

FOR THE BUSY MAN.

Constant Reader Tells What He Missed in Last Week's Paper.

"I heard I must pay that bet on Hearst," said the Busy Man on meeting again his friend, the Constant Reader. "Shall I?"

"You'd better, I guess," was the reply. "Mr. Hearst lost his fight for a recount. The Court of Appeals decided against him. It said that the election officials were the authorities to decide how many votes were polled for each candidate, no matter how much they appeared to have botched the business. The court also made it evident that the election laws of this State were in a sad jumble. Accordingly, Mr. McClellan will again be Mayor on January 1 and will inaugurate his administration. His early show of independence has completely wilted and it's said he will choose the men whom Boss Murphy has picked out. The Boss, by the way, is back to town from Mount Clemens, Mich. His first act on arriving was to take a photographer who had resigned as head of the Citizens Union. He said he was tired of being called a 'boss.'"

"What in the world will Mr. Hearst do if the courts have put an end to his election fight?" interrupted the Busy Man. "Mr. Hearst is still fighting, for all that," replied the Constant Reader. "His lawyers say they will resort to quo warranto proceedings, no matter how expensive and slow such methods may be. They also say they will ask Albany for legislation which will permit a recount. The scrap, I should say, will drag on until the end of Mayor McClellan's second term."

"The insurance investigation must be about through," said the Busy Man, as if to change the subject. "You wouldn't say that if you had heard Mr. Hartman's testimony," said the Constant Reader. "Thomas F. Ryan, who controls the Equitable, told the committee that Mr. Hartman had threatened to ruin him unless he gave Mr. Hartman half the stock. He said that Mr. Hartman vowed he would use his political influence at Albany to undo him. In answer to such statements Mr. Hartman practically admitted that Mr. Ryan spoke the truth. He also said that after Mr. Ryan refused to share the control of the Equitable with him he wrote certain letters to Governor Higgins and Speaker Mann. Senator John F. Dryden, president of the Prudential, said that company gave \$25,000 in all to the last three Republican national campaign funds and had employed Judge Andrew Hamilton for legislative work in two cases. Edward W. Scott, president of the Prudential Savings Life, testified that the Equitable had employed agents to prey upon the business of his company who had stolen records from his office. Mr. Scott is alleged to owe the Equitable \$50,000."

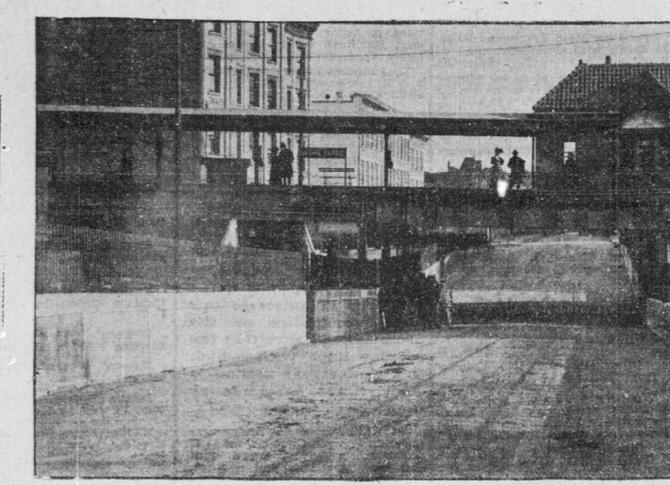
"Mr. Scott also said that his company, all by itself, had hired Judge Hamilton in a suit for recovery of taxes. He contradicted the testimony of the New-York Life's president, that two companies had had an agreement to hire a 'judge' between them. He knew of no such agreement. As the 'judge' got \$134,000 from the New-York Life for the same legal work, people are wondering why he got it. The new president of the Mutual is Charles A. Peabody, the Standard Oil lawyer. George W. Perkins resigned as vice-president of the New-York Life and was succeeded by Alexander E. Orr. John C. Sullivan succeeded Mr. Perkins as chairman of the state committee. "It would seem that insurance is the only talk that interrupted the Busy Man again. "The Port Chester Railroad has at last won its fight for a franchise through the Bronx," said the Constant Reader. "The Board of Transportation practically approved the application. The trial of Abe Hummel for subornation of perjury is on and—"

"What is Washington doing about that canal negotiation here, you told me in our last issue," asked the Busy Man, more abruptly than ever. "Senate leaders have been cutting the salaries on that bill," replied the Constant Reader. "It is the general opinion that some of them are extravagantly high. The bill may be whittled down still more before it passes the Senate. The Merchant Marine bill, which was before the Senate Committee on Commerce, is said, will pass. A bill for the federal control of insurance was introduced in the House. Mrs. Meriwether, Jr., the midshipman who had a fatal fight with James E. Branch, was sent to a year's confinement at the Naval Academy. Yet despite this warning there has been more hazing at Annapolis, in consequence of which one midshipman was suspended and another is in the hospital. The latter had to stand on his head until unconscious. And here is another case for you. The engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt and Congressman Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, was announced. The wedding will take place on Friday."

STATION READY AT LAST. A BIG IMPROVEMENT.

More than Year Required to Raise Tracks at Park Place.

Much to the satisfaction of the many persons who daily use the Park Place station of the Brighton Beach elevated line, as well as those whose homes are on either side of the tracks at that point, the improvement there has at last been completed, or practically so. When it was begun, early in August, 1904, it was stated that at a conservative estimate all the work there would be done by the following January. As a matter of fact, it took more than a year. But now that it is done, those who have been fretting over the delay agree that the station was worth waiting for. The work of the improvement of the second section of the Brighton Beach line, from Church-ave. to Sheephead Bay, has already been started. When it is completed—and it will take all of two years—all of the grade crossings, with the exception of a few near the end of the line, will have been abolished. What has been known as the Park Place im-



NEW PARK PLACE STATION OF THE BRIGHTON BEACH RAILROAD AND THE ACCOMPANYING STREET IMPROVEMENTS, JUST COMPLETED.

United States in company with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Jacobs and Mrs. H. L. Feit, of New-York. The party came to Atlantic City Saturday evening for a two days' stay. She has enjoyed every minute of her stay and she is coming again to make a longer visit at some future time before her return to Havana. A company of Pittsburghers made a tour of the beach front hotels of this city early in the week, and it is believed the inspection was made either with a view to purchasing one of the hostleries looked over or with an idea of getting a line of plans upon which to erect a modern hostlerie here. The party included L. C. Rockefeller, H. Harris, W. J. Halby and P. E. Geiss. Thousands of residents of the Smoky City spend a greater part of the summer at the shore. The National Car Builders' Association, at its meeting in New-York City last Monday, decided to come to Atlantic City to hold its annual convention next June. This is one of the biggest trips of the season in the convention line for this resort, and the members of the Hotel Men's Association, Board of Trade and Business Men's League feel elated. A number of other places were visiting the convention, but when it came to a vote of the executive committee, Atlantic City received the unanimous approval. The business meetings will in all probability be held at the shore, and the big exhibition of rolling stock and other things connected with the trade will be made on that pier. The United States Cannery and Packers' Association will hold its convention in this city in February, and headquarters will be at the Hotel Rudolf. Delegates will be present from all parts of the country, and Marine Hall, on Young's Pier, will be used as a place in which to make the exhibit in connection with the convention. The "equestrian girl" has taken the place of the "summer girl" at the shore, and almost any day one may see many of the young and fair visitors galloping up and down the sand to ride and other accomplished horsewomen despite their few years. Mrs. W. W. Phelps, widow of the former Minister to Germany, accompanied by her niece, Miss K. C. White, of Lawrenceville, is a visitor at Marlborough House. They will remain at the shore for an indefinite period. H. W. Davis, of the New-York Stock Exchange, is spending the winter at the shore in an automobile. He is entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Broadhead, of New-York, who accompanied him on the trip down. The party is at the Seaside House. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crane, Jr., of Boston, are among the Marlborough House visitors. Mr. Crane is the son of former Governor and present member of the Senate W. S. Crane, of Massachusetts. Richard H. Dodge, connected with one of the advertising firms in the metropolis, accompanied by Mrs. Dodge, is making a short stay at the Hotel Traymore. A. J. Cameron, a New-York manufacturer, is a visitor at the same hotel. Miss Elizabeth C. Tompkins, of Harlem, is at Young's Hotel. John F. Bailey, a New-York insurance man, and his wife are spending a couple of weeks at the Seaside House. Mr. and Mrs. John F. O'Brien, of New-York, are spending some days at Marlborough House. B. R. Payne, who is interested in the big power company located at Niagara Falls, accompanied by his wife, is spending a couple of weeks at Young's Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rothschild, of New-York, are spending their honeymoon here. They have a suite at the Hotel St. Charles. At the same hotel are Mrs. George Drake and Miss Helen Siebert, of New-York. Captain and Mrs. Grayhook, of New-York, are visitors at the Hotel Wiltshire. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Grant, of New-York City, are spending a couple of weeks at the Seaside House.

NOT ON THE MAP. He had rung for every atlas in the office. He had consulted the Index of each. He had searched the maps of Europe, Asia and Africa consecutively—he was sure from the sound of it that it was not in America, unless, happy ideal, it certainly rhymed with Philippines. But the map of America did not contain it either; and the baffled searcher for information made the usual remark about the inefficiency of government maps. A fellow office clerk who was "looking for" growled the unsuccessful one. "Here I've been the whole morning hunting for the confounded place that is not on the map—and it ain't marked in a single confounded map!" The particular government office in which this occurred shall be nameless.—(London Chronicle.)

BANKNOTES NEVER PRESENTED. A correspondent of "The Manchester Guardian" would like to know how much profit banks make out of shipwrecked banknotes and those destroyed by fire or for other reasons never presented. Ten or twelve years ago (he writes) the Bank of England made a list of all the banknotes that had been issued to close upon \$10,000 for which notes had been issued forty years or more before they were presented at the Bank of England. Among these were some time ago, carefully preserved under glass, the incriminated remains of a note that had gone through the great Chicago fire, but the ash had held together in a sheet. The note was quite recognizable, and the value of the note and its number were ascertained and it was duly honored.—(Dundee Advertiser.)

BROOKLYN SOCIAL WORLD.

S. Edward Vernon, Mrs. Misses Vernon, Mrs. Homer A. Lattin, Mrs. William B. Jourdan, Mrs. Edward B. Rossiter, Mrs. Charles Carscallen, Mrs. William Silcock, Mrs. Frank Jay Stiffen, Mrs. John H. Emanuel, Mrs. William H. Nichols, Jr., Mrs. John O. Polak, Mrs. C. H. Simmons, Miss Harkness, Miss Hutchinson and the Misses Schick.

Friday afternoon was marked by the reception given to introduce Miss Maude Virginia Jones, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Jones, of No. 790 St. Mark's-ave. The debutante was frocked in white embroidered chifton and lace and carried white violets and pink roses. Her sister, Mrs. William R. Simons, was gowned in pink tulle trimmed with gold and lace and carried violets, and Mrs. Jones wore a gown of white tulle trimmed with lavender and carried purple orchids. Assisting the hostess and her two daughters to receive were Mrs. Harry Moul, Miss Kate D. Ketcher, Mrs. Joseph Cornwell, Mrs. Frank B. Ogilvie, Miss Elsie Fuller, Miss Theo McGarry, Miss Helen Harker, Mrs. Harry Jones, Miss May Simons, Mrs. Roland W. Betts, Miss Gladys Balch, Miss Nathalie Johnson, Miss Edna Burr, Miss Dorothy Peters, Miss Elsie Preston, Miss Eugenie Wright, Miss Edith Evanson, Miss Evelyn Jones, Miss Helen Connell, of Scranton, Penn., and Miss Marie Day, of Jersey City. The receiving room was decorated with white roses, and in the dining room red roses were used.

Mrs. Chester Ingersoll Richards announces second Fridays until May at No. 250 West 82d-st. Cards have been issued by Mrs. Sidney Lanier Smyth and Miss Helen Dummell Smyth for Wednesday, December 27, from 4 until 7 o'clock, at the Grosvenor, 6th-ave, and 10th-st. This party is given for the benefit of the Epileptic Society. The Smyths formerly lived at No. 185 Joralemon-st. An out of town wedding of direct interest to this borough was that on Tuesday evening at Flattsburg, N. Y., of Miss Celeste Foote, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Foote, and Captain Harry Edward Knight, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knight, of Brooklyn. The maid of honor was Miss Carolyn Brookings, of Manhattan, and Miss Alexandria Gamble and Miss Helen Royce were the bridesmaids. Miss Dorothy Dickerson Foote acted as flower girl. Lieutenant Howard C. Price, U. S. A., was the best man, and the ushers were Lieutenant Thomas T. Duke and Lieutenant Daniel A. Nolan. Captain and Mrs. Knight are to live at Fort Porter, Buffalo. Mrs. William Hinman and Miss Jennie Hinman, of No. 480 Vanderbilt-ave, announce Thursdays in December. Plans are now well under way for a concert, reception and dance to be given at the Pough Gallery, January 11, for the benefit of the Church Charity Foundation of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. A partial list of patrons and patronesses includes Bishop Burgess, who is to sail for Europe Tuesday, January 16, Miss Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Devine F. Burris, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Belden, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. M. D. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott Langstaff, Mrs. J. Augustus Hewlett, George Hewlett, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Snodgrass, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Goddard, Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Fairbank, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Townsend, Mrs. Otto Schick, Mrs. Sarah J. Schick, Mrs. Frank C. Cocheu, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sherlock Davis, Miss Brush and Miss Van Nostrand. Mrs. Daisy Beard Shults, of No. 20 Columbia Heights, gave a euchre for the benefit of the Stony Wood Sanatorium, Tuesday, December 5. The attendance included Mrs. Helen J. Knowlton, Mrs. Franklin W. Hopkins, Mrs. Charles Denny, Mrs. John Van Buren Thayer, Mrs. Alden S. Swan, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. George H. Roberts, Mrs. Irving T. Smith, Mrs. James Radcliffe and Mrs. Warren Bartel. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Edward Hinman, Mrs. Camden Dilke, Mrs. Omar F. Hibbs, Mrs. Sidney V. Lowell, Mrs. John B. Holland, Mrs. Thomas R. French and Mrs. Richard M. Dorsey. Under the patronage of Mrs. Glenworth I. Butler, Mrs. Franklin W. Hopkins, Mrs. Charles W. Frazier, Mrs. William Frothingham Smith, Mrs. Francis W. Moore, Mrs. Thomas M. Barr, Mrs. Elliott Bigelow, Mrs. Alexander C. Howe, Mrs. William J. Taylor, Mrs. Joseph H. Cousins and Mrs. Edmund Lohrbacher, the first midseason dance was given at the Pough Gallery on Friday evening, December 9. The committee comprises Frank Seymour Barr, William Moore, Jr., Hugh Sinclair Roberts, Edwin Hicks Bigelow and Stephen Van Cullen Hopkins. Mrs. Augustine Banks, Miss Adele Banks and Miss Louise Acker Banks, of No. 117 West 75th-st., will receive on second and fourth Tuesdays. Next Wednesday evening the annual concert of the Yale Glee, Mandolin and Guitar clubs will be given at the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, under the auspices of the Young People's Association of the church. The patronesses are Mrs. Nancy M. Waters, Mrs. Cornelius Delano Wood, Mrs. E. W. Corlies, Mrs. John E. Tousey, Mrs. Frank M. Lupton, Mrs. Edward H. Bowen, Mrs. John S. Ogilvie, Mrs. Arthur Hebard, Mrs. Charles R. Hebard, Mrs. Christina L. Antonides, Mrs. Butler Packard, Mrs. J. D. Ackerman, Mrs. A. O. Fitch, Mrs. W. W. Brush, Mrs. William Pringle, Mrs. A. G. Cooper, Mrs. James R. Crane and Mrs. Barrett Hawkins. Mrs. Joseph C. Hoagland and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Drexel Godfrey sailed on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. last Tuesday. Mrs. George L. Pease and her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Gregory Pease, left last week for Pasadena, where they will spend the winter.

APPEALS FOR CHARITY. The Brooklyn Bureau of Charities appeals for the sum of \$15 for the families of two widows, whose oldest children will be able to do their share in supporting the families at the end of the school year in June next. For one family the sum of \$25 is desired to be paid out at the rate of \$1 a week to supplement the small pension given by another society. The mother is not strong, earns only \$2 a week making lace collars. The oldest boy cannot work until June, owing to the new Child Labor law, and is now going to school. There are three children to look after. Mrs. Joseph C. 139 is desired for another family, in which sum of \$150 mother and five children at home. Two boys, fourteen and twelve years, have been employed, contrary to the Child Labor law. The mother herself is not strong, and is slowly breaking down under the strain of supporting the whole family. The sum of \$5 a week for next twenty-five weeks is desired, this to be supplemented by a small pension from another society. Both of the widows are good mothers and are bringing the children up in plain but decent and

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ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE. Orange Growers Fear Recent Storms Have Damaged Crop.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Orange growers fear the crop was damaged more seriously by the recent heavy windstorm than was at first reported. Many ripening oranges were shaken from trees, but greater injury resulted from bruising of green fruit. It is impossible to determine the extent of damage at present, as bruises will develop when fruit begins to mature. In some sections trees suffered from breaking limbs. Recent conferences in this city are likely to lead to readjustment of the relations between raisin growers and packing houses. It is believed the conferences will result in a proposition to raise growers to abandon schemes for taking packing business in return for consent of packers to abrogate existing contracts which are unfavorable to growers. Many growers welcome any plan which promises early cash payments. They have to wait too long under the present system. Taking advantage of railway activity in the southern section of the State, unscrupulous employment agents have lured more than 200 poor workmen to desert East San Bernardino, where work on the railroad was at a standstill. These men are without food or shelter, and are threatened with actual famine. Steps have been taken to relieve them. These men paid commissions to secure the imaginary places and also paid railway fares. From agitation over San Pedro Harbor bitter conflict between that place and Santa Monica has broken out. The Los Angeles Dock and Terminal Company proposes to construct a magnificent harbor at Long Beach, about three miles across the bay from San Pedro. Taking advantage of the fuel at the mouth of a small creek, the company plans to build an immense dredging and construction breakwater and a harbor perfectly sheltered from storms. The company will spend \$2,000,000 on the project. Assessors of most counties of the State have been in session at Santa Rosa considering plans for a new taxation system. It is proposed to separate state and local taxation. The scheme contemplates the exemption of real property from taxation for State purposes. At present real property bears 85 per cent of taxation. It was decided to tax, in lieu, realty franchisees and the earning power of steam railroads, telephone and telegraph lines, express car companies, electric roads traversing more than one county and electric power plants. California dried fruit men strongly favor the negotiation of a treaty with Germany in accordance with suggestions made by the German government, on the ground that under the new German tariff California is practically shut out of German markets unless given the minimum rate of duty. Engineers of the Irrigation service have reported to Governor Pardee that the Imperial Valley is threatened with destruction owing to the rapid rise of the Salton Sea, into which the Colorado River is pouring. Nearly all of the river has left the channel and is flowing through the Imperial Canal, which has been widened from 50 to 200 feet. Some water is diverted into volcanic lakes, and unless steps are taken to strengthen and heighten the banks the water will flood the Imperial Valley and result in untold disaster. Judge James M. Haven, a pioneer member of the California bar, died at Oakland last Tuesday. He crossed the plains from Jamestown, N. Y., in 1850. Another notable death is that of Henry Holmes, formerly musical instructor to Queen Alexandra. He died in this city. He was born in London in 1839. The subject of football revision has torn up college circles in California, and the action of the joint faculty athletic committees of Stanford and California in recommending the substitution of English Rugby for the American

TIMELY MUSICAL COMMENT

Contained from third page. necessitates arduous rehearsal for nearly three months. All the singing is unaccompanied. The following is the programme in full: "Adoramus te Christe".....Palestrina "O Magnum Mysterium".....Vittorio "Gloria to God".....Bach Hymn to the morning.....Brahms Three Bohemian carols.....Arranged by Richard Praetorius "The Morning Star is Risen on High".....Praetorius "O Holy Night".....Arranged by Lamorch Madrigal.....Weleske "Come, My Love".....Mozart "My Love Dwells in a Northern Land".....Eleg

In view of Mme. Gadski's forthcoming recital appearance Tuesday afternoon, December 26, at Carnegie Hall, it is interesting to note a European view of the singer's merit, particularly as the United States accepted Gadski before the seal of European approval was hers. Commenting upon her singing of the Countess in "The Marriage of Figaro" last summer, the "Cologne Gazette" said: "Her portrayal was worthy of every praise. Her voice now possesses a vocal coloring which permits the most versatile mastery from passionate intensity to absolute mastery of the bel canto. She was the real courtesan of Mozart's opera." However much New-Yorkers may regret Gadski's absence from the opera this year, there is a grain of consolation in her recital appearance. Doubtless the singer's popularity will be demonstrated on that occasion. The Philadelphia Orchestra is announced for another concert at Carnegie Hall for the evening of Monday, January 8. Orchestral music of the kind produced by the Philadelphia is not an everyday occurrence. The soloist announced for this concert is Arthur Rubinast, a Polish pianist. This afternoon and evening at the Academy of Music the Irish Ladies' Choir of Dublin, will again be heard, but in an entirely new arrangement of Irish melodies and in selections from their masters. Among the folksongs of Erin that will be heard at the matinee are "Come Back to Erin," "Who Fears to Speak of 1845," "Gavotte," "The Auld Field Shawl" and "Let Erin Remember," the last by the entire Ladies' Choir. At the evening performance "The Harp that Once," "The Donovan's," "Kathleen Mavourneen," "O'Donnell Abo," "The Land of the Harp" and "My Land" will be heard.

The Tonkinstler Society, Thursday, at 8:50 p. m., at Assembly Hall, in East 22d-st., will give this programme: String quintet in F minor (op. 77), new, first time.....Felix Draesske The Leo Scholz Quartet. Theme and variations in B minor for cello and orchestra (op. 8), manuscript, first time.....Max Radek Leo Scholz, accompanied by Miss Hermine Moser. String quintet in A minor (op. 29), new, first time.....Paul Joun The Leo Scholz Quartet. The Oberlin Musical Union last week gave "The Beatitude" and "The Messiah" with the Cincinnati Orchestra. Professor S. W. Andrews conducted. Mrs. Ella J. Melny Horn, contralto, announces a song recital to be given in Mendelssohn Hall on Tuesday afternoon, February 6, with Bruno Huhn as her accompanist. At the Metropolitan Opera House to-night the regular Sunday night concert will be given, and as is becoming the usual thing the opera house forces will be augmented by a popular instrumental soloist—in this case, Miss Marie Hall, Jonell, Journet and Mr. Bars will sing. Miss Freestad promises, among other songs, a group by Grieg. Nahon Franke and Heinrich Zoellner will conduct. Loudon G. Charlton announces a series of three afternoon recitals at Mendelssohn Hall by Alfred Reissauer, the pianist, who gave a recital several weeks ago in Carnegie Hall. The dates are Tuesday, January 2; Monday, January 3; and Tuesday, January 10, at 3 o'clock. David Bispham has decided to give a series of three song recitals this season at Mendelssohn Hall, and has selected the dates Tuesday evening, December 26; Thursday afternoon, January 4; and Saturday afternoon, January 13. The fact that the barytone plans to undertake an operatic venture next season, forsaking the concert stage for at least a year or two, will tend to lend an additional interest to these recital appearances. Bispham has filled many engagements this season, chiefly in the Middle West.

ATLANTIC CITY AFFAIRS.

Boardwalk To Be Longer—Conventions Secured. Atlantic City, Dec. 16 (Special).—This resort will have a boardwalk almost ten miles long by the time the visitors are ready to come to the place next summer. And this is made possible by the action of South Atlantic City, which the City Council has just decided to float bonds to the extent of \$15,000, in order that it may have a boardwalk twenty feet wide, which will join the Ventnor City promenade, and there extend to the Elephant Hotel, in South Atlantic City. This will make a continuous boardwalk from the inlet to the Elephant Hotel, a distance of almost ten miles. It has been predicted for years that in time a boardwalk would extend from one end of the island to the other. It begins to look as though this prophecy may be realized. From the Elephant Hotel to the lower end of Longport is only a short