HAS FUN WITH PLUNKITT.

A JOKER SENDS THE SENATOR A NOTICE TO VACATE COURTHOUSE CORRIDOR.

Some one played a bold, bad trick on Senator George W. Plunkitt at the County Courthouse yesterday, and Mr. Plunkitt, who is a big Tammany sachem, has, so to speak, donned his warpaint for the particular sinner, whose identity as yet is unrevealed.

A notice was served on Senator Plunkitt purporting to be signed by Francis Mangin, clerk of the Second Municipal Court, requiring him to vacate the lower corridor of the County Courthouse, where for many years he has been in the habit of occupying one of the chairs on the bootblack's stand and of meeting his many friends, political and social. The notice was in the form of the ordinary dispossess served by landlords upon tenants who are not longer wanted. It directed the Senator either to give up possession of the corridor held by him or show cause on June 4 before Justice Bolte why an order to eject him from the building should not be issued.

It is understood that the grounds on which the notice was served are that it is illegal for any person to use any part of a public building for the transaction of private business. The proceeding is brought in the name of the city of New-York.

"Heh!" said the Senator as a meek looking young man sidled up to him yesterday and placed a legal document in his hand, "wot's all this; wot's all this?" "Say," continued Mr. Plunkitt, getting red in the face as he began to read the notice, "this is an outrage. I've got a right to meet my friends in this corridor and talk with them if I want to. No one can stop me from doing that. Ain't I a good American citizen? Don't I keep the law? What the— Oh, wot's the use of making any rumpus about it. I guess this is a kiddin' game. It's a midsummer joke, and a foolish one at that. Some guy has put the seal of the court on this dispossess notice, and now it looks like the real thing. Say, if they've used the seal of the court without warrant of law they've committed a felony themselves. I'll soak 'em if they try to monkey with me. Returnable on June 4, eh? Will I be there? Well, I guess yes. I'll see Justice Bolte about this. I see it's from his court. I'd like to see him or any one else put me out of this corridor. I have a perfect right to stay in here as long as I wish, and I shall do so."

When Justice Bolte was asked about the dispossess notice served on Senator Plunkitt he said:

"I did not issue any such notice. It would not have to be signed by me, anyway. City Marshal's notices to dispossess are not signed by the justices. Mr. Mangin has not signed any such notice. I asked him. I guess some one has tried to play a joke on the Senator. It looks that way to me."

M'LAUGHLIN SUED FOR TAXES

ACTIONS AGAINST WELL KNOWN PEOPLE FOR ARREARAGES.

Martin Saxe, Assistant Corporation Counsel, in charge of the Bureau for the collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, has begun actions in the State courts against Hugh McLaughlin, the veteran Democratic boss of Kings County; William N. Coler, father of ex-Controller Coler; Mrs. Fanny Burke-Roche, Sheriff Norman S. Dike, Irving T. Bush, John McCullagh, as executor; the Koster & Bial Company and other well known persons who for various reasons have not paid arrears of personal taxes in the last few years. None of the arrears are large, and in some instances their being unpaid is largely through an oversight on the part of the persons most interested.

Mrs. Burke-Roche, who is sued for $1,005, levied in 1898, says that she is not liable for the tax arrears charged up against her, and through her counsel, J. Henry Work, her brother, has set up a general denial of the charges made in the complaint.

The tax bill against Hugh McLaughlin is for arrears for the year 1897, and amounts to $143 06. William N. Coler is sued for $185. Sheriff Dike's arrearage is for the year 1897 and amounts to $85 83.

Up to Saturday last the Arrears Bureau under Mr. Saxe's direction collected in the five months since January 1 the sum of $182,000, as against $157,000 for the entire four years under the Van Wyck administration. Seven thousand suits have been begun for arrears for the year 1899, and there are ten thousand suits scheduled for 1900 arrears.

MORTGAGE OF $13,000,000 RECORDED.

IT IS FOR THE PROPERTY RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND FRANCHISES OF THE NEW-YORK DOCK COMPANY.

Among the mortgages recorded yesterday was that of the property rights, privileges and franchises of the New-York Dock Company for $13,000,000, to the United States Mortgage and Trust Company. Of the $13,000,000 4 per cent bonds secured by this mortgage $11,500,000 are outstanding.

WANT SWANSTROM TO TURN FIRST SOD.

The residents of Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton have invited Borough President Swanstrom to turn the first sod of the long looked for improvement in Third-ave., Brooklyn, through the Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton sections. The ceremonies will take place on June 7 at 3 p. m. A band, procession, luncheon and other features are to be provided by the Citizens' Association of Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton.

A NEW STEAMSHIP RECORD.

The new Italian royal mail steamship Umbria arrived at Fire Island at 10:58 a. m. yesterday, making the voyage from Gibraltar in seven days and twelve hours, establishing a new record from that port.

PROFESSOR JACOBI A GOOD SAMARITAN.

Professor Abraham Jacobi was a spectator yesterday in the Yorkville Civil Court when a large number of eviction cases, the defendants for the most part being poverty stricken women, came up for hearing before Justice Josephs. Mary Jones, who was in arrears for two months' rent, amounting to $13, for two little rooms which she had been occupying at No. 399 East Forty-fifth-st., was so ill and weak that she could scarcely stand and support her little babe.

Professor Jacobi asked permission to pay the rent. Addressing the court, he said it was one of the most pitiful cases he had ever beheld; that the woman was undoubtedly seriously ill, and that he proposed sending her to a hospital and seeing that she and the child were cared for until they were able to help themselves.

SURE OF GETTING GAYNOR AND GREENE.

Marion Erwin, the special assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States, who has charge of the Greene-Gaynor litigation, returned yesterday from Quebec. He will attend to features of the case pending in this city in relation to the assets seized by the receivers as a part of Captain Carter's share of the alleged frauds. He will go to Quebec again, to be present at the hearing before Judge Andrews in the Superior Court of Quebec, on June 7.

"The question at issue," said Mr. Erwin, "is whether a Superior Court judge can lawfully take away on habeas corpus from the extradition judge of Montreal prisoners who were arrested, on his warrant and undergoing his examination before the hearing is completed. The extradition judge at Montreal has jurisdiction for the entire Province of Quebec. The writ of habeas corpus was not issued nor served until after the prisoners had been arraigned before the extradition judge. I expect, under these conditions, that the prisoners will be taken back to Montreal."

Mr. Erwin felt sure he would have Gaynor and Greene on trial before the federal court of Georgia, though it may take considerable time.

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SAGE, OBERMEYER AND LOEW SUED

JOHN H. HAMMOND, AS RECEIVER, SEEKS TO RECOVER $350,000.

A suit to recover $350,000 was brought yesterday against Russell Sage, Charles J. Obermeyer and Edward V. Loew by Philbin, Beekman & Menken, representing John Henry Hammond, receiver of the defunct German-American Real Estate Title Guarantee Company. The plaintiff seeks "to recover damages for alleged wrongful, tortious, negligent and careless acts of Edward V. Loew, Charles G. Obermeyer and Russell Sage, as directors of the company," declaring that the sum sued for was lost by the company through its making excessive loans on risky securities. The papers in the case recite that the law prolded that the company must keep two-thirds of the capital invested in certain securities as a reserve fund. They also showed that no loans should have been made unless the value of the property was more than 50 per cent of the amount of the loan. Both of these provisions are alleged to have been violated, the plaintiff maintaining that at no time did the directors have two-thirds of the capital so invested, and that oftentimes loans were made when the security was not equal to one-third of its value.

On October 5, 1898, a loan of $82,000 was alleged to have been made to Louis Lippman on a mortgage on the property at the corner of One-hundredth-st. and Park-ave. Two other loans, on February 3, 1898, for $10,000, and another on March 7, 1899, for $18,000, were made to the same person, on property that was not unencumbered, it is also alleged. Of this amount, $24,000 is still unpaid, Mr. Hammond charges.

Other excessive loans were made, it is alleged, to Morris Mandelstein, who borrowed $6,250 on property at Brook-ave. and One-hundred-and-sixty-fourth-st., in March, 1898; $76,000 in June, $10,000 in December of that year, and $10,000 more in 1899. The property is declared to be worth less than half the amount of the loans. Walter S. Evans, it is alleged, also received loans on property in West Sixty-third-st. in 1897, and later the property was foreclosed at a loss of $61,000 to the company. Many other loans on flimsy security are mentioned in the papers, which say that Mr. Sage, Mr. Loew and Mr. Obermeyer were directors, managers and members of the finance committee from 1897 to 1900.

Mr. Menken, of Philbin, Beekman & Menken, said yesterday to a Tribune reporter that the papers, as sworn to by Mr. Hammond, represent his view of the case, but, in accordance with their usual custom, they could not make any statement relative to the litigation.

JEROME EXPLAINS HIS SPEECH.

DID REFER TO A "REFORM DISTRICT ATTORNEY" AND DIDN'T MEAN TO ATTACK ANYBODY.

District Attorney Jerome said yesterday that he had not read all the criticisms of his speech before the Harvard Political Club, in Cambridge, on Memorial Day, but his attention had been called to some of them, and he judged that his speech had been incorrectly reported. The reports, he said, had not allowed him to include himself with the officers who are supposed to deal with the gambling houses. When he spoke of the fact that gambling houses were running in the city, he said, he used this language:

"We have a reform Mayor, a reform Controller, a reform Police Commissioner, and, God help us, a reform District Attorney."

Mr. Jerome said he had not attempted in his speech to attack any nationality or creed. In talking about the enforcement of the excise law in the city he had referred to some of the talk in last fall's campaign as prating, and had added:

"If they prate about the liberal enforcement of the liquor law, something you and I can't understand, how can 7,500 Irish on the police force be expected to understand it?"

When Mr. Jerome's attention was called to the criticism made by Abraham Gruber in a speech on Sunday evening, that a reference in the Cambridge speech to "the Ghetto of New-York" was an insult to the people of the East Side, he said that he had not used the word "Ghetto" as a term of reproach. In the campaign last fall, he said, a newspaper was published for the sole purpose of spreading campaign literature among the Hebrews on the East Side, and the name selected by Hebrews who were working for the fusion ticket was "The Voice of the Ghetto." It was not to be supposed, he said, that a name selected by Hebrews of the district was offensive to them.

"While I was elected on the reform ticket," Mr. Jerome continued, "I am not a part of the city administration, but a county officer. At the same time, I must stand or fall with the others. I am not hostile in spirit to the people elected on the same ticket with me, and there is no personal sacrifice that I would not make with pleasure to aid the administration. Neither am I shirking any responsibility. The question is, Where do we reformers stand?

"My feeling is that there ought to be a clear cut, definite attitude as to the enforcement of the laws. Charges have been made again and again that Tammany Hall did not enforce the law. Police captains and patrolmen are in a terribly wobbly condition, and don't know where they stand, because of the absence of a definite policy. I believe the wisest way is to enforce the laws that are on the statute books, if any laws are oppressive, try to get them changed—and one way to have them changed is to enforce them. To-day there is an absence of policy in the city administration. No one stands for anything in a system of uncertainty. We may give clean streets and an admirable administration, but I can't see how we are going to defend ourselves, unless we enforce the laws. What will be the answer to the Tammany challenge that gambling houses, dens of vice and illegal liquor selling have been permitted by the administration? I believe we should enforce the laws because they are laws, at the same time doing our best to have oppressive laws changed."

PROTESTS AGAINST LEPER'S RELEASE.

DR. ASHMEAD, OF THIS CITY, DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT DONG GONG, OF ST. LOUIS, HAS BEEN CURED.

Dr. Albert S. Ashmead, of No. 350 West Twenty-third-st., the authority on leprosy, yesterday protested vigorously against the liberation of Dong Gong, the Chinese leper, who since October 25 has been confined at the United States quarantine station at St. Louis. According to officials at that station, Dr. M. C. Woodruff, of St. Louis, had succeeded in curing the Chinaman of the dreaded disease, by the use of an East Indian oil called chaulmoogra.

Dr. Ashmead declared yesterday that the patient had not been cured, and that to free the Oriental would be unfair to the community. Continuing, Dr. Ashmead said:

I base my opinion that the leper is not cured on the following reasons: I have used this oil (the best remedy we have) on more than a thousand lepers. I have watched the results attained by its use by physicians all over the world, and know that the oil is only a help and not a cure. Dong Gong has only been under the oil treatment since last January. It usually takes years to effect decided results. I am also aided in forming my opinion by photographs and descriptive matter sent me by my friend, Dr. A. H. Ohmann-Dumesnil, Editor of "The St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal." Chaulmoogra oil is only an alleviative. Leprosy cannot be cured. To get rid of this Chinaman by the adoption of such an expedient, by such an alleged cure, would work injury to every person who would be subjected to this leper's presence.

JURY ACCUSES GYPSY BRIDE.

Coroner Scholer yesterday began an inquest into the death of Leon Galloway, of No. 621 West Forty-sixth-st., who was shot at a fire on the night of May 23 by his gypsy bride of a few months, and who died a few days later in Roosevelt Hospital.

After several policemen had testified that Mrs. Galloway had admitted shooting her husband, James Berry, of No. 363 Hamilton-ave., Brooklyn, swore that she was his wife. They had four children. He left her, he said, after living with her for nine years, after she had had him arrested and sent to prison for six months for failing to support her. He knew of her marriage to Galloway, but made no effort to stop it.

Galloway's ante-mortem statement in which he charged his wife with shooting him, was read.

The jury in five minutes reported a verdict finding that Galloway came to his death by pistol shot wounds inflicted by his wife.

Mrs. Galloway pleaded not guilty, and was held without bail and committed to the Tombs.

SECRETARY SHAW IN TOWN.

Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, was at the Custom House yesterday morning. He had a conference with Collector Stranahan, which he said was about the routine business of the department. He then went over to the Sub-Treasury. Mr. Shaw said his business in this city was of no public importance, as it concerned only the ordinary transactions of his department. He refused to discuss the silk frauds investigation.

AMERICANS VISITING EUROPE THIS YEAR will find The New-York Tribune for sale at the book stalls of the leading hotels throughout the continent of Europe and Great Britain, as well as on the Reading room tables. It may also be obtained at the principal railroad stations.

FELL DEAD FROM FRIGHT.

CIGAR DEALER BELIEVED SOUND OF CAR COLLISION WAS ANOTHER PARK-AVE. COLLISION.

One of the heavy storage battery cars used on the Thirty-fourth-st. crosstown line, having the doubly unlucky number of 1,313, last evening crashed into a southbound car of the Third-ave. line at Thirty-fourth-st., injuring one man. According to the police, the collision was the indirect cause of the death of another man.

At the time of the accident Frederick Schaeffer, fifty years old, a cigar dealer, of No. 419 East Thirty-fourth-st., was standing at Second-ave. and Thirty-fourth-st., a block east of the collision. The impact of the two cars as they came together and the crashing and splintering of woodwork were such as to be plainly heard where Schaeffer stood. He inquired of a newsboy the cause of the noise. With true newsboy instinct, the lad had a ready reply, and told of an explosion in the Park-ave. subway.

"My God! Another explosion!" shouted Schaeffer, as he threw his hands up into the air. Then he reeled suddenly, and fell to the sidewalk, dying almost instantly.

Policeman Butler, of the East Thirty-fifth-st. station, was within a few feet of Schaeffer at the time, and was hurrying to the scene of the collision when he saw the man fall. He sent a hurry call to Bellevue Hospital, and Dr. McLean responded with an ambulance. He pronounced the man dead, and said that death probably had been due to heart failure, caused by fright.

The Thirty-fourth-st. car was westbound, and was well filled with passengers. Who was to blame for the accident the police did not seem to know. The car slackened speed when near Third-ave., as also did the Third-ave. car. Then both motormen started to go ahead. Edward Trainor was in charge of the crosstown car, while James Killackey, of No. 210 Tenth-ave., was on the other one. The crosstown car struck the Third-ave. car square in the centre. Both were open cars, and the crash was heard for some distance. The front platform of the crosstown car was splintered and wrenched clear off the car, and was later kicked into the gutter by the wrecking gang that followed.

John O'Hara, forty years old, of No. 324 East Twenty-ninth-st., was sitting in the Thirty-fourth-st. car, well up toward the front. He was hurled to the floor, and his right arm broken. He refused medical aid, and went to his home. A woman, about sixty years old, a passenger on the Third-ave. car, fainted. She was revived in a drug store, and went home. Three or four other passengers on the two cars were scratched. There were no arrests.

MRS. FLAGLER TAKEN TO NEW-ROCHELLE.

SHE WILL LIVE IN FRANCIS WILSON'S HOUSE WHILE HE IS IN EUROPE.

Mrs. Ida M. Flagler, the divorced wife of Henry M. Flagler, was removed from the sanatorium in Pleasantville, Westchester County, yesterday, where she has been confined for three years, to the Orchards, the country place of Francis Wilson, at New-Rochelle, which was recently leased for her. Dr. Carlos F. Macdonald, who has the custody of Mrs. Flagler, is paying the actor $6,000 a year for the property while Mr. Wilson and his family are in Europe. Mrs. Flagler, who is worth more than $3,000,000, was accompanied to New-Rochelle by Dr. Macdonald and a woman attendant. It is said that Dr. Macdonald moved her from Pleasantville to see if she could not be cured by getting her away from the other patients.

MAYOR HEARS MARSHALS' CASES.

ONE ACCUSED OF TAKING TOO LITTLE MONEY ON BILL; ANOTHER OF COLLECTING FROM WRONG MAN—DECISION RESERVED.

Mayor Low yesterday afternoon heard testimony in two city marshal cases, and reserved his decision in both. The first was that of M. F. Finnegan, a Brooklyn lawyer, against City Marshal John W. Irwin. Mr. Finnegan alleged that Irwin indorsed a judgment obtained by Mrs. Catherine McKague against Eugene C. Seward for $53 as satisfied when only $52 96 had been collected. Finnegan says that he acted as counsel for Mrs. McKague, and demands a balance of $8 57 as counsel fees. The marshal declared that Finnegan was not regularly retained as counsel, and that he appeared in the case without authority.

The second case was that of Raffale Capallo, a fruit dealer, against City Marshal Albert Angeman. Frank Ruggery testified that he owned a stand at One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st. and Lenox-ave., which he sold to Capallo. Ruggery continued to run the stand as an employe of Capallo. It appears that when the stand was sold to Capallo there was an outstanding bill of $100 for vegetables. A judgment was obtained for this amount, but the marshal made the mistake of arresting the wrong man. Instead of taking Ruggery, who had contracted the debt, he went after Capallo and compelled him to pay the $100. Ruggery and Capallo are Italians, and say that they do not understand English. They declare that no legal papers were read or shown to them, and that they were not served with summonses.

ESCAPED ONLY TO DROWN.

BROOKLYN MAN, PURSUED BY TUG, REFUSES AID AND SINKS NEAR WARD'S ISLAND.

Stephen Cusick, of No. 46 Bergen-st., Brooklyn, escaped from his room in the Manhattan State Hospital, on Ward's Island, yesterday and was afterward drowned in the East River. Cusick, who was a blacksmith, was admitted to the institution from Bellevue Hospital about March 15. He was suffering from melancholy, but was not violent.

At 6:30 a. m. yesterday the man was seen running toward the river, and five attendants chased him. A tug which was passing at the time Cusick jumped into the river was stopped, and the men, getting abroad, again took up the chase. When the tug was abreast of Cusick a rope was thrown to him, but he refused to catch it, and a few minutes later sank. He had escaped by breaking the bars in front of his window.

OPEN CARS ON THE ELEVATED.

TWO TRIED ON THE THIRD-AVE. LINE—SMOKING ON THE FOUR REAR SEATS.

The Manhattan Elevated Railway Company is testing two open summer cars on the Third-ave. line, and they were the most popular cars on the road yesterday. Passengers get in from the sides instead of at the ends, and sit on seats that run crosswise in the car. To keep people from leaving the car, except when it is at a standstill at a station, there are doors for the spaces between the seats on each side of the car. These doors are all controlled from the end, where the guard stands, and open and shut all together when the guard pulls a lever.

Officials of the railway would not say yesterday if it were the intention to have some open cars for every train in warm weather, but inspectors of the road said that they had heard that it was intended to have two of the open cars on each train on the Third-ave. line before the end of the summer. On these cars smoking is permitted on the four rear seats.

SINGER OF FATHER'S SONGS ARRESTED.

Howard Graham, ten years old, of No. 51 Washington-st., the son of Charles Graham, the dead song writer, was in the Tombs court yesterday on a charge of truancy. Magistrate Crane sent him to the Children's Society until to-day. He was arrested last fall for singing on the floor of the Produce Exchange. He then said he was singing to help his mother. "Poor boy!" said Mrs. Graham. "He is so happy and cheerful round the house. He will do nothing but sing his father's songs when he is away from school. He is very fond of music, and if I can only educate him I am sure he will make his mark."

SPRING KEEPS NEW STATION EMPTY.

Although completed some two months ago the new police station of the Thirty-fourth Precinct, generally known as the Highbridge station, is still unoccupied. About the time the building was completed it was found that there was a spring in the cellar, and that it was impossible to keep the cellar dry. As a result the police have not yet moved in, and declare they will not until the spring is stopped running and the house is made safely habitable. The station is a three story building, with gymnasium and baths. It cost nearly $30,000.

FAIR BONDS ABOVE PAR.

St. Louis, June 2.—Bids on the city's authorized issue of world's fair bonds, amounting to $5,000,000, were opened to-day in the presence of Mayor Wells and Controller Player. The par value of the bonds, $1,000, and one cent in each bond, were accepted from two responsible bidders, acting jointly.

FOR EAST SIDE RAPID TRANSIT.

SPEAKERS AT HEARING WANT LEGISLATURE TO GIVE COMMISSIONERS POWER TO MAKE EXTENSION.

The Committee on Railroads of the Board of Aldermen held a public hearing yesterday on rapid transit facilities for the East Side. Senator Joseph Hennessy and Henry Marcus, of No. 239 East One-hundred-and-twenty-third-st., favored an amendment by the legislature that would revise the present powers of the Rapid Transit Commission and require them to grant an extension of the rapid transit road on the East Side, either along Second, Third, or Lexington ave., to the Harlem River at a fare not exceeding three cents for a continuous ride. The committee reserved decision.

TO HAVE A PLANT HERE.

MICHIGAN COMPANY WHICH GOT CITY PRINTING WORK TO CONFORM TO UNION REGULATIONS.

The Board of City Record was recently criticised for awarding to the Fred Macey Company, of Grand Rapids, Mich., city printing work. Some of the objections emanated from labor unions on the ground that the Macey company was a foreign corporation.

The Board of City Record met yesterday, and Philip Cowen, the Supervisor, submitted a letter which he received from the Macey company through its local manager in which it was stated "that preparations were now in force to establish a printing plant in New-York City, Borough of Manhattan, for executing our local printing jobs," and that "our establishment will conform in every respect to the labor regulations required of local bidders on government work."

GROUT OPPOSED TO EASIER TERMS

HE WOULD HAVE THE LEASE FOR THE BROOKLYN EXTENSION RUN FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

Controller Grout is opposed to making the terms for the building and operation of the proposed Brooklyn extension of the rapid transit tunnel any more favorable. On the other hand, he is in favor of making the terms for the builder of the Brooklyn extension harder than those which govern the Manhattan system.

President Greatsinger of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company on Saturday sent a letter to the commission complaining about certain features of the proposed contract, which he said would operate to the disadvantage of the bidder for the Brooklyn extension. In commenting yesterday on Mr. Greatsinger's letter Mr. Grout said:

The Brooklyn contract as it is drawn in my opinion is entirely too liberal. The lease should be cut down to twenty-five years instead of fifty years, as the Manhattan contractors enjoy. There is no other city where tunnels or subways are operated or being built where the operating company has a lease of fifty years. If it did not mean delay I would insist that the building of the tunnel go over until next winter, when an appeal could be made to the legislature to permit the city to build the tunnel itself, the same as Paris is now doing, and lease it to some company for operation. But as I realize that Brooklyn needs the tunnel, and this course would involve a delay of probably six or seven months, therefor we will have to make the best of it.

Mr. Grout added that the contract would stand as it is, except that it was possible some changes more binding on the bidders would be made in the contract.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS SAVED TO CITY.

GROUT SAYS THE CRUSADE AGAINST THE ASPHALT COMBINE WAS JUSTIFIED.

Controller Grout says that the city's fight against the old asphalt paving prices has resulted in saving the city thousands of dollars. In commenting yesterday on the results of the crusade by the new administration against the "combine," Mr. Grout said:

The prices obtained upon the asphalt bids, which were opened by Borough President Swanstrom last week, thoroughly justify the attack upon the former asphalt specifications made in the campaign last fall, and the injunction suit which was brought in December last, and the great care which was taken by the Board of Estimate and by the borough presidents in framing the new specifications so as to insure thorough competition. As asphalt repaving contract usually includes five different items of work—the laying of the concrete, the relaying of old stone, the price for new curb, or for old curb reset, and the price per square yard of asphalt.

In 1901 the average price for concrete was $6 06 a cubic yard; this year it is $4 28. The price for the old stone in 1901 was 52 cents a square yard; this year it is 26 cents; new curb in 1901 cost 92 cents a running foot; this year, 67 cents; old curb relaid was 47 cents in 1901; this year, 34 cents, and while the price a square yard of asphalt in 1901 was $2 25, this year the average price is $1 33.

FURTHER BRIDGE DELAY LIKELY.

THE ROEBLING COMPANY NOT EXPECTED TO COMPLETE WORK BEFORE AUGUST 1—NOT STRUCTURE BEFORE JANUARY, 1904.

It is likely that the completion of the Williamsburg Bridge will be delayed several months by the inability of the Roebling Company to string the cables within the time specified in its contract with the city. A six months' extension of time was granted, and the work was to have been finished on April 21. At that time representatives of the company appeared before the Bridge Commissioner and asked for a further extension. This was denied, and Mr. Lindenthal declared that the company would be obliged to pay $1,000 for every day after April 21, as provided in the contract.

The company has the privilege of asking for a remittal of a part of the amount, but this will only be granted if the work is hastened and completed within a reasonably short time. The company expresses the belief that it can finish the work by June 30, but at the Bridge Department office yesterday it was learned that the percentage of work done each day indicates that the cables will not be ready until some time after August 1. As a result, all the other work on the bridge will be accordingly delayed, and the bridge will not be ready for use in October, 1903, as has been promised. Bridge officials do not expect that it will be ready much before January, 1904.

THREW SWITCH TOO SOON.

BRAKEMAN DERAILED SLEEPER, INJURING FIVE PASSENGERS.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 2.—Two persons were badly injured and five others bruised in a wreck on the Chicago and Northwestern at Otis, seven miles from Cedar Rapids, at 1 o'clock this morning. A westbound passenger train was on the siding waiting for an eastbound to pass. The brakeman threw the switch before the eastbound train was clear, derailing the last sleeper and hurling it against the westbound engine.

Eight or ten people in the sleeper were bruised, but only five received injuries of any consequence, and only two were seriously hurt.

YAQUIS BEATEN BY MEXICANS.

FORTY OF THE INDIANS KILLED AND TWICE THAT NUMBER WOUNDED.

Tucson, Ariz., June 2.—A report has reached here that a battalion of the Mexican army, commanded by General Torres, head of the army in Sonora, fought a desperate battle with three hundred Yaqui Indians on the afternoon of May 29 at El Tanque, a small place not far from Hermosillo. A messenger arriving at Hermosillo brought only meagre details of the fight. Forty Yaquis were killed and twice that number wounded. The Mexican army lost fifteen men. The Yaquis escaped toward the Mazatan Mountains, leaving their dead. A large supply of ammunition and arms was captured.

Excitement is running high in Hermosillo and business is practically suspended, many of the merchants having joined the volunteer army.

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NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

FLOOR SAGS IN CROWDED CHURCH.

MEN AND WOMEN SCREAM AND JUMP FROM WINDOWS—PRIEST RESTORES ORDER.

Passaic, June 2 (Special).—A thousand persons were thrown into a panic when the floor supports in the old St. Mary's Catholic Church here gave way at the 11 o'clock mass yesterday. Only the presence of mind of Father E. A. Haltenger and others in the congregation prevented loss of life. Recently the old church building was moved from its site, in order that a new brick building might be put up there. Services were held in the old church while the new structure was in progress. Careless carpenters failed to obey orders and properly brace the floor of the second story, where the congregation met.

When Father Haltenger began the service the church was filled. Suddenly there was a crash, and the floor began to sag. The men and women jumped to their feet panicstricken. Father Haltenger, realizing that the whole building was in danger, pleaded with his congregation to leave the church in an orderly manner.

Both men and women, however, began to scream, and fifty or more jumped from the windows. They escaped with slight bruises. Order was restored among the rest of the congregation, and five minutes later the building was cleared. New supports were put in place and the service continued, though many refused to go back.

MYSTERY IN PEDLER'S DEATH.

HUNS SAY HE SHOT A MAN AND KILLED HIMSELF—CONFLICTING STORIES TOLD.

Morristown, June 2.—Two men were shot and killed yesterday in the mining settlement of Hibernia, some miles from this city, in the mountains. One of the dead men is a Hungarian and the other a Hebrew. The story told by the Huns is that the Hebrew shot the Hungarian accidentally and then shot himself. The authorities do not believe this story, especially as two Huns, who were close friends of the one shot, are missing, and a search is in progress.

The Hebrew was Louis Cohn, who had a general notion store at Dover, and added to his income by trips through the country with a pack. His stock in trade when packing through the country was varied by the selling of revolvers and other things not usually found in a pack pedler's outfit. The story told by the Huns at Hibernia is that he was displaying a revolver to Anton Mouschack, and that while doing so a cartridge went off and struck the Hun in the breast, killing him. It is said that while the village was all excited over the affair the pedler went into the woods and shot himself.

The appearance of the body does not indicate suicide. There are said to be no powder marks about the wound. Besides this, the authorities have a statement from a woman, whom they are now guarding, that she saw two Huns borrow a revolver and follow Cohn into the woods.

When the authorities sought the two men she mentioned, and of whom they had not heard before, they were not to be found. Coroner Hagan will hold an inquest.

FOUGHT IN CITY HALL.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND SALOONKEEPER TOOK TO FISTICUFFS TO SETTLE ARGUMENT.

John J. Keating, a justice of the peace, and Michael Carroll, a saloonkeeper, had an argument in the corridor of the Bayonne, N. J., City Hall yesterday, and decided to settle it with their fists. They were at it hammer and tongs, and the faces of both were besmeared with blood and cut in several places, when the Chief of Police, who was downstairs in Police Headquarters, was attracted by the row. He threatened to arrest both men, and they stopped fighting. Both men are prominent in politics.

GAVE FALSE WEIGHTS TO GET "RAKE OFF."

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF LEATHER FACTORY PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE OF STEALING $11,488 94.

Adolph Wolff at first pleaded guilty, in the Court of Quarter Sessions, at Newark, yesterday, to three indictments charging him with stealing hides to the value of $11,488 94, but he subsequently entered pleas of not guilty and furnished bail to appear for trial. Leon Liedenbach, executor of the estate of Milton Liedenbach, a leather manufacturer at No. 57 Seventh-ave., makes the complaint. Wolff was superintendent of the works up to last February. According to the indictments, he systematically robbed his employer from December, 1900, until January 31 of this year.

After giving bail Wolff said: "I never stole a hide from the firm, and I worked for them for the last seventeen years, the greater part of which time I was superintendent. I did get foolish there for a time, and figured the weight wrong—that is, the firm would buy a lot of hides, and I would count the weight higher than it was in order to get a few dollars 'rake off.' The figures in the indictments are all wrong."

JERSEY CITY POLICE PARADE.

The Jersey City police will have their annual inspection and parade to-morrow. One of the Chief's aids will be Sergeant Michael Welsh, senior member of the force. He was appointed in August, 1866. It will be his last parade in uniform, as he will retire in August. Sergeant Welsh for many years has been in charge of Police Headquarters at night.

NEW TRUST COMPANY OPENS ITS DOORS.

The West Side Trust Company, recently organized with $300,000 capital and surplus, began business at Springfield-ave. and High-st., Newark, yesterday. Deposits amounting to more than $60,000 were received. Ten building and loan associations are to transfer their bank accounts to the new concern.

THREATENS EXCISE COMMISSIONER.

Henry Ross, who was fined $10 yesterday by Judge Murphy in Jersey City for creating a disturbance in Excise Commissioner O'Brien's saloon, threatened to go before the grand jury and have O'Brien indicted for keeping open on Sunday. O'Brien denies that the saloon was open on Sunday. He is the representative of the liquor dealers on the Excise Board.

REFUSE TO VOTE DEPUTIES' PAY.

PROSECUTOR KOESTER SAYS THERE IS NO LAW TO COMPEL THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES.

Hackensack, June 2 (Special).—The Bergen County Board of Freeholders this afternoon voted not to pay the Sheriff's bill of $2,550 50 for pay for the hundred deputies hired during the strike of the silk dyers at Lodi a month ago, and the bill of Daniel McGrath, who fed the deputies for ten days. Director Gulnac informed the board that the bill was held up by the finance committee for action by the full board. Prosecutor Koester, who is counsel for the Board of Freeholders, made the following statement:

There is no law that compels a board of freeholders to pay for deputies at a strike, and there is no law that will permit the deputies to maintain a suit against the county for services rendered. Governor Murphy refused to order out the militia until the strikers had committed some overt act, but suggested that Sheriff Soley send over all the men necessary. The strikers had threatened to burn down the big mills in Lodi, and were anxious to spoil about $150,000 worth of silk left in the vats. All damages sustained by the mill owners from the strikers would have to be paid by the county, and the deputies were hired to save the county from just such a risk.

Of course, I understand that if the board vote to pay money not sanctioned by law they can be held personally liable, but to bring the matter before the Supreme Court for a decision I would suggest that the board vote to pay the sheriff's bill of $2,550 50, and that the County Collector refuse to obey the board's vote. This would bring a friendly suit and settle the matter. I think the bill is a legitimate one.

Freeholder Richards, of Hackensack, moved that the bill be paid, but the freeholders were frightened by Counsel Koester's reference to personal liability, and refused to pay the money due the deputies.

TENTATIVE SLATE MADE UP.

UNION COUNTY REPUBLICAN LEADERS HOLD SECRET CONFERENCE.

Elizabeth, June 2 (Special).—At a secret conference of Union County Republican leaders the slate for next fall was made up tentatively. The list is said to be as follows: For State Senator, Joseph Cross, of Elizabeth; Surrogate, George T. Parrot, of Elizabeth; Sheriff, Andrew McCardell, of Plainfield. The latter has been averse to running for Sheriff, but it is said that sufficient pressure has been brought to bear on him to get him to allow his name to be presented to the convention.

It is said that this slate has the approval of Representative Fowler, who expects to be renominated at the Congress convention on June 21. There are a number of aspirants for the office of Sheriff, but the Plainfield man, it is understood, is the first choice of the leaders. Two of the three Assembly nominees, it is said, will be taken from the townships in the county, and one from the city of Summit.

TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH THIS WEEK.

BUILDING COST $60,000, AND IS FREE FROM DEBT.

Passaic, June 2 (Special).—The new Old First Church, in this city, will be dedicated this week. The building cost $60,000. At the service yesterday the Rev. Ame Vennema announced that all the money necessary to pay for the new building had been subscribed, and the congregation would enter it free from debt. The Old First is more than one hundred and fifty years old.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

COUPLE REMARRIED IN PRESENCE OF CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard Schambacher celebrated their golden wedding at their home, No. 164 Sherman-ave., Newark, last night. Four of their children and sixteen grandchildren were present. The Rev. C. J. Theiss, pastor of the Bergen Street Methodist Episcopal Church, remarried the couple. Mr. Schambacher is seventy-five years old and his wife is seventy-four. He has been organist of the Bergen Street Church for forty years.

EXPECTS NEW POSTOFFICE NEXT YEAR.

MR. M'DERMOTT SAYS JERSEY CITY APPROPRIATION MAY BE $450,000.

Representative McDermott, before leaving Jersey City for Washington yesterday, was asked about the new postoffice for Jersey City. He said: "The federal authorities at Washington have practically committed themselves in favor of an appropriation for a new postoffice building, and the appropriation will be provided at the short session of Congress, which convenes next December. I would not be surprised if the appropriation were $450,000.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Baltimore, June 2.—Victor Griffen, for two years an inmate of the Bayview Insane Asylum, escaped from that institution this morning, and about two hours later his mangled body was found on the track of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. Griffen was walking toward the train, and failed to get out of the way.

Elizabeth City, N. C., June 2.—The Godfrey brick building was totally destroyed by fire early to-day and two men perished.

Little Rock, Ark., June 2.—A controlling interest has been obtained in "The Arkansas Gazette" by J. N. Heiskell, of Louisville; C. W. and Frederick Heiskell, of Memphis, and Maxwell Coffin, of Little Rock. The new company will assume charge on July 1.

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