

CITY FREE FROM SMOKE.

Dr. Lederle Pleased with Improvement—Watching Old Offenders.

The city has probably never been so free from smoke evils as it is now, said Commissioner Lederle of the Health Department yesterday.

There are several factories and power houses which need constant watching. As to undue influence, however, there is none bearing on the head here, and if there is pressure brought to bear on any of the others it will come out, sooner or later.

COMPLAIN OF WATER SHORTAGE.

Inhabitants of Apartment Houses in Forty-fourth-st. See No Relief.

The apartment houses in Forty-fourth-st., between Fifth and Sixth aves., are now thoroughly aroused at the continued shortage of water supplied by city pressure.

TO ASK HOSPITAL DOCTORS TO EXPLAIN.

Coroner Says Boy Killed By "Auto" Should Not Have Been Sent Home.

After making an autopsy yesterday on the body of James Lane, thirteen years old, who was knocked from his bicycle by an automobile belonging to Isaac Guggenheim, Coroner Scher said that he should call upon the Roosevelt Hospital doctors who attended the boy to explain why they permitted him to leave the hospital with such serious injuries as the autopsy disclosed.

LORILLARD SPENCER DISCHARGED.

Lorillard Spencer, a Columbia student, who was arrested Monday on a charge of speeding his automobile faster than the law allows, was discharged yesterday by Magistrate Wood, in the West Side court.

"IRONQUILL" POEMS CELEBRATED.

Eugene F. Ware, or, to be precise, some thousand volumes of the "Rhymes of Ironquill," was sold wholesale at the Appraiser's Stores yesterday. The auction was in some particulars unique. No catalogue was furnished to prospective bidders, and beyond the collective title no details of the nature of the books to be put up were given by the auctioneer.

SPANISH WAR ORDER ELECTION.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the New York Commandery of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish War were held at Delmonico's last night. President Roosevelt sent a letter, in which he regretted his inability to be present, and expressed his good wishes for the coming year.

KENNAN AT THE QUILL CLUB.

After the 10th regular meeting and dinner of the Quill Club, which was held at the rooms of the Aldine Association, No. 111 Fifth-ave., last evening, George Kennan and George Frederick Wright talked on Adatic Russia. Stereopticon views were given of various sections of that country.

What's the difference? The GENUINE is a certain cure for all disorders arising from impaired digestion and is used by physicians in the treatment of gout, rheumatism and dyspepsia.

SANDWICH NOT A MEAL.

Justice Garretton So Holds—Decision May Affect Coney.

A sandwich does not constitute a meal within the provisions of the excise law, according to an opinion handed down yesterday by Justice Garretton in the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn, in approving the application of Excise Commissioner Cullinan for a revocation of the liquor tax certificate of Axel J. Young, hotel keeper at Coney Island. Justice Garretton said:

The testimony leads quite irresistibly to the conclusion that they [the complainants] were not guests within the meaning of Section 51, subdivision of the liquor law; that they resorted to the hotel, not for the purpose of obtaining, to the hotel, not for the purpose of obtaining, in good faith a meal therein. The serving of the sandwiches was a mere subterfuge. It was incidental to the sale of whiskey.

THE UNITED STATES STEEL BOND ISSUE.

President Schwab Formally Executes the Indenture.

President Schwab, acting for the United States Steel Corporation, has formally executed the indenture for the proposed issue of \$200,000,000 5 per cent bonds of the corporation, and the instrument has been accepted by the United States Trust Company, of this city, through its president, Lyman J. Gage.

PROMINENT BANKERS MEET.

Executive Council of American Bankers' Association Has Enjoyable Dinner.

The executive council of the American Bankers' Association, at a meeting held yesterday at the Lawyers Club, elected the following officers for the year ending June 30, 1904: President, George W. Perkins, of New York; Vice-president, George W. Perkins, of New York; Secretary, George W. Perkins, of New York; Treasurer, George W. Perkins, of New York.

THE CASTELLANES' DEBTS.

Judge Lacombe Authorizes Payment of \$17,647 to French Creditors.

Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit Court, yesterday signed an order authorizing George J. Howard, Edwin and Helen M. Gould, as the executors of the last will of Jay Gould and as receivers of the estate of Anna Gould, the Countess de Castellane, to pay \$17,647 to the creditors of the Countess de Castellane, who have become indebted. The payment was only made on the consent of twenty-seven creditors of the Countess, whose signatures were attached to the petition, which was presented by John F. Dillon, as counsel for the Countess de Castellane.

BURNE-JONES ART SALE TO-DAY.

The sale of the combined collections of Sir Philip Burne-Jones, Bart., Charles Richmond, prior to his starting tour, and Mrs. F. J. Hastings opens at the Knickerbocker Art Galleries, No. 7 West Twenty-ninth-st., this afternoon. Mr. Burne-Jones' collection embraces the effects removed from the Bryant Park Studio Building, and Mrs. F. J. Hastings' the appointments of her houses at Morristown, N. J. The combined collection includes antique and modern furniture, old play-bills, autographs, armor, hall clocks, paintings, marbles, bronzes, tapestries, plate, silver, old china, Oriental curios and sketches by Sir Philip, in addition to ancient Persian rugs in various sizes and colorings. The sale begins at 2 o'clock.

TRU TO THWART PIPER.

Aldermen Consider Resolution Permitting Use of Sidewalks.

Deputy Police Commissioner Piper's recent order requiring the police to enforce the ordinance making it a misdemeanor for business firms to block the sidewalks in front of their stores or warehouses was yesterday at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen declared by Alderman Sullivan and other members of the board to be an arbitrary abuse of power and a serious interference with the business interests of the city.

NEW COURTHOUSE BILL APPROVED.

The Mayor yesterday accepted in behalf of the city the bill authorizing the selection of a site for a new Courthouse. At the hearing on the bill a committee of three, consisting of ex-Justices Lawrence and Cohen and L. L. Delafeld, presented to the Mayor a communication signed by Supreme Court Justices Traub, Scott and Dugro, in which they referred to the inadequacy of the accommodations in the present courthouse for both the bench and bar, and pointing out that the present structure was in an unsanitary condition.

SUCCEEDS SIR OLIVER MOWAT.

Ottawa, April 21.—William Mortimer Clark, K. C., of Toronto, has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of the province of Ontario, to succeed Sir Oliver Mowat, who died recently.

MAD CAT BITES FIVE.

Policeman Fires Three Shots to Kill Animal.

A big cat apparently went mad in the home of Samuel Witt, at No. 321 East Eighty-fourth-st., last night, and bit Witt, his wife and three children, as well as scratching them. A doctor treated the family, and their injuries will be watched. The wounds were on the hands and arms. The cat howled in such an unearthly manner as to frighten all the children and women in the house. A policeman shot it three times before killing it.

UNDER TRAIN AN HOUR.

Man Almost Cut in Two at Elevated Station.

Three men bought tickets on the uptown station just before the 9-02 train turned the curve from Sixth-ave. into Fifty-third-st. Two of them were J. Kilkenny, of No. 357 West Fifty-fourth-st., and J. Heyl, of No. 1,476 Brook-ave. The other is not known. As Heyl and Kilkenny counted their change and put it into their pockets they walked to the edge of the platform to look for the train. Then they noticed a man lying on the track in front of them. The train had already come around the curve and was running swiftly toward the station. The men had no time to jump off and try to pull the other man out of the way, as their own lives would probably have been sacrificed. They ran wildly up the platform toward the train shouting like mad to stop the train. The motorman saw them and brought his train to a stop in a short time and space, but not short enough. The forward wheels of the first car ran over the man, and his body, when the cars were stopped, remained jammed between the forward and rear wheels, and could not be dragged out.

HIS BLOOD SPATTERS PAVEMENT.

The policeman made the platform men send to the wrecking house for a jack by which the end of the car might be lifted and the man taken out. It took an hour, or until 10 o'clock, to have a car run up with a jack to lift the car's end. The man's body was then pulled out. He was nearly cut in half and so badly mangled that he only lived about three minutes. An ambulance surgeon was ready to help him, but it was of no use. Whether the man could have been helped or not if there had been no delay in getting him out is a question, but probably not, as he was terribly mangled. He probably did not suffer, as he was unconscious from the time they got down to him.

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On the invitation of William C. Redfield, Commissioner of Public Works of Brooklyn, and under his guidance, Mayor Low and President of the Board of Aldermen went on a tour of investigation in Brooklyn yesterday. On foot the three men threaded their way up Livingston-st. to Flatbush-ave. and back to the bridge by way of Fulton-st., risking their lives among the trucks and delivery wagons in Livingston-st. and the trolley cars in Fulton-st.

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