

THE NEWS OF BROOKLYN.

"STEEPLE BOB" TO DO A DIFFICULT TASK THIS WEEK—CAISSON RICKETS A POPULAR DISEASE NOW.

BROOKLYN SOCIAL WORLD.

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Emma A. Byles, of Titusville, Penn., and Allen Cowperthwait, of Linden-ave.

The engagement is announced of Miss Dorothea Adams, of Herkimer-st., and Dr. Walter S. Grant, of Stuyvesant-ave.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, of Union-st., have gone to the Montvert, Middletown Springs, Vt.

The Rev. Dr. Harry P. Dewey, pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, and Mrs. Dewey will next winter at the house No. 24 Henry-st., recently purchased by the church.

Among the Brooklyn people at Bar Harbor are Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Eshart and Mr. and Mrs. William M. Feltman.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Asserson are at Richfield Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. McCord, of Gates-ave., will spend the rest of the summer at Gloucester, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Timmerman and their daughter, Florence, of Hancock-st., have gone to Hot Springs, Ark.

Miss Mae Sullivan, of Stuyvesant Heights, is at Patchogue, Long Island.

Mrs. William J. Whitney, of Prospect Place, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Earle at their home in Hempstead.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. H. Talmage have left Bernardville for Southampton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Burnham Moffat and the latter's uncle and two aunts, John J. Pierrepont and the Misses Pierrepont, are at Birchwoods, North East Harbor.

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur B. Kinsolving have gone to Southampton.

Mrs. A. J. McCollum is entertaining a number of visitors at her summer cottage at Bay Shore.

Mrs. J. F. Hayn is spending the summer at Southampton.

Among the Brooklyn folk at the Pines, Hempstead, are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Morrie, Mrs. Harriette, Miss Harriette and Henry Harriette.

Among the Brooklyn people at Freeport are Mr. and Mrs. E. Rodney Fisk, Mr. and Mrs. F. Maxwell, P. M. Aymer, Andrew A. Halstead, Mrs. Halstead, Mrs. Frank Norton, Mr. and Mrs. S. Webster, James C. B. Webster and W. C. Murtha.

William P. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lott and Adler Muller are at Bay Shore.

Among the Brooklynites at Kennebunkport are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Mangum, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ida, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Stanton and the Misses Stanton.

Mrs. E. W. Richardson has left Knightsville, Me., for Marblehead Neck, Mass., where she will stay the rest of the summer with her daughters, Mrs. John Talcott and Mrs. Harvey M. Hubbard, who returned recently from a visit to California.

Judge and Mrs. Edward B. Thomas will spend this month and September at Hyde Manor, Sudbury.

Dr. and Mrs. Harrison A. Tucker, of Clinton-st., are spending the summer at their country home at Cottage City, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson G. Carman are at their summer home at Babylon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Powers have gone to Magnolia, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Offerman have returned from Europe, and will spend the rest of the summer at West End, Long Branch.

Among the Brooklyn physicians at Twilight Park are Dr. Herbert F. Williams, Dr. E. Rodney Fisk, Dr. Gustavus Darlington and Dr. William N. Belcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Brown, of Remsen-st., are at Bellport.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Stanley Tod entertained a large party last week at their bungalow, Chiswick, in Indian Kettles Park, Lake George.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Brower and family are spending the summer at their country home on Grand Island, Mattapoisett, Mass.

James T. Green is at Easthampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Marston, of Clinton-ave.; Mrs. George H. Henshaw and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Webber, Mrs. Thomas A. Eddy and Isaac Snodderker are members of the summer colony at Bellport.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Jean Chalmers and Norman Williams, Jr. Miss Chalmers is a cousin of Mrs. Lewis Mills Gibb.

Alexander Sinclair, W. J. Willets and Mrs. G. G. Moon are at Islip.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. James and family and Miss Stillwell are at Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Cosgrove, of Hancock-st., are spending the summer on the shore of White Lake, Sullivan County, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Small, of Montague-st., will stay at Westhampton Beach till September.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton H. Salmon, of Dean-st., have left Summit, N. J., for Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden G. Swan, of Columbia Heights, are spending the summer at Poland Springs, Me.

JANITORS CLAIM BACK PAY.

On behalf of most of the janitors of the public schools of Brooklyn, Sanders Shanks has filed in the office of Controller Grout claims for back pay due the janitors for the years 1899, 1900 and 1901.

Several months ago claims similar to these were filed in the Controller's office by the janitors of the public schools in Manhattan, and when suits were threatened by a lawyer if the claims were not paid the Board of Education made out payrolls, which were certified to as correct by the Civil Service Commission, and the Manhattan janitors received their money.

AN APPEAL FOR CHARITY.

The Brooklyn Bureau of Charities appeals for \$20 in which to aid a woman with four children, the man being seriously ill and unable to do anything for the family support.

"It is a pity that some more of those ignorant and useless detective sergeants were not reduced to the ranks," said a person who for many years has been in close touch with the Brooklyn Police Department, when he heard of the degradation of a number of the men of that rank the other day by Commissioner Partridge.

Then the Brooklynite told a story to show the intelligence, or lack of intelligence, of the detective. The detective had at the time just been assigned to the force commanded by Captain Campbell, who is now an acting inspector.

Robert Merrill, "Steeple Bob," who has climbed heavenward on the spires of most of the famous churches in the Eastern cities, began work on the spire of the Episcopal Church of the Pilgrims yesterday.

"Caisson fever," or "caisson rickets," which name more nearly describes the disease, is becoming so common among those who are working on the foundations of the new bridge at Washington-st. that the ambulance of the Brooklyn Hospital is called out sometimes three times in a single day.

A majority of the two hundred and fifty men employed on the job are negroes, who seem best fitted by nature to withstand the extraordinary air pressure. Three hours' work a day, in two shifts of an hour and a half each, constitute a day's work for these men.

Enthusiastic advocates of cremation will be delighted to learn that prices for cremation have been reduced recently in Brooklyn.

There are several interesting features of the Festival which the Brooklyn Art Society will hold in Thanksgiving week at the 4th Regiment Armory.

A prize of \$1,000 is offered by the Brooklyn Art Society for the best rendering of Horatio W. Parker's "Harold Hartager" by a mixed English chorus of at least one hundred and fifty voices.

SEEKS TO FORCE APPOINTMENT.

PLAINTIFF ASKS COURT TO AID IN FILLING SUPERINTENDENT OF INCUMBRANCES VACANCY.

Proceedings have been begun by Edward A. Dubej in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to bring about the appointment of a superintendent of incumbrances to succeed Edward A. Goulden, who resigned a month ago, after serving without pay for some time.

President Swanstrom went to the Thousand Islands on a three weeks' trip soon after the papers in the case were served.

REAR ADMIRAL RODGERS MAY SUCCEED REAR ADMIRAL BARKER AT NAVY YARD.

Rear Admiral Barker, commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, may be detached next spring and be succeeded by Rear Admiral Rodgers, according to gossip at the yard.

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WANT \$5,502,867 FOR NAVY YARD.

CONGRESS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROPRIATE THAT AMOUNT TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS.

Congress will be asked at its next session to appropriate \$5,502,867 to complete work now in progress or to develop plans which are being worked out at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

A feature of the budget is an item of \$30,000 to rebuild the administration building, which is inadequate for the purposes it is supposed to serve.

The rest of the appropriation asked for will be required for the completion of buildings now under construction or already planned for.

INSANE HOSPITAL INMATE IN COURT.

ALFRED TARBUNE, WHO ESCAPED IN BROOKLYN, FORCED TO RETURN TO ASYLUM.

Alfred Tarbune, twenty-five years old, who escaped recently from the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane at Islip, and was recaptured on Friday night, made a vigorous plea for his liberty yesterday when arraigned before Magistrate Furlong.

Tarbune returned to town on Friday and went to his home, at No. 1,391 Atlantic-ave., Brooklyn, Mrs. Tarbune informed the police of the Atlantic-ave. station.

Magistrate Furlong said Tarbune talked like a rational man, and told him to go back quietly with the officers to the asylum.

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As an attendant circumstance upon a suit begun by Mrs. Mamie E. Thorne against Albert J. Thorne, an order of arrest for the latter was filed in the office of the County Clerk in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon.

A Sensational Midsummer Sale at Abraham & Straus!

Tremendous news to-day—the hints below don't tell it all. The whole magnificent force of this great Store is united in one supreme effort.

Midsummer Clearance Under Price of Underwear and Hosiery for Everybody.

ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY LESS because in some cases there is not as great variety as we had earlier? This business keeps growing fast and faster and the small groups of the fine things accumulate.

The Best Chance That Ever Was to Save on Things of This Sort. Something for everybody—men, women and children. And everything in the sale is a great bargain.

- Women's Stockings. 10c., worth 20c. Cotton Stockings in colors and fast black; some with split soles. 10c., worth 30c. Fast black lisle thread Stockings, Richelleu and Rembrandt ribbed; all with white tipped heels and toes. 7c., worth \$1.50. A hundred and thirty-six pairs of pure silk Stockings—not a complete range of sizes. Children's Stockings. 12c., worth 15c. to 25c. A large collection including ribbed cotton Stockings with double knees, heels and toes; also babies' pink and blue cashmere Socks and Stockings; also babies' Stockings of lisle thread with embroidered fronts. Men's Hosiery. 10c., worth 20c. Fancy colored Socks and some fast black; broken sizes. 10c., worth 50c. Fancy lisle thread Socks; some with embroidered fronts; some with vertical stripes; some lace effects. Men's Underwear. 10c., worth 50c. Balbriggan Undershirts in broken sizes—No Drawers to match. Shirts and Drawers have been famous bargains during the season at 25c. each. 12c., worth 19c. to 25c. A large gathering of broken sizes, gauze and gossamer weights, high necks and short sleeves; all trimmed with pearl buttons and silk binding. Women's Underwear. 8c., worth 15c. Ribbed Undervests with low necks and no sleeves; trimmed with wide lace and silk tapes. 18c., worth 25c. to 35c. Ribbed lisle thread Undervests; well made and finished with silk tapes. These are specially good value. 24c., worth 45c. Swiss ribbed lisle Undervests, low necks and sleeves, trimmed with silk tapes, and French band knee length umbrella shaped Drawers to match, trimmed with wide lace edging. Men's Wear—Main floor front, East Building. Women's Wear—Main floor, front, Central Building.

Women's Summer Outerwear At Much Reduced Prices.

Women who like to be freshly attired even when the season is half done, women who are prompt to see and seize a saving.

Watch the Advertising of This Store. And August—this Midsummer Sale—brings chances to save on the smartest of Summer wear that have never been paralleled before.

Wash Suits and Dresses—Nearly Half.

Some are half price. Balance of our own stocks, balance of the stock of the best of our makers. Linens, lawns, organdies, Pongee silks and foulard silks—the most popular styles of the season.

- \$10.00 Suits are \$5.00. \$12.50 Suits are \$6.75. \$15.00 Suits are \$7.75. \$16.50 Suits are \$8.75. \$19.75 Suits are \$12.50. \$25.00 Suits are \$14.75.

There are fine values, too, in these: \$6.00 to \$18.50 Summer Skirts, \$3.75 to \$12.50.

The balance of this season's prettiest styles—pique, linens, Pongee silks, white flannels and white etamines. They are splendidly full length Rain Coats of Cravette rain proof cloth come in light or dark Oxford, tan or brown. They have half-fitting backs, coat sleeves and notch collar; some are lined in sleeves and back.

Rain Coats—Much Under Value.

First word is of some full length Rain Coats of shower proof Oxford wool. It is some half fitted back, fly front, notch collar and are well tailored throughout. Just about usual wholesale price at \$10.25. Full length Rain Coats of Cravette rain proof cloth come in light or dark Oxford, tan or brown. They have half-fitting backs, coat sleeves and notch collar; some are lined in sleeves and back. The least such fine Coats ever cost, at \$11.75.

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Men's Summer Shirts. Two Great Bargains.

49c. for Negligee Shirts, Worth \$1.00. They would be great value to-day at the full pricing. To-morrow's price is the least such good Shirts ever cost, even at the season's end.

These are made of fine, self striped madras, with neat printed figures and stripes. A pair of detached cuffs with each Shirt.

75c. for Negligee Shirts, Worth \$1.25 and \$1.50. Some have pleated, some plain bosoms. All are made of excellent madras in first rate patterns.

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- 12c. Batiste Paper at 3c. Shirt Waists at Half Price. Keating Bicycles at \$9.98. Linens Under Import Cost. Boys' \$2.50 Wash Suits at 50c. 10c. and 12 1/2c. Lawns at 5c. \$4.00 to \$6.00 Trousers, \$2.95. Cloth Bound Books, 7c. 5 Pounds of Granulated Sugar, 22c. Pears' Soap, 3c. a Cake. Hammocks at Half Prices. A China Store Clearance. \$12.00 Cameras for \$3.45.