

HOLDS THEM TO CONTRACT ON THE NEW RESERVOIR.

Mayor Writes Sharp Letter to McDonald and Onderdonk.

Mayor Low, before leaving the City Hall yesterday, gave out copies of a letter that he sent to McDonald and Onderdonk, contractors for the Jerome Park Reservoir, in which he makes clear his intention to hold the firm strictly to the contract from this time forward, so far as it lies within his power.

At that time the city agreed to make to you a guarantee of performance, which was based on an eight-hour day, and thus relieve you from the embarrassment of which you were complaining. Under the contract, you were to work on the basis of ten hours a day, while all other public work on the eight-hour basis.

LOW SORRY OVER ALDERMEN'S ACTION

Thinks Campaign of Education in Order on New Bridge.

Mayor Low, in commenting yesterday on the failure of the aldermen to provide an appropriation for the Manhattan Bridge, said: "I am sorry that the aldermen did not authorize the bond issue for the Manhattan Bridge, for their neglect has delayed the public interest."

FURNITURE VAN ABLAZE IN STREET.

Pedestrians Help Driver Save Goods—Cigarette Said to Be Cause of Fire.

While a furniture van owned by Geiger & Braverman, of No. 305 and 307 Grand-st., was passing through Fifty-seventh-st. yesterday, a lawyer standing in front of the Yorkville court saw a sheet of flame shoot out from the rear.

BILLS WERE MARKED AND THE POLICE CAPTAIN MAKES A RAID—FIFTEEN ARRESTS.

As the result of a "sneak" made by Morris Rosenblum, of No. 215 Livingston-st., who had been arrested in a "stunt" game in a restaurant in the Elridge-st. station, with Detectives Lohmeyer and Wilkeman and six policemen in plain clothes, raided the place as an alleged gambling house, and arrested fifteen men.

KILLED TRYING TO AVOID TRAIN.

While trying to avoid a southbound train, John Collins, a trackwalker on the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad, was struck by a train going in the opposite direction yesterday, and was instantly killed.

YOU MIGHT FIND IT.

Maybe you can find to-day in the "Little Ads. of the People" what you have been looking months for.

JEWIS HAVE FAST TO-DAY. It Is Tish'a B'Ab and Commemorates the Destruction of Jerusalem.

Throughout the Jewish world to-day is observed as a day of fast, the saddest in the Hebrew calendar, since it marks the day of the capture and destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus, in the year 70. It is also the legendary date of the sack of the city by Nebuchadnezzar, in the year 585 B. C.

On the day preceding the holiday the actual observances begin, although they will not take place this year, since the day preceding is the Jewish Sabbath, which cannot be a day of mourning. Ordinarily, the last meal before the holiday consists of one course, after which the dinner consists of a number of courses.

In the period of twenty-one days there is no social life; weddings, festivals, even new clothes and baths are prohibited, and the orthodox Jew will begin the day's fast, comes, there is absolute fast, and even the books of the law may not be read, since this is considered as a pleasure.

On this day the reading from the Bible will not be in the form of a sermon, but the synagogue will be crowded with people, who sit on the floor barefooted and chant after the cantor, and to mournful tones the ancient grief of their people.

FOUR HURT IN ACCIDENT. Car Goes Off Track—A Panic—Men Injured by Jumping.

Four persons were injured in a trolley accident in Grant City, near Richmond, Staten Island, last night. They are:

MURPHY, John, No. 312 West One-hundred-and-twenty-third-st., New York; and SHEATZ, George H., No. 61 Madison-st., Hoboken; badly cut about the body.

DUKE, Louis, No. 100 West Second-st., Manhattan; cut and body bruised and cut.

WILLS, Andrew M., No. 1187 Herkimer-st., Brooklyn; left leg cut.

The men were passengers on car No. 39 on the Midland Railway, bound from St. George to Midland Beach. The car was in charge of David Mollowitz, motorman, and Joseph Hall, conductor.

WIFE STABBED NEAR HEART.

Her Condition Is Serious—Says Her Husband Beat and Stabbed Her.

Carrie Reid, thirty-four years old, of No. 524 Tenth-ave., was carried from her home to Roosevelt Hospital about midnight last night with a stab wound over her heart and a badly bruised body. She told the doctors and police her husband, Harry, had stabbed and beaten her. He was not found, but the police are looking for him. He is thirty-six years old, and a laborer. There was extremely violent quarreling in the Reid's home last night.

WOMEN MAY VOTE BY PROXY.

Legislation for Pine Orchard, Conn., That Stirs Up the Residents.

Pine Orchard, Conn., Aug. 1 (Special)—The resolution passed by the legislature creating the Pine Orchard district, has caused a great deal of excitement among the residents, and it is said an effort to enforce its provisions will be met with an appeal to the courts.

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BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS POSTPONED.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 1.—Judge Aldrich, of the United States District Court, appointed to-day Judge Isaac N. Blodgett as master to determine the status of the bondholders of the White Mountain Paper Company, now in the hands of a receiver. Bankruptcy proceedings which were to have been begun are postponed.

NEW ELEVATED STATION OPENED.

The new elevated station at Second-ave. and Seventy-second-st. was opened just after midnight yesterday. This station has been much needed, as there had been none between Sixty-fifth-st. and Fifty-ninth-st. The new station will be used for the station on the uptown side yesterday.

DEVERYS WHOOPS IT UP. He Pays His Compliments to Murphy and Croker.

The William S. Devery Association, which, consists of the old W. S. Devery Association and the Four Crokers Club, last night gave an impetus to the Big Chief's campaign by the raising of a big banner. The banner was inscribed: "WILLIAM S. DEVERY, LEADER OF THE 14TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT."

Devery's house, at No. 310 West Twenty-eighth-st., was illuminated with twenty-two Japanese lanterns and one gas jet. A crowd filled the street, and Devery made a speech from the balcony on the second story of the house. As soon as he began speaking, a Social Democrat mounted the sacred pump and delivered a speech in frantic opposition to the one Mr. Devery was making.

"Now, I want you people to vote for yourself," said Devery. "Vote for your own interests, and that means vote for me, for I am the representative of the plain people." (A pause.) "I was filled with a small voice contending that the only way to vote 'for yourself' was to vote the Social Democratic ticket. Devery began to speak again, and the voice was drowned out.) "Now, Tammany is around asking you to vote for the organization—that is, for a lot of people who live high on the money they take from the common people. But I'm not asking you to put your hands where it will do him the most good."

HAFFEN LOOKING TO RIDDER. Expects the Latter, the Story Goes, to Boom Him for Sheriff Nominee.

According to a prominent member of the Henry D. Purroy Association, who is well acquainted with the political situation in the Bronx, Borough President Croker does not care to be the Tammany nominee for Mayor.

"This talk about Haffen heading the Tammany ticket is all nonsense," he said yesterday. "Haffen is anxious to have the Tammany nomination for Sheriff, and is depending upon Herman Ridder to boom him in the 'Staats-Zeitung' for that office."

A WORTHY WOMAN IN NEED.

An aged woman called at the Jefferson Market police court yesterday and told Mr. Thompson, agent of the children's society, a story of destitution which caused him to take up a collection for the woman, and court clerks contributed about \$1, sufficient to aid the woman for a short time.

She was Mrs. Mary Jackson, sixty-nine years old, of No. 29 Vandam-st. For two years by her own labor she has supported three grandchildren, ranging from six to fourteen years old.

In the mean time, Mrs. Jackson has run so far in arrears that yesterday she was facing eviction from her rooms at No. 29 Vandam-st. by the police.

LAWSON'S VIEW OF BAY STATE GAS.

Thinks the Stock Is Not Likely to Be Traded for "Booloated Boobs."

Boston, Aug. 1.—Thomas W. Lawson is out with a circular letter to the holders of Bay State Gas stock, advising them to sell their shares.

BRADISH JOHNSON'S SON FINED.

Babylon, Long Island, Aug. 1.—Howard Mann and G. R. Bunnell, of New-York, and Aymar Johnson, a son of Bradish Johnson, of New-York, who has a country villa at Islip, were arrested this afternoon by Officers Mott and Call for speeding an automobile at the rate of fourteen miles an hour. They were arraigned immediately, pleaded guilty, and were fined \$10 each. They paid the fines and were released.

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STOPS ATTACK ON JUDGE. General Gordon Prevents Criticism in Poenage Case.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 1.—A sensation was caused here by the receipt of a letter from General John B. Gordon by General George P. Harrison, suggesting that the speech of Mr. Hefflin, Secretary of State, advertised for the Springfield Confederate Reunion, would be an affront to the "old boys" of the city.

In his letter General Gordon refers to the article in the constitution of the United Confederate Veterans' Association, providing that no political matter shall be discussed at any reunion of veterans. The invitation to Mr. Hefflin has not yet been withdrawn, but General Gordon's letter will end the matter, and he will not be heard at the reunion.

THE DIFFERENCES AT CARACAS. Government Liability for Insurgent Acts a Perplexing Question.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Although not advised of the reported differences between the various umpires of the arbitration commissions now in session at Caracas over the question of government liability for insurgent acts, the officials here are not at all surprised at the making of the issue. The subject has vexed every international tribunal dealing with war claims, and no exact law has ever been applied. The nearest approach to a rule governing the matter is the generally accepted statement that a government is responsible for the acts of insurgents which it might have prevented. It is hoped, however, for the sake of the arbitration principle, that an agreement, so far as Venezuela is concerned, will be reached.

CASTRO AND ORINOCO STEAMSHIP CO. Statement of J. Van Vechten Olcott Regarding Claims Against Venezuela.

Venue, Caracas, Venezuela, according to J. Van Vechten Olcott, who is counsel for and vice-president of the Orinoco Steamship Company, has ordered a furious press campaign against Morgan Olcott, the president of the company, and according to the same authority, has violated in his dealings with the company the protocol between the United States and Venezuela.

The Orinoco Steamship Company has a claim against Venezuela for \$1,000,000. Castro has also claimed \$2,000,000 for the Orinoco Steamship Company, but the steamship company asserts that its \$2,000,000 has been seized by the government forces; that its monopoly of trade on the Macareo and the Pedernales, two small rivers that are part of the estuary of the Orinoco, was disturbed by the internal blockade that existed between June and November, 1902. On the other hand, Castro alleges that the company did not run its boats as often as was stipulated in the concession, and that it did not serve the towns mentioned in its concession, thereby causing a loss to the government of \$2,000,000 in the last nine years. This loss is chiefly due, according to President Castro, to the fact that the government did not receive that amount from duties on the cargoes that were not carried and on the sale of clearance papers from ships that did not sail.

PRETTY COLONY OF SUMMER HOMES.

Houses on Boulevard Between Creeks, with Boat Landings at Back Doors.

A colony of summer homes on the Clock Boulevard, in Amityville, Long Island, is one of the prettiest along the South Shore. The boulevard extends from the Merrick Road to the Great South Bay. It is a broad creek on each side of the boulevard, and a few hundred feet from it. The houses on each side of the creek are built between the road and the creek. The creeks flow into the bay and enable the summer residents to sail almost up to their backdoors.

SAY THE MOSQUITO IS GUILTY.

Six Doctors Declare That Yellow Fever Germs Are Carried by the Insect.

The International Quarantine Bureau, in order to determine whether it is safe to base quarantine regulations on the theory that the mosquito is the means of transmitting yellow fever, have been invited to answer from prominent doctors who had had experience with yellow fever, to the following questions: Do you believe that the mosquito is the only natural means by which yellow fever is conveyed? If so, what is the evidence in support of your belief?

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The following army and navy orders have been issued: Captain JOSEPH S. HERRON, 24 Cavalry, from office of adjutant general to his regiment. Captain ROBERT D. ROYCE, 25th Infantry, from Philippines to his regiment. Captain ANDREW G. HAMMOND, adjutant 8th Cavalry, detailed with Louisiana Purchase Expedition. First Lieutenant GEORGE W. BALDWIN, artillery corps, to Fort Bayard general hospital. Orders of July 17 relating to Captain WILLIAM F. NELSON, 1st Infantry, new rank. Captain WILLIAM NEWMAN, 1st Infantry, to West Point. Captain HENRY W. HOVET, 24th Infantry, detailed to the 1st Cavalry, National Guard. The retirement of Brigadier General JAMES M. J. SANNO is announced. Second Lieutenant GEORGE E. NELSON assigned to 3d Cavalry. First Lieutenant JOHN B. SHUMAN, 10th Infantry, from general hospital, Hot Springs, to Fort D. A. Russell. Colonel ELLIOT R. HILLS, artillery corps, detailed to fill vacancy in adjutant general's office. Major JOHN D. C. HOSKINS, artillery corps, detailed to fill vacancy in inspector general's department. First Lieutenant BENJAMIN F. NICKLIN, from 6th Infantry, to 21st Infantry. Captain WILLIAM C. PATRICK, from 21st to 9th Infantry, Company A.

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ANIMALS ON HIS LAWN. August Belmont to Have Private Performance of Lions at His Home.

August Belmont has made arrangements with Boston's animal show to have a private performance given on his lawn at his summer home on August 18. A steel arena has been built, and will be taken down and set up before the Belmont house on the day of the show. Among the animals which will be exhibited are Consul, the big chimpanzee, and the twenty-seven lions trained by Captain Venuti. It is expected that Mrs. Belmont and the leopards, one of which recently attacked her, will also be taken along.

DENIES THAT HE IS A "TOU." John A. Ford, Alias "Philip Black" Examined in Race-track Case.

Justice Olmsted, of the Court of Special Sessions, sitting as a committing magistrate, yesterday took further evidence in the cases of the Pinkerton detectives, Abraham Herman and Edward Clark, accused of making unwarranted arrests at the race-track at Coney Island, and Morris Park. The committee and Philip Black, Black admitted that his real name was John Alton Ford. The latter on February 12 last, at Twenty-eighth-st. and Broadway, fought a sensational pistol duel with Julius Frommel, and in the battle a man named Black Kershaw was shot in the leg. Ford, who served a term of two years imprisonment at Jefferson City, Miss., for grand larceny committed in St. Louis, Mo., he stoutly denied, however, that he was a "tout," and declared his arrest and detention last year at Coney Island and this spring in Morris Park were unwarranted.

Peter De Lacey was subpoenaed to attend the hearing before Magistrate Olmsted yesterday, but he was unable to appear. The examination going over until Wednesday afternoon. At the request of Benjamin Steinhardt the charge against Detective Edward Clark was first taken up. John Alton Ford, otherwise known as Philip Black, the complainant, stated on the witness stand that last year a "tout" named Coney Island track he was arrested as a "tout" for betting on the races. He was held in the same jail, and again this spring at Morris Park he was arrested and detained by Philip Black. Ford stated that Clark is being prosecuted. Ford said that he resided at No. 156 East Twenty-seventh-st. and had a billiard room in this city. Albany, Buffalo and Chicago. He said also that he had a flat in Harlem, and for one of the places he was accused of keeping a disorderly house, but at the time of the trial he was a "tout" and was discharged by Justice Jerome. He admitted pleading guilty in the same court to the complaint of discharging a disorderly house, and was fined. Later the fine was remitted and the court because the shots were fired in self-defense.

BOHEMIA CLUB INCORPORATED.

St. James, Long Island, Aug. 1 (Special).—The Bohemia club of actors here have just incorporated a social club named the Bohemia Club of St. James. The club has existed unincorporated for some years. The clubhouse is finely situated on the shore of Stony Brook Harbor. The directors of the Bohemia for the first year are Jerome Wilkes, Tony Farrell and Charles A. Mason. Justice Wilkes is president, and Charles A. Mason is secretary. The judge is a frequent visitor at this place, and he will spend the latter half of September here.

MANY AT SUMMER SESSION.

First official statistics of the summer session of Columbia University have been prepared by Rudolf Tombo, jr., the registrar. The school is considered the most successful Columbia has ever had, both in numbers and in general influence. The school now includes a total of 97 students, as against 63 last year, 57 the year before and 47 in 1901. The first session of the present year has 84 as general students, and 33 are medical. There are 413 men and 40 women present in the law school, a percentage of men than last year, and much higher than the year before. Of the thousand students 75 are teachers.

OFFERINGS AT THE STORES.

Frederick Looser & Co., No. 45 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, continue their August furniture sale, which was announced last week. The sale has been more successful than any of their previous annual sales, and it is expected that there will be no falling off while the stock lasts. Additions will be made to the stock as the sale advances. The specialties for to-morrow is an offer of parlor suits. The prices have been cut from 50 to 25 per cent. Many kinds are offered, from mahogany finished in damask. The suites come in three, five and seven piece. Other specialties are Davenport and library suits. Parlor suits finished in gold and damask, silk reception chairs, window and conversation chairs and odd pieces are offered at great reductions.

STERN BROTHERS, No. 32 West Twenty-third-st., are offering reductions in many kinds of wearing apparel for both sexes and all ages. Women's summer dresses, in lawns, dimities, linens and piques, women's showerproof garments, and summer suits, many kinds are offered. The specialties are among the cut rate offerings. Decided reductions are made in infants' wear, short or long sleeved, in boys' wear, in men's wear, in walking suits, and in girls' gingham dresses; in summer blouses for both sexes, and in boys' wash and wool suits.

ABRAHAM & STRAUS, No. 422 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, begin their August furniture sale to-morrow, and it is expected to be the biggest they have ever given. Definite savings of from one-quarter to one-half the regular price are offered in boys' wash suits and in women's (see advertisement) and 750 yards of fine Japanese silks, white washable, and waterproof varieties, are to be sold at less than cost.

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Financial. The Financial World.

The attitude of mind which Wall Street is in respecting bank loans, was strikingly shown yesterday, when the market melted away on the publication of the bank statement which showed no decrease in the loan item. True, the surplus reserve increased over \$5,000,000; but the loans, the loans—this was the cry; and the traders sold stocks in a fright. This was natural, because there had been great expectations raised of a heavy decrease in the loan item, as a result of the liquidation in the stock market and the paying off of the Pennsylvania loans.

The Street has long been uneasy at the persistency with which the loan item has stuck around the 900 million mark; and when after such a week as the past, not only no decrease was shown, but even a small increase, it did seem as if nothing could bring down that great aggregate; that as fast as one borrower was able to pay off his indebtedness, another was eagerly waiting to borrow. It does look a little disturbing; but as a comfort, it may be pointed out that the cash resources of the banks are increasing; and this week's increase in surplus reserve is equal to \$20,000,000 decrease in loans, if surplus was to be increased that way. The surplus reserve totals now, a little over 24 millions, which is a very respectable showing.

It will be noted that money is getting dearer in the country. This is likely to continue; and the chances are that it will get dearer still. A good deal must have been sent to this country from outside to strengthen the stock accounts; but anyhow, after a smash-up in Wall Street, the shock spreads through the country, and the first sign of it is a tightening of money at the various commercial centres. When the pinch begins to be felt there, it brings to a sudden stop the customary boastings that the country is not interested in the gambling operations of Wall Street.

What has taken place at the financial centre of the country in the past six months, is a consequence of conditions which it will soon be demonstrated are not confined to Wall Street. To suppose that there has been no inflation and over-expansion except in the production and price of securities, is to suppose that the financial community is a thing apart; that the people here are a distinct class from all other business people. In not a great while, it will appear that in commercial and industrial circles there has been inflation and expansion not a whit behind what has been seen in Wall Street; and that contraction as severe as the financial world has experienced will shrink the buoyant exuberance of the merchant, the manufacturer, the builder and the rest of the lot.

Any man in business outside Wall Street who is much spread out in his commitments at this time, is in the same doubtful position as the man in the Street who six months ago was similarly spread out. His position is one of increasing danger. There is time for him to make himself secure, as there was for the Wall Street man; and the experience will be the same. The man who doesn't make prudent use of the time still at his command, and get himself snug, is likely to find himself travelling a rough road early next year.

In about twelve months from now we shall be talking again about the virtues of economy. The word has been out of use for three or four years. Even when the butcher, the baker, and candlestick maker are having hard work to collect their bills, sermons will be preached on the sinfulness of past extravagance, and it will be fashionable to wear your old clothes. Money will be easy in Wall Street then; and that is about the only place where it will be.

The securities market is trying to find bottom. Temporarily it appears to have done so. At least it has struck a ledge on the way down. The weakest concerns have gone, those who could be saved have been saved; and it seems as if the market would be comparatively quiet for a while, awaiting developments. This means, primarily, waiting on the corn, cotton, and spring wheat. Our winter wheat crop is satisfactory. If we have a good corn crop, it will enable any further liquidation which may be necessary, to be done quietly and without serious trouble. If it is to be a short crop, the liquidation will not progress so easily.

On the technical position, the market would seem to be entitled to a smart, if irregular rally; and this it may have, although the Rock Island clique seem bent on frightening anything like a rally out of it. The way their astonishing bond scheme was received may be imagined, when the first rumors of it were thought to be a bear canon. The official announcement followed too quickly for the regulation precautions to be heard on the iniquity of bear rumors. The wording of the notice states the uses to which the \$250,000,000 of new bonds were to be put, was as surprising as the amount of them. Normally, this is a refunding issue, really, it is an issue for any one or more of half a dozen purposes, and not a solitary bond held be refunded under it. In fact it is a general issue, for general purposes. At any rate, this was what the notice reads. The Street, one may say, was aghast. The general query was: "Where are these people going to stop?"

Of course, there can be no actual issue now, simply because no one could be found to buy such bonds; and it would seriously damage the credit of any bank to have it known that it had taken a block of them. What the Street saw, was not immediate danger, but the constant movement towards unlimited expansion. It is asserted, indeed, that even this issue is not all, but that on top of it, the San Francisco Company, which has been absorbed by the Rock Island, is preparing to come out with a separate mortgage and bond issue of \$125,000,000. Nor will it be forgotten that the original 4 per cent refunding mortgage and bond issue of the Rock Island, for 100 millions (under which 60 millions were issued) was raised by a new instrument later, to an authorization of 200 millions. This underlies the new proposed issue. It will be seen, therefore, that the machinery for manufacturing alleged bonds bearing a Rock Island seal is nothing less than portentous.

The Street was right when it asked where these people are going to stop. Those who remember something more than the events of yesterday in Wall Street, recall how Henry Villard carried the Northern Pacific to destruction by just such methods. He was an able man, but arbitrary in temper, and visionary in ideas. He got control of the Northern Pacific away from that safe and hard headed Vermont, Billings, and started on just such a career of expansion as we see in this Rock Island business. Before the property was finally wrested from him, he landed everything in receivership, and caused two panics in Wall Street, of quite considerable proportions. Is not Judge Moore already far on the path that Henry Villard trod, and led his following?

It is well that the public has fair warning beforehand, or it may get caught with the issue, that because something is called a bond, it is safe. There is no necessity for buying the new issues of Rock Island bonds because they look cheap. Really cheap bonds, which are safe, can be had in the market now; and investors are already picking them up, in a cautious way.

There is evidence in the erratic movements of one or two stocks that the pool holders of the market are having a hard time trying to liquidate, and it is not unlikely there may be bad breaks before they do it. But the standard stocks appear to have struck solid support for the time.

CUTHBERT MILLS. A GOOD BUSINESS CHANCE is often advertised under the "Little Ads. of the People."