

GAS ENFORCEMENT LAX. TESTS NOT RECORDED.

McClellan Administration Blamed—Senator Page Talks.

Considerable criticism is being expressed as a result of the failure of the McClellan administration to comply with that portion of the gas laws of the last session compelling daily inspection of gas by inspectors appointed by the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, as well as a failure to proceed against the gas companies shown by the report of the Stevens Commission to be operating under dead franchises. Inquiry at Commissioner Oakley's office yesterday disclosed the fact that there was no record of the tests of gas there, although tests had been made daily at two stations in New-York City, one in 79th-st., and the other at the Bowers and Grand-sts. The Commissioner explained that he yesterday wrote to the Sinking Fund Commission, asking for money for six new stations, three in Brooklyn, and one in The Bronx, Richmond and Far Rockaway.

A visit to the station at the Bowers and Grand-st. disclosed the fact that the tests were being made by Dr. E. G. Love, whose name appeared on the door of the office. Dr. Love produced a book in which were recorded the results of the tests. He explained that these tests were soon to be entered on blanks and sent to Commissioner Oakley's office. But the records showed no tally of the tests of pressure. The law was designed to meet the long standing complaint of excessive pressure, and required that the pressure should not exceed two and one-half inches nor fall below one inch. Dr. Love explained that the recording of this would entail endless clerical work, and that he had been directed merely to report cases where the pressure exceeded or fell below the legal requirement. Such a failure to meet the standard carries a penalty of \$1,000 for each violation.

AN AVERAGE OF 25 CANDLES. The records entered in Dr. Love's book covered the tests both at the 79th-st. station and in his office. They showed that the illuminating quality of the gas, which the law prescribes shall have 22 candlepower, in the six days since July 1, when the law compelling daily inspection became effective, ranged from 20.9 to 23.8, with an average of 25 candles. Asked about the pressure, Dr. Love said: "It has kept within the required limits, except possibly jumping about two and one-half inches for a few minutes occasionally."

As each jump, were the law rigidly enforced, would carry a penalty of \$1,000, the laxness of the present system is apparent. Dr. Love said that he had had no other call to see the records of the tests.

Senator Alfred R. Page, whose resolution created the Stevens Commission, yesterday commented severely on the attitude of Mayor McClellan on this inspection phase of the gas laws and also on the matter of expired franchises.

SHOULD GIVE IMMEDIATE RELIEF. Senator Page said: "I observe that Mayor McClellan is stating in the newspapers that he intends to proceed before the Gas Commission as soon as it is appointed to secure a reduction in the price of gas to private consumers to 20 cents. I think the people of the city of New-York would be more impressed with the Mayor's zeal and determination to safeguard their interests as against the gas monopoly if the provisions of the bill calling for the supervision of pressure in the gas pipes, which took effect last May, had been enforced by the city authorities. A prompt and vigorous enforcement of the provisions of the law would produce immediate relief by reducing the gas bill to the consumer."

SUPT. MORGAN ANNOUNCES PLANS. Republican and Democratic Deputies—No Organization Consulted. The plans of Superintendent George W. Morgan, of the metropolitan elections district, for complying with the recent State law providing for a permanent staff to take the place of the former temporary force were made known yesterday. The new law provides for fifty deputies at \$1,200 and fifty at \$900.

Superintendent Morgan said yesterday that he would make the appointments next week, but would not announce the names of the deputies, since their work would be more or less in the nature of secret service and the publication of names would not be advantageous. Asked about the politics of the appointees, Superintendent Morgan said that he had not consulted any organization and would not; that some of the deputies would be Republicans and some Democrats. He declared that all of the deputies appointed to \$1,200 jobs would be men who were familiar with the work and who had already received 50 per cent of the salary empowered to administer oaths are all to be members of the bar. As to the report that he meant to name one deputy from each assembly district and assign him to that district, Superintendent Morgan said that while he meant to try to divide the appointments he would probably name more than one man in several districts, but proposed assigning all deputies outside their home districts.

WANTS FEE FROM MRS. POLLON. Attorney Says She Received \$17,500 from Brokaw—Claims Part. James J. Fitzgerald, one of the many lawyers retained by Mrs. Katherine Pollon in her suit to recover \$25,000 from William Gould Brokaw, for alleged breach of promise of marriage, appeared before Justice Gildersleeve, in the Supreme Court yesterday, and asked the justice to determine whether or not Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne should pay his fee out of money they held for Mrs. Pollon.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that Mr. Pollon wished to know if he could get the money from the Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne, provided he could get his fee. "Mrs. Pollon was then without money," said Mr. Fitzgerald, "and it is not to be supposed that she could have had the money in preparation for her wedding. She then entered into a written agreement with me, under which I agreed to advance her the sum of \$17,500, which she had received from the settlement of her suit against Brokaw, and I advanced her the sum of \$17,500, and I think I should be paid for my services."

LABRADOR PARTIES JOIN. Mrs. Hubbard and Wallace Travel Together to Northwest Post. North Adams, Mass., July 7.—The Rev. Dr. James B. Sawyer, of Williamstown, has just received a letter from Mrs. Leonard Hubbard, who started recently on an exploring expedition into the interior of Labrador. The letter says that the party met that of A. Dillon Wallace on the Labrador coast. The two parties joined, and are now traveling part of the way together. At the Northwest River post the Wallace party will strike inland, while the Hubbard party will remain at the river post for a short time to secure two more guides. The routes are available for getting inland, and the expense of the party, which is estimated at \$1,000, has been met. Mrs. Hubbard reported all well.

ROELKER CHAUFFEUR ARRESTED. Newport, R. I., July 7.—The first arrest hereabouts for exceeding the automobile laws was made last night, when the chauffeur for William G. Roelker was caught in Middletown. The town constable declares that he was running the machine at a high rate of speed.

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SIXTY UNITED STATES BONDS MISSING. Hagerstown, Ind., July 7.—Sixty thousand dollars in United States bonds, which had been deposited in the defunct Commercial Bank for safe keeping, by private individuals, are gone. The discovery was made today when an examination of the contents of the safe was completed. John Bowman, the cashier of the bank, committed suicide on July 6, and the doors of the bank have been closed since.

CONNING TOWER NEAR. It Will Not Be Dispensed with on American Battleships.

Washington, July 7.—The conning tower on the American battleship is an essential part of the fighting machine, and cannot be dispensed with, according to the experts on naval construction. As a place of vantage from which to command his ship in a battle, the commander of a naval vessel must be provided with a conning tower and must remain in it.

The impression which seems to prevail in some quarters is the effect that the conning tower is to be abandoned, doubtless, grows out of the fact that it has been determined to locate the delicate apparatus by which the ship is steered and ordered conveyed to gun crews and submarines at some point below the armored portion of the ship, where it will be less liable to injury from the enemy's fire, instead of assembling all of this highly sensitive paraphernalia in a location so exposed to the shock, if not the actual blows, of the enemy's fire.

PEARY BOAT IN DANGER. Burning Hay Barges Adrift in the North River. Four barges loaded with hay caught fire at the North River pier at 48th-st. last night, and two of the burning boats drifted out into the river and almost ran down Commander Peary's boat, the Roosevelt, which is moored near by. Fireboats which were called to the scene succeeded in running the barges on the Jersey flats. The four barges were moored close together. The fire started on the barge Harvest Queen, and soon the flames had spread to the others and were leaping to a great height. Thirty cars belonging to the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad caught fire and added to the conflagration.

Four alarms were turned in. Chief Croker responded with many men who had previously been called to the scene.

On one of the barges Captain Singer, Mrs. Singer and three children were asleep, when the fire started. They were dragged from the boat just in time by deckhands, who rushed into the cabin. The blaze could be seen at a great distance, and drew crowds to the scene. The police of four precincts were called out to preserve order. So closely did the people crowd to the edge of the pier that the police had great difficulty in keeping them from falling into the river.

One of the boats belonged to Ellingard & Co., of the Hay Exchange. When the two boats broke loose they were followed by the fireboat New-Yorker, which played on them, and, within one hundred yards of the Roosevelt, pushed them onto the flats, where they burned to the water's edge.

All of the boats were destroyed. The amount of the loss is not known.

When the barge Geraldine caught fire there were on board five men and five hundred spectators, who were about to crowd the pier. It looked for a moment as if dozens of them would be crowded overboard, but, with strange luck, this did not happen, and only Morandotto Vincent and Dennis Egan, of No. 47 West 58th-st., 249 West 55th-st., fell into the river. He could not swim. He had gone under twice, when Fireman William Mulligan, hearing the cries for help, jumped in, helmet and all, and rescued him.

Near the land end of the pier there is a pile of sand, on which were several persons. The inclosing and generally boarding around this sand pile collapsed under the weight of the crowd, and a boy, Charles Haskell, of No. 522 West 37th-st., went overboard in a cloud of sand. He came to the surface and yelled for help, and Dennis Egan, of No. 47 West 58th-st., 249 West 55th-st., fell into the river. He could not swim. He had gone under twice, when Fireman William Mulligan, hearing the cries for help, jumped in, helmet and all, and rescued him.

BOSTON DRYDOCK DELAY. Receiver for Contractors' Surety—Government May Complete It.

Washington, July 7.—There is another delay in the completion of the drydock at the Boston Navy Yard. That structure should have been finished by this time, and in expectation of its availability this summer several of the battleships were ordered to the Boston yard to be docked and generally overhauled. It is found that the delay in the installation of the machinery would make it necessary to send the ships to other yards for docking, it being impossible to provide temporary machinery even. The contractors had defied the first place, and now the Navy Department has learned that the contractors' surety, the City Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of Philadelphia, has gone into the hands of a receiver. The company will be held accountable for the extra cost to which the government may be put. The incident seriously embarrasses the Navy Department, which had been planning to send a large number of ships to Boston this year for docking.

WIDELY SEPARATED; WANT DIVORCE. Husband Lives in South Africa—Wife Ill in New-York.

It is not often that the New-York courts have to deal with a divorce suit, in which the principals are so widely separated as that brought by Walter Park, of Johannesburg, South Africa, against his wife, Ethel M. Park, who is lying dangerously ill at Lausanne, Switzerland. Park is the general agent in South Africa for Frazer & Chalmers, Limited, and Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Park were married in this city August 10, 1880, and lived in Brooklyn and Manhattan, N. Y., until 1888, when they removed to South Africa. A few years ago Mrs. Park went to Europe on account of her health and to educate a son, who is now about thirteen years of age. The husband remained in South Africa. When the Cape broke out he removed to Cape Town, Cape Colony, and joined the British forces, becoming a captain in the 24 Pioneer Railway Regiment.

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FRANCHISE TIE-UP STILL. Justice Gildersleeve Modifies Stay—No Action on Routes.

That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may consider plans and specifications submitted by the Rapid Transit Commission, but may not grant franchises, until the Appellate Division has given a decision on the question of the constitutionality of the law passed by the last legislature taking away from the Board of Aldermen the power of granting street railway franchises is the substance of a decision of Justice Gildersleeve in the Supreme Court yesterday. His decision was a modification of the stay granted by Justice Truax on June 29, pending appeal by the aldermen's representative from Justice Blanchard's decision that the law is constitutional. By Justice Truax's decision the Board of Estimate was debarred from taking any action whatever with regard to new rapid transit routes.

In his decision, Justice Gildersleeve said he was satisfied that public interests might be subjected to serious injury if the stay continued in a form "entirely too broad," and he added: "The stay must be limited to preventing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment from granting any franchises for rapid transit, until the constitutionality of the law passed by the last legislature taking away from the Board of Aldermen the power of granting street railway franchises is the substance of a decision of Justice Gildersleeve in the Supreme Court yesterday. His decision was a modification of the stay granted by Justice Truax on June 29, pending appeal by the aldermen's representative from Justice Blanchard's decision that the law is constitutional. By Justice Truax's decision the Board of Estimate was debarred from taking any action whatever with regard to new rapid transit routes."

Assistant Corporation Counsel William P. Burr subsequently had an interview with Justice Gildersleeve, as a result of which Justice Gildersleeve handed down a revised decision, ending as follows: "The stay must be limited to permit the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to proceed, as the time limit under the Rapid Transit act expires to-day. There will be ample opportunity to prevent action after such approval, pending appeal, if the plaintiff be so advised."

IN SPITE OF THE DECISION, THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE FAILED TO PASS ON ANY NEW RAPID TRANSIT ROUTE YESTERDAY. Controller Grout said that Justice Gildersleeve's ruling permitted the board only to consider and approve or disapprove the routes, but stayed it from giving consent to the construction of such roads as were planned. He said he believed it a waste of time to take the routes to the Board of Estimate, although they were all on the calendar for action. The result was that all consideration of the routes went over to next week.

GAVE LIFE FOR BROTHER. Young Girl Drowned Attempting Rescue in Cromwell's Creek. Annie Meister, eleven years old, of No. 132 West 10th-st., was drowned in Cromwell's Creek, near the New-York Central Railroad tracks yesterday in an effort to rescue her little brother, Willie.

At this point the creek is being filled in, and artificial ground has been raised to a level with the bulkheads. The creek had overflowed, and Willie Meister, with some other children, was playing in this water. He waded along until he stepped off the bulkhead. The brave sister did not wait, but plunged in after him.

Patrolman Francis heard the screams of the other children and ran to the place. He found Willie holding on to an abutment, and rescued him with the assistance of Egbert Chamberlain.

While they were working over the boy, who was half-drowned, one of the children came up and told them that the sister was also in the creek. Chamberlain, five times and finally reached the body and brought it ashore. The policeman and Chamberlain, with an ambulance surgeon from the Fordham Hospital, worked over the girl for an hour, but were unable to resuscitate her. The boy was taken to the hospital for treatment.

MILES ON BROKEN LEG. With Badly Fractured Limb, Man Walks Long Distance.

Frank Mosher, of No. 576 Grand-st., walked a long distance with a badly broken leg yesterday. Mosher was working near the Brooklyn Navy Yard, when he fell from a ladder and broke two bones in his left leg, below the knee. He had no car fare and started to hobble to Manhattan. After walking down Sands-st. to the bridge he crossed the bridge and was in front of the City Hall when he met a friend who asked him what was the matter with his leg. Mosher told him, his friend sent for an ambulance, and Mosher was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital. Physicians there said that his fractures were bad ones. They were astonished at the nerve Mosher had displayed.

SUCCESS LAKE CASE. Hearing on Attempt to Abolish Road on Vanderbilt Estate.

Mineola, Long Island, July 7.—The commission of three appointed by ex-Governor Justice Seabury to decide as to the usefulness of a road running through the estate of William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., at Lake Success, in the town of North Hempstead, began to hear testimony here today. The application for an inquiry was made by Mr. Vanderbilt. John Lyons was chairman at today's hearing. William F. Wyckoff appeared on behalf of Mr. Vanderbilt, and Henry Warren Bebo represented Daniel S. Wooley and others, who are opposed to the closing of the road to the public.

FEDERAL COURT TO TRY POWERS. Transfer of Famous Case from State Court Recalls Murder of Governor Goebel.

Maysville, Ky., July 7.—Caleb Powers is to be tried in the United States courts for complicity in the murder of William Goebel, at Frankfort. This case was settled here to-day when United States District Judge Cochran announced that he would take jurisdiction in the case as had been requested by attorneys for Powers.

THE OPINION SUSTAINS THE MOTION MADE BY POWERS FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS TO TRANSFER CUSTODY OF HIM FROM THE STATE OF KENTUCKY TO THE UNITED STATES.

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W. U. DENIES CHARGES. Officials Say City Club Accusations Are Untrue.

Officers of the Western Union Telegraph Company denied yesterday the sworn evidence, said to be in the hands of officials of the City Club, that the company is still supplying news to poolrooms in spite of the reported announcement of Jacob H. Schiff that he would secure the dismissal of the officials of the company in case further evidence was produced against them in connection with gambling concerns, or he would resign his directorship.

Shortly before the death of Captain Goddard a trap was laid by him and a committee of the City Club, headed by the Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, to catch the Western Union officials red-handed. The services of two well known sporting men, known as John and James Doe, were secured to approach the Western Union officials in the matter of supplying them with news at a poolroom they were about to establish.

As a result of the information obtained through these agents, Dr. Slicer, it is understood, has asked the executive committee of the telegraph company to discontinue the services of Robert C. Clowry, president and general manager; David B. Mitchell, manager of the special wire bureau, and Superintendent W. J. Dealy of the commercial news department. It was the work of the Goddard society which caused the Western Union to cease distributing news to poolrooms all over the country some time ago. By this the company is said to have lost about \$5,000,000 a year.

Regarding the recent developments Mr. Schiff would make no statement. Dr. Slicer was out of reach yesterday, in the Adirondacks.

The negotiations between the agents of the committee and the officials of the Western Union are explained in an affidavit made by John Doe, March 19. The affidavit states that John and James Doe visited David Mitchell, manager of the special wire bureau, and told him that they were about to open a room together and would like a wire. Mitchell told them to wait until the legislature adjourned. After several meetings Mitchell directed the agents to W. J. Hannigan, of a news company in the Park Row Building. Mitchell said that Hannigan was supplied with news by means of telephones, more than two hundred poolrooms in greater New-York. Hannigan's place was raided last night, and the details before Police Commissioner McAldoo. He fell sick and a delay was caused.

It is understood that further information has been obtained by the City Club through agents of the Goddard society, regarding other places similar to Hannigan's, who supplied news by means of telephones, more than two hundred poolrooms in greater New-York. Hannigan's place was raided last night, and the details before Police Commissioner McAldoo. He fell sick and a delay was caused.

While President Clowry, of the Western Union, yesterday refused to talk on the accusations, David B. Mitchell, of the special wire bureau, and Superintendent Dealy of the commercial news department, made affidavits declaring false in every particular the affidavits made by John Doe on March 19.

Oswald G. Villard, a member of the executive committee of the City Club, said last night that the members of the body had decided to make no statement.

ANOTHER HEAD FALLS. Chief of Philadelphia City Property Bureau Forced Out.

Philadelphia, July 7.—George G. Pierie, Chief of the Bureau of City Property, resigned to-day at the request of the Director of Public Safety, Mr. Potter. The resignation will take effect at once. Director Potter, in his letter demanding Chief Pierie's resignation, states that he has examined sixteen bills for work done upon city property, all of which are marked "correct" by Mr. Pierie. Several of these are manifestly impositions upon the city, and should have been investigated before being approved.

Continuing, the letter says: "In view of all that I have said about the loose methods pursued by your bureau, and the warning that I have repeatedly given you respecting this class of bills, I feel that the approval of these bills in the shape they were, and with the certificates of the Lieutenants of police for your guidance, indicates a great deal of negligence, calculated to bring this administration into disrepute and to make my work in this department not only a burden, but of less value than it ought to be to the public. I must, therefore, ask your resignation."

Upon receipt of the letter, Chief Pierie immediately resigned.

Mr. Pierie has been prominent in local politics since 1881.

FOUND HIDDEN BONDS. Auctioneer Buys Chiffonier Containing \$11,000 in Securities.

Several days ago at a sale of household furniture ordered by a wealthy woman living uptown, whose name and address are withheld by the police authorities, among the articles sold was an old-fashioned chiffonier, with secret drawers. The purchaser was Floyd Grant, an auctioneer. He sent the chiffonier to be cleaned and polished, preparatory to offering it for sale.

To his astonishment, the secret drawers yielded \$11,000 in negotiable stocks and bonds. In the mean time the former owner of the chiffonier had discovered her loss and notified the police. The police were notified by Detectives Fitzpatrick and Quinn were detailed to find the missing wealth, if possible. The owner had sold her furniture preparatory to a trip abroad, but the trip was postponed. Before the detectives had done anything, however, the auctioneer discovered the address of the woman and informed her of his find.

The bonds and stocks were returned to their owner yesterday.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ARRESTED. Accused of Perjury and Conspiracy in Attempt to Capture Estate.

Chicago, July 7.—Mrs. Matilda Bender and her daughter, Marie, were arrested on charges of perjury and conspiracy in connection with an attempt to get for Charlotte Bender a widow's share in the estate of the late Colonel George T. Cline. The estate for which the Benders were fighting is valued at almost \$2,000,000.

The story told to Judge Cutting by Mrs. Bender and her daughter some months ago hangs on their own testimony. Marie Bender, who is a dead millionaire were one and the same person. They declare that while posing as "Robert Cline, a buyer from Texas," he married Charlotte Bender.

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John Wanamaker Store Closes at 12 o'clock, Noon

Men's OUTING SUITS At \$15 and \$16.50

Fine tropical worsteds, in gray effects; also light-colored flannels and homespun. Of course, these suits are light and cool—but their distinguishing feature is that They Retain Their Shape. The coat collar stays snug—just where it belongs; the lapels and coat front hang straight—as a result of good hand-padding. These and several other features which belong exclusively to good tailoring are present in these fine Summer suits. \$15 and \$16.50.

OUTING TROUSERS

A large assortment is ready this morning of fashionably-cut, stylish Outing Trousers, in neat patterns. Under a coat of blue serge, in town or out-of-town, today or tomorrow—these. At \$3.50 to \$6.50 a pair. Second floor, Fourth avenue.

Bathing Suits for Women

Those who are going to the shore and are not yet provided, will be glad for heeding this suggestion, if they still take time to secure their own bathing suit.

Bathing Suits at \$1.75 Each Worth \$3 to \$5. Sizes 32 and 34. About a hundred and twenty in all. Excellent in shape, material, style and making.

In the regular lines we have, of course, a splendid stock to select from. Suits that have style and character and are thoroughly well made. Most of them are of crisp mohairs, that repel the water, wear well and keep their color. Particularly good selection from \$3 to \$5. Other styles, up to the very fine silk suits, at \$22.50. Second floor, Broadway.

Lingerie Low in Price

Paris-made, dainty and fine. Paris sent them a little too late for the June White Sale, for which they were ordered. Marked low for tardiness: CHEMISES At \$1.25—Of nainsook; hand-made with hand-embroidered edge; ribbon-trimmed. At \$2.50—Of nainsook; hand-made, embroidered, ribbon-trimmed. DRAWERS At \$1.25—Of French cambric; hand-made; deep ruff with scalloped edge. At \$1.75—Of French percale; hand-made, with hand-embroidered ruff. NIGHTGOWNS At \$2.25—Of French percale; hand-made; high neck, with hand-stitching. At \$3.50—Of French percale; low neck and short sleeves; hand-made and embroidered; ribbon-trimmed. CORSET COVERS At \$2.25—Of nainsook; round neck; hand-made and embroidered; ribbon-trimmed. At \$2.50—Of nainsook; low neck; hand-made and embroidered; some lace-trimmed. Little French Store, Second floor.

PAPER NOVELS At 18c Each

Fiction of recent date—by Mrs. Humphry Ward, Winston Churchill, James Lane Allen, Marie Corelli, Robert N. Stephens and several others. The books are strongly bound in paper and are made from the plates of the original \$1.50 editions. Ideal Summer reading, these: The Crisis. By Winston Churchill. The History of David Greive. By Mrs. Humphry Ward. The Spirit of the Service. By Edith E. Wood. On the We-a-Trail. By Caroline Brown. The Fat of the Land. By John W. Streeter. The Wheels of Chance. By H. G. Wells. The Choir Invisible. By James Lane Allen. The Soul of Lillith. By Marie Corelli. The Mystery of Murray Davenport. By Robert N. Stephens. At 33c Each. These examples from a group: Sentimental Tommy. By J. M. Barrie. The Murder of Delicia. By Marie Corelli. Barabbas. By Marie Corelli. For Love or Crown. By A. W. Marchmont. Jack Raymond. By E. L. Voynich. The Magic Wheel. By John Strange Winter. A Prince in the Garret. By Archibald Claverhouse. Via Crucis. By F. Marion Crawford. Barbara. By Mrs. Alexander. Mollie's Prince. By Rosa N. Carey. The Old, Old Story. By Rosa N. Carey. The Right of Way. By Gilbert Parker. The Hound of the Baskervilles. By Sir A. Conan Doyle. At Odds with the Regent. By Burton E. Stevenson. Book Store, Ninth street.

Walking Skirts at \$3 Worth \$5 and \$6

Nicely made Skirts of striped flannels and mixtures, in a variety of popular styles, all nicely made. Excellent skirts for all sorts of outing wear—today at \$3 each. Second floor, Broadway.

JOHN WANAMAKER formerly A. T. Stewart & Co., Broadway, Fourth Avenue, Ninth and Tenth Streets.

BOYS CHARGE CRUELTY. JUROR CONTRADICTS SELF.

Runaways Tell of Tortures at Dobbs Ferry Juvenile Asylum. Backs Out of Story Told Concerning Alderice Case.

Three boys went to Yonkers yesterday morning and told of brutality in the Juvenile Asylum at Dobbs Ferry. The boys are George Long, fifteen, of No. 90 17th-st., Brooklyn; William Banks, fifteen, of No. 36 West 96th-st., and William Koehrer, thirteen, of No. 75 East 138th-st., who escaped from the asylum, which recently moved to Dobbs Ferry from 16th-st. and Amsterdam-ave. The trio were in the asylum for truancy. Long was there four months, Banks sixteen, and Koehrer twenty-two. They all tell tales of beatings. Banks is an intelligent lad, and told a clean-cut story, corroborated by the other two.

He was forced, he says, to carry heavy baskets six hours each day, and blisters rose on his hands and his feet became sore. If he walked slow, Woolsey, the keeper, beat him, he says, with the stick. On one occasion, he alleges, Woolsey took the boys' belt off and lashed him across the back with the buckle end of it. When Koehrer made a mistake, while sewing in the tailor shop, he says, he was clubbed and kicked. Banks had to kneel recently, he says, at his meals, and two nurses had to attend him, one black and blue was he about the body. The boys escaped yesterday afternoon when sent out to chop wood and walked from Dobbs Ferry to the outskirts of Yonkers, where they met Charles Prince, who told them that he once ran away from the Yonkers home on account of cruel treatment. He directed them to the home of Fred Jones, on the Grassy Sprain Road, who sheltered them overnight, but turned them over to the police to-day. The boys say that if sent back they will get the "fifth degree," consisting of thirty days of solitary confinement, dry bread for meals and bare floors to sleep on, with clubbings every day. Thirty-five boys, the runaways say, are now in this degree. Judge Kellogg sent the boys back to the institution. He instructed Police Officer Koehrer to take them, not to allow any one to whip the boys. The local agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was called for further inquiries, and will follow up the case. Pollard said the story of the boys was untrue, and that they were well treated.

Officials of the other juryman were examined and they all declared that such an incident had not happened.

Mr. Lyons told the following story of how he came to make the affidavit. He said that the verdict that the jury rendered a lawyer in The Bronx, Norbert Blank, called upon him. "I told him that I had got through with my jury duty and that we had convicted the man," said Mr. Lyons. "I said that I was sorry for the verdict, and that if I had anything to do over again I would stick out against the verdict. Blank asked me if I had any objection to the speaking to Frank Moss, the counsel for Alderice. I said that I hadn't, and he took me to the district suppose, for Andrew Byrne called on me and got me to make the affidavit."

FREE FARES FOR COMMUNICANTS. Worshippers at Chapel of the Epiphany Will Attend Cathedral Service To-morrow.

Officials of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine expect that more than three hundred people will go from the Chapel of the Epiphany, in Stintons-st., to the cathedral, to the grounds of the cathedral, on Morningside Heights, for the first outdoor services, to be held there to-morrow afternoon. Bishop Potter has long entertained this plan. Free fares will be provided for all communicants and constituents of the Chapel of the Epiphany who desire to go to the cathedral grounds. The several parties will be in charge of the clergy and workers at the chapel, with Canon William Wier Gillies, vicar of the chapel, in command. Lunches will be carried by those who go. The service will be held at 5 o'clock. It replaces the former 4 o'clock vesper service in the crypt of the cathedral, which has been discontinued for the summer. It will last less than an hour. A season Nelson will be the preacher to-morrow. A shortened form of evening prayer will be said and number of hymns sung. The crypt choir will be present. In case of rain, the service will be held in the Synod Hall.

ELEPHANT SWALLOWS WATCH. Owner of Valuable Timepiece Now Threatens to Sue Bostock.

Tom, the small Chinese elephant at Bostock's wild animal show, at Coney Island, is a thief and a gourmand, according to F. H. Jolly, of Coney Island. The elephant took a shine to Mr. Jolly's watch, and, grabbing it by the fob, calmly swallowed it. Mr. Jolly is up in arms over the loss of his valuable timepiece, and has threatened Frank C. Bostock with a suit for damages. Mr. Bostock answers that he had no business going so near the animal, and there seems to be some reason in this, as a rope was stretched some seven feet in front of the head of elephants.