proctor, jr., Artillery Corps.

The transfer of Second Lieutenant ALDEN TROTTER from the 24 Infantry to the Artillery Corps is announced. He is assigned to the 25th Company, Coast Artillery.

First Lieutenant PERCY M. ASHBURN, assistant surgeon, will proceed to Fort Assiniboine.

Captain GEORGE H. CALKINS, assistant surgeon, will proceed to Manila.

First Lieutenant EUGENE R. WHITMORE, assistant surgeon, will proceed to Fort Sheridan.

Captain JOSEPH T. DAVIDSON, quartermaster, will proceed to New-York City, as quartermaster and acting commissary on the transport Ingalls, to Manila.

The following transfers are made: Captain FRANK B. JONES, from the 22d Infantry to the 17th Infantry; Captain ISAAC NEWELL, from the 17th Infantry to the 22d Infantry, and First Lieutenant FRANK R. LANG, from the 27th Infantry to the 9th Infantry, Company I.

Major FRANK L. DODDS, judge advocate, will proceed to Omaha as judge advocate of the Department of the Missouri.

Captain MORTIMER O. BIGELOW is assigned to the 9th Cavalry.

Contract Surgeon HASLEY L. WOOD will proceed to Seattle, and report on transport Rosecrans, to relieve Captain Robert E. Caldwell, assistant surgeon.

A board of officers, to consist of Colonel FRANK G. SMITH, Artillery Corps; Lieutenant-Colonel ROBERT M. O'REILLY, deputy surgeon-general; Major JAMES B. QUINN, Corps of Engineers; Major MEDAD C. MARTIN, quartermaster, and Captain CLARENCE P. TOWNSLEY, Artillery Corps, is appointed to meet at Fort Monroe to consider a general scheme of construction and improvement.

Major PHILIP READE, 4th Infantry, will join his regiment.

Second Lieutenant GILBERT A. YOUNGBERG, Artillery Corps, will report to the examining board at the Army Building, New-York City, for examination for transfer to the Corps of Engineers.

NAVY.

Naval Cadets C. R. KEAR and E. S. JACKSON, jr., detached the Eagle; to the Atlanta, by way of steamer sailing from New-York August 5.

Passed Assistant Paymaster S. BRYAN, to New-York Yard as assistant to general storekeeper, as relief to Passed Assistant Paymaster Balthis.

Pay Inspector W. J. THOMPSON, to Puget Sound Station.

Lieutenant W. B. WHITTLESEY, detached the Lancaster; to the Monongahela.

Commander G. BLOCKINGER, detached command the Alert; to command the Concord.

Lieutenants J. S. M'KEAN and F. L. SAWYER, detached torpedo station; to academy.

Lieutenant A. M. PROCTOR, detached the Wilmington; to home by way of first public conveyance.

Surgeon C. F. STOKES, to the Oregon.

Surgeon P. LEACH, detached the Oregon; to home and await orders.

Passed Assistant Surgeon A. FARENHOLT, detached the Oregon; to home and await orders.

Lieutenant-Commander H. M'CREA, detached ordnance duty Washington Navy Yard.

Lieutenant-Commander C. O. ROGERS, to Norfolk Navy Yard.

Lieutenant W. J. MANION, to the Essex.

Lieutenants E. P. JESSOP and J. P. J. RYAN, detached torpedo station; to the Constellation.

Commander J. A. NORRIS, detached academy; to duty in charge of Philippine longitude expedition.

TICKET SCALPING NOT ILLEGAL.

SUPREME COURT DECLARES LAST WINTER'S LEGISLATION UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Rochester, N. Y., July 23.—The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the 4Vth Judicial Department to-day handed down a decision holding that the law passed by the last legislature, forbidding traffic in railroad tickets by others than authorized agents of railroad companies unconstitutional and void. The decision was made in the test case of Clarence Fleischmann, a Buffalo ticket broker, against Samuel Caldwell, Sheriff of Erie County. The court held that it is not competent for the legislature to prohibit the purchase and sale of passage tickets over transportation lines when such sale is not in violation of any contract made with the transportation companies upon the sale of such tickets by them. When the ticket is sold it belongs to the person who buys it, and unless its use is in some way limited it has the same quality as every other kind of property.

A SPATE SUIT ADJOURNED.

IT IS SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN WHICH THE INJUNCTION AGAINST THE PARK PAY CHAIRS WAS ISSUED.

In Part I of the Supreme Court yesterday Justice McAdam adjourned the case of Max Radt against Oscar F. Spate and the three Park Commissioners, George C. Clausen, George V. Brower and August Moebus, until the first Monday in November. The suit is brought for the purpose of continuing the temporary injunction already issued against Spate, restraining him from placing pay chairs in the public parks.

Louis Vorhaus, of House, Grossman & Vorhaus, appeared for the plaintiff; John Delahunty represented Spate, and Corporation Counsel John Whalen's office was represented by Assistant Corporation Counsel Charles Blandy, on behalf of the Park Department.

Mr. Delahunty raised the preliminary objection to the hearing of argument on the motion. He said that an exactly similar action had been brought against the same defendant by a man named Kurtz, and that Justice Fitzgerald had granted an injunction pending the final determination of that action, restraining the maintaining of chairs in the public parks for hire. As this decision tied up his client, Mr. Spate, and also the Park Department until next October, until which time an appeal taken by him could not be presented to the Appellate Division, he thought it would be a great hardship, should Justice McAdam follow Justice Fitzgerald's decision, that Mr. Spate should be subjected to the cost of two appeals on the same question of law. Mr. Delahunty pointed out that the plaintiff could obtain no advantage beyond that already obtained by him, by the decision of the motion in this case.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Blandy agreed with Mr. Delahunty, and Mr. Vorhaus consented to the adjournment.

Mr. Delahunty then appealed to Justice McAdam to increase the amount of the bond given by Kurtz to indemnify Mr. Spate from any loss incurred by him should the suit for an injunction be dismissed. He said that the bond given by Kurtz, $250, was utterly inadequate to protect Mr. Spate, who had already lost $10,000 by Kurtz's action. Mr. Vorhaus opposed the motion on the ground that the adjournment of the Radt case, pending the determination of the appeal in the Kurtz case, had been granted on the application of Mr. Delahunty.

Mr. Delahunty thought that the bond given in each case should be $40,000. It was agreed to submit briefs and affidavits to Judge McAdam on the bond question.

MURILLO ALIVE AND FREE.

DENIAL OF THE REPORT THAT URIBE'S AID WAS ARRESTED IN BARRANQUILLA.

"Colonel Abel Murillo, who went to Colombia with the peace proclamation of General Uribe, the revolutionary leader, is alive and free," said a representative of the Colombian Government last night. "The report that he was arrested in Barranquilla, taken to Bogota a prisoner and shot is false in every respect. He is free to-day, and so are all the rebel leaders who surrendered. The stories of the arrest and torture of political prisoners in Colombia are inspired by a coterie of professional revolutionists who are unhappy unless the republic is in a condition of unrest."

MRS. WHITEHEAD DISLIKES CAMELOT.

HER HUSBAND, WHOM SHE IS SUING FOR ALIMONY, INVITED HER TO LIVE THERE.

The examination in the suit of Mrs. Elizabeth Whitehead against her husband, Lydell Whitehead, for non-support, was transferred yesterday to the rooms of the Gerry society, on the third floor of the West Side Court Building, from the West Side court by Magistrate Hogan on account of the defendant's inability to stand. The proceedings were marked by a wordy warfare between the defendant's attorney, Benjamin Steinhardt, and the plaintiff's lawyer, Charles L. Hoffman.

Mrs. Whitehead testified that pending her suit for divorce alimony of $75 a week was granted to her, which she received until April, 1901. After stating that she had lived for three weeks recently at No. 124 Hicks-st., Brooklyn, but was now living at No. 232 West Forty-fourth-st., in this city, Mrs. Whitehead told of her visits to her husband's home at Camelot, in Poughkeepsie. She admitted receiving a letter which invited her to make her home there. She made two visits to the house, and did not think it fit for occupation.

"Would you be willing to live with Mr. Whitehead now?" she was asked.

"After all that has happened I should be afraid to," she replied.

On re-examination the plaintiff said she had heard her husband boast that he had wasted a million in trying to get rid of her. She said that detectives followed her constantly. The case was adjourned until to-morrow at 2 p. m.

NEW TRIAL IN GOEBEL MURDER CASE.

Frankfort, Ky., July 23.—An official mandate has been handed down by the Court of Appeals ordering a new trial for the former Secretary of State, Caleb Powers, convicted of complicity in the shooting of Governor William Goebel. It is probable the trial will come up at the October term.

WILL GO TO PLEASURE BAY.

The Association of the General Assembly of 1901 of the State of New-Jersey will take itself and its friends on an outing to the Old Pleasure Bay House, at Pleasure Bay, near Long Branch, on Saturday, August 3. Assemblyman Meeker, of Union County, who is one of the founders and fathers of the association, predicts a day of pleasure equal to any known in the history of Pleasure Bay.

MAY SIT IN CHURCH IN SHIRT WAISTS.

Passaic, July 23 (Special).—The Rev. James S. Young, of the Garfield Presbyterian Church, has announced that during the summer the men in the congregation may remove their coats and sit in the church in shirt waists. The pastor says that he believes the members of the congregation have a right to feel cool and comfortable in church.

FLOW OF WATER REDUCED.

The Water Department of Jersey City was compelled yesterday to reduce the flow of water to prevent the depletion of the water stored in the reservoirs and maintain an adequate supply in case of fire. The result was that there was no water in the upper floors of high buildings. On Monday the draught was so great that the water fell five inches in the reservoir, which showed that the consumption had exceeded by three million gallons the quantity received by the supply mains. Hence it became necessary to limit the supply and check waste.

BARKER GUMMERE FOR CHAIRMAN.

Trenton, July 23 (Special).—The Republican County Committee yesterday elected Barker Gummere chairman and treasurer, and Alexander C. Yard secretary. Mr. Gummere formally reiterated his declaration that he would not again be a candidate for County Clerk, nor is he seeking any other position at the hands of his party. Mr. Gummere some time ago announced a desire to withdraw from active politics, but was induced to reconsider his determination when it was found that General Skirm would not again serve as chairman of the committee.

WENT FISHING AND WAS DROWNED.

George Cooper, ten years old, son of the Water Purveyor of Harrison, N. J., was drowned yesterday afternoon while fishing. He and two other boys stood on a narrow footbridge over Fox Island Creek, which runs into the Passaic River on the meadows east of Harrison. According to the other lads, young Cooper lost his balance and fell into the water. They made ineffectual efforts to rescue him. Then they ran to his home and informed his mother and father, who hastened to the scene of the accident. The body was recovered.

MAKING A COLLECTION OF PORTRAITS.

Dr. L. J. Gordon, president of the board of trustees of the Free Public Library of Jersey City, is making a collection of portraits of citizens now deceased who were prominent in the development of the city.

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COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE.

CHARGES THAT BAD FOOD WAS SERVED AT STATE HOSPITAL TO BE PROBED.

Trenton, July 23 (Special).—The managers of the State Hospital for the Insane at Trenton to-day appointed a committee to investigate the charges of mismanagement recently made against the institution, in which it was asserted that food of bad quality and insufficient quantity was furnished to the twelve hundred patients and attendants at the asylum.

While the charges involved directly William P. Hayes, the warden, the managers assert that they are indirectly aimed at some of them on personal grounds. Before the meeting some of the managers called on Governor Voorhees, and it is said that the investigation was advised by him. The committee will consist of Joseph Thompson, of Atlantic City; Dr. Henry W. Baldwin, of New-Brunswick; Dr. Newlin Stokes, of Moorestown, and B. H. Andrews, of Woodbury, members of the board of managers. The investigation will begin Thursday morning.

HIS HEAD AND FACE WERE CRUSHED.

MAN FOUND ON WATCHUNG MOUNTAIN MAY NOT RECOVER.

Somerville, July 23 (Special).—Frank Sutter, a farmer, living on Watchung Mountain, two miles north of here, at an early hour this morning started to drive to this place. A few hours later the horse was found on the mountain attached to the wagon, which it had kicked to pieces.

A search was made for Sutter, and he was found in the road with his face and head badly crushed. He was brought to the Somerset Hospital here. He has a compound fracture of the skull, and the doctors believe he will die.

THE ARMY CANTEEN DENOUNCED.

NEW-JERSEY'S TEMPERANCE WORKERS IN SESSION AT OCEAN GROVE.

Ocean Grove, July 23 (Special).—New-Jersey's temperance workers met in the Young People's Temple to-day and listened to addresses touching on the work. The conference was conducted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New-Jersey, with Mrs. Emma Bourne, of Newark, presiding. Bishop James N. FitzGerald, president of the Ocean Grove Campmeeting Association, welcomed the White Ribbon legion to Ocean Grove. Mrs. M. Dye Ellis and several other speakers denounced the army canteen. The conference will be continued to-morrow.

OILCLOTH COMPANY RESUMES WORK.

The Atha & Hughes branch of the Standard Table Oilcloth Company, at Newark, resumed work on Monday in a small way, and it is expected that the entire force of old employes will be back at work before the end of the present week. Benjamin H. Atha will remain in Newark as the manager of the plant there. The new company proposes to organize at once a special export department, and the Newark plant is to take care of the foreign business. The present capacity of the Newark plant is about three thousand pieces of cloth a day, which is larger than that of any of the other plants.

LANDIS WILL CASE SETTLED.

Trenton, July 23.—Chancellor Magie, sitting as ordinary of the Prerogative Court, to-day filed a decision in the will case of Charles K. Landis, the wealthy real estate owner, of Cumberland County, sustaining the decision of the Orphans' Court of that county in admitting the will and codicil to probate. The Chancellor says undue influence was not proved. Mr. Landis, who was the founder of Vineland, Sea Isle City, Hammonton and other towns in Southern New-Jersey, by codicil to his will, deprived two of his sons of any share in his property.

BEQUEST TO A NEWARK CHURCH.

A bequest of $50,000 to the First Presbyterian Church of Newark is contained in the will of Horace Goble, who died in Newark on July 2. The bequest is to be placed in trust in the name of Mr. Goble's mother and the interest used for the support of mission Sunday schools. No part of the money is to be used for buying real estate or building purposes. To Rosanna Jaffray, an old family servant, Mr. Goble gave $10,000 in trust, but the woman is dead. The testator was a bachelor, and was devoted to his mother.

STRIKE FOR A SHORTER WORKING DAY.

Passaic, July 23 (Special).—Twenty-six men employed in Henry Muhs's pork packing establishment, in this city, went on strike this morning for a shorter working day. They also demanded that Mr. Muhs recognize their union. The men said that they are compelled to work sixteen hours each day. They want ten hours to be the limit. Mr. Muhs has refused to treat with the union or agree to the demands of the men.

PROF. KUMMEL TO BE STATE GEOLOGIST.

Trenton, July 23 (Special).—The members of the State Geological Survey to-day decided to appoint Professor H. B. Kummel, who has been for several years Assistant State Geologist and for a time practically the head of the survey, as State Geologist, to succeed Professor John C. Smock, who resigned several months ago. Professor J. C. Russell, of the Ann Arbor University, had been elected to the place, but was unable to come to New-Jersey until July of next year. The survey determined not to wait.

NEW-JERSEY POLITICAL NOTES.

Not many Republicans in New-Jersey have so far expressed themselves as believing that Chancellor Magie ought to at once appoint the remaining Vice-Chancellor provided for by the new law because a few busy but not especially conspicuous Republicans are endeavoring to drive him into making the appointment. The friends of Chancellor Magie say that he knows the condition of the business of the court over which he presides as well as any one in it, and much better than those who are not members of it, and that he will make the appointment all in good time. One thing is certain: The Chancellor would be losing some of his well established reputation for firmness if he should permit himself to be driven into doing a thing before he is ready to do it. That characte