POLICE AGAINST MASKERS AT YORK.

Looking After the Boys and Girls who are Fond of Playing Hookey.

Mr. Thomas Cornell, a truancy agent, with a few reporters started from Prince and Greene streets yesterday afternoon to see how many children in the Eighth were not attending school, and what was the cause of their absence. Mr. Cornell made clearly among the Italians. He found how many children there are of school age in each house.

"Of course," said he, "I do not accompany the truant officers in their particular business. Though sometimes I find them there playing at home with their parents' consent. Then, of course, I am for an explanation. There tell me that the children attend parochial schools, and are having a holiday that day, or nothing from conflicting reasons that are not apparent to the unpractised eye. Sometimes that they have no clothes, and often that they are ashamed to come to school and unfortunately that they have fractured legs, and arms, and other injuries have failed to mend them. In the latter case they speak of having to go to the Tenement House. We have to report the case for inquiry, and to take the names of all the children between the school ages in the house. These are compared with the school lists, and generally absence is easily explained. I generally find that the children are industrious. As a rule, they are good children, and when they are not in school are engaged in carrying bundles of kindling, or selling papers, or in other occupations. The fact of their being able to do these things shows that they are physically able to attend school. Sometimes they talk with much intelligence of subjects that one would think are quite beyond them, but they are very quick to imitate."

Mr. Cornell then stopped opposite a factory door. The quality is devoted to the cigar trade, and the dwelling adjoined. From where he stood, on a cold afternoon, one could see that some of the houses a few stories high were filled, but good income were given for their rooms, and he was not surprised to find the number of boys in those rooms employed in the cigarette trade, and whether they were at school or not. He knew Mr. Cornell, accompanied by Italian with a piece of rope in his hand, awaiting his day. It was afternoon when the agent's arrival was detected by the boys below. He was speedily made to realize that a rope can be utilized for other purposes than binding bale of rags, and for afternoon there was not anything so he went, leaving the boys to continue to enjoy themselves.

In another tenement Mr. Cornell, speaking in Italian, asked a buxom woman how many children had under its roof. He repeated the emphasis of it being in Italian, for the fact it was felt it was a case for Italian.

Jersey street and Crosby street were the principal localities visited and school influence seemed to be strong everywhere. Respect for the law, and its agents, was apparent, and when a humorous Italian, forty years offered his twin brother who was drunk as a candidate for compulsory education, remarking that, though a man in years, he was but a child in intelligence, the incident was regarded as unusual.

RAID ON THE MASKERS.

Topers, Jockeys, and Colored Dudes on Skates Arrested.

The Olympian skating rink at 127th street and Second avenue advertised a carnival to take place on last Tuesday evening. On Tuesday morning Capt. Hooker of the 126th street police station notified Mr. R. Valequet, the manager, that section 452 of the Penal Code makes it a misdemeanor to mask or disguise without a permit. Mr. Valequet shrugged his shoulders in reply. In the evening the rink was brilliantly illuminated, and at 8 o'clock crowds of merry maskers began to arrive. Some of the skaters wore masks and others had disguised their faces in other ways. Slippery harlequins, long-tailed devils, and grinning Topers were scattered among a crowd of colored dudes. At 10 o'clock Edward Fitzsimmons of 2,210 Second avenue got into an altercation with David Bell and Edward Chase, officers of the rink, and threw a skate at the head of the latter. The officer sent out for a policeman to arrest Fitzsimmons. The answer to their call was more than they had expected. Capt. Hooker and a squad of men arrived. Forcing their way through the entrance, they began to arrest every masker they could find. They arrested nine, all men, while the rest escaped out of windows and doors without stopping to change their dress. Those who were arrested were taken to the station house and locked up for the night. Yesterday morning they formed a procession to the Harlem Police Court. They gave their names as Moses Schwarzchild, 248 East 125th street; L. M. Rosenthal, 116th street and Avenue A; Thomas Woodcock, 119th street and Pleasant avenue; Fred Hingstler, 71 East 123d street; John Coffey, 316 East 114th street; L. D'Maille, 223 East 117th street; G. McGill, 246 East 119th street; C. S. Halting, 411 East Eighty-fifth street; and Fitzsimmons finished the number.

Coffey and McGill were "Topers," and wore long gowns and blackened faces. Woodcock was dressed as a colored jockey, and the others looked solemnly ridiculous as colored dudes. They all pleaded ignorance of the law, and were held in $100 each. Fitzsimmons, on the extra charge of assault, was held for examination on Saturday.

The Dead Girl's Lover.

Adam Buckhardt, 22 years old, of 28 Chrystie street, and Gustav Seibel of 411 West Thirty-ninth street, were taken yesterday to the Coroner's office. Seibel is the brother of Marie Seibel, who was buried a week ago, after treatment in the house of Mrs. Fredericka Karch, a midwife at 3,126 Second avenue, who is under arrest for malpractice. Buckhardt and Mary Seibel attended a picnic in Jones's Wood, last July. He saw her home, and love epistles passed between them. The letters and a photograph he had sent him Coroner Levy took possession of. Buckhardt is enrolled in the custody of his employers, Charles Israel & Bro. of 350 Hudson street.

Gustav Seibel asserted that he had not seen his sister in many months. He was discharged. The body of Miss Seibel will be disinterred from the Lutheran Cemetery, this morning, to ascertain whether her death was due to poisoning or malpractice.

Erysipelas with Violent Symptoms.

John McCormack, bartender in the saloon at 27 Montgomery street, testified in the police trial room yesterday that Policeman Quigley of the Madison street squad, accompanied by a woman, entered the place in uniform on the morning of March 7, and asked for drinks. McCormack told him that he didn't serve drinks to women at the bar. Quigley put a pistol to McCormack's head and got the drinks.

The accused policeman said that he knew nothing about the alleged occurrence, as he had erysipelas at the time.

Three physicians testified that he had erysipelas to such an extent that he was not responsible.

A Train that Saves $60,000 a Year.

The fast mail train put into operation on Monday by the Pennsylvania Railroad shortens the time between New York and St. Louis to twenty-nine hours. It is estimated that the extra mail facilities thus afforded will save the bankers and merchants of St. Louis, in interest upon the remittances, about $60,000 a year. The mail is now too late for the meeting of the Clearing House on the day of its arrival, and it has to await the next day's clearing. Under the new arrangement the remittances will pass through the Clearing House the day of their arrival, and one day's interest upon about a million of dollars is saved to St. Louis business men.

Spent His Last Dollar for a Pistol.

An unconscious man with a bullet hole over his right ear was found east of the west drive in Central Park, opposite Eighty-third street, on Tuesday afternoon. In his overcoat pocket was a small revolver with which he had shot himself. He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital, where he died yesterday morning. It was discovered from a card in his pocket that he was Bruno Wilke of 107 Forsyth street. He was 50 years old, and a bookbinder. He was out of work and despondent. He told his room mate that there was no use living. He bought a pistol with his last dollar. He left two children in Berlin.

A Heavy Weight Striped Bass.

"I will bet three toothpicks and a basket of extra dry that it will remain the champion of 1885," the Hon. S. H. Everett said yesterday, as he stepped out into Barclay street and slapped the shining side of a 68-pound striped bass. C. M. Raymond of Sing Sing hooked the fish yesterday morning in Croton River, and it was the first of its kind caught there this year. The Hon. S. H. Everett exultantly proceeded to open a basket without waiting for anybody to take his bet.

A Dying Church.

At the meeting of the Manhattan Congregational Association, held in the Pilgrim Church, yesterday, the Secretary reported that in the fourteen churches there were 7,430 members. The committee appointed to investigate the troubles in the Madison Avenue Church reported that they had hoped to reorganize the church by putting Dr. Pentecost at the pastorate, but he had declined, and their efforts had been in vain. The church was now uncertain whether to continue its services.

Getting Ready to Investigate Greenwood.

Samuel D. Babcock decided yesterday to accept Gov. Hill's appointment, which makes him one of the committee of three to investigate the charges of mismanagement at Greenwood Cemetery. He conferred yesterday with John B. Woodward, another member of the committee, about a plan of proceeding. A decision will be made to-day, when Mr. Spencer Trask, the third committeeman, will be present.

New Rules at the Metal Exchange.

The managers of the Metal Exchange have decided that hereafter the minimum quantities to be dealt in will be 100 tons of iron, 5 tons of tin, 200 boxes of tin plate, and 12,500 pounds of copper. The margin to be deposited on each contract for iron will be $250; tin, $75; tin plate, $50; and copper, $75.

RAISING THE PORGIES.

The Board of Trade Corkers Projects for Saving the Adventurers.

Wholesale of fertile mountains slopes made preparations with spring streams and big mass of gravel and naughty boulder tracts, hung in the mass of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon. They were surrounded Shakespeare of life of Adventure seasons ago in Ireland twenty years ago and as it appears in the tourist and. This summary stated the Commissioner Mr. E. F. Spring, who has report upon the Intercontinental Exposition of the Adventure Trade, [illegible] report of the committee appointed to consider the report of the Board of Trade, [illegible] and report upon the possibility of the Bridge. The report [illegible] these circumstances.

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The Board adopted the report, and ordered that a copy of it be sent to every member of the Legislature.

One of the Richest Brides to the Load.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 8.—Miss Mary Packer, the only surviving child of the late Judge Asa Packer, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was married very privately yesterday afternoon to Charles H. Cummings of New York. The ceremony was performed at the bride's palatial residence in Mauch Chunk. The happy couple passed this place at 6 P. M. on their way South. The event had been anticipated by but very few of the friends of the bride and groom. Miss Packer, now Mrs. Cummings, has perhaps the largest annual income of any lady in the United States, it being estimated at about $100,000 a day to say nothing of the income from the accumulations of interest on the amount received since the death of her father and her two brothers, Robert and Harry Jackson. Mr. Cummings the lucky bridegroom is the Miss Packer's father, a self made man, starting as a conductor on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, he has worked his way up until he has become one of the leading stockholders of the enormous business of the road. He was the intimate friend of the late President Harry F. Packer, and his relations with E. P. Wilbur, the present President of the company, have been intimate and confidential. Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Cummings own cottages on adjoining islands on the St. Lawrence.

The Boomer Leader Off for Washington.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., April 8.—Capt. W. L. Couch, the boomer leader, departed last evening for Washington, and upon his arrival he will at once place before the Secretary of the Interior facts and figures relating to Oklahoma which, it is claimed, will place an entirely new light upon the movement. Couch expects to reach Washington by the 15th, and he will go on the road home, with the news that Oklahoma is open to settlement by the 13th. There will probably be no change in the disposition of troops until Couch returns, and even then, few, if any, think the problem will be no nearer a solution than it is now. The boomers will stick, however, and have passed resolutions binding themselves to remain in camp until their leader returns. Col. Wilcox has been elected Vice-President of the colony, and will have charge during Capt. Couch's absence. He is a typical frontiersman, 57 years of age, and was born in New York State.

The Victim of a Sharper.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—Wm. Young, formerly President of the Commercial National Bank of Reading, pleaded that he had been made the victim of sharpers in defending before Judge Hare, this morning, an action brought against him by Chas. A. Harper, a Chicago hotel keeper, upon a promissory note for $1,500. Mr. Young spent a part of the summer of 1883 in Waukasha, Wis., where he met a young man who represented himself as Hiram Eckert, son of the President of another Reading bank. Young knew Eckert, pretending that he had lost $4,000 in a lottery transaction, induced Mr. Young to give his note at twenty days for $1,500. Depositions taken in Chicago were read to the jury showing that Harper purchased the note from Mills, the payee, whom he admitted that he knew as a gambler or sporting man, for $700 in cash and a diamond ring worth $500. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Minister Lewis and his Captor.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., April 8.—During the rebellion Capt. Basil T. Bowers of this place, serving in Milroy's command, captured Edwin Parke Custer Lewis, now the new United States Minister to Portugal, but then a concert officer in the Confederate army. Capt. Bowers took him about one mile from his home, in the valley of Virginia. Lewis was a handsome, pleasing young man, and his pretty wife made so eloquent a plea that Capt. Bowers paroled his prisoner. Since then the two men have been good friends, and have kept up a correspondence. Some time after being paroled Lewis went to Winchester, took the oath of allegiance to the United States, and saw no more of the Confederacy. His wife, a daughter of Col. Ware of Clark county, Va., died after the close of the war. Mr. Lewis then went North, where he married a wealthy lady.

Attempt to Blow up a Saloon.

KANSAS CITY, April 8.—An attempt was made last night to blow up Charles Nicolay's saloon at 1,346 East Eighteenth street. The saloon is a three-story brick building, the upper rooms being occupied by Mr. Nicolay and his family. Had the plot been carried out successfully it is more than probable that every one in the building would have been killed. Giant powder had been placed beside the building and then fired with a long fuse. The plastering was rent, windows were broken, and the ground about the foundation wall was torn up. Other residences were slightly damaged, and several buildings experienced the force of the explosion. The ground beneath the wall where the explosive was placed was torn up to the depth of seven feet, and beer kegs standing along the wall were blown 100 feet.

An Eccentric Old Bachelor's Death.

NEW LONDON, April 8.—Charles R. Eldred, a queer old bachelor of Scrabbletown Corner, a wild place in western Rhode Island, died recently, aged 76 years. He dwelt alone nearly all his life. He always kept seven cats, each of a different color, and they followed him about his farm after the manner of dogs. At the house they sat at his feet or on his knees, and ate at the same table. Six months ago he told his neighbors that he was not going to live long, and, purchasing a cheap stained coffin, placed it in his sitting room by the side of his piano. It remained there until his death, and he was buried in it.

Destructive Forest Fires in Maryland.

BALTIMORE, April 8.—A forest fire started on Monday, near Beltsville, and burned in an easterly direction to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, near Springfield, a distance of six miles, spreading to three miles in width. In its course it destroyed the house of James Wesley, J. Gordon's barns, and a large amount of timber and fencing. The fire was beaten out last night. A heavy forest fire raged yesterday between Barnesville and Dickerson, doing much damage to the lands of Thomas White and others.

Canal Boatmen's Demands Granted.

BONDOUT, April 8.—The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company have granted the demands of the dissatisfied boatmen, giving the men running the company's boats 70 cents per ton until Aug. 1, and 65 cents from then until the close of the season; and the owners of cleared boats 60 cents until Aug. 1, and 55 cents from then until the close of the season. The men have gone on the boats and applied for permits.

Schenectady's Charter Election.

SCHENECTADY, April 8.—De Forrest, Dem., is elected Mayor over Elwood, Rep., by 81 majority. Young, Prohibitionist, received 150 votes. The Democrats gain two Aldermen. The Republicans elected Duncan Robinson Assessor by 28 majority over Ballard, Dem. The city is usually Democratic by about 400. The new Board of Supervisors will be Democratic 6 to 4. The last Board was Republican, 6 to 4.

A Suit Against Gen. Butler.

BOSTON, April 8.—A suit has been begun in the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk county by the National Soldiers' Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers against Benjamin F. Butler to recover $15,000 alleged to be due for failure to account while acting treasurer of the Home. The ad damnum of the writ is $20,000.

Mormons Sent to Prison.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 8.—Mormon Bishop Stewart and Elder C. J. Robinson, who were indicted for polygamy, were permitted to plead guilty to the lesser count in the indictment—unlawful cohabitation—and the Judge sentenced them to ninety days in the Territorial penitentiary.

Paterson's Mayoralty Candidates.

The Paterson Democratic and Republican City Conventions both met last night. Nathan Barnett was renominated for Mayor by the Democrats, while the Republicans nominated Charles D. Beckwith of the Paterson Iron Company.

DISGUSTED BRIDEGROOM IN HARRISBURG.

The Predicament Which Cupid Appears to Give Pensioner Cole Against Some.

Pensioner Burnside, a prominent citizen of Harrisburg, is making changes from Cole Broadway for having written an engagement to marry her. She testified on the case against Colonel Lemuel and a lady [illegible] Pensioner Cole [illegible] Pensioner Cole [illegible] Pensioner Cole