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Dessert Forks, regularly $1.95 a set of six, at....$1.35
Table Spoons, regularly $2.25 a set of six, at....$1.45
Table Forks, regularly $2.25 a set of six, at....$1.45
Dessert Knives, regularly $1.98 a set of six, at....$1.13
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Spoonholders, regularly $1.49 and $1.98, at 98c. and $1.49
Candlesticks, regularly $1.49, at....98c
Candelabra, 3 lights; regularly $4.98, at....$3.98
Candelabra, 5 lights; regularly $6.98, at....$4.98
Bread Tray, bead design; regularly $1.50, at....95c
Crumb Trays and Scrapers, regularly $1.25, at....98c
Crumb Trays and Scrapers, regularly $2.50, at....$1.98
Syrup Pitcher and Tray, regularly $1.98, at....$1.49
Butter Dishes, regularly $1.98, at....$1.49
Fern Dishes, regularly $1.98, at....$1.49
Fern Dishes, regularly $2.75, at....$1.98
Round Serving Trays, regularly $3.49, at....$2.49
Tea Sets, 4 pieces, regularly $12.00, at....$8.50
Water Pitchers, regularly $3.98, at....$2.98
Condensed Milk Holders, regularly $1.25, at....79c
Cracker Jars, regularly $2.75, at....$1.98

Sterling Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons.

Bonbon Spoons, regularly $1.50, at....95c
Sugar Spoons, regularly $1.50, at....95c
Sugar Tongs, regularly $1.50, at....95c
Pickle Forks, regularly $1.50, at....95c
Butter Picks, regularly $1.50, at....95c
Olive Spoons, regularly $1.50, at....95c
Olive Forks, regularly $1.50, at....95c
Sardine Forks, regularly $1.50, at....95c
Orange Spoons, regularly $1.50, at....95c
Butter Knives, regularly $1.95, at....$1.50
Mustard Spoons, regularly 95c., at....75c
Sugar Sifters, regularly $1.98, at....$1.35
Cream Ladles, regularly $1.75, at....$1.25
Gravy Ladles, small; regularly $2.50, at....$1.75
Gravy Ladles, large; regularly $3.75, at....$2.98
Jelly Spoons, regularly $2.75, at....$1.98
Berry Spoons, regularly $3.98, at....$2.98
Cold Meat Forks, regularly $3.25, at....$2.25
Tomato Servers, regularly $3.25, at....$2.25
Pie Knives, regularly $4.50, at....$3.25

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Bonbon Dishes, regularly $4.75 and $8.75, at $3.75 and $5.75
Candlesticks, mounted on cut glass, regularly $9.00, at $6.75
Napkin Rings, regularly $1.49 and $1.98, at 98c. and $1.49
Child's Cups, regularly $6.68, at....$4.98
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An extensive line of colorings and stripes, worth 14c.
Another lot of the corded Batiste, in 75 choice designs, all new Spring colorings, at, per yard 5¾c

Seven Carloads of Dressers,

A Quarter to a Half Under Price,

Or at about what they are worth now at wholesale—140 of the handsomest up-to-date styles in different woods.

Buy now for your Summer Cottage needs.

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$16.00 solid oak Dressers....$11.85
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$24.50 birdseye maple Dressers....$19.95
$30.00 solid oak Dressers....$22.50
$37.75 solid mahogany Dressers....$29.98
$50.00 birdseye maple Dressers....$33.00
$48.00 solid oak Dressers....$34.75
$55.00 solid mahogany Dressers....$39.00
$68.00 solid oak Dressers....$50.00

THE NEWS OF BROOKLYN.

TRUST COMPANY ACQUIRES BANK STOCK—HAPPENINGS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH.

Ex-Surrogate Abbott is particularly happy in his home life. His happiest moments are when he is surrounded by the members of his family, and he takes the greatest interest in the details of the housekeeping. Some weeks ago he was discussing food with a friend.

"I am a connoisseur of tea and coffee, particularly coffee," said the judge. "You ought to taste what we have for breakfast every morning."

So it was arranged that the friend should breakfast at Judge Abbott's home in Joralemon-st. on the following Sunday morning.

"What shall we give you to eat?" asked the judge.

The friend, a New-Englander, who had been much distressed at the ignorant way in which baked beans were served in the restaurants and the average private home in New-York, suggested that famous Yankee dish.

"Good!" said the judge; "and I tell you we know how to serve them here. They will make your mouth water."

Just here Mrs. Abbott, who had thus far given a ready assent to the plans of her husband, protested that it would be extremely difficult to have baked beans on Sunday morning. The judge looked at her a moment with a twinkle in his eye, and said to his friend:

"Oh, that is all right. I guess we'll have our beans all right. You see, here in this house I am the chef, and my wife—she is the chiffonniere."

Mrs. Abbott laughed and had nothing more to say. The friend went to breakfast with the judge on the following Sunday and had beans and coffee, the delicious taste of which, he says, still lingers in his mouth.

In the production of the play, "The Jack of Hearts," by the dramatic association of Adelphi College on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, Miss Rebecca L. Hooper, daughter of Professor Franklin W. Hooper, director of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, will have achieved the second of the two great desires of her childish heart. The third desire, which is too grewsome to be even imagined, will never be carried out, but Miss Hooper laughs about it as she tells why she has given it up.

"When I was a child," confided Miss Hooper to a friend not long ago, "my fondest desires were, first, to go to college, second, to write a play that would be produced, and third, to commit suicide. Now, wasn't that odd and unnatural? My first two wishes have been carried out, but my third fancy has long ago vanished. I smile whenever I think of it, and have often wondered where my mind got hold of what seems to be one of the strangest ideas of a child's peculiar fancy."

Miss Hooper is a graduate of Radcliffe College in the class of '01. Her indulgent father had a habit of sending her some new clothing every week or so, utterly regardless of the proper size of a young woman's wardrobe. It was said of Miss Hooper that she had nearly one hundred shirt waists and a corresponding number of skirts, and that she was never seen twice in the same combination. In the amateur plays given by the Radcliffe girls Miss Hooper always received the part of the stylish society woman. The play that she has written for the Adelphi pupils is said by those who have seen it to be an exceptionally clever piece of work.

Erwin Steinback, of No. 937 President-st., has been made a knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. This honor has been conferred by the Pope for eminent service on behalf of the Catholic Church. It is an unusual mark of distinction, and it is said that not more than six laymen in the United States are Knights of St. Gregory. The decoration consists of a Maltese cross surrounded by a wreath, the whole attached to a red ribbon with a blue border. A head of St. Gregory is on the centre of the cross, with a Latin inscription which means in English, "For God and Principle." With the decoration from Rome came official documents, with the papal seal, certifying that Mr. Steinback was entitled to wear it.

Commissioner Redfield of the Department of Public Works has hit upon a novel idea for bringing influence to bear on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the interests of the $1,000,000 appropriation which he wants for street paving in Brooklyn. Mr. Redfield has written to the principal of every public school in Brooklyn, asking him to calculate how much time is lost to every student by reason of the noises on the poor pavements around the school buildings. The figures received from the principals will be tabulated, deductions drawn therefrom, and the entire exhibit will be presented to the Board of Estimate as a powerful argument for the need of more asphalt pavement in Brooklyn.

Dr. John Byrne, the founder of St. Mary's Hospital, who has been in active practice in Brooklyn for nearly half a century, sailed yesterday for Europe with his wife and daughter for an indefinite stay. If his present intention is carried out he may never return. His old home, at No. 314 Clinton-st., has been entirely given up. On Friday Dr. Byrne received a handsome silver loving cup from a number of his friends. It is of solid silver lined with gold. On one side is the inscription: "To John Byrne, M. D., LL. D., F. R. C., S. Ed., founder of St. Mary's Hospital." The presentation was made at the Brooklyn Club by Dr. J. D. Sullivan. A dinner followed, at which the cup was filled and passed around the board. Dr. Byrne has letters of introduction to the leading hospitals in Paris, and will spend some time there in study and research.

REVIEW OF THE THIRTEENTH REGIMENT.

Captain J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N., will review the 13th Regiment at its armory on Tuesday evening, March 11. There will be the formation of a red, white and blue battalion, to be composed of a division of the 2d Naval Battalion, Battery D of the 13th and the band of the regiment. The battalion will be in command of Captain Sydney Grant of Company D, and some exhibitions will be given by the naval men, and also by the men of the 13th. Captain W. Atwood French has presented the veteran association with an 8-inch Spanish steel shell brought from Morro Castle. It is fourteen inches high, and weighs two hundred and eighty pounds.

BROOKLYN SOCIAL WORLD

Miss A. Gertrude Merrihew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reynolds Merrihew, of No. 294 Park Place, and Robert Howes, son of Captain and Mrs. Calvin Clark Howes, of Boston, were married on Monday evening at the home of the bride by the Rev. William S. Packer, assistant rector of Holy Trinity. The rooms were decorated with palms, Southern smilax, Bride roses, azalias, carnations and white roses. The bride, who was gowned in white silk, trimmed with duchesse lace, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, was attended by her sister, Miss Carrie Reynolds Merrihew, as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Isabel Little Shields, Miss May E. Corbett, Miss Margaret E. Johnson and Miss Daisy Lockwood Gerting. Charles H. Chapman attended the bridgroom as best man, and there were no ushers. The couple will make their home in Spokane, Wash. On Washington's Birthday Mr. and Mrs. Merrihew will give a farewell reception in their honor, at which the guests will be the members of the bridal party, and in addition Miss Amy Lester and Miss Mary Packer, president and vice-president of Packer Institute class of '97, of which the bride was a member, and Miss Elida Pierson.

Under the auspices of the St. Christopher Circle for the benefit of a free kindergarten, Miss Beatrice Herford will give some of her original monologues, and Charles Stuart Phillips will sing at Memorial Hall, Schermerhorn-st. and Flatbush-ave., on Monday evening, March 3, at 8:30 o'clock. The patronesses will be Mrs. George C. Blanke, Mrs. Sylvester L. Blood, Mrs. Henry Burn, Mrs. George W. Cann, Mrs. E. J. Eldredge, Mrs. E. D. Griswold, Mrs. E. H. Hobbs, Mrs. J. W. Hollenback, Mrs. William G. Hoople, Mrs. Walter C. Humpstone, Mrs. James H. Jourdan, Mrs. William Lamb, Mrs. Charles J. McDermott, Mrs. Daniel T. Merritt, Mrs. Hermon Morris, Mrs. Burr B. Mosher, Mrs. Amasa H. Nichols, Mrs. John S. Norton, Mrs. William C. Peckham, Mrs. Henry A. Price, Mrs. Edward Riggs, Mrs. A. Howell Topping and Mrs. A. G. Weber. The St. Christopher Circle consists of Miss Ray, Miss Delia Strong Avery, Miss Julia Logan, Miss Mabel Weber, Miss Edith Simmons, Miss Kate House, Miss Edith Ray, Miss Lillian Clifton House, Miss Helen Ray, Miss Clara Belle Adams, Miss Ella Louise Adams, Miss Henrietta L. Jones, Miss Elsie Fuller, Miss Kate Ketcham, Miss Julia Ketcham and Miss Ethel Pate.

A reception was given by Mrs. Eugene Lascelles Maxwell and her two daughters, Mrs. Donald Grant Geddes and Miss Mary C. Maxwell, at their home, No. 130 Eighth-ave., on Monday afternoon. The drawing room was decorated with American Beauty roses and orchids, while in the upper floors, which were used as dressing rooms, cut flowers were used. Mrs. Maxwell's costume was of black and white lace; Mrs. Geddes was gowned in white chiffon, while Miss Maxwell wore white crepe de chine. They were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Marion Litchfield, Miss Zilph Hayes, Miss Marion W. Low, Miss Jessie C. Moore, Miss May Howard, Miss Ruth W. Howard, Miss L. Norma Hegeman, Miss Maud Knowlton, Miss Grace Knowlton, Miss Louise Tousey and Mrs. George Lockwood Brown.

On the following evening Mr. and Mrs. Stephen V. White, of No. 210 Columbia Heights, gave a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raster, who were married a week ago in Marion, Ind., the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Raster was Miss Edna Bell, granddaughter of George A. Bell, for many years a member of Plymouth Church. The bride's mother was Miss Corinne Chandler, a niece of Mrs. White, with whom she lived when a child. About thirty relatives of the family were present at the dinner. The dining room was arranged with flowers brought from the greenhouses of Mrs. White's daughter. Mrs. White and her sister, Mrs. John A. Titcomb, will leave on Friday to attend the annual congress of the Daughters of the Revolution in Washington.

The engagement was announced last week of Miss Ethel Herrick, of Kingsbridge, N. Y., and Edward I. Horsman, jr., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward I. Horsman, of Berkeley Place, this borough. Miss Herrick is well known in Brooklyn, being related to the Park Slope family of that name.

The second of the Bedford cotillons took place on Monday evening at the Farm House in Prospect Park. A quantity of palms and potted plants brought from the Park conservatories were used in decorating the quaint little ballroom. The patronesses were Mrs. James O. Carpenter, Mrs. John Thallon and Mrs. Warren Derby. Mrs. Rutger Planten led the cotillon.

The amateur circus of the Riding and Driving Club on Wednesday evening is attracting widespread attention. A dazzling and bewildering show is promised, and a large attendance is expected. Unusual interest is centred in the fact that a number of society women will perform. Among them are Mrs. Hamilton H. Salmon, Miss Zella Milhau, Mrs. T. Lorne Coleman, Miss Ella Knowlton, Mrs. Charles F. Hubbs, Miss Ethel Moore, Miss Tillie Whiting, Mrs. Frederick H. Bedford, Miss Marguerite Zimmerman and Miss Marion Zimmerman. The committee of arrangements consists of Hamilton H. Salmon, chairman; Charles F. Hubbs, Allen Pinkerton and G. Herbert Potter.

The Packer Alumnae gave a tea on Monday afternoon in the rooms of the association, No. 160 Joralemon-st. Mrs. William H. Ziegler, the president, received, assisted by Mrs. Frederic W. Hinrichs, Mrs. L. R. Smith, Miss Maud E. Jones, Miss Agnes Dyer, Miss Gertrude Monroe, Miss Florence Watson and Miss Louise Howard. The tea tables were presided over by Miss Mary Snedeker.

Mrs. William H. Nichols, of No. 304 Clinton-ave., gave a reception at her home on Monday. Receiving with the hostess were Mrs. William H. Nichols, sr.; Miss Tilden, Mrs. F. W. Nichols and Mrs. C. Walter Nichols. The reception was followed by a dinner of about twenty covers. Mrs. Horatio C. King, of No. 46 Willow-st., and her daughter, Mrs. George Lockwood Brown, who recently returned with her husband from Bermuda, announce Wednesdays after March 1. On Thursday a card party is to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunning Sayre at their home, No. 174 Clinton-ave.

On Monday evening a card party was given by Thomas F. Rockford, at his home, No. 857 St. Mark's-ave. The host was assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Edward W. Grant and Miss Elizabeth Grant. Cards have been issued by Mrs. Henry Clay Wright and Mrs. John Newton Bissell for Wednesdays, February 19 and 26, from 3 until 6 o'clock, at their home, No. 498 Bedford-ave.

The Bachelors and Spinsters' Ball on Tuesday evening, at the Pouch Gallery, was a great success. The large gallery was decorated with paintings and sketches by notable artists, with an abundance of flowers and greens. The name is undoubtedly a misnomer, as the affair was attended by many married couples. The patronesses were all married women. The committee of arrangements was made up of single women, but they were all young and by no means confirmed spinsters. Dancing began at about 10 o'clock, and continued well into the morning. Music was furnished by Muller's Orchestra and the Neapolitan Troubadours. The patronesses were Mrs. Charles Seidley Adams, Mrs. Edward Earl Britton, Mrs. Julian D. Fairchild, Mrs. James E. Hayes, Mrs. Edward T. Horwill, Mrs. John Clapperton Kerr, Mrs. Charles L. Livingston, Mrs. Frederick De M. McKay, Mrs. Thomas E. Pearsall, Mrs. Chester L. Richards, Mrs. Edward L. Rossiter, Mrs. Henry C. Van Cleef, Mrs. Timothy L. Woodruff and Mrs. St. John Wood. The committee of arrangements consisted of Miss Mattie Adams, Miss Marion Davol, Miss Annette Dotter, Miss Agnes Dyer, Miss Violet Harkness, Miss Henrietta L. Jones, Miss Louise Mayhew, Miss Alice Pfister, Miss Carolyn Woodhull, Miss Louise Wurster, R. Aubrey Barker, Edwin P. Benson, Frederick M. Butler, Ashley T. Cole, Clarence Dunning, William R. Gelston, Frederick L. Harris, Rufus L. Scott, jr., William R. Simons and Herbert Zellhofer.

The Bay Ridge Dramatic Association presented a play entitled "It Is a Way They Have in the Army" at the Ridge Club on Monday night. The play, which is a comedy, was written by George H. Ford, of Bay Ridge. Mr. Ford played the part of Mr. Ruggles, "A Knight of the Road," while Mrs. Ford assumed the role of Mrs. Grosvenor, a matchmaker. Frederick B. Bard played William Grosvenor, and others in the case were Miss Sadie Carson, William Mitchell Campbell and Mr. Powers. Mr. Powers took the part assigned to Lieutenant H. H. Scott, who was called away by the illness of his father-in-law, Rear Admiral Sampson.

The engagement is announced of George William Toerge, of No. 887 St. Mark's-ave., and Miss E. Josephine Hoog, daughter of Mrs. Gustave K. Hoog, of Manhattan. Mr. Toerge is a well-known member of the Crescent Athletic Club.

The first Lenten wedding of importance in Brooklyn was that of Miss Katherine Foster Salter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Salter, of No. 102 Gates-ave., and Gilbert T. Woodhull, of Newark, N. J., at the Church of Our Saviour, on Thursday evening. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Anna Salter, as maid of honor, and by five bridesmaids—Miss Agnes Dyer and Miss Eleanor Hastings, of this borough; Miss Lillian Woodhull and Miss May Baker, of Newark, and Miss Anna Tracy. Dayton K. Price, of Newark, acted as best man, and the ushers were D. Ellis Woodhull, Clifford Woolson and Herbert Walsh, of Newark; Harry McGowan and John L. Salter, of this borough, and Richard Ridgway, of Jersey City Heights. The ceremony was followed by a large reception at the home of the bride.

The Misses Peck announce "at homes" on third Fridays until May from 4 until 11 o'clock, at No. 623 St. Mark's-ave. Music will be a feature on each occasion.

A lecture song recital of modern classic composers of different nations will be given on Monday evening, February 24, by Miss Margaret Goetz at the home of Mrs. Frank M. Lupton, No. 839 St. Mark's-ave. Among the patronesses will be Mrs. Franklin W. Hooper, Mrs. Cornelius Zabriskie, Mrs. Thomas Prosser, Mrs. Charles H. Terry, Mrs. Frank Lupton, Mrs. Stuart Hull Moore and Mrs. William Stearne Cooney. Mrs. Walter P. Long will preside at the piano.

The barn dance of the Cathedral Club at the Pouch Gallery on Tuesday evening was an interesting and unique affair. The large ballroom was transformed into a rural barn by the use of sheaves of wheat and country field flowers. The girls wore calico frocks and sun bonnets, and the orchestra rendered old-fashioned melodies for the dances. The men wore duck trousers, negligé shirts and golf stocks. The committee of arrangements was composed of Claud M. Becker, Charles Doyle, jr., Henry F. Daly, Dillon J. Cassidy, Lewis E. Drummond, John Wallace, Robert O'Connor, James E. Thompson, Edward J. Reilly and Francis T. Lyons. The patronesses were Mrs. Frank D. Creamer, Mrs. C. Benning, Mrs. James Shevlin, Mrs. James Brady, Mrs. George H. Dallon, Mrs. George Cahill, Mrs. William A. Bryce, Mrs. James Drew, Mrs. A. L. Drummond, Mrs. Benjamin Hall, Mrs. A. J. Doherty Flynn, Mrs. William Harrison, Mrs. Joseph A. Hughes, Mrs. Denis Judge, Mrs. John R. Kelvin, Mrs. William Keeley, Mrs. James J. Kirwin, Mrs. Richard Mackey, Mrs. David McCaslter and Mrs. Walter Savage.

LENT AT THE EPIPHANY.

Special emphasis is given this Lent to the services at the Church of the Epiphany, McDonough-st., near Tompkins-ave., Brooklyn. Besides the daily services, at 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., there will be several series of addresses and sermons by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Dean Richmond Babbitt. Daily at 4 p. m., the addresses are on "The Spiritual Life" this week, the subjects being "Spiritualizing the Body," "The Tongue," "The Temper," "The Home," "Worship." On Friday nights the subjects will be "The Bible and the Church's History." On Sunday nights the rector is delivering a series of sermons on "Great Religious Leaders as Life Teachers," considering successively, in pairs, Augustine and Ambrose, Savonarola and Huss, Luther and Melanchthon, Calvin and Knox, John Wesley and Whitefield, Cardinal Newman and Pusey.

OUTDOOR SKETCH CLUB EXHIBITION.

The regular spring exhibition of paintings and sketches of the Outdoor Sketch Club, of Brooklyn, will open at the art galleries of Messrs. Baron & Strack, No. 1,069 Fulton-st., that borough, on February 17. A reception has been arranged for the opening night. For the balance of the month the galleries will be open free to the public from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

WELL-KNOWN TAXIDERMIST DIES.

HIS COLLECTION OF INSECTS SAID TO BE ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE IN THE COUNTRY.

John Akhurst, a well-known entomologist and taxidermist, died at his home, No. 78 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, yesterday. His collection of insects is said to be one of the most complete in the country, and his collection of Longicorns is probably the largest in the world. He devoted nearly all his life to his profession of taxidermy, and specimens of his work are on exhibition in the Long Island Historical Society and in private houses all over the world. The exhibition in the Long Island Historical Society is a collection of the birds indigenous to Long Island.

He was born in Charing, Kent, England, on March 4, 1815, and when a boy sang in the choir of Canterbury Cathedral. He was apprenticed to Mr. Gordon, of the Canterbury Museum, who afterward became curator of the British Museum. Mr. Akhurst was urged to remain with the Canterbury Museum as its taxidermist and entomologist. He came to New-York, however, reaching here the day after the death of President William Henry Harrison. He obtained employment at the Peale Museum, on the site of the present Postal Telegraph building, in Broadway. In the early forties he came to Brooklyn and started as a professional taxidermist at Fulton and Front sts. Later he took up farming at Valley Grove, near the old Flatbush road, now a part of Prospect Park. He afterward resumed his profession in Prospect-st., where he remained until 1888, when the bridge took his property. He then moved to the house in which he died.

He was married twice, his second wife, whom he married in Brooklyn forty-four years ago, being Miss Margaret Tracy. He leaves five daughters, a son, twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, the Smithsonian Institution and the Long Island Historical Society. Funeral services will be held at his home to-morrow evening.

BANK JOINS TRUST COMPANY.

MANHATTAN CONCERN TAKES PART OF BROOKLYN INSTITUTION'S STOCK.

A third of the stock of the People's Bank of Brooklyn, at Greene-ave. and Broadway, has been acquired by the Knickerbocker Trust Company of Manhattan. The transfer was made on Friday, the arrangements having been completed in advance. There will be no change in the management of the People's Bank, James Gascoine remaining president and George W. Spence cashier. The reason for the step is that the deposits have reached the present possibilities of the neighborhood, being more than $1,000,000 in the last year. Larger deposits are required to extend the bank's business, and the new connection will enable the bank to cater to larger accounts, which it could not do before. The Knickerbocker Trust Company will now deposit with the bank.

ELEVATOR KILLS OLD EMPLOYE.

HE THOUGHT IT WAS COMING UP, BUT IT WAS GOING DOWN, AND HE WAS KNOCKED DOWN THE SHAFT.

Albert Houston, an old man, who had been employed in the Brooklyn Navy Yard for twenty-eight years, was killed yesterday by the elevator in the storekeeper's building at the yard. Houston was employed on the second floor, and at 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning he leaned over the elevator shaft, thinking that the elevator was at the ground floor. The shaft was dark and he was unable to see. Meanwhile the elevator, which had been at the upper floor, was coming down. It struck him on the neck and threw him through the shaft to the ground floor. The navy yard ambulance was sent for, but Houston died about ten minutes after its arrival. He was married, and had a family living at No. 24 St. Felix-st.

RUFFIANS BEAT AND ROB WOMAN.

FOUR MEN ENTER HER HOUSE IN THE DAYTIME AND TAKE MONEY AND JEWELS.

Detectives of the Amity-st. station are searching for four Italian thugs, who in broad daylight on Friday entered the home of Mrs. Mary Bozzo, an Italian woman, at No. 69 Sackett-st., South Brooklyn, and, after beating her house dog to death with a rolling pin, robbed the woman of $115 in bills while one of them held her by the throat. They took also a quantity of jewelry from the bureau drawer, and, believing that there was still more booty in the house, ransacked all the trunks and drawers in the rooms.

The quartet departed, after warning Mrs. Bozzo against making an outcry. The ruffian's clutch on her throat rendered her speechless, and she was unable to utter a word for some time. Then she went to the Amity-st. station and reported the robbery to Captain Toole.

REV. MR. ROOSEVELT GOES TO MILFORD.

The Rev. Sherwood Roosevelt, rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Brooklyn, has accepted a call to St. Peter's Church, Milford, Conn., and will assume his new charge at once. Mr. Roosevelt held his invitation to the Milford pulpit in abeyance for some time, but finally decided to accept it.

ONE OF THEM.

From The Philadelphia Press.

Chappie—Your adventures have been real interesting, Mr. Traveller. Sorry to have to run away, now. Goodby! You certainly have seen some queer things, bah Jove! and——

Traveller—Yes; awfully glad to have seen you. Goodby.

PHILADELPHIA AFFAIRS.

READING RAILWAY SITUATION — ASPHALT REORGANIZATION—LITTLE INTEREST IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15 (Special).—Affairs of the Reading Railway Company have attracted the greatest attention of men of finance in this city this week, which has been another one with a Reading record. Although it may be possible that, under the terms of the issuance of the second preferred stock, that class of securities cannot be converted and retired before June, 1903, it is firmly believed that it is the intention of those in control to convert the stock and dissolve the voting trust. During the first hour of trading on Thursday 8,000 of the common shares and 10,000 of the preferred changed hands, the principal buyers of the preferred being Drexel & Co., thus confirming the Street belief in the retirement at as early a date as possible of that class of stock.

Before the anticipated retirement of this stock, four semi-annual dividends of 2 per cent each must have been declared on the first preferred stock. The third of these has just been declared. Any changes in stock issue must first be recommended by the directors and then approved by the stockholders. Therefore the board of directors will be unable to make that recommendation until after September of this year.

Although there will be a meeting of the stockholders in October, it is asserted that, under the rules governing such meetings, no business can be transacted then, except to receive the annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, and that the approval of directors' action in recommending the change of issue of stock cannot be acted upon until the call for new business at the regular annual meeting, in June following. In answer to an inquiry on this point, a high official of the Reading company said to-day that the directors could not convert the stock without the sanction of the stockholders in regular meeting, but that if nothing should interfere seriously with the present prosperity of the company, it was altogether likely that the directors would declare the fourth dividend in September.

Like this week, the second week in February twenty years ago was a record week for Reading, its stock having been carried up on the Saturday of that week to 31¾, the highest point which it had reached subsequent to the suspension of the company and the appointment of the receivers then in control. At the last board on that day there was a sudden inquiry for Reading which carried the stock up on sales of over six thousand shares. It was made the strongest stock of the week, without any apparent reason for it, but, as one of the financial writers of that time put it, "the ways of Reading are mysterious, and few can fathom them."

But the Reading of to-day, the creation of J. Pierpont Morgan, is not the Reading of 1881. Its fallings and its risings have been without parallel in railroad history. In war times its price fluctuation was from 14¾ in 1860 to 59¼ in 1866 on a par of 50. In 1870 it was 46¾; in 1871, 59¾; in 1872, 115⅞, without any quotations from that time until 1879, indicating straits most dire. In 1877 the company had compromised with its creditors, conditioned on the payment of interest on some of its obligations, one-half in cash and one-half in scrip, and payment of interest on other obligations wholly in scrip until July 1, 1880. Prior to that day it was seen that cash payments could not be made. The floating debt was $12,000,000. Receivers were appointed, and they acted until 1883, when the road was restored to the company. Very soon again it fell into distress, and in June, 1884, the floating debt being $23,000,000, receivers were again appointed.

Another reorganization plan was adopted in 1886, and under it the general mortgage of $100,000,000 was created, with first, second and third preference bonds of $65,000,000. A. A. McLeod became president, and he then planned many of the great things which have been carried out in these later days. He effected the leases of Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central, and, later, that of the Boston and Maine, to form a through route to New-England. President McLeod and his backers differed as to the feasibility of his schemes. Litigation followed, and in 1893 receivers were again appointed. These have been discharged only recently, and now the valuable property appears to be in hands capable of steering the craft in the steady current of prosperity.

Union Traction stock took another jump this week on buying by insiders, and there seems to be no further doubt of consolidation of all street railway franchise interests. A member of the Mack-Foerderer syndicate, which controls the recently granted franchises for elevated, underground and surface railways, is authority for the statement that it has been decided to build an elevated road from Sixty-third and Market sts. to the Delaware River ferries. The same man said that the proposition to lease the Union Traction system will be accepted by the Traction directors at their meeting on Monday, and that the opposition of certain stockholders had been removed by amendment of the original proposition by which an assessment on the Traction stock will be avoided. There will be much delay in starting the work of construction, owing to the difficulty of procuring material, and it is not expected that work which will show on the street will be begun before late in the summer.

The demand of the receivers of the National and American Asphalt companies last Thursday for the resignations of the officers of those companies and of the sixty-nine operative concerns was somewhat in the nature of a surprise to most of those concerned, and to the public, but it is the belief of the best informed that the action was taken in preparation for a reorganization of the companies through foreclosure proceedings. The report on the operation of the asphalt consolidation in 1900, after an examination of the books by the Audit Company of New-York, shows that the net earnings were not so large as had been supposed, and the condition of the National Asphalt Company, which took over the holdings of the Asphalt Company of America, during the last year, will be a great disappointment to the investors. Final report will not be made before the middle of March, but it is credibly stated that the receivers are already sufficiently familiar with the affairs of the asphalt combination to be prepared to suggest reorganization by foreclosure within two or three months.

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