

to watch for a shrewd move on the part of the Republican organization. He said:

You are thinking that Councils will not meet until next Thursday. I warn you and want you to prepare for the meeting of Councils next Monday. I say to you on my own authority that calls for a special meeting of Councils may go out late Saturday night or Sunday. You won't know it until you read it in the newspapers. The organization is desperate and wants to pass the lease before all the councilmen weaken. I ask you, men and women, be prepared. They want you to hear the news, to get the inside story, to go peacefully to City Hall and stay there and demand your rights.

Mr. Tilden went on to say that there was some criticism because Mayor Weaver went outside of the city for legal advice, and in reply he wanted to say that prominent lawyers in Philadelphia who were free were scarce. Many were sought, but they had been chosen by others.

Among others who addressed the meeting were Frank M. Ritter, a former Director of Public Safety; S. Solis-Cohen, a physician; Professor Leo S. Rowe, president of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith, Bishop Coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania.

A letter written by Mr. Justice, chairman of the meeting, was read, in which he suggested the raising of \$1,250,000 to carry on an extensive campaign against the organization, and pledging himself to contribute liberally to the fund.

The following resolutions were also adopted: Resolved, by the citizens of Philadelphia in this town meeting assembled, that the hour has now struck when the people of Philadelphia, with the voice of one man, demand that, henceforth and forever, the will of the people shall be supreme, and be it further

Resolved, That we heartily commend the courage, fidelity and good common sense of John Weaver, Mayor of Philadelphia, in removing the office from the "black flag" place to the rights of the people, whose servants they are, and who have shamelessly obeyed the commands of irresponsible and self-seeking bosses.

Mayor Weaver was unable to be present, and a letter of regret from him was read. A letter written by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, denouncing the gas lease, was also read.

The Y. M. C. A. Hall was also filled to its capacity when Mahlon N. Kline, the chairman of the meeting, called the assembly to order. Addresses were made by half a dozen well known citizens, including Charles Emory Smith. There was great enthusiasm when Mr. Smith said that the "black flag" place was not the flag of Republicanism, or of Lincoln, or of McKinley, or of Roosevelt. The resolutions adopted at the Academy meeting were read by Secretary Tilden and adopted with a rousing cheer. In the evening several thousand persons gathered who could not gain admission to the Academy. Word was sent inside and three citizens were sent out to address the crowd from a carriage. There was much cheering and Mayor Weaver was cheered whenever his name was mentioned. The meeting closed with the singing of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

PRAISE FOR MAYOR WEAVER.
Mayor Weaver has received the following letter from Frederick W. Kelsey, of the New-England Society of Orange:

Dear Sir: Your course is an inspiration to every man who loves his country and favors better civic and municipal conditions and honesty in the conduct of public affairs. The result of your contest will be watched with keen interest here, and with special interest in Essex County some of our municipalities have the example of your contest before them. Here the party machine, manifesting its power for corporations through the disciplining and concentration of authority, and the influence of the name, prestige and organization of the party of Lincoln thus used to exploit corporate gain at the expense of good government and good morals.

A recent test of this issue, by an overwhelming sentiment, the people of the State, by the officials and citizens who had repudiated these conditions, attempted corporate manipulation of municipal legislation, and who had not fairly understood there can be no doubt as to the attitude of the people of Philadelphia and throughout the country in your support upon this question. With great respect, I am, very truly yours, FREDERICK W. KELSEY.

TO ENCOURAGE MAYOR WEAVER.
A mass meeting will be held in Cooper Union on Wednesday evening, at which a message to encourage Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia in his contest for municipal control of the lighting plant of that city will be sent. Clinton R. Woodruff, secretary of the National Municipal League, of Philadelphia, has promised speakers from all over the country, and has been sent to prominent men in other cities to take part in the movement.

DATED FROM TIME OF CROMWELL.
Appellate Division of Rhode Island Supreme Court Abolished at Newport.

Newport, R. I., May 26.—The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State, after an existence of two hundred years, was abolished today in Newport County. The place of the Appellate Division, which was a court of last resort, will be taken by the Superior Court, created by this year's legislation.

In closing the last session of the Appellate Division Justice Blodgett, in a brief historical statement, said that this court was unique in the history of the country, dating, as it did, from the protectorate of Oliver Cromwell and sitting through the reign of the British and down through the life of the republic. All these years this court was continuously in session, and Justice Blodgett said, and he added that he knew of no other court of this kind which had been held under this court for more than one hundred and thirty years from the balcony, the accession of kings had been proclaimed. Within its walls the Declaration of Independence was read for the State of Rhode Island.

SALE OF OLD BOOKS NETS \$6,000.
Specimen of Sixteenth Century Printing Brings \$165.

Six thousand dollars was the total sum realized from the two days' sale of auction of rare books and manuscripts ended yesterday at the Merwin-Clayton Sales Company's rooms, No. 20 East 20th-st. There was some spirited bidding between G. D. Smith and Theodore L. De Vinne for "Heures," printed on vellum, a specimen of sixteenth century printing. The book, which was dated 1519 and was bound in old calf, with gilt edges, brought \$135—the highest price of the sale.

G. D. Smith bought it. He also paid \$100 for what is said to be the only copy in existence of the "Legende Sanctorum," by Jacobus de Voragine. This book is supposed to be one of the first printed in Paris, about 1475. Mr. Smith also obtained for \$85 a first edition of John Webster's play, "The Tragedy of the Dutchess of Malfy," dated 1623. It is said to be the only copy of the name of the original actors are given with the characters.

EQUIPMENT FOR SIGNAL CORPS.
General A. W. Greely, chief signal officer, U. S. A., announces that on June 1, or as soon after as possible, bids will be asked for the equipment of the army with telegraphic apparatus to the amount of \$75,000. Models of the equipment are on exhibition in the signal corps model room at Washington, where drawings and specifications are under preparation. Major Edgar Russell has the models in charge.

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FIGHT AFTER DYNAMITE

N. Y. HOSPITAL IN DANGER.

Police Prevent Rioting Strikers from Using Explosive.

The timely action of two Tondorin policemen prevented the effects of twenty-five pounds of dynamite yesterday morning in a fight in 15th-st. between strikers and non-union men, the explosion of which would have wrecked the New-York Hospital. The workmen on the new twenty story Stuyvesant Building, at 15th-st. and 5th-ave., have been on strike for four days, their place being taken by the non-union men of the excavation. The two parties have been frequent. There was a fight Thursday night, and yesterday morning when the men went to work it was found that the door of the dynamite shed, which is built up against the wall of the New-York Hospital, had been tampered with.

Last night when the men ceased work they were attacked by the strikers. The men fought all over the street, until Patrolman Riordan tried to quell the riot single-handed. He was rapidly getting the worst of it when Mounted Patrolman O'Keefe drove his horse into the thick of the fight and began laying about with his nightstick. He was subduing the mob when two of the strikers broke away and ran to the excavation to get dynamite. A watchman named Joseph F. Tracy was on guard. Tracy picked up a pickax and fought them off, but they knocked him down with similar weapons and entered the shed.

The dynamite was already capped and ready for use as they were about to seize several sticks the two patrolmen seized them. They fought their way loose and back into the crowd, just as the reserve from the Tondorin station arrived. The crowd dispersed, the police chasing two of them to 14th-st. and 5th-ave., where they were captured.

At the station house the prisoners said they were Joseph Mitchell and Frank Chamarr. Neither the two patrolmen nor the watchman could identify them as the men who had tried to steal the dynamite, and they were locked up, charged with disorderly conduct. Two patrolmen have been detailed to guard the dynamite.

The lockout of rockmen and excavators is even likely to prolong the strike indefinitely. To even up things the walking delegation of the union ordered about thirty-five hundred more men on strike yesterday on uptown contracts. Most of those were excavations for apartment houses.

A fight between non-union men and strikers, the first of the kind since the trouble began, took place yesterday morning in East 119th-st. About fifty men were working in excavations when a crowd of strikers and sympathizers appeared and rained bricks on the workers. The latter fought back, but were outnumbered, and finally made their escape out of the cellar. A squad of police rivet in time to disperse the crowd.

Work went on yesterday at the Rothchild Building, 16th-st. and 8th-ave., under police protection. Strike pickets succeeded in getting non-union engineers to quit twice. The 1,800 men who stay in the contracts of Patrick Norton returned to work yesterday under an agreement which does not involve recognition of the union.

It was learned that the fight will be mainly directed against the rock drillers and engineers, who are well organized and who the employers now say are responsible for the strike. The greater number of contracts involve blasting operations, and in such cases the excavators cannot work if the drillers and engineers are working. They made use of this, the employers say, to force the excavators into organizing.

BIONDI'S SUIT BEGINS.

Failure to Exhibit "Saturnalia" Group the Cause.

The suit of Ernest Biondi against the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which began yesterday in the Supreme Court, was suddenly stopped in the middle of the afternoon session by Justice Leventritt ordering court adjourned on account of the death of Justice Van Brunt. Mr. Biondi was not present, but his brother, Constantine, sat near his counsel, O'Neil Ray Hayes. Eilhu Root appeared for the Metropolitan Museum.

Mr. Hayes said the action was brought against the Museum, but had originally been brought against that institution and all its officials as an action at law to recover \$300,000 damages. This complaint has been amended, and a suit in equity brought. Mr. Biondi's contract with the Metropolitan Museum to exhibit his "Saturnalia" group in the new east wing for one year, at the end of which it was to be returned to the sculptor, has since having been increased by publicity. The museum gave bond for \$3,000 for its return, but failed to exhibit it.

"Even if it were one of the most loathsome and disgusting works ever exhibited, the Museum had no right to refuse to carry out its contract," said Mr. Hayes.

The first witness was Constantine Biondi, who identified certain correspondence with the late General di Cesnola relative to the group.

Mr. Hayes read a letter written by Paul Ballo, who acted as secretary to General di Cesnola, saying that the group was to be exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum, and that this work of art raised a tremendous sensation and was declared immoral.

Whitehall Reid, the American Ambassador to Great Britain, had been subpoenaed, but he was excused.

After recess Dr. Luigi J. Rovelli was giving his testimony when he was interrupted by the adjournment.

LIVED LONG WITH BROKEN NECK.

Death Welcome to Young Man Who Survived Injuries Ten Months.

Thomas O'Brien, a produce dealer, twenty-two years old, of No. 141 Richardson-st., Williamsburg, died yesterday in St. Catherine's Hospital from a broken neck, after having been in that institution for ten months. Death was a welcome relief to him, as he had expressed a desire to die ever since the doctors told him, in the event of his recovery, that he would never be a cripple for life.

O'Brien continually lay on bags of water. He was completely paralyzed in his lower extremities. At times he felt that he was going to recover, while at other times his condition was such as to make him feel depressed. Lately the doctors in the hospital held out no encouragement for the man, and it made him so dependent that he began to wish for death.

POSTMEN DRAW THE COLOR LINE.

Resign Because Negro Was Appointed—Places Filled.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]
Memphis, Tenn., May 26.—Because Postmaster Dutro appointed the son of a local negro preacher to a place in the special messenger service here, the six white employes in that department resigned after their demand for the negro's dismissal was refused. Applicants on the waiting list were immediately sworn in, and the service has not suffered.

DIED AT WASHINGTON COLLEGE.
Washington, May 26.—James F. Hellman, a wealthy manufacturer of Keating, Penn., died suddenly about 9 o'clock to-night while making a visit to the Washington College for Girls, where his daughter, May, who is a member of the graduating class, is a student. To reach the college building Mr. Hellman had to walk up a number of steps and a hill, and when he reached the door of the institution he was exhausted. He sank into a chair and died in a few minutes. He was about fifty years old.

GUN ARMED FRIGHTENS BAY RIDGE.
Late last night residents at Bay Ridge were awakened by the heavy explosions from the Lower Bay, followed by the glare of a fire. At Quarantine, however, it was learned that there had been a fire at Fort Wadsworth, the alarm for which had been given to the post by the discharge of one of the guns and died in a few minutes. A pall of water extinguished the fire.

G. W. MORGAN OPERATED ON.
An operation for appendicitis, which was successful, was performed upon Superintendent of Elections George W. Morgan, at Roosevelt Hospital, yesterday afternoon.

MAKES \$1,000 ON BOOKS.

George D. Smith Sells Edition of Ireland for \$7,664.

When George D. Smith paid \$6,664 at a book sale about ten days ago for the rare edition of Ireland's work, containing, in some thirty volumes, a history of the stage, together with the playbills, and many rare manuscripts collected by the late Augustin Daly, there were many who said that the price was exorbitant, being \$664 more than the books brought at the auction of the Daly estate.

That Mr. Smith's judgment as to values was good is shown by the fact which leaked out yesterday, that he sold the collection to General Burden lives last week at an advance of \$1,000 over the price he paid for it. General Burden is president of the Metropolitan Trust Company, and an authority on works of art. He owns, it is said, some of the rarest antique works in this country, and has long coveted the Daly collection just purchased.

LONG BURDEN SUIT ENDS.

Judgment Marks Close of Litigation Between Brothers.

Troy, N. Y., May 26.—Judgment filed in the County Clerk's office to-day indicates the close of litigation between I. Townsend Burden and James A. Burden, both of whom are well known here and in New-York City, and who, together with their sons, own all except two shares of the stock of the Burden Iron Works.

Lawsuits brought by I. Townsend Burden against his brother and the other trustees of the company have engaged the attention of the courts for twenty-five years, and have been decided in favor of James A. Burden.

The case now ended involved James A. Burden's claims as an inventor of improvements in horseshoe machines and the payment to him of a royalty for the use of his patented devices, and the trial court held in his favor. A suit in the federal court relative to the same matter was recently withdrawn by I. Townsend Burden. The differences have been settled to the mutual satisfaction of all the parties.

Henry Burden, the father of the Burden brothers, and founder of the works, was the inventor of the first horseshoe machine constructed, and of other machines now in common use.

LOCKS WIFE IN CLOSET.

Binds Her, Too, to Make Her Obey —Is Held in Court.

Asbury Park, N. J., May 26.—"A man has a perfect right to punish his wife if she don't obey him," said William T. Letts in Justice Ferris' court this morning. "When Minnie refused to do as I told her I tied her hands and feet and locked her in a closet."

Letts was a prisoner in the court. Last Monday he made his wife a prisoner at their home in Clark-ave., Ocean Grove, because of some real or fancied disobedience. Mrs. Letts was terribly frightened, but after a long period of silence she gained courage enough to chew vigorously at the cords that bound her wrists. In the close closet it seemed an age, she said later, before the cords dropped from her hands. She easily loosened the cords from her feet. Freed at last from her bonds, she hesitated to break open the closet door, because Letts, she said, had threatened to kill her if she made an outcry. Convinced finally that he was not in the room, she burst open the door and found everything quiet in the house.

Mrs. Letts was afraid to go before a justice that day, fearing her husband would carry out his threat to kill her. On Wednesday, however, she went out with a warrant. In court Letts said it would be no worry for his wife if she sent him to Freedom. Mrs. Letts says her husband sleeps with a razor under his pillow, and has frequently whipped and abused her.

"A husband has no right in this country to whip his wife," said Justice Ferris to-day. "I think he has," Letts said defiantly.

"Letts," Judge Ferris said sternly, "I will hold you in \$500 bail to keep the peace." Bail was furnished for the afternoon. Letts has two little girls and a boy seven years old. His wife formerly was a resident of Pittsburgh.

MAYOR SITS ON SALARY L'D.

Tim Sullivan Fails to Boost It—\$1,500,000 for Richmond Water.

The Board of Estimate yesterday authorized an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for a water distribution plant for Richmond Borough. The system is to distribute the water the city is to purchase from the Hudson County Water Company. Borough President Albert J. Isaacs, who has been a champion of the appropriation, Mayor McClellan appointed J. Waldo Smith, I. M. De Varona, Nelson Lewis, W. E. Bluff and Allen Hagen a committee to examine the local water company's plan of Richmond, with a view to buying them if they were worth it.

Alderman Sullivan offered a resolution increasing the salary of E. V. Groves, custodian of the City Clerk's department, to \$2,000 a year. He explained that a part of the custodian's work was to look after the library.

"Oh, he looks after the library, does he?" said the Mayor. The Mayor on the vote shouted an emphatic "no."

"He is not the librarian," hastily said Mr. Sullivan. He then turned to the President, Alderman Goodman, the Republican leader of the board.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN DECLINES.

Senator Blackburn Fears Embarrassment in Speaking at Grant's Tomb.

Senator Joseph C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky, has declined the invitation of Grant Post, G. A. R., Brooklyn, fearing an embarrassing position after the unpleasant situation that arose over the inviting of the Confederate veterans to participate in the Memorial Day parade in Brooklyn, to speak at the tomb of General Grant on Memorial Day.

Senator Blackburn, a Confederate veteran, had accepted the invitation, but he is a candidate for re-election, and now he has written, pleading the pressure of political business and asking to get other Southern orators.

DROUTH BROKEN UP THE STATE.

Saratoga, N. Y., May 26.—The protracted drouth has been broken by a rainstorm which began this afternoon and continues to-night.

ASKS FOR SCHOOL COURSE HEARING.

John C. Walworth, chairman of the committee on education of the North Side Board of Trade, in the Bronx, in a letter to the Department of Education yesterday, said that he did not learn until May 23 of the hearing before the committee on public schools and textbooks on May 24, and that that was the reason he did not appear. He said that he was sorry that there was a great and growing sentiment against the present course of study in the public schools, and asks that the people of the Borough of the Bronx and the other boroughs have a chance to discuss the question.

NEW-YORK LAW INSTITUTE OFFICERS.

The New-York Law Institute, at its annual meeting yesterday, elected the following officers: President, E. Henry Lacombe; vice-presidents, George L. Ingraham, Addison Brown, John E. Parsons; treasurer, Charles Edward Southern; secretary, Jordan J. Bollins; members of the executive committee (class of 1905), Michael H. Cardozo, Benjamin C. Adams, Jr., George F. Mallet-Frevost, members of the auditing committee, John G. Agur, James C. Foley, William H. Page, Jr.; nominating committee, 1905, Henry T. Wing, James Dunne, John W. Ely, Frank E. Blackwell and Alfred Opeyde.

MADDOO HAS CONTROL OF STREETS.
Albany, May 26.—Governor Higgins to-day signed the bill of Assemblyman Tompkins giving the New-York City Police Commissioner control over street traffic.

SUMMER COLDS.
Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world wide Cold Cure, removes the cause. Call for the full name and look for signature of E. W. Grove. 25c.

SHEEHEAN ACQUITS HEARST.

N. Y. City Democracy May Support Mayor McClellan.

The New-York City Democracy, better known as the Sheehan Democracy, which supported Mr. Low in 1904 and Mayor McClellan two years ago, will support Mr. McClellan unless the Republicans nominate a Democrat on a fusion ticket. The Sheehan men are ready to make an alliance with the Republicans. They have broken with William R. Hearst and the Municipal Ownership party, of which Mr. Hearst is supposed to be the leader.

The decision to break away from Hearst was reached on Thursday night at last year's stormy meeting of the executive committee of the organization at the Hoffman House. The secret was so well kept that nothing was heard of it until last night.

The cause of the rupture was the alleged discovery by the Sheehan men that Hearst was getting some of the district leaders away from Sheehan and laying plans to capture the organization. Five of the district leaders of the Sheehan organization, Dr. John H. Burns and John T. Cronin among others, stood ready to go over to Hearst, it is said. The five district leaders were taken to task in executive committee meeting, and on their failure to give an explanation of their action, it was decided to compel their resignations. This will take place at the meeting of the executive committee next week. One of Mr. Sheehan's lieutenants, in telling of the meeting last night, said:

Mr. Sheehan told his lieutenants that he had received a call from the official representative of State Chairman Odell and William Halpin, of the County Committee, and was informed that the Republicans would support a thoroughly respectable anti-Tammany Democrat. Mr. Sheehan told his friends that the sentiment of the organization seemed to be that unless the Republicans nominated a Democrat they would support Mayor McClellan and the Tammany ticket. Some of the Hearst men in the organization asked permission to go and ask Mr. Hearst for a campaign subscription, as an evidence of his good faith in the anti-Tammany cause. There was a storm of protest against this, and Mr. Sheehan said that any district leader who did that would have to resign. The district leaders are through with the Citizens Union, and unless they tie up with the Republicans they will support McClellan.

NEXT MEETING IN TORONTO.

Deep Waterways Commission Awaiting Secretary Taft's Decision.

Washington, May 26.—Pending the answer of the Washington government to the Canadian government's contention that the law establishing the Deep Waterway Commission provided that all international waterways between this country and Canada be included in the scope of the commission's work, no further meetings will be held. This was decided at a meeting held in the offices of General Ernst this morning, at which all the commissioners were present. It was decided that at all meetings on American soil the presence of the American section should preside, and that the chairman of the Canadian section should preside at meetings in Canada. The next meeting will be held at Toronto after the decision of Secretary Taft regarding the law.

FRENCH COMMISSIONER KILLED.

Governor General of Mauritania Assassinated—Fight with Tribesmen.

Dakar, Senegambia, May 26.—Commissioner Coppolan, Governor General of Mauritania, was assassinated at Tjikja on May 12 by disaffected Moors. Governor Coppolan had recently established a mission at Tjikja, and was preparing to return to St. Louis, when he was killed. The Moors were pursued, and four of them were killed. Four native soldiers were killed in the pursuit.

Mauritania is the name given to the territories of the Moorish tribes of Trarza and Brakra, in the north of the Lower Senegal. In 1903 the French West African Protectorate was extended over these territories. The tribes are ruled by a provisional governor, and an advisory committee. The whole of French West Africa there is a Governor General, who is assisted by a secretary and by a council. The seat of the general government is Dakar, connected with St. Louis, 158 miles distant, by rail.

St. Louis, the capital of Senegambia, is built on a sandy island in the Gulf of Guinea, and is 700 yards long, and 100 yards wide, with the suburbs of Sor and Etiville. With its suburbs, St. Louis has a population of 64,000.

MRS. PELL GETS FINAL DECREE.

Duncan C. Pell Ordered to Pay Her \$200 a Month Alimony.

Mrs. Anne O. Pell yesterday received her final decree of divorce from Duncan C. Pell from Justice Levintritt. The interlocutory decree was granted three months ago. Mrs. Pell receives \$200 a month alimony.

The Pells separated some years ago. Mr. Pell went to Florida, where he claimed to have established his residence. He sued for a divorce in that State on the ground of desertion and received a decree. He then married again.

Mrs. Pell subsequently brought suit for a divorce naming her husband's second wife as the co-respondent.

READJUSTING SCHOOL FUNDS.

Board of Education Overcomes Difficulties by Practice of Economy.

More than \$71,000 has been obtained for the work of the Department of Education—threatened with shortage—by the finance committee of the board. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment cut down the general school fund about \$90,000 last fall. The reduction of the school fund was placed in the hands of a special committee on economy of the Board of Education, which decided that the burden of the cut should be borne by the high schools, first it allotted \$45,000, to the second \$30,000 to the third \$15,000. By placing substitute teachers in the vacant places, as well as by other means, the finance committee of the Board of Education succeeded in overcoming the disarrangement of the school fund. The school fund, already \$50,000 extra has been turned over to the recreation bureau, and \$100,000 will soon be placed to the credit of the evening schools. The lectures will receive \$20,000.

DIVORCE FOR MRS. TOWNSEND.

Newport, R. I., May 26.—In the Supreme Court to-day Judge Blodgett granted a divorce to Mrs. Pauline O. Townsend from John R. Townsend, of Newport, on the ground of non-support, and gave her the custody of her minor child. The case was heard on Monday last, but decision was withheld until the afternoon of Tuesday. The residence of the petitioner's residence in Rhode Island.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

Sam Bernard Chopped Out of His Dressing Room—"Creation" To-night.

When "Mrs. Battle's Bath" was shown not long ago at the Madison Square Theatre some persons objected that it was rather ridiculous to suppose that two persons could be imprisoned in a bathroom by the mere machinations of an ordinary door lock. That happened to Sam Bernard last night at the Her Majesty's Theatre, and happened at an unfortunate time, when he was to make a quick change and get back on the stage. He could not fathom the sudden intricacies which his spring lock developed, and he pounded for help. The door, an arcade, was non-support, and he was about five minutes late for his cue.

"Creation," which was a feature at the St. Louis fair, will be opened to-night at Dreamland, Coney Island. "Creation" is a spectacular representation of the story of the Genesis from the birth of Adam to the creation of Adam and Eve. It will be one of the most elaborate features of Dreamland, and is expected to attract many spectators.

At least two Broadway theatres will reopen early in August, both with the plays last seen there. The Lyceum will begin a late summer season with "Mrs. Luffingwell's Boots," and "It Happened in New York" will be brought back to the Fields Theatre.

Augustus Plouf, Jr., was yesterday appointed assistant general manager of Her Majesty's Theatre. H. H. Hamilton has also joined Mr. Savage's New-York staff, to test the voices of applicants for places in the musical companies.

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CALLS IT CONFISCATION.

Er-Judge Olcott Attacks Ambler Bill—Mr. Bennet Defends It.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]
Albany, May 26.—Senator Ambler's bill, making effective at once the provisions of the Raines bill, which requires that hotels must comply with the building, health and fire laws of the city before liquor tax certificates are issued, was vigorously attacked before Governor Higgins to-day by ex-Judge W. M. K. Olcott and J. P. Smith, editor of "The Wine and Spirit Gazette," representing the liquor interests of New-York.

"The charges made against the so-called Raines hotels," Mr. Smith said, "apply with greater force to some of our first class hotels. This bill provides for the seizure of property without due process of law. It opens the door to blackmail, and we in New-York have had experience with blackmail."

Mr. Olcott's objection to the bill was based on the declaration that it was unconstitutional. "Without notice or without permitting defence," he said, "the excise officials may revoke a license and tear down partitions in places against which some irresponsible person has made complaint. You might just as well say that the officials have the right to go into a house and tear down the wall behind my bed. This bill is confiscation in its most odious form."

Congressman Bennet replied to the criticisms made by the opponents of the bill. "Before June 30," he said, "25,000 young women will arrive here as immigrants, ignorant of our language. They will be met outside of the barge office by runners and taken to these places of vice. This is the reason for asking that this bill should be signed. We want to wipe out these illegal hotels. Liquor differs from other commodities. There is no inherent right to sell liquor. It is an outlaw business and must exist by sufferance. The United States Supreme Court has so held."

Governor Higgins said to-night that there would be no hearing on the mortgage tax bill, Edward Van Ingen representing the allied real estate interests, the Governor said, had informed him that the time remaining was too short in which to arrange for such a hearing.

VETERANS PROTEST.

Army of the Cumberland Takes Exception to Indiana Report.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]
Indianapolis, Ind., May 26.—The Society of the Army of the Cumberland, through its president, Henry V. Boynton, has filed with the Indiana State Commission, and has asked that an investigation into misstatements be made. The protest declares that some of the statements in the report are not true, and that some of the errors are intentionally made and that the Army of the Cumberland is unjustly discriminated against in favor of the Army of