

JOHNSON REGRETS SUIT.

Says He Lent Money to Hostetter for "Plunging."

WAS HIS BETTING COMMISSIONER.

David C. Johnson was not inclined to talk last night about his suit for \$115,000 against the estate of the late Theodore Hostetter, of Pittsburg. He told of what a "plunger" Hostetter had been, and declared that he had been the wealthy bettor's commissioner. He would not admit that he himself had gambled with Hostetter, nor would he say what the \$115,000 he sued for was, loans or gambling debts. He denied that he had bet \$1,000 on the toss of a coin with Hostetter in the Waldorf, but said that he had given large amounts to the Pittsburg man when he wished to bet, and was temporarily out of funds.

He denied that Hostetter, as reported, had lost \$1,000,000 at gambling in this city, and said the losses would not reach one-fifth of any such sum. The "commissioner" said he had withdrawn the suit to recover \$115,000, and intimated that bringing a suit was the result of a mistake, and something no "true sport" would do. Johnson denied coming to any compromise with the estate by which he received \$115,000, but said the case was settled with Mr. Clark, counsel for the heirs.

"I liked the young man and became his commissioner. We were good friends. No matter where he might be telegraphed misdirections about his business, and if he wanted money he got it, regardless of the amount."

"Now he is dead and gone, and what is the use of talking about it?" Johnson had nothing to say about the story that Hostetter won \$30,000 from him on the last election of President McKinley.

On account of the family, Johnson said, he regretted the publicity of the case. The stories of the losses had been magnified, even though Hostetter was a fierce plunger, ever ready to put up money.

John Delahanty, attorney for Richard A. Canfield, said last night that a story that Canfield tried to collect \$30,000 from the widow of Theodore Hostetter was a "fair tale." When Hostetter died, the story said, Canfield held due bills for \$30,000. Canfield went to the widow and demanded payment.

"I called up David W. Bucklin, who is a friend of Mr. Canfield's, and has been associated with him in a business way," said Mr. Delahanty, "and asked him what he thought of this story. He said to me: 'I knew who Mr. Hostetter was, and although I am not sure, I think Mr. Canfield knew him. At any rate, Mr. Canfield never had any personal business transaction with him, and at the time of Mr. Hostetter's death he was not indebted to Mr. Canfield to the extent of one dollar.' Any statement to the effect that Mr. Canfield made claim to Mr. Hostetter's estate for any sum whatever is absolutely false. He could not make a claim for something that was not due."

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Pittsburgh, Feb. 7.—Few Pittsburghers knew that a suit had been begun against the estate of the late Theodore Hostetter by David C. Johnson, of New York, for gambling debts. The court records show that a suit had been entered, but later compromised, on what terms it is not known.

O. S. Richardson, of the law firm of Cassidy & Richardson, attorneys for Johnson, when seen at his law office, in Fourth-ave., this afternoon, confirmed the statement that the suit entered in the Allegheny County courts for \$115,000 had been settled, but he said it was not a "gambling debt," as it would be foolish for a person to go into court to collect such a debt. He said that the debt was incurred by borrowing money, and that Mr. Johnson is a well known broker and money lender in New York.

He stated that the suit was filed in the latter part of last September, and that at the time a statement was also filed. To the best of his recollection, without going over the records, he accounts for the sum of \$115,000 as follows: \$70,000 in promissory notes for \$70,000, \$20,000 and \$15,000, and that the remainder of the \$115,000 was interest that had accumulated, since some of the notes had run for more than two years.

FRIENDS LEAVE CORPSE AT WAKE.

Fire in Adjoining Flat Causes Hasty Retreat in Harlem.

Several friends and relatives who were attending a wake over the body of Thomas O'Neill in a flat on the top floor of the house at No. 133 West One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st. last evening, were forced to leave the building and the corpse, because of a fire which started in a flat on the same floor. When they were permitted to return, the flat and the body were uninjured.

The fire started in the flat of Mrs. Helen Anita Kroeger, who lives there with her three young children. She had just put them to bed and was carrying a lamp from the bedroom into the parlor, when she accidentally let it fall. The oil ran from it and caught fire, and soon the whole room was ablaze, and the flames shot out of the front window. They were seen by two policemen attached to the West One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st. station, who turned in an alarm and then ran to the firehouse and forced all of the occupants to get out.

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Some of the men attending the wake in the O'Neill flat wanted to carry the body out, but the coroner was so thick in the hall that they were not permitted to do so. The damage will amount to \$500.

SAY MR. RIVES MISTAKES LAW.

Henry C. Henderson, Quinton Corwin and James H. Briggs, the Croton Watershed Commissioners, whose bill for services has been held up on the order of Corporation Counsel Rives, unite in saying that Mr. Rives is under a misapprehension as to the law under which the commission was appointed in 1886.

The Commissioners have decided not to make any reply to the Corporation Counsel's interview in the Tribune on Friday, but it was learned yesterday that they take particular exception to the statement that they are to blame for the suit in the removal of the two hundred and more bodies in the old Mount Kenia cemetery. It was said yesterday that the withholding of their report, so far as it affects the removal of the bodies, can in no wise embarrass Mr. Rives, because there is a stipulation on record between the Agents and the owners of the graves in which provision is made for the removal of the bodies. The Commissioners themselves have nothing whatever to do with the removal.

ACTOR FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Joseph Clark, an actor, thirty-eight years old, who played a minor part in the "Notre Dame" company at the Grand Opera House about three weeks ago, was found dead in bed in a room at Daly's Hotel, at No. 65 West Fort-second-st., yesterday. Dr. Milliken, of Roosevelt Hospital, who was summoned, said that the man had evidently died from heart disease. The "Notre Dame" company had just closed its season.

"Jack" Mason, of the Garrick Theatre, said that Clark's mother lived in Boston, and that he was at one time manager for Keith in Boston. Nothing else is known of Clark at Daly's Hotel.

FIRE IN MONKEY HOUSE.

Chimpanzee Helps Put Out Blaze in His Cage.

There was another mysterious and supposedly incendiary fire in a chimpanzee's cage in the New York Zoological Garden, in Bronx Park, yesterday afternoon. Some one threw a lighted match into the cage, and the chimpanzee, a fine full grown specimen of the Stannin species. The animal turned a pan of his drinking water on it and led to the top of the cage, where he labored in a real panic until the fire was extinguished. A hundred eighteers fled from the building, while all the other monkeys uttered wild noises in panicky style. Some of the chimpanzee in whose cage there was a fire some time ago, was terribly frightened and tried to get out of his cage. Director Hornaday thinks both fires incendiary.

Mike, a special pet of the director, was heard chattering loudly, and sure he was scared, but something, Pierce, Kelly and Mike keepers, ran something. They saw the straw eddy. Mike had a pan of water for drinking in a corner of his cage, and this had been upset over the straw near where the fire had evidently started, for the straw here was wet, as well as scorched. Dr. Hornaday is sure Mike threw the pan of water on the fire, as he says Soko did.

The fire caused a dense smoke, and the hundred spectators in the house became panic-stricken. They fled out of the building, frightening one another, and the police had to rush up from all sides and pacify them. The keepers ran for water and dumped buckets of it on the fire, soon putting it out. The bottom of the cage was scorched, but that was the only damage done to property.

Mike was at the top of the cage in a state of terror. He chattered, shivered and showed all the symptoms of a human being in a similar circumstance. His heart beat furiously, and his pulse was very high when the keepers patted him, and he appeared overjoyed when he could see people close to his cage. He shook the bars of his cage and made efforts to get out. The other monkeys were in a state of terror.

Dr. Hornaday says he thinks some mischief-maker matches into the straw, and he thinks the same man did it each time.

RUFFIANS MOB POLICEMAN.

One May Have Fractured Skull—Attempt to Rescue Prisoner.

A gang of ruffians and saloon hangers-on, said to be known as the First Avenue Gang, set upon two policemen last night and so badly injured one of them that he now lies in Bellevue Hospital unconscious, with a probable fracture of the skull.

James Trainor, of No. 307 East Seventy-third-st., approached Policeman John Kelly, of the East Thirty-fifth-st. station, last night at Thirty-seventh-st. and First-ave., and told him that he had been assaulted by a man at Thirty-sixth-st., who was standing outside a saloon there. The policeman accompanied the man to the corner, where Trainor pointed out John Laff, of No. 1,517 Third-ave., as the man who had hit him. As soon as the policeman made an attempt to grab the man, Laff set up a peculiar "whoopie," and tough looking men appeared coming from every direction. This did not disturb Kelly, and he began to shove Laff along in front of him toward the station. Suddenly he received a punch behind the ear, and in a moment, found himself surrounded by men who threatened to "do him up" if he did not let Kelly rapped for help, and Policeman Cleary responded. The gang had been increasing until about thirty men surrounded the policemen. Pieces of brick were thrown at the policemen, and there followed a hand to hand fight between them and the toughs. At last, by using their clubs frequently and to good purpose, the policemen apparently dispersed the men, most of whom retreated from the scene nursing of wounded heads from the application of the policemen's nightsticks. Cleary had just turned around to look for Kelly when a block of wood struck him on the back of the head, felling him to the ground.

Cleary lay perfectly still, and Kelly thought he was dead. An ambulance was summoned from Bellevue Hospital, and the surgeon said the policeman was seriously injured. Cleary was still unconscious when he arrived at the hospital, and the doctors fear he has a fractured skull. Kelly, with his helmet battered in and uniform torn, managed to land his prisoner, Laff, in the station house, where he was locked up on Trainor's complaint of assault. Detectives were immediately sent out to try to round up the gang.

NEW-JERSEY BANK MERGER.

Passaic and Jersey City Institutions Joined with North American Trust Company.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Passaic, N. J., Feb. 7.—By the closing of a big deal the People's Bank and Trust Company, of Passaic, is merged with the North American Trust Company of New Jersey, and through the latter with the North American Trust Company of New York. The three banks have an aggregate capital of \$5,400,000, and an aggregate surplus of \$3,230,000.

The announcement was made to-day as the result of the adjourned annual meeting of the People's Bank held yesterday, when a board of directors was elected. The new members of the board are General George E. P. Howard, law partner of Secretary of War Root; Edward Friedman, of Friedman Bros. & Co., of New York; John Zahn, president of the Carlestadt National Bank; Captain Charles Curie, of Curie, Smith & Maxwell, of New York; Oakleigh Thorne, president of the North American Trust Company, of New York; and Edward E. Poor, treasurer of the Passaic Print Works.

The plans for the merger had not been entirely consummated, but committees will probably be appointed from each to appraise the properties of the People's Bank and of the North American Trust in Jersey City. The two New Jersey banks will be consolidated, and the Jersey City institution will probably be closed.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT \$30,980.10

Sale of Antique Carvings and Things Buddhist—Highest Price \$2,000.

The third and final session of the sale at the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries of antique carvings and things Buddhist from the palaces of China and Japan was held yesterday. Some one hundred and seventy lots were auctioned off, realizing the sum of \$17,310, against \$8,850 on Friday and \$4,819.50 on Thursday, making the total of the three days' sale \$30,980.10. Yesterday's session showed a marked improvement over its two predecessors, the attendance being larger, the bidding often raged, sharper and more ambitious than on other days. While many bargains were yesterday to be obtained, especially among the more unwieldy lots, it was felt that this was atoned for by the good prices which ruled in the disposal of the smaller objects. Among the purchasers were W. P. Bliss, Miss S. D. Bliss, Robert J. F. Collier, R. Burnside Potter, Mrs. Frederick Sheldon, E. H. Ordway, G. W. A. Smith, Robert B. Woodward, Mrs. Walter Bourne, G. W. Carleton, W. Rudolf Kip, George Barnard, W. H. Pease, H. G. Watson, Dr. W. Gilman Thompson, Dr. W. G. Bigelow, of Boston, and Miss Mary A. Sharpe. As on preceding days the Boston Museum of Fine Arts was again numbered among the buyers, obtaining several purchases either under its own title or through accredited agents.

The crowning figure of yesterday's session, and indeed of the entire sale, was \$2,000 paid by Dr. Bigelow on behalf of an art museum for a massive dragon of kevaki wood, over sixteen feet in length and three and one-half feet in height. The carving on other days, while many legends are said to cluster round this monster in Japan.

The second highest figure of yesterday's auction, and that of the sale as a whole, was \$1,000 paid by the same buyer, on behalf of the same institution, for an ornamental wheel shrine of alburum, built entirely of metal, and which is said to have been the order of Mr. Sugano, of Osaka, one of Japan's former millionaires.

WOULD STAND BY U. S.

Mr. von Skal Speaks for Former German at Genesee Dinner.

The Society of the Genesee held its fifth annual dinner last evening at the Waldorf, some three hundred sons of the Genesee Valley listening to speeches by Corporation Counsel Rives, President Rush Rhee, of Rochester University, Julian Davies, Clinton Mayo, Rochester State, editor-in-chief of the "New-Yorker Staats-Zeitung," and the Rev. Albert S. Crayney, of Rochester. Dr. David J. Hill was to have been the guest of honor and chief speaker, but having been appointed United States Minister to Switzerland, he was compelled to sail for that country. Mr. Von Skal, in his speech, said that the adopted citizen of German birth would never be found wanting when the time for action arrived.

The nominating committee reported the following ticket for officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. S. M. Brickner; vice-presidents, Dr. John P. Munn, Dr. George K. Fox and Hamilton Odell; secretary, John H. Brewster, jr.; treasurer, E. S. Marvin; historian, Joseph Wamsley; chaplain, the Rev. W. C. O'Reilly. The ticket was elected by a viva voce action.

Letters of regret were read from President Roosevelt, Governor Odell, Mayor Low, President Hadley of Yale University; ex-President Grover Cleveland, Cardinal Gibbons, Richard Harding Davis and Edward M. Shevard.

The health of the President of the United States was drunk standing while the band played "America."

Corporation Counsel Rives told a number of anecdotes in speaking to the toast "The City of New-York." He referred to the city's acquirement of the water front and of the rapid transit railway, and predicted municipal ownership of the ferries. He pointed out the difficulty of administering the great commercial enterprises in which the municipality was engaged, and said New-York was rapidly being made the capital city of the world. He said a difficulty the city had to contend with that was wholly unnecessary was the interference of the State legislature.

"Tell your up-State friends," he said, "to let us alone. We can take care of ourselves. We want home rule."

Dr. Rush Rhee, president of the University of Rochester, paid a tribute to Dr. Hill, regretting his absence.

Mr. von Skal said, in part:

We never forget that we owe an immense debt of gratitude to the American people and to the history of this country, for the fruits of these efforts are written on every page of the book of human progress in commerce and the arts, in the industrial as well as in the spiritual progress of the American people. Never the adopted citizen of German birth failed to do his duty to his new country, never will he be found wanting when the time for action arrives. He may be apt to irritate his new found friends at times by criticism that appears unnecessary, but in this he is but the man deliberately the fervent desire to preserve the institutions he has learned to love above everything else, in their original purity.

CHINAMEN APPEAL TO VAN COTT.

They Want Him to Protect Them from the Tax Man.

The part of the Corporation Counsel's office that has to do with the collection of arrears of taxes is confronted with an exceedingly live Chinese question. Now Jung, Wo Hing Wing and Wo Ching Wing are in arrears for personal taxes. Martin Sax, in charge of the Arrears Bureau, has had turned over to him the tax arrears charged up against these three. These merchants can talk Chinese so fast when a question in English is put to them that only a Chinaman can understand them. Postmaster Van Cott is likely to be dragged into the effort to collect personal taxes from Chinese plutocrats. The Chinamen think that Mr. Van Cott is about the biggest official in the city. He is the one, they say, that takes care of the drafts they send to China, and he brings them from the fatherland ginger nuts and newspapers. When any Chinamen gets tangled up about legal or money matters he goes to Postmaster Van Cott and tells him his troubles. It was said yesterday that the three merchants who have fallen into the clutches of the Tax Arrears Bureau have appealed to Mr. Van Cott to prevent the tax man from getting his pay. The Chinatown nabobs, who, like the "Melican man," enjoy the luxury of being taxed for personal taxes, are on the tax books as follows: Wo Hing Wing, grocer, Pell-st., assessed for \$10,000, tax bill, \$231.73; Wo Ching Wing, tea, Pell-st., assessed for \$700, tax bill, \$16.22; Now Jung, vegetables, Pell-st., assessed for \$10,000, tax bill, \$231.73.

"Marshal Munzinger's men have been down in Chinatown trying to collect these taxes," said Mr. Sax yesterday, "and when they came back they were all muttering, 'Chung-king-kow-ling,' and a lot of things like that. They didn't get the money. I hear that the Chinamen have asked the Postmaster to look out for them, and see that the wicked tax man doesn't get them. There are a lot of wealthy Chinamen down here, and Pell-st. and from all that can learn these men on the list are well able to pay their personal tax, just as other merchants. I expect a circus when they show up at this office."

GIVE THE ALBANY SILVER SERVICE.

Delegation of Citizens from the State Capital Attend Presentation at Navy Yard.

A silver service of sixty-eight pieces was presented yesterday to the officers of the protected cruiser Albany at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. It was a gift of citizens of Albany, who, when the Albany was bought by the government at the breaking out of the Spanish-American War, decided that an appropriate present should adorn the officers' messroom. The Albany made its first appearance in New-York waters only a week ago. The vessel yesterday was in holiday attire and Captain John A. Rodgers and his officers were in full dress.

The Albany delegation was received shortly after noon by Rear Admiral Barker; his aid, Lieutenant Ewerley; Captain Rodgers and many other naval officers. The visitors, after introductions, mounted the officers' deck, where the service was displayed under a canopy of national flags, including State and city emblems. After prayer was offered by Bishop Burke, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Albany, Mayor Gaus of Albany presented the service to Captain Rodgers and his officers. He said in part: "Commander Rodgers, the city of Albany is proud to entrust its name to you. Albany desires only one thing of you, sir, and that is that your ship may always support the reputation which the city now has. That this vessel be named after our city first was suggested by our fellow townsmen, former Congressman Martin H. Glynn. Then Congressman George N. Southwick brought the matter before the Navy Department and accomplished the desired result. You will notice that the decorations upon this silver service, which in the name of the people of Albany is presented to you, bear the history of our city. The style of the punch bowl is indicative of Albany as an old Dutch city. The base typifies the Hudson River, showing the Hudson River sturgeon, which is known the world over as the Albany fish."

Captain Rodgers, in accepting the service and thanking the citizens of Albany for their gift, said he would ever remember the occasion. Refreshments were served in the officers' messroom. The Albany delegation included Mayor Charles H. Gans, Walter L. Hutchins, executive clerk; Brigadier General John H. Patterson, United States Army, retired; Brigadier General Robert Shaw O'Neil, National Guard of New York; Congressman George N. Southwick, ex-Congressman Charles Tracey, William Barnes, of William P. Rude, Albert E. Brainard and the Rev. W. C. Drane, Episcopal Bishop of Albany.

FIRE IN HANDSOME HOUSE.

A slight fire was caused last evening on the third floor of the handsome five story dwelling house of Solomon Herzog, at No. 49 East Sixty-fifth-st., by the blowing of a window curtain against a gas flame.

There was no serious extent, and the people in the house did not know of the fire until the police informed them, after sending in the alarm. The damage was trifling.

BOLD BROADWAY THEFT.

Highwayman Takes Bag Containing Bond and Jewelry.

The police are astounded by the daring of a highwayman who, in Broadway, at Forty-first-st., at 9 o'clock last night, seized Mrs. Lee M. Brewster, of Washington, D. C., by the wrists and wrenched a chateleine bag containing a \$500 government bond, cash and jewelry, from her. He escaped, but was forced to throw away the bag, which was recovered. Mrs. Brewster lives at No. 1,837 M-st., N. W., Washington.

There was a good sized crowd in Broadway at this point at the hour mentioned. Mrs. Brewster, in a long coat, was hurrying to her hotel, which she said was in Broadway, the name of which, however, she refused to give. She was suddenly seized by the wrists by a young man about twenty-one years old. The last thought she had, she said, was that there would be pockets in such a public place, but when her wrists were seized she stood transfixed, without being able even to scream, from astonishment and fright. Her black leather bag hung on her right wrist. She lay in front of her unkempt man, who said huskily, "Gimme that purse!" all in one word.

He did not wait for it, but snatched it from her. Then Mrs. Brewster screamed. Dozens of people turned around. Policeman Forbes, of the West Thirtieth-st. station, half a block away, heard the outcry. The man, as soon as he had secured the bag, ran down Forty-first-st. toward Sixth-ave. Forbes and a score of men darted after him. Forbes knew there was a chance of losing the man, and he watched the hands of the thief to see if he threw anything away. The man did. Forbes caught sight of him as he gave his arm an outward fling, and saw something fly over into the area of No. 128 West Forty-first-st. Forbes made a mental note of this, but kept on in his sprint, as if he were thinking only of his man.

The thief had all his wits about him. He kept on into the middle of Sixth-ave., and saw his only opportunity, which he immediately took advantage of. Two cars were coming along, got between them. As the cars passed and quickly separated, Forbes saw there was no man where the man stood a second before. He had got on one of the cars. Forbes could not get between them, and they were now going in both directions, and he gave up the chase as hopeless.

Returning Forbes found the black leather bag in the area. He looked into it, and saw a \$500 government bond, a lot of visiting cards with the name "Mrs. Lee M. Brewster" and the Washington address on them, \$7.38 in cash, a lady's gold watch with the initials "L. M. B." and a bunch of keys. Mrs. Brewster looked the contents of the bag over and claimed them, saying nothing was missing.

GREENE STARTLES THE BRONX.

With a Big Red Automobile He Makes a Tour of the Borough.

Policeman Commissioner Greene, accompanied by Inspector Brooks, in his red automobile, made a tour of The Bronx, yesterday afternoon, inspecting the police stations. The stations visited were Kings-bridge, Highbridge, East of the Waldorf, Westchester, Westchester and Tremont. The Commissioner appeared to be pleased with what he saw and apparently found no irregularities in that part of the force.

The residents in Sedgwick-ave. were greatly surprised by the appearance of the automobile. Several of them said afterward that the Commissioner was going at a high rate of speed down the avenue. Although only a few miles from the crowded part of the city, there were many people who seemed never to have seen an automobile before. In the district surrounding the Westchester station there are many farms and cows and horses browse peacefully by the roads all day.

When the sporting monster with the Commissioner came near them, however, there was a great outburst of excitement. The Commissioner, from the "red terror" the gasoline type of the machine causes it to give forth a loud sound of noise, which has the effect of scaring many animals. The automobile travelled from station to station with great rapidity, and the tour was comfortably made in a few hours.

CHARLES FROHMAN GETS ORDER.

Theatrical Manager Would Restrict Publishing of "Maude Adams Calendar."

Charles Frohman, through Howe & Hummel, his attorneys, yesterday obtained an order from the Supreme Court, an order directing the Frederick A. Stokes Company to show cause, on Tuesday next, before Justice Truax, why it should not be restrained pending the determination of the suit from publishing or selling any calendar with the inscription, "Maude Adams Calendar" on it, or any calendar containing portraits of Maude Adams in character roles, assumed by her; and further, why an injunction should not be issued restraining the defendant company from selling any calendar and representing it to be the "Maude Adams Calendar," as published by the plaintiff and R. H. Russell.

Charles Frohman, in his affidavit, says that he entered into a contract with Miss Adams in 1899, by which he secured the exclusive right to publish non-dramatic works of an artistic nature, and portrayed her in various attitudes and poses of a dramatic character, including her in her roles in "The Little Minister," "L'Aiglon," "Romeo and Juliet," "Quality Street," "The Masked Ball" and "The Girl of the Year."

A. H. Hummel said Mr. Frohman's calendars were sold at \$1.50 each, and the profit was \$1.00. He said that the calendar was published by the defendant company under a high contract, and that Mr. Frohman was seriously injured by the action of the defendant.

DROPS FOUR STORIES TO DEATH.

Painter at Work in Airshaft in Tenement House Falls from Scaffold.

While Abraham Bearman, thirty-five years old, of No. 288 Seventh-st., was at work in the airshaft of a tenement house at No. 299 Madison-st., a rope attached to one end of the scaffold slipped, Bearman fell, screaming, four stories to the bottom of the shaft. His assistant saved himself by catching the life line that hung from the roof.

Lying in a mangled heap in the bottom of the shaft, Bearman called weakly for help and his companion slid down the line to him. When an ambulance arrived from Gouverneur Hospital, Bearman was dead. His body was taken to the Deaconess Hospital, where, by permission of the coroner, it was taken to the man's home. The slipping of the rope appeared to be an accident. The men rigged the scaffolding themselves.

NEW OFFICES FOR MR. RAMSEY.

Joseph Ramsey, jr., president of the Washburn Railway Company and the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Company, has been elected president also of the Western Maryland Railroad Company, and the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway Company, of which corporations Ramsey is president since they were organized a few months ago. These four roads, with the Pittsburg, Carnegie and Western, also controlled by the Goulds, will, when certain connecting links shall have been completed, form a through line from the terminus of the Missouri Pacific system of Western and Southwestern roads at St. Louis, to the Atlantic seaboard at Baltimore, and President Ramsey is quoted as saying that the necessary new construction will be pushed with vigor. Mr. Ramsey leaves for New York on Friday morning. The Washburn, Jones and Missouri Pacific were the most active stocks in yesterday's market. Washburn preferred made a gain of 20 points, and the common, 1 point. Missouri Pacific advanced 3 per cent.

LACK OF FUEL DELAYS ONE STEAMER.

All of the regular liners were able to sail on time yesterday. Only one steamship was delayed for lack of coal. This was the Kaiserin Maria Theresa, which was scheduled to sail with a party of tourists for the Mediterranean. She will sail this morning at noon. There was no change in the autarkic situation.

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STRIKERS ATTACK WORKERS.

Police Unable to Disperse Crowds in Haverhill, Mass.

Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 7.—Another demonstration on the streets here was caused to-day by strikers and strike sympathizers pursuing men who have been placed at work in shoe factories where trouble exists. Charles Woodcock, who was assaulted last night, left the Hilliard & Tabor factory just before noon, and was followed by a crowd of men and boys. City Marshal McLaughlin, with a force of police, went to the scene and dispersed the crowd, while Woodcock made his escape on an electric car. A large crowd surrounded the Hilliard & Tabor factory later, and when the strike breakers left they were greeted with a storm of hisses and jeers.

Although the police made every effort to disperse the crowds on the streets, several fist fights occurred to-night between some of the strikers and the new men. A formal demand was made on Mayor Flanders by Hilliard & Tabor for better police protection, but the Mayor replied that he had implicit faith in City Marshal McLaughlin, and had left the whole matter in his hands.

FELL IN LOVE ON WAY TO FLORIDA.

And Were Promptly Married Upon Arrival at Jacksonville.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 7.—A romance ended here to-day in the marriage of Warren Davey and Miss Celeste Abrams, of New-York. They came here on the last trip of the Clyde steamer Seminoles. They were married on leaving New-York, but soon became acquainted, and Cupid put in full time at his work throughout the voyage. It was a case of love at first sight, and the balm of Florida did the rest, with the result that the couple sought out Justice J. Cannon on their arrival of the vessel here to-day, and were soon married. They are staying at the Alvinor, and will make a trip to the East Coast before returning.

FISHERMEN GO BACK ON SAGINAW BAY.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Two nights of cold weather has put the ice on Saginaw Bay in good condition, and many of the shanty fishermen who were driven in all directions over the bay by the recent terrible storm are returning to their shacks, says a dispatch to "The Record-Herald" from Bay City, Mich. The leader of a searching party says that if any of the men died in the storm the fact will not be known until the ice goes out.

EXAMINATION DISASTROUS.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The number of students dropped as a result of midyear examinations at Cornell is somewhat larger than usual. In all departments thirty-four students were dismissed, and it is thought that a few will be reinstated.

CHILD LABOR LAW IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 7 (Special).—By a majority of eighteen the House to-day passed the Marshall bill, sent over from the Senate, prohibiting the employment of children under twelve in cotton factories. There are exceptions in cases where the children are dependent on their own work for a living, and where they have cried or lamed parents. The bill is to go into effect gradually. No children are to work at night.

THE FIRE RECORD YESTERDAY.

2:26 a. m.—No. 409 Third-ave.; Fred Becker; \$30. 10:15 a. m.—No. 49 Stanton-st.; Isaac Dunn; trifling. 10:40 a. m.—No. 24 Madison-st.; Nathan Zucker; \$50. 11:53 a. m.—No. 156 Forsyth-st.; Abraham Shaltok; \$50. 12:25 p