THE ENROLMENT FRAUDS.

M'CULLAGH PREPARING TO PUSH PROSECUTIONS.

SAYS HE WOULD ARREST CARROLL AND DEVERY IF IT WAS SHOWN THAT THEY WERE IMPLICATED.

Wholesale prosecutions are likely to follow the investigations now being made of the primary enrolment frauds. These investigations are being made by State Superintendent McCullagh, who yesterday conferred with David N. Carvalho, the handwriting expert employed by Colonel Michael C. Murphy and ex-Sheriff Dunn to investigate the transfers in their districts. The result of this conference, as publicly announced by the Superintendent, will be a systematic investigation and the prosecution of all concerned in the fraud.

How striking these frauds are may be best seen by a glance at the enrolment changes as given out by Commissioner Voorhis, of the Bureau of Elections, yesterday. This statement shows that the Democratic transfers in Manhattan have reached the enormous total of 14,351, which contrasts oddly with the Republican total of 3,445. Moreover, this huge number of transfers is not equally divided, but is largely confined to a few districts, notably those in which a primary fight is going on. These districts, as announced in The Tribune before, are the IXth, in which Devery is making his whirlwind campaign; the Ist, in which poor old Colonel Murphy is once more holding the fort against "Battery Dan" Finn; the XXVIth, where Thomas J. Dunn is making a losing fight, and the XXIXth, where John F. Carroll is making a desperate struggle for his political existence.

A glance at the transfers in these districts will show what is going on. The figures published by the Bureau of Elections for these districts show the following transfers:

District	Democratic.	Republican.
Ist	829	7
IXth	1,302	21
XXVIth	962	21
XXIXth	872	281

When the question was put to Superintendent McCullagh yesterday as to whether he would prosecute Devery and Carroll if he found that they were implicated in the fraud, he replied with a broad smile:

"Certainly; that's what I am here for."

Commissioner Voorhis of the Bureau of Elections also commented on the figures prepared by his board. He admitted that there was trouble in the Democratic districts mentioned. He also alleged that the same situation existed in the Republican XXVth and in the XXXIId. As the Republican transfers in the former were only 148, against 90 for the Democrats, and 291, against 872, in the latter, it is hard to see any statistical basis for this assertion. Of the figures published yesterday the Commissioner said:

"There have been 829 transfers into the Ist Assembly District, where 'Battery Dan' Finn is fighting ex-Commissioner Murphy. There was something said during the Foley-Divver fight last fall about Murphy's friendliness toward Divver. The fact that a great part of the transfers are from the IId Assembly District may indicate that there was something in this story.

"The IId Assembly District, as a matter of fact, has sent an enormous number of transfers to other districts. One hundred and twenty-seven out of one election district and 110 out of another and smaller numbers out of others have distributed themselves into the Ist, IXth, XXVIth and XXXIId Assembly districts.

"The Republicans and the Democrats are both at it. The Republicans started it last year, and, although there were a number of arrests, nothing came of it, and I suppose that this has encouraged a wholesale attempt to do the same thing this year. In Manhattan it is the Democrats; in Brooklyn it is the Republicans.

"This shows what the public has lost by the veto of the Weekes bill last year. Both of the parties were represented at Albany in the interest of the bill, which makes it very hard to do this kind of thing, but the representative of a faction of one of the parties protested that the bill would shut out his followers, and it was vetoed.

"The transfers are not the only queer thing about this situation. The 'come of age' certificates are just as bad. I venture to say that three-fourths of these are fraudulent.

"We have no means of investigating these things. If on the face of a certificate it is fraudulent we can throw it out, and if we suspect it we can make a limited investigation. But we could not attempt to handle the big enrolment of this year. We did make a small investigation. Out of twenty-one come of age certificates filed from the XXIst District we found that twenty were fraudulent.

"The law should be amended, and amended at once, so that every person who files a come of age certificate should be obliged to appear here in person. Then a man who is forty years old could not get through or a boy of eighteen, either, for there have been some cases of that.

"Perhaps it would be compelling men to commit perjury to have these certificates sworn to, but they are not sworn to, so that a man does not commit perjury in signing a false statement upon one. We had a case here of a man who filed certificates of transfer from one place to three others. He wanted to do a big business. We put him down for the first and threw out the others.

"As the law now stands a premium is put on this kind of thing. A man can enroll for the primaries in blank, naming his party at the supplementary enrolment, when he has learned in what party there is a fight on. And he can transfer to any district without violating the letter of the law. It should be fixed so that a man must live three months in a district before he can enroll for a primary."

Reference to the figures for the first voters also reveals some remarkable facts. The Democratic total is 2,111, against 539 for the Republicans. This would mean an average of about sixty new Democratic voters for a district. But, while the Ist, in which there is a contest, shows ninety new voters on the Democratic side, the IId, in which there is no fight, shows none. In the IXth the number of new voters on the Democratic side is 192, against three for the Republicans, a significant concomitant of Devery's campaign. In the XXVIth there are 160 on the Democratic side and two on the Republican side. In the XXIXth the figures are more nearly even, being thirty-six and fourteen, respectively.

In Brooklyn the total transfers are: Republican, 1,576; Democratic, 1,829, and new voters, 810 and 387, respectively.

FINN MEN ABUSE MURPHY.

AND THEY DON'T BELIEVE CARVALHO'S FIGURES ON FIRST DISTRICT ENROLMENTS.

Ex-Police Commissioner Murphy didn't get much flattery last night at "Battery Dan" Finn's mass meeting, at Desbrosses and Greenwich sts. "That old duck down there," said William T. Kennedy, from a gayly decked wagon, "you can never see him at all when you want to. He can never do anything for you. And he's one of the worst defeated men in the city of New-York." Judge Finn, who is trying to wrest the leadership from Colonel Murphy in the Ist District, said he expected to get three or four votes at the primaries to every one vote that Murphy got. "Do you know," he said, "one thousand Democratic votes have been lost in this district by bad management."

The burden of several of the other speeches, which were made almost under the Finn and Murphy banners in Desbrosses-st., was that the present leader "didn't do enough for" his constituents. "We must have a live man," said one orator. "We've got to bury the dead one." "You're all right," said a voice from the crowd, "and 'Dan' Finn's a man we can see."

"There's but two emblems," said Maurice Francis Killeen. "Finn's is the bright and shining star of Tammany Hall. Murphy's is an old crab net and a pair of ping pong balls. 'Dan' Finn is known to every man in the district and he is a loyal son of the mother country."

Previous to the mass meeting the Chanticleer Club, the James Duffy Association, the John McGrath Association and other organizations paraded in Finn's honor. Passing the Hickory Club, Colonel Murphy's headquarters, the cry was: "You'd better get on the band wagon, 'cause this is the only time we'll pass by." The St. Alphonse Band and the Quinn Fife and Drum Corps were both with the processions. The mass meeting itself was conducted by no one organization, but by a number of the business men of the district, or, as one man announced impressively, "by the determined voters of the district, to wipe out corruption." There was much enthusiasm.

Asked for an opinion on the alleged enrolment frauds, Mr. Kennedy said: "I think Carvalho is way off when he singles out the Ist District. It is my opinion that those so-called fake enrolments are all legitimate. Carvalho, of course, wants to earn his fee. Finn has enough friends to beat Murphy without any importations of voters."

Judge Finn said: "The story about the enrolment frauds has every earmark that it was made up at Rockaway. Anyway, you know how much expert testimony amounts to."

DEVERY MAKES A BREAK.

HAS NO DOUBT THAT A CERTAIN CITIZEN WAS WORTH $500,000, "FUR," HE SAYS, "HE WAS A CHIEF UV POLICE ONC'T."

Mounted on a star enwrapped canopy-top dais, and surrounded by a galaxy of brilliantly uniformed musicians, William S. Devery invaded the regions of Tenth-ave. last night and shouted forth his solution of the problem of the "peepul." The occasion of the expedition into that far country was the unfurling of a new Devery banner. Forming a bridge between two corner saloons, the keystone of the arch, furnished by a lifelike portrait of the "Big Chief," this banner adds new lustre and glory to the Tenth-ave. district, which the candidate for leadership claims to have nearest his heart. It was in a new pose that Mr. Devery addressed himself to the hearts of his constituents last night. Before he spoke he motioned grandly to the musicians, and there was a frantic burst of "Auld Lang Syne." Then the great man stepped forth.

There was an expectant hush. The multitude cheered itself hoarse in a vain attempt to fill in the time in which Devery sought for words.

"He's awful shy, Bill is," said one of the admirers. "He's rale bashful fur such a big feller." Meanwhile the prophet of the "peepul" fidgeted and waved his hand and paused. At last, with great effort, he framed up one word—"peepul."

The applause that greeted this word brought him assurance, and he continued:

"I thought that afore this time I might ha' led some of the other peepul to put a little money in circulation. I ain't heard yet whether Mr. Sheehan is come to the city yet. But I understand there's bulletins in the Pequod Club saying that he ain't agoin' ter be in the campaign till September 1. Well, let him put it off till the second. I tell you if any o' yer peepul can get any money out of Sheehan's or Goodwin's pockets, I advise yer to take it. Seems as if there's a lock there, an' they hadn't no intention of using the key.

"Why, I read in the paper the other day that Mr. Sheehan had a contract for $1,000,000, and that, so far he had drawn $1,030,000. Did yer ever see any o' it? No. Where did it go? It went down inter his pocket. Did he ever come over here to Tenth-ave. and hire any o' you peepul? No. Yer peepul ain't got no use fur carpetbaggers.

"Now, a speakin' o' thirty, puts me in mind, an' it does me heart good ter say it, that thirty years ago I was a mixin' milk punches fer yer ancestors right on this ere corner."

Just then a freight train pulled by, interrupting the speaker.

"Here comes one o' yer trusts," said he, bitterly. "They bin a-goin' back an' forth 'ere fer years, a-killin' off yer forefathers, and yer didn't get nothin' fer them, either. But ef I'm elected I mean ter have them put off the street.

"Now, a-speakin' o' trusts, there was a man landed frum Europe. He could hev said one word and stopped this coal strike that is a-raisin' the prices uf everything. Or he could of sent $5,000,000 ter the strikers fur grub. Then, there's Carnegie, a-givin' millions fur libraries fur dudes and college men, and such like, but it don' do us on Tenth-ave. much good.

"Now, there's Mr. Sheehan. He stood in with the Republicans. Did he get any men over here appointed ter office? Didn't he go away up ter the Bronx and hire the son of a man worth $500,000, I mean get him appointed a building commissioner! An' this man, this ere college bred dude; I call him young upstart; his father, Little Johnny Jordan, had $500,000, and his father-in-law had, I don't doubt, another $500,000, fer he was a chief uv police onc't! He cums down here an' he makes the wimen move there plants off the fire escapes. Them plants is the appul of their eyes. Wot does that young upstart know?

"Long 'bout the fust er September Goodwin an' Sheehan will get out circulars sayin' things about the Lexow committee an' the Mazet bisness. Don't yer peepul take any stock in that. They is men without words. Sheehan ain't got no word. Goodwin ain't got no word. I lived right ere among yer an' I done wot I promised."

Mr. Devery closed his address with a sweeping arraignment of the trusts and a declaration that he intended to force his way into the convention at Saratoga, and that if he were elected he had friends up the State to help him. He paid his respects to Hill and his friends in a characteristic fashion.

After his speech Mr. Devery gave a little talk on the Comstock mine, in which he alleged he had made his money.

"Sure, I made lots of money in Comstock," said he, when approached, "but I don't want to talk about it. I said my say at that there meetin', and the best reporters in the city covered it. I don't see as it's anybody's business. I got my money and I handle it myself. I spend a lot of it. What business is it of anybody how I got it? Say, if I was to take a lantern and a jimmy and break into a bank and get away wit hit, that'd be my business, wouldn't it? Sure! I am my own cashier, and you bet I don't have to have anybody to handle my money for me."

WHITMAN AFTER BIDWELL'S PLACE.

A CAMPAIGN TO SCOTCH THE ASPIRATIONS OF LEMUEL E. QUIGG.

A vigorous campaign for Assistant Corporation Counsel Charles S. Whitman as the successor of ex-Collector Bidwell in the XIXth Assembly District Republican leadership was opened yesterday. The support of the West Side Republican Club, of which Mr. Whitman is an officer, has already been promised the candidate, and among those who have signed a petition in his favor are Richard T. Greene and Lucius M. Stanton, the latter an ex-president of the club.

It is generally believed that the purpose of the campaign is to shut off any ambitions Lemuel E. Quigg, who has shown considerable activity of late, may have to become leader in this district.

An organization Republican himself, Mr. Whitman has rendered many valuable services to his party. During the last campaign he had charge of the Bowery work of the Republicans, he is captain of an election district, and as an Assistant Corporation Counsel he has made a good record. He is a member of the law firm of Whitman, Deane & Brower, which has its offices at No. 35 Nassau-st.

Since ex-Collector Bidwell announced his intention of withdrawing from political leadership in the XIXth Assembly District his place has been taken by Mr. Quigg. In the meetings of the County Committee the latter has taken a prominent part and has succeeded in developing an opposition which will be active in the present campaign.

TO TAKE UP KUNZENMAN'S FIGHT.

Under the leadership of Captain John Wegmann, who is chairman of the Jacob Kunzenman Association of the XIVth Assembly District, the fight of the Greater New-York Democracy to control the primaries in that district will continue despite the death of the leader, Mr. Kunzenman. Wegmann has been identified with the Democratic politics of the district for many years and has a large following.

PREDICTS LASTING PEACE IN CHINA.

LI HUNG CHANG'S PHYSICIAN SAYS HIS PATIENT KILLED HIMSELF WITH OVERWORK.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Dr. Robert Coltman, of Peking, China, formerly physician to Li Hung Chang and now secretary to a Chinese general, is in Chicago. His family lives in Washington, and he is on his way, with a nine months' leave of absence, to visit them.

"Li Hung Chang was the greatest man I ever knew," said he last night. "He killed himself with overwork. I was with him when he died. He had a wonderful mind, and China may never have so great a man again. He knew everything, even to the smallest details, that went on in his own household and in the great empire. Whatever he took up he mastered completely before he finished it."

China, Dr. Coltman thinks, is now assured of a lasting peace, and is making steady progress.

BUYS A COPPER MINE FOR $1,000,000.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 23.—The North American Copper Company, capitalized at $40,000,000, and formed recently in the East to purchase and operate all the leading mines, the aerial tramway and smelter in the Grand Encampment District, has bought the Ferris-Haggerty Copper Mine at Battle Lake for $1,000,000. The transfer of the property will take place on September 1.

OF COURSE YOU WOULD.

If you wanted a certain article, wouldn't you thank a friend for putting you on the right track to get it? You may find what you want in the "Little Ads. of the People."

STEEL PLAN EXPLAINED.

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cate can only be received by it, provided the entire transaction of purchasing $200,000,000 of preferred stock and retiring it, and then issuing and placing on the market $250,000,000 of second mortgage bonds at par, is completed and consummated.

The money needed could have been raised, Mr. Perkins says, by stopping dividends on the preferred and common stock for one year, or on the common stock alone for two years and a half, but this course was deemed unfair to the stockholders, and particularly to the holders of common stock, which was in the hands of thousands of small holders, and in many cases had been taken in exchange for stock of other companies which were paying dividends. Continuing, Mr. Perkins says:

The largest participations in the syndicate were taken only after urgent solicitation by me, and upon my agreeing that my firm would take an equal amount. The participation taken by Mr. Schwab, the president of the corporation, and by some of the other directors, was upon the understanding that, if we found other parties to take any part of such participations, we would do so and thus relieve them. My firm considered, and I believe most of the directors believed, that the syndicate contract was not a particularly profitable one for the syndicate, but was a most desirable one for the United States Steel Corporation, and that only those largely interested in that corporation could be induced to take any large risk in the syndicate. In no instance did we find any stockholder willing to subscribe for the full amount of his holdings in preferred stock.

NOT SYNDICATE MEMBERS.

Mr. Perkins declares that a statement made by Bernard Smith in an affidavit, that William H. Moore, Norman B. Ream, Peter A. B. Widener and John D. Rockefeller, jr., were members of the syndicate, was untrue, and it is set forth in an affidavit by the keeper of the syndicate books that sixty-one others named by Smith are not members of the syndicate. Mr. Perkins says there was announcement that some of the directors of the Steel Corporation were members of the syndicate, and any stockholder could have ascertained their names without trouble.

An affidavit by George A. Day, an attorney and one of the Supreme Court Commissioners of Nebraska, says his law firm had been employed in March, 1899, by a man representing himself to be David H. Lewis, and that on August 16, this year, he saw Lewis in New-York, and that he was told that Lewis was known in New-York as David Lamar.

An affidavit by Joseph E. Corrigan, of the law firm of Guthrie, Cravath and Henderson, tells of a confession made to Mr. Guthrie in his presence by James H. Lancaster, who gave testimony for Hodge to the effect that the entire plan of the United States Steel Corporation was not worth more than $500,000,000. Mr. Corrigan says Lancaster admitted that when he made the affidavit he did not know it was to be used in any suit, and that he had been governed only by his impressions, as he had understood that the affidavit was to be used only in an advisory way in the matter of stock investment. Corrigan goes on to swear that Lancaster stated to himself and Mr. Guthrie that he had found out a few days after making the affidavit that it was being used in the Steel Corporation suit and that he had protested to David Lamar, who had induced him to make the affidavit. Lamar then, according to Lancaster's statement, had agreed to pay Lancaster $250 a week and $10,000 when the suit was settled. Lancaster had then made a second affidavit and received $400. Subsequently he had had a dispute with Lamar about his compensation, and finally received $300, making a total of $1,000, he having had $100 for his first affidavit.

Affidavits by William J. Filbert, controller of the Steel Corporation, and James J. Campbell, auditor of the Carnegie company, are presented to refute Lancaster's estimate, and to sustain the valuations of the Steel Corporation's properties recently given in affidavits by Charles M. Schwab, president of the corporation.

WHERE HE GOT IT.

Some people are sometimes anxious to know where other people "got it." If it was a great bargain it was no doubt secured through the "Little Ads. of the People."

MRS. NELSON IN SAN FRANCISCO.

IT IS ASSERTED THAT THERE WILL BE A COMPROMISE OVER MRS. FAIR'S ESTATE.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—Mrs. Hannah Nelson, mother of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, has arrived here from her home in Newmarket, N. J. She is accompanied by her son, A. G. Nelson, of Plainfield, N. J. Mrs. Nelson, who is seventy years old, was greatly fatigued by her journey across the continent.

Charles J. Smith, of Boulder Creek, Col., a brother of the late Mrs. Fair, and "Fred" Fowler, a nephew of Mrs. Fair by marriage, with his wife, are also here. Mrs. Nelson declined to talk for publication, but to Joseph Harvey, a lifelong friend of Charles Fair, she said: "I don't care much what becomes of my share of the estate, but I do want to see my children get all they are entitled to."

A. G. Nelson said: "There will be no contest between my mother and Mr. Smith, of Colorado. He is my halfbrother. Of course, my mother will go into court, but the legal matters rest with her counsel altogether. She will ask for letters of administration on the estate, and for that reason we intend to take up our residence in San Francisco.

"My mother," he continued, "we regard as the sole heir, so there will be no contest, so far as we are concerned."

"There will be no contest at all," remarked Joseph Harvey. "The whole matter will be settled out of court, and, anyhow, nothing definite has yet been decided on."

"The Call" says:

It is not generally known that the Fairs will authorize Hermann Oelrichs to inform the relatives of Mrs. Fair that they can take possession of certain properties of her estate. To this estate will also probably be added a sum of money. What the amount will be has not yet been settled upon. The details of the compromise have not yet been discussed.

DON'T KNOW WHY BODIES ARE HELD.

HALF-BROTHER OF UNFORTUNATE WOMAN STARTS FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

Plainfield, N. J., Aug. 23 (Special).—The Nelson heirs in Newmarket disclaim any knowledge of the order to hold the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair, pending a post mortem examination in Paris. William B. Smith, a half-brother of the dead woman, says that he has given no such instructions, and that, as far as he is aware, no other member of the family has done so. In his opinion the Fairs are responsible for the instruction to examine the bodies. Mr. Smith has again changed his plans, and made preparations to-day to leave tonigh. for San Francisco. A telegram announcing the safe arrival of Mrs. Abraham Nelson and her son, Abraham Nelson, in San Francisco was received to-day in Newmarket. Mrs. Abraham Nelson declines to discuss anything regarding the unfortunate affair, but the other heirs positively assert that the action in Paris is without their authority.

FAIR RELATIVE IN ALMSHOUSE.

OLD MAN EXPECTS NO ASSISTANCE FROM THOSE POSSESSED OF MILLIONS.

Orange, N. J., Aug. 23 (Special).—George Leffler, whose wife was related to Mrs. Charles Fair, and whose two children are beneficiaries under Mrs. Fair's will, is an inmate of the Orange poorhouse. His daughter lives with an aunt near Caldwell, while his son is said to have a good position in New-York. Leffler has been in the almshouse for the last four months. He suffers from rheumatism. He shrinks from publicity.

"I don't want my name in the papers," he said. "Even if my relations are possessed of millions, I shouldn't expect them to help me, because when they could have done so in the past they never came near me."

The old man does odd jobs around the almshouse, assisting in the dining room and in various other ways. He was employed for twenty-five years by an Orange firm, but lost his position after several warnings, it is said, concerning his irregular habits.

STOWAWAYS COME ON THE PHILADELPHIA.

TWO ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ALL THREE ARE ALLOWED TO LAND.

Three stowaways, two of them American citizens, arrived here yesterday morning on the steamship Philadelphia of the American Line. They were Herbert Snyder, thirty years old, a fireman; John Polerecky, a Hungarian, and August Weibolt, twenty years old, a fireman, of German birth. Snyder and Weibolt were allowed to land, as they produced evidence showing that they were American citizens. Polerecky was taken to Ellis Island by the immigration authorities.

The last named is nineteen years old, and was an apprentice to a locksmith for three and a half years. He speaks three languages, but no English. According to the boy, his father died in this country and his mother in Hungary. He said he had three sisters, living in Cleveland, Ohio. Polerecky walked for five weeks before reaching Cherbourg, where, with Snyder and Weibolt, he succeeded in getting aboard the Philadelphia, while six other stowaways who got aboard at Southampton were being put off. On his walk to Cherbourg Polerecky did odd jobs and managed to save $7.50, which he had with him yesterday. The immigration authorities took a great deal of interest in the young stowaway, and have succeeded in getting him employment in the restaurant on Ellis Island. He will not be deported.

FIGHTS OVER 65 CENTS AND DIES.

EMPLOYE AT AVON INN IS HELD ON THE CHARGE OF INFLICTING FATAL GASH.

Long Branch, N. J., Aug. 23.—R. H. Kane, of No. 116 West Forty-eighth-st., New-York, died yesterday afternoon at the Monmouth Memorial Hospital, as a result of a gash across the abdomen, said to have been inflicted on him by Robert Lowden, who is a prisoner here. Both men were employes at the Avon Inn. On Thursday they quarrelled over the possession of 65 cents. The disagreement ended in a fight, when, it is alleged, Lowden cut Kane severely across the abdomen.

Coroner Flock will hold an autopsy over Kane to-morrow.

SHOOTS DOG SAID TO BE MAD.

IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THE ANIMAL IS KNOWN TO HAVE BITTEN FIVE CHILDREN.

Policeman McIvor, of the West Twentieth-st. station, last night shot a supposed mad dog in front of No. 369 West Nineteenth-st. The animal was shot at the request of a Mrs. May, who lives at No. 359. The woman alleges that the dog had bitten her two children yesterday. The dog was a setter, a tramp, which appeared in the neighborhood about a week ago. "Bum" the children called him. In the last few days it is known that the dog had bitten five children.

Yesterday morning the dog found his way to the apartments of a family on the second floor of No. 159 Ninth-ave. It took refuge under a bed, and when Elsie Ahrens, eight years old, attempted to drive him out, she was bitten on the finger. Later in the day "Bum" showed up in front of Mrs. May's house. While Edna May, seven, and her brother, Charles, five years old, were playing with the animal, he bit each of them on the hand. Mrs. May went out and found Policeman McIvor, and at her request, he shot the dog.

BURGLAR SCARE NEAR FIFTH-AVE.

WATCHMAN THINKS HE SEES A MAN ENTER HOUSE OPPOSITE THE HOLLAND HOUSE, BUT FAILS TO FIND HIM.

A burglar scare created a commotion last night in the neighborhood of No. 5 West Thirtieth-st., the home of Dr. Morris J. Asch. It was caused by a night watchman employed to guard a building at No. 3 West Thirtieth-st., who imagined he saw a man, whom he assumed to be a burglar, entering one of the basement windows of the doctor's house. Dr. Asch is away, and the house is in charge of Mrs. Louise Hallem. The watchman knocked at the basement door for some minutes before he aroused Mrs. Hallem. When he did, and related his fears, she nearly fainted, but managed to compose herself. She quickly got her hat, and hurried to the West Thirtieth-st. station, while the watchman watched for the supposed burglar.

Sergeant Dillon immediately instructed Policeman Aiken to go and catch the burglar. With drawn revolver and ready nightstick, the watchman bringing up the rear, Aiken searched the house from cellar to roof, but failed to find any burglar, or any trace of one. Dr. Asch's residence is directly opposite the Holland House.

MUCH SILVERWARE RECOVERED.

MANY THOUSAND DOLLARS' WORTH SAID TO HAVE BEEN REVEALED BY ARREST.

Detective Sergeants Milbourne and Cooney, of the Central Office, yesterday afternoon took to Police Headquarters and caused to be locked up on a charge of grand larceny a prisoner said to be Edward Rankin, twenty-three years old, of No. 172 West Fiftieth-st. The fact of the arrest became known outside of the detective bureau last night at a late hour, but those in charge would say no more about the case except that many thousands of dollars' worth of silverware had been recovered as a result of the arrest.

The officials in charge last night said they knew no more than that. The prisoner probably will be arraigned in the Centre-st. court this morning.

AMBASSADOR MEYER GAINING RAPIDLY.

Boston, Aug. 23.—So favorable have been all the conditions surrounding his case that George von L. Meyer, Ambassador to Italy, probably will be able to leave the private hospital in this city, in which he is now a patient, early next week. Since he underwent a surgical operation on Monday, Mr. Meyer has steadily been gaining strength. He will go to his country home in Hamilton.

ONCE HAD A MILLION, HE SAID.

John Quinn, seventy-one years old, who said he was once a broker and worth $1,000,000, but who is now without a home, was pulled from the tracks of the Sixth-ave. surface railway at Twenty-eighth-st. late last night, just in time to escape being run over by a car. The rescuer was Policeman Behr, of the West Thirtieth-st. station. The old man had fallen on the tracks from exhaustion. Quinn was taken to the West Thirtieth-st. station and locked up on a technical charge of vagrancy.

FUNERAL OF GENERAL SIGEL TO-DAY.

The funeral of General Franz Sigel will be held in Melrose Turn Verein Hall, Courtlandt-ave., near One-hundred-and-fiftieth-st., this afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock. As the capacity of the hall is insufficient to accommodate the general public, only delegates from the different societies will be admitted to the service, but to give all who may desire to pay tribute to his memory an opportunity to view the body it will lie in state in the hall from 10 a. m. until 1 p. m. to-day.

At a special meeting of the North Side Board of Trade, held Thursday evening, resolutions of appreciation of the illustrious services of General Sigel, who was a charter member, were passed by a rising vote, and President Albert E. Davis designated James L. Wells, Colonel Joseph A. Goulden and Captain Anthony McOwen to present them to the family. Members of the board were requested to assemble at the board rooms, No. 320 Willis-ave., to-day at 1 o'clock, to proceed thence to the funeral.

ARRIVAL OF C. M. HAYS.

Charles M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, and his family arrived here from Europe yesterday on the steamer Philadelphia. They spent only a few hours in the city before starting for their home in Montreal.

A POSSE BESIEGES TWO MEN.

Middlesboro, Ky., Aug. 23.—T. E. Mullin and another man who, with George Potter, a desperate criminal, nearly killed a young woman in Virginia a few days ago, are surrounded at Lick Pork, Va., by a posse of men, who will kill both unless they surrender. The posse is composed of relatives and friends of the young woman. The outlaws are in Mullin's father's cabin. They are heavily armed and well barricaded. They say they will not surrender.

THE FIRE RECORD YESTERDAY.

1:45 a. m.—No. 106 Norfolk-st.; Jacob Silverstein; no damage.
2:05 a. m.—No. 396 West-st., Morris Stack; $4,000.
7:30 a. m.—No. 125 Pitt-st.; J. Harris; $50.
9:20 a. m.—No. 619 Sixth-st.; Adolph Braun; no damage.
9:45 a. m.—No. 1,689 Madison-ave.; Strong & Ireland; $5.
10:30 a. m.—No. 1,433 Madison-ave.; Samuel Falk; $25.
10:50 a. m.—One-hundred-and-sixty-first-st. and Riverave.; owner unknown; $20.
1:00 p. m.—No. 327 Washington-st.; J. H. Newton; trifling.
1:20 p. m.—No. 69 New-Chambers-st.; owner unknown; no damage.
5:10 p. m.—One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st. and St. Nicholas-ave.; National Conduit Company; $15.
5:23 p. m.—No. 629 East Eighteenth-st.; Carroll Lumber Company; $100.
7:00 p. m.—No. 681 Eighth-ave.; Frank Sersheimer; trifling.
7:10 p. m.—No. 1,622 Madison-ave.; Samuel Mandel; $5.
7:30 p. m.—No. 1,014 Westchester-ave.; J. Griensaione; no damage.
8:45 p. m.—No. 816 Broadway; A. J. Miller; trifling.

PRECAUTIONARY.

From The Boston Transcript.

Jostlin—There is one thing I can say: I never turned a poor man away from my door.

Rand—But you are careful not to have your dog chained when a poor man comes around.

CANDLES AND LAMPS AT THE PLAY.

BOYS HELP TO LIGHT STAGE BY THE FLARE OF BICYCLE LANTERNS.

Patchogue, Long Island, Aug. 23 (Special).—There's nothing in the world so productive of fun as the possible loss thereof, so the fact that the electric lights last evening left the town in darkness rather increased than mitigated interest in the great attraction of the evening. It was the free library benefit, the gathering of the season, the much talked of, never equalled, highly talented entertainment that for many days had been the source of untold amusement, work and anxiety to the friends and principals of the beneficiary performance. About 7 o'clock, just as everybody was getting ready to start off for this unusual festivity, the electric lights gradually dimmed, became painfully weak and then gave out entirely. A wild scurry for lamps and candles ensued; the hotels were at first embarrassed, but soon were able to cope with the situation and to start the flustered guests off for the village, or, at least those who intended to attend the show—and there was no small number of them.

After some very excusable delay on the part of the management candle footlights were arranged on the stage, with here and there a flaring lamp. When the curtain was run up two boys, one on either wing, and wholly visible, were discovered holding reflecting bicycle lamps. Lighted thus, the various parts of the programme were gone through with no more regard for the light effects than if the electric lights, which late in the evening managed to come back, burned on undimmed. The nonchalance displayed was admirable. Ambition was the centre note of the performance. No ordinary, everyday joke book vaudeville was planned when this affair was contemplated. Things high in the art were to be commanded, presented, and—no doubt—applauded. So the first treat was a drilled sextet, "Blooming Lize," as sung in "The Chaperon." The Misses Hafner, E. Smith, Martinez, Kief, Hoeffner and Renard succeeded very acceptably in the naïve reproduction of the popular chorus song and dance. John Washburn followed with a chappie boy rendering of a selection from "The American Cousin," and was in turn followed by a violin solo by Master Harry Macfarlane. "Nancy Brown" then took the stage, Miss Maude Janes leading the chorus. Miss Annetta Kiefer and John Washburn displayed very effective work in a little dialogue and song sketch that followed. But best of all was "My Sambo," also from "The Chaperons." The chorus was led by Miss Hafner, who went through this with spirit and a commendable enthusiasm. The piece was roundly applauded, as also that which followed—the march song from "The Show Girl," sung by Miss Annetta Kiefer. The first part of the programme was closed by Friedman's "Baby Mine," by Miss Lavalette McCann.

The hour was getting late when Part II was begun. The proceedings for a few moments were embarrassed by those who believed in early bedtime. But soon "Off the Stage," a comedy in one act, was well under way, and prolonged the entertainment until the woes and amours of a father and son who were in love with the same girl came to a foregone conclusion. No ordinary talent was displayed in this little drama, and it was well deserving of all the applause it won.

E. Hafner, as Marcus Brass, of no belying name; Wesley Sprague, as George Jordan, a son with a malleable heart and a quickly fanned passion; C. F. Kerrigan, as the romantic old lover and pooh-poohing father; Miss Maud Janes, as the daughter; Miss Rose Smith, as Clarinda, the much beloved, and Miss McCann, as the pert maid, made up an excellent and interesting cast.

The entertainment was for the benefit of the Patchogue Free Library, and was under the patronage of Mrs. Kate L. Gilbert, Mrs. W. M. Vanderhoof, Mrs. M. F. McCann and Miss Kathleen Gilbert.

Patchogue on Labor Day is to have another dramatic treat in the form of grand opera—with an exclamation point. It is nothing else than Gounod's "Faust," which is to be presented at the Lyceum under the personal direction of John C. Dempsey, who himself is to appear as Mephistopheles. Miss Daisy Thorne Delamotta, as Marguerite; Miss Jennie Cross, as Siebel, and Walter H. Wheatley, as Faust, will make up the supporting cast.

Baseball remains a favorite in these parts and does not seem to partake of the general decline of that sport. Last Wednesday the "Old Boys," a team composed of some of the leading men of the town, played such an interesting game with the Bohemians, a team that another challenge has been issued and accepted, and next Wednesday the second game is to be played off.

This afternoon the Patchogue baseball team plays the Maujer Athletic Club, and next Saturday is to compete with the Cuban Giants.

A big bicycle meet takes place here Labor Day, when some championship races are expected to be held.

The season in and about the hotels is progressing successfully, and only too quickly for many. The days have held so fair and bright for the last fortnight that everybody has had a chance to learn the advantages of the place and enjoy all the amusements of land and sea. Sailing has been the most popular sport, of course, while bathing has a multitude of adherents who attribute a great part of their ease of mind and body to the pleasure and benefit of the waters. The little resorts on the beach are flourishing these days, and are driving a brisk trade with the ocean. It is entirely out of accord with all vacation standards here not frequently to go over to the shore and enjoy the strenuousness of a surf bath. No sailing accidents have occurred this week. It is Saturday, and all is well—so far.

The latest arrivals at the respective hotels are as follows:

The Clifton—Mr. and Mrs. James J. Finn, Mrs. E. A. Harlow, Miss Harriet Burton, E. Burton, Raymond Martinez, Mrs. T. G. Finn, Mrs. J. Stephenson, Miss Murphy, Mrs. M. B. Winkemein, Mrs. Francis W. Clyde, jr., of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hubbard, Miss Grace Van Sickel, T. H. Van Sickel, of Plainfield, N. J.; Miss Elizabeth L. Young, of Deal Park, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young, of Glen Cove, N. Y.; Miss Margaret Collins, Miss Mary Whalen, Miss Annie Slater, Miss Mary McLaughley, of Paterson, N. J.; Stetson Leach, of Pittsburg, Penn.; Mrs. George A. Fink, Thomas C. Browne, John F. Browne, William A. Sheehan, Mrs. F. C. Elliott, Miss Grace Elliott, Mrs. Elizabeth Brush, Mrs. B. A. Chamberlain, Charles Leopold, Frank W. Struoy, T. C. Wobram, William Russell, Dr. J. J. Curtis, R. C. Anderson, Charles J. Wagner, Miss R. Demarest, Edwin Hanson, Miss Annetta T. Kiefer, E. T. Hoeffner, Miss K. Gunner, Miss Becker, Francis Dwight, of New-York, and R. F. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ware, Miss Tillie M. Sackey and Mr. Tindall.

Pine Grove Hotel—H. R. Robertson, of Bloomfield, N. J.; Miss Madge J. McKee, of Rahway, N. J.; Mrs. Helen B. Rassler, of Peekskill, N. Y.; Miss Jeanetta Jarecky, James W. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fischl, E. C. Walters, N. H. Wendel, E. B. Stern, Miss Therese Levy, Charles J. Bogert, J. P. Taplin, David Risenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hurd, Paul Fischl, Alexander Levinson, Joseph Einerman, Monroe Washer, S. Jacobson, Joseph Goldsmith, J. D. Collins, F. A. Baldwin, Miss Lena Jacobson, Miss Harriet Levine, of New-York; W. H. Mertens, Harry Benson, C. M. Bogert, Mrs. Anna A. Norton, J. H. W. Jacobson, Harry Wilson Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Riley and J. Trepel, of Brooklyn.

Ocean Avenue Hotel—The Misses Stewart, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Troschen, of Paterson, N. J.; Reuben S. Lind, Miss Cora R. Lind, Mrs. W. J. Horney, Miss Jolly, Miss Kloppenburg, John Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lyons, Master Burton Lyons, Mrs. Schulz, Mrs. A. Brill, Mrs. P. O. Jacob, Charles E. Morris, Frank E. Hayes, E. L. Jacob, K. H. Hoppe, A. E. Taylor, John K. Maner and Dr. and Mrs. Eismann, of New-York; Mrs. J. Barrie, Miss Barrie A. Fleming, E. W. Gra