POLE FELLING COSTS A LIFE.

TWO MEN DRAGGED FROM A WINDOW BY THE GUY ROPE.

Another Comes Down on a Falling Pole, but Escapes Injury—10,000 People See Madison Square's Big Pole Go—Telephones Cut Off—The Work Not Yet Ended.

Two accidents, one of which cost a life, attended the removal of the telegraph poles yesterday. The work was confined chiefly to Sixth avenue, where remained the poles, some of them seventy feet tall, that had not been touched on the previous day. These were old Western Union poles, on which remained only fire wires, most of them dead. Shortly before 9:30 o'clock Contractor Alexander Busby's men, under the direction of Foreman Geo. W. Roth, began work on the pole in front of Solomon Bloomfield's shoe store at 387 Sixth avenue, on the west side of the avenue, just south of Twenty-fourth street. It was a 70-footer, and very heavy. A lineman climbed up and cut the wires off, and then four guy ropes were fastened to the pole. Roth took charge of one of these, one was fastened to the elevated railroad structure, one to a lamp post at the corner of Twenty-fourth street, and the fourth was given to two linemen, Michael Early and Hugh Reilly.

Roth told these two men to go to one of the rooms at the topstory of 387 and fasten their rope inside. They were provided with a crowbar to put across the window, and were to take a turn of the rope over this and slack as the pole was lowered. These big poles can't be dropped as the little ones in Broadway were. On Wednesday Commissioners Hess and Gibbens had announced that it would be necessary to use shearing poles to get them down—timbers crossed like the blades of a shears on the end of a sawbuck, which will support the big pole while its butt is cut loose and pulled out in the opposite direction. Ashearing pole had been successfully used on the sixty-foot pole at Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, but Foreman Roth thought he could dispense with it in this case, as it delayed the work.

Early and Reilly secured permission of Mrs. Snyder, the tenant of the third floor at 387, to fasten their guy rope in the north window, which led into a hall room occupied by Katie Hannigan, the servant. They placed the crowbar across the window and took a turn of the rope around it. The pole was cut, and then began the work of lowering it. It came down all right about half way.

Then, some say, the men on the elevated road set their guy rope slip too far; others that Roth let go his hold. At all events, the pole sagged toward the building, and the crowbar slipped from its position. The pole was pulled out again and jerked out the slack of the rope fastened to the crowbar. The crowbar was short and slipped through the window. There was a cry of terror as Reilly and Early came outwith it, entangled in the end of the rope, while the pole came down.

Both men fell to the side walk. Early fell flat on his face, breaking his nose and crushing his skul. He died in a few minutes. Reilly fell partly on top of him. The blow was so terrific as to crack the paving stone on which they fell. Reilly was terribly hurt but conscious. Beside his two companions lay a few pieces of the window sash. Reilly was removed to Koster & Bial's saloon for a few minutes and was then taken to the New York Hospital. He was suffering from shock and internal injuries, and his left leg was fractured and several bones of the right foot were crushed. There were contusions on his head and slight cases of concussion of the spine. Nevertheless, the surgeon thought it possible that he might pull through.

He was unable to talk much, but said that his fall had been broken by striking the awning over the store. If he survives it, will be at least two months before he can walk, and the chances are against his doing even then. His wife called at the hospital in the afternoon. She and her three children, living at 338 East Fortieth street, were dependent on his earnings for their support. Early was single, and lived at 104 Fulton street, Brooklyn. He had a brother, who is also a lineman, in the employ of the city.

The crowd was very much incensed, and a number of persons charged Contractor Busby and Foreman Roth with criminal carelessness. Both men have been foremost in the work, and Roth is especially had earned the most fearless and active man in the employ of the Commission. He had himself climed some of the more shaky poles, and had cut all the dangerous wires at Fourteenth street and Broadway.

Both men were arrested and taken to Jefferson Market Police Court Commissioners Hess and Moss arrived at the scene of the accident shortly after it occurred and made a careful investigation of the circumstances attending it. They became convinced that neither of the accused men was responsible, and went to the police court to see Justice Patterson. The latter heard the statements of the police, which were not very clear, and then called for witnesses.

James O'Brien of 310 Eat Thirty-eighth street testified that he had winged Roth of the danger, but that Roth had paid no attention to him. Richard Delaney of 146 east Forty-third street said he thought that more care should have been taken. Richard Smith thought the crowbar was much too short, and that the accident was due to carelessness. Busby testified that every precaution possible had been taken. Roth said it was purely an accident.

Busby was released and Roth was taken to the Detectives' office. Coroner Messemer released him in the custody of Commissioner Gibbens. The three Commissioners met later and decided to bear the expense of burying Early.

The second accident occurred at the southeast corner of Thirty-fifth street and Sixth avenue. A tall telegraph pole was standing there, directly in front of M. C. Cherry's trunk store. The pole had been erected by the old Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, and, it is alleged, was twenty-one years old. About a dozen fire wires remained on it, the Western Union wires having been removed to the elevated road. Shortly before noon James Darney, a lineman in the employ of the subway, climbed up the pole and began cutting the wires. Two had been cut, when, without any warning, the pole toppled over, having snapped off short at the sidewalk. The pole was forty feet high and Darney was well up. Every one expected to see him dashed to pieces on the stones, but fortunately the top of the pole fell over against the building. Darney, who had been descending hastily, jumped just before it struck and landed safely on the walk. The pole wrecked Mr. Cherry's sign and broke the cornice over the store, but did no further damage to the building. Two of the live fire wires were broken, destroying one circuit. The work was being carried on under the direction of Contractor Simon Hess, and as soon as he had recovered his breath at his man's miraculous escape, he started in to investigate the condition of the other poles. All were found to be rotten, and no difficulty was experienced in punching holes into them with canes and theends of umbrellas. They will all probably have to be removed with shearing poles.

Mayor Grant sent up word at noon that he wanted the big pole at the junction of Broadway and Fifth avenue, in front of the flatiron building, removed at once. This pole was supposed to be the tallest in the city, and also the uglies and biggest around. It has been an eyesore for years. More than 100 wires, 41 of which belonged to the Metropolitan Telephone Company, were connected on it. All the city's men were drawn from the various places at which they had been working to aid in taking this pole down.

For more than three hours a crowd of 10,000 persons gathered around this corner, one of the most crowded spots in New York, and watched the men at work. Police Commissioner McClave arrived at the beginning and took charge of the police arrangements. At his orders a line of policemen was stretched across Broadway and Fifth avenue, and for nearly an hour no cars, vehicles, or foot passengers were allowed within the block between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets on Broadway. At the wires were cut before 5 o'clock. The cross pieces were then sawed off, and a shearing pole was erected. It took four able-bodied men ten minutes to chop through the pole at the bottom. It was safely lowered at 7 o'clock.

Wires were put up on the Sixth avenue elevated road by the Western Union Company during the day. All the wires on Forty-second street were removed by the companies owning them, and the poles were left for the city to cut down. The Brush people made connections with a number of circuits at Thirty-fourth street and Broadway, and arranged with the East River Company to supply it with 200 lights. As a result only about 200 Brush lights were out last night, but most of these were in Broadway. The cutting of the telephone wires at Twenty-third street made useless a large number of telephones in Broadway. When the day's work was done Sixth avenue, between Twenty-third and Thirty-fifth street, was clear on the east side to Thirty-fourth street, and also on the west side, with the exception of the three blocks between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-eighth streets. To-day work will be resumed on Sixth avenue.

Fight with Skin Gloves.

MELROSE, Mass., April 18.—There was a rattling fight of four rounds with skin gloves this morning between young Gallagher of Woburn and Jack Driscoll of Melrose. Gallagher weighed 105 pounds and his antagonist tipped the scales at 128 pounds. The bantam made a game fight of it, but weight and reach told against him, and in the fourth round the little fellow caught a right-hander on the chin and went to sleep. The fight was for a purse of $250 and the gate receipts.

Suburban Residents

Should be reminded by the burning of the ferryboat Slocum in Long Island Sound, that the cars of the Long Island Railroad are equal to any, and special city and suburban tickets via the Long Island Railroad, 1 Broadway, Cooper year $10 for $5,000 insurance, and $5 per week indemnity.—Adv.

BORDER FORAYS ON THE FOURTH.

Collins Triumphs Over the Wicked Men of the Eighth—Carroll Doesn't Triumph.

The Republican County Committee meeting in Grand Opera House Hall last night was large, but it moved responsive to the will of the few leaders who had met the night before. The situation did not permit of the carrying out of the full programme, however, as the failure to settle all the contests prevented the permanent organization and the appointment of the newly projected governing committee of seven. The movement was not altogether without friction, either.

Col. S. V. R. Cruger, as temporary chairman, inquired innocently if there were any contests. Shouts of "Fourth district" and "Fifth district" answered him. Justice Solon B. Smith rose to say that from all the information he had received the contest in the Fourth was not made in good faith. Trouble had not arisen among the enrolled Republicans there, but it had been instigated by persons outside of the district. He thought it ought not to be referred to a committee, but that the protest should be read, ten minutes hearing given to each side, and the question settled at once. He made a motion to that effect, and it was carried.

The protest contained the familiar allegations. John B. Dunne charged that Collins had on his ticket "a forger and professional thief, a Fagin such as is described in Oliver Twist."

William H. Townley responded, and emphasized Judge Smith's charge that the trouble was fomented outside the district. He said: "The Fourth district has the misfortune to join the Eighth. As the County Committee have relieved for an indefinite time the traders and dealers in politics there, they have let loose on the other down-town districts these industrious people who will make mischief for the Republican party where they cannot sell it out. By the means of plunder got from Campbell, McCarthy, and Schwartz, and a large levy made on Hugh J. Grant, they are enabled to carry on this warfare in the Fourth district, led by Mr. Jimmy McManus and Mr. Pat Hickey. They are using the young gentleman who has adressed you, who is without brains and consumed by vanity, but who happens to live in the district. They and their backer, Diamond Dick, live in the Eighth."

Mr. Townley glossed over all of the complaints, and got along swimmingly until Mr. Englehardt of the Twenty-first district rose and cross-examined him a little, saying that it was important to let the Republicans of the country know that such irregularities as were charged would not be permitted. Mr. Englehardt's remarks seemed to meet with considerable favor, and it looked for a few moments as though the evident purpose of the bosses to support Collins would not be so easily effected. Mr. Townley's parting shot was:

"This contest originates in an expelled, disgraced, and dishonored district. No one can say that a single dishonest or improper ballot was cast at our primary."

Mr. Dunne (excitedly)—I say so.

Voice from the crowd (angrily)—You would say anything.

Mr. Englehardt got in a motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Contested Seats, but it was lost, and Sol Smith's motion to recognize the Collins crowd was vociferously carried, only one man finding voice to vote "no."

The Fifth district contest came up, and it was speedily made plain that the opposition to Leader Frank Carroll had friends among the bosses. If that against Collins had none, Judge George B. Deane said that he believed that a committee appointed by the Chair to conduct the reorganization of the district would be satisfactory. This action was ordered, and it is considered as significant that Carroll will have to make room for the Dodd-Allen crowd.

The Norwich Tournament.

NORWICH, April 18.—The Norwich Shooting Association tournament, which ended here today, was one of the most successful tournaments ever held in the East. The attendance was much larger than yesterday, and the weather conditions were good. The entire programme was shot without a hitch. There was great interest in the Keystone traps and system of shooting, and most of the events were shot under those rules. Ten thousand targets were thrown during the tournament. The main event, at thirty singles, was the most exciting. Dickey of Boston won first money alone, he being the only one out of twenty-six entries to make a clean score. Sigler of New Jersey captured second, with twenty-nine, Stanton of Boston, Sterry of Tolland, and Manley of Danbury divided third. Miller of New Jersey, Houghton of Providence, and Cooper of New Haven won fourth, breaking twenty-six.

Event No. 1, ten clays—Manley and Stanton first, Miller, Albee, Sterry, Harvey, Lindsley, and Teekay second, Gould and Root third, Sigler, Rufus, and Mitchell fourth. Event No. 2, twenty clays—Miller and Manley first, Albee, Stanton, and Robbins second, Collins third, Houghton and Sigler fourth. Event No. 3, ten Keystones—Sigler first, Stanton second, Miller and Zipf third, Houghton and Manley second, Lindsley, Longdon, and Collins third, Rufus and Mershon fourth. Event No. 4, twelve Keystones—Sigler, Miller, and Stanton first, Grace, Rufus, Carroll, and Albee second, Mitchell, Sterry and Webb third, and Houghton fourth. Event No. 5, fifteen Ligowskys—Rufus and Stanton first, Manley and Longdon second, Dickey and Gould third, Miller and Harvey fourth. Event No. 6, ten Keystones—Dickey and Miller first breaking ten on the tie, Apgar, Gould, and Stanton second, Houghton third, Brand, Longdon, and Sterry fourth. Event No. 7, ten Keystones—Dickey, Sterry, and Webb first, Miller, Sigler, and Stanton second, Osgood, Albee, Longdon, and Adams third, Apgar and Lindsley fourth. Event No. 8, ten mixed targets—Stanton and Rufus first, Miller and Apgar second, breaking ten on the tie, Dickey, Longdon and Webb third, Lindsley, Osgood, and Hunter fourth. Event No. 9, ten mixed targets—Sigler, Hopkins, Collins, Adams, and Stanton first, Dickey, Sigler, Albee, Pattison second, Lindsley and Webb third, Rufus fourth. Event No. 11, five pairs Keystones—Miller and Sigler first, Dickey and Sigler second, Albee third, Adams and Sterry fourth. Event No. 12, five pairs Keystones—Lindsley, Sigler, and Stanton first, Albee and Miller second, Hunter, Gould, and Harvey third, Dickey and Sterry fourth.

The last event, ten single Keystones—Miller first, Apgar second, Sigler and Dickey third, and Hunter fourth.

Riverside Gun Club's Shoot.

RED BANK, April 18.—The regular monthly shoot of the Riverside Gun and Rifle Club was held this afternoon on the club's grounds in Middletown Township. Clay pigeons were used. Edward M. Cooper did the best shooting. The first match was a sweepstakes at nine birds. There were three entries. The scores were: Edmund Throckmorton, 8; James Cooper, Jr., 8; Asa Whymer, 4. In the shoot off Throckmorton broke three birds and Cooper four. A shoot at three live birds between Mr. Cornwell and Capt. Wm. L. Conover was won by Cornwell.

A sweepstakes shot at six bluerocks, ten entries, followed. Edward Cooper and John Cooper tied for first, breaking all of their birds. Edmund Throckmorton, William G. Conover, and John B. Bergen each broke five, and Asa Whymer won third money. The two Coopers divided first money, and in the shoot off for second Throckmorton won. A shoot at six birds, in which there were eleven entries, was won by Charles Grassenger, with Edward Cooper second, Edward Russell third, and James Cooper, Jr., fourth. The next sweepstakes was a shoot at five doubles. This was won by Edward Cooper, who broke nine. John Cooper came next with eight, and Edmund Throckmorton third with seven.

The last and most amusing shoot of the day was a walking match. Edward and John Cooper won the money, each breaking ten out of eleven. Throckmorton won second with six out of nine, and Conover third with three out of six.

The club will hold its live bird shoot next Thursday.

A Sketch of the Yacht Valkyrie.

BOSTON, April 18.—The *Herald* will tomorrow publish a sketch of the Valkyrie, challenger for the America's Cup, now building in Fay's yard, Southampton. The sketch was obtained in spite of positive orders from both owner and designer to allow no photographs or sketches to be made, and is said to be an excellent one.

By the sketch it appears that the lead is well stretched, and that the heel of the rudder post sets on the lead. Watson, judged by the sketch, has given the Valkyrie more forefoot than the Thistle, and less rake to the stern post, and not much rocky to the keel aft. She will have light quarters and an overhanging bow. The Valkyrie is of composite build, wooden skin, and steel frames, and oak keel, with lead ballast attached. Her dimensions, as forwarded by the *Herald's* London correspondent, are: Length over all, 85 feet; length on load water line, intended for 70 feet; beam, 19.3 feet; draught, 13.6 feet.

A Saloon Keeper Shot by a Late Caller.

"I want a drink; let me in," shouted Clark Rugby, a painter, aged 40 years, of 319 East Thirty-first street, as he kicked on the front door of Henry Meyer's saloon at the northeast corner of Broome and Chrystie streets at 2 A. M. yesterday. Meyer informed the man through the closed door that he couldn't get in.

"I will, though," said the man. "Open the door or I'll break it open."

Meyer opened the door to tell the man to go away, when the man drew a revolver and fired two shots at the saloon keeper. One of the bullets entered the left breast and another buller embedded itself in his left arm. Rugby fled and was captured by Policeman Hunter of the Eldridge street station.

"I was drunk and I didn't know what I was doing," said Rugby to his captor Cardiff.

He was arraigned at the Essex Market Police Court yesterday and was held to await the result of Meyer's injuries. Meyer is in the Gouverneur Hospital. His injuries are not considered serious.

The Four Hundred Do!

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LIVE WASHINGTON TOPICS.

A FAMILY HISTORY WITH TRAGIC FEATURES BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

The Story Connected With the Appointment of Henry M. Dixon to be a Cadet at West Point—An Appraiser and Assistant Appraiser at New York Appointed—Liquor May be Sold in Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The appointment yesterday of Henry M. Dixon of Mississippi as a cadet at large to West Point brought to light a sad family history, probably without parallel in the tragic features which mark it. Several days ago a feeble old lady was ushered into the office of Private Secretary Halford and asked him to present to President Harrison an application from her for the appointment of her grandson, a youth of 18, as a cadet at West Point. Her story deeply interested Mr. Halford, and he took her directly to President Harrison. To him she repeated the tale, which he said afterward greatly moved him. At his suggestion Mrs. Dixon, for that was her name, prepared a statement in detail of the experiences of herself and family, which accompanied her formal application for her grandson's appointment.

From this statement it appears that Mrs. Annie E. Dixon is the widow of Major Henry T. Dixon, the only man in Fauquier county, Va., who voted for Lincoln for President in 1860. He had to send to Washington for the ballot, which he deposited in the box with his left hand, a cocked revolver being in his right. He had been warned that forty men had sworn to kill him if he voted for Lincoln. Some time afterward he went to Alexandria, Va., on business, to be gone two days. After he had gone a friend informed Mrs. Dixon that her husband would be shot on the depot platform as he alighted from the cars if he returned. She telegraphed her husband not to return home, and he did not see his home again for four years. He served through the war, was one of the defenders of the capital, and was afterward commissioned as Paymaster. During the war Mrs. Dixon suffered much persecution, and was several times taken prisoner. Their property was all destroyed, and six weeks after the war closed Major Dixon was assassinated by an ex-Confederate officer, being shot in the back. His family was left in destitute circumstances, and at the request of Gen. Grant, who was acquainted with the circumstances, Postmaster-General Randall gave the widow employment in his department. After about ten years of service she left it, and is now old and feeble, penniless, and without a home.

Her son, Henry M. Dixon, went South after the war, a mere boy, and married in Mississippi at the age of 18, his wife being a native of that State. He opposed the Democratic ticket at his home in Macon City, and in 1875 he was waylaid by a mob to leave the town. This he refused to do, and in August, 1879, he was shot down from behind, as was his father before him. His wife died not long survive him, and six small children were thus bereft of their parents' care and love. It was for the eldest of these, named for his father, that Mrs. Dixon asked the appointment. Accompanying the application was a package of papers that were mutely eloquent. One of those was a letter taken from the hip pocket of Henry M. Dixon, through which the fatal bullet had cut its deadly way. Another was a letter from his widow to his widowed mother, full of tenderness and pathos. These, with the rest, were presented to Secretary Proctor, who was as deeply touched as the President, and determined to appoint the boy if there was a place for him. So deep was the Secretary's interest that he personally looked up the record of Mrs. Dixon, and was satisfied of the correctness of her statements. There was no vacancy in a cadetship at large, caused by the failure of an appointee to fulfil the requirements, and greatly to the gratification of President Harrison he to-day received notice from Secretary Proctor that Mrs. Dixon had been notified of the appointment of her grandson. It may be added that the boy, who has been attending school in Quebec, is most highly recommended by his teacher and rector as well meriting the appointment, because of his accomplishments and worth.

The Postmaster-General has appointed the following named fourth-class Postmasters:

Charles H. Carter, Ossipee, N. H.; La Fayette E. Moulton, Moultonville, N. H.; Arthur Caverno, Stratford, N. H.; Ira Marsh, Fiemland, N. Y.; Ira Hart, Jamesville, N. Y.; M. E. Pierce, Hinsdale, N. Y.; George P. Lent, Houghton, N. Y.; J. L. White, Locke, N. Y.; G. Nowlan, Newark Valley, N. Y.; William Birdsall, Ontario, N. Y.; G. F. Simmons, Redfield, N. Y.; J. Knight, Richland, N. Y.; Mary F. Smith, Sherwood, N. Y.; Edwin Wilcox, South Hannibal, N. Y.; Eli B. Black, Whitney's Point, N. Y.; J. P. Moody, Ellicottville, N. Y.; M. Johnson, Califon, N. J.; George Kise, East Prospect, Pa.; William E. Glewiler, Long Level, Pa.; F. L. Drummond, Glendale, Md.; Wm. T. Graves, Laurel Grove, Md.

Mr. Mason, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has decided that under the recent act of Congress and the proclamation of the President in relation to Oklahoma, it ceases to be Indian country, and that special tax stamps may be sold to wholesale and retail liquor dealers to engage in business there, under the same terms and regulations as in other States and Territories of the United States. By a previous act of Congress it was provided that no ardent spirits should be introduced into the Indian country, except by the authority and under the control of the Secretary of War. The Indian Territory has heretofore been considered as "Indian country," but the Commissioner holds that the Government having purchased the interest of the Indian tribes in the Oklahoma country, the latter can no longer be considered as "Indian country," and that the general law upon that subject does not now apply to Oklahoma. The effect of this decision will be to allow wholesale and retail liquor dealers to purchase special tax stamps in Oklahoma under the same terms as in other parts of the country.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the newly-appointed Minister to France, took the oath of office at the Department of State to-day.

The United States Consul at Havre, under date of April 4, informs the State Department that from and after May 1 next a duty of sixty cents per 100 pounds net will be levied on all importations into France of lard mixed with cotton seed oil, irrespective of the percentage of such mixture, and that all lard imported from the United States will be subject to Governmental examination.

Among the President's callers to-day were Secretary Blaine, with Minister Whitelaw Reid and friends; Senators Hiscock, Evarts, Edmunds, Hawley, Cullem, Dolph, Sherman, Stewart, Blair, ex-Senator Hill of Colorado; A. S. Badger and Marshall Donnally of Louisiana; Representatives Evans, Taylor, Lodge, Bayne, Stockbridge, McKinley, Butterworth, Thomson, Herman (with an Oregon delegation), Anderson of Kansas, and Ewart, and Asa E. Stratton, Republican elector of the Sixth Alabama district.

The General Court Martial in the case of Lieut.-Commander Book, charged with leaving his command without authority, has been dissolved. It is understood at the Navy Department that while Commander Book has been found technically guilty, his sentence will be very light, consisting probably of a temporary suspension from duty.

There will be an examination at the rooms of the Civil Service Commission in this city on the 25th inst. to fill a vacancy in the position of nautical expert, hydrographic office, at a salary of $1,800 a year. The technical part of the examination requires a knowledge of nautical science, comprehending seamanship, vessels, lights, navigation, construction of charts, nautical surveying, currents, tides, magnetic variations, storms, ocean meteorology, deep sea soundings, and translation of technical French.

The President to-day made the following appointments:

Marvelle W. Cooper to be Appraiser of Merchandise in the District of New York.

Marshall J. Corbett to be Assistant Appraiser of Merchandise in the District of New York.

John H. Cozzens, of Rhode Island to be Collector of Customs for the District of Newport.

Edward S. Lacey of Michigan to be the Comptroller of the Currency.

Timothy Guy Phelps to be Collector of Customs for the District of San Francisco, Cal.

F. Snowden Hill to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Maryland.

It is said at the Treasury Department this afternoon that the appointments of Mr. Cooper as Appraiser and of Mr. Corbett as Assistant Appraiser at New York were based almost entirely upon the recommendation of business men of New York. While Mr. Cooper is a Republican in politics, his appointment cannot, it is said, be considered as a political one. He is a member of the dry goods firm of Sprague, Smythe & Cooper, and is said to be eminently qualified for the office. Mr. Corbett is at present an examiner in the Appraiser's Office, and his promotion is regarded as in the line of true civil service reform. He has been in the Appraiser's Department for many years, and is a specialist in the matter of silk goods and embroideries.

Secretary Windom said this afternoon that these appointments were made solely in the interests of good administration, and so far as he knew were acceptable to the Republican party of the State without regard to factions.

Mr. J. H. Cozzens, appointed Collector of Customs at Newport, held that office under the last and previous Administrations. He was one of the Republican officials continued in office by the Democratic Administration.

Among the papers read before the National Academy of Sciences to-day was one by Prof. T. C. Mendenhall, President of Rose Polytechnic School, Terre Haute, Ind., giving the result of recent researches into atmospheric electricity. These researches have been conducted by Prof. Mendenhall for several years, begun when he was connected with the signal service and continued since his separation therefrom under the direction of the chief signal officer. The idea of making the researches was to determine whether or not there was anything in the phenomena of atmospheric electricity that could be utilized in making more certain the prognostications of the Weather Bureau. Prof. Mendenhall reports many interesting facts, but none of them of practical benefit to the signal service. The noticeable electrical phenomena are contemporaneous with the duration of storms, and valueless in the line of prediction. Prof. Mendenhall will present a popular form of the subject on Saturday afternoon in the regular course of lectures at the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid and Mr. D. O. Mills of New York were entertained at dinner this evening by the President and Mrs. Harrison.

The appointment of Robert Smalls, the colored ex-Congressman from South Carolina, as Collector of Customs at Beaufort, S. C., has been decided upon, and unless something at present unforeseen should occur the appointment will be announced within the next few days.

SIX MILLIONS AND MORE TO PAY.

The Comptroller Will Sell His New Park Bonds to Help Raise the Money.

The Sinking Fund Commission held its first meeting yesterday since Chamberlain Croker became a member of it. Large financial questions were on hand. The provision for the payment on May 1 of $4,100,822.71 for State taxes and $2,261,797.19 for interest on the city debt was what had to be considered. The Comptroller was directed to sell the $2,000,000 of the new Park bonds, which the city bought the other day, and scrape up all the odds and ends of money in his strong box.

The Commission will meet on Monday to consider the plans for the new Criminal Court building down by the Tombs and the new municipal building in the City Hall Park.

Dead of Hydrophobia.

FALL RIVER, April 18.—William T. Meekin died of hydrophobia yesterday. On March 17 the boy, who is only 9 years old, was bitten by a dog while trying to save his cat. The dog's teeth cut through the lower lip and chin. The wound soon healed, and no evil effects were noticed until last Thursday, when the boy complained of a severe headache, which continued until Sunday. Then it was discovered that he could not swallow water. He wanted to drink, but the water choked him. The child did not appear to connect his illness in any way with the dog bite, and care was taken not to excite the imagination by informing him of the true nature of the disease. He was allowed to stay in bed or get up as he pleased, and his movements were not restrained until within an hour of his death. None of the more violent symptoms of hydrophobia were manifested. The spasms occurred when food or drink was offered him. No chloroform or ether was given the patient. The room where he lay was darkened, and on Monday morning Dr. Dolan gave him an enema composed of hydrate of chloral and bromide of potash. On Monday night he gave an injection of morphine and atropia every three hours, and on Tuesday morning the injection was doubled in quantity. The child's pulse was 91 on Monday morning, increased to 120 Monday noon, was 140 at 9 A. M. on Tuesday, at 6 P. M. Tuesday it was 160, and at 9 P. M. the doctor could not count it. Death came at about midnight on Tuesday.

A Deed 214 Years Old.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 18.—A Northern tourist to-day photographed at the Secretary of State's office one of the most remarkable documents existing among the records of South Carolina. It is the original deed made by the Cassque Indians in 1675 to the lords proprietors of Carolina for all that tract of land which now constitutes what is known as the low country of South Carolina. The deed is made to "the Right Hon. Anthony Earle of Shaftesbury, Baron Ashley of Wimborne St. Giles, Lord Cooper of Pawleth, and to the rest of the lords proprietors of Carolina, for and in consideration of a valuable parcel of cloth, hatchets, beads, and other goods and manufactures, now received at the hands of Andrew Percival, Gent, in full satisfaction of and for fifteen territories, lands, and plantations." The date of the deed is "the tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventy-five, in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of Charles II, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, and King Defender of the Faith."

Fell from the New Suspension Bridge.

LOCKPORT, April 18.—A horrible accident occurred on the new suspension bridge at Niagara Falls this morning. An expert bridge climber, named Carmine Mandia, a native of Salerno, Italy, aged 25 years, lost his balance while stringing wire and fell into the river below, a distance of 200 feet. His fearful fall did not render Mandja senseless, and when he rose from the water he made efforts to reach a rope which was thrown to him, but the swift and pitiless current carried him away, and his body disappeared down the river toward the whirlpool. A sad sequel to the story is that Mandia, being a single man, had saved up money and sent for his sister, a pretty Italian girl, to come from Italy. She had just arrived to learn of her brother's fate. Her grief was terrible.

Notes at the Navy Yard.

Over at the navy yard the big cruiser Chicago is in commission, but in her present predicament she won't be much ass flagship of the squadron on Centennial Day. She is hard and fast in the mud, drawing 20 feet of water aft, 18 amidships, and 15 forward. The tide left her about three inches yesterday afternoon, and her crew were at work bracing her off the pier with tackles and making her fast fore and aft with chain cables. Of course her officers expect to have her afloat on the first high tide, but if a high one doesn't come she'll be in a bad fix. Two hundred sailors men have been assigned to her, but her complement of officers is not yet complete. All the big eight-inch guns are in their carriages, and the shields for the gun ports are on the wharf yesterday.

The torpedo boat Stiletto slipped away for Newport yesterday at 2 P. M. in charge of Lieut. Winslow. She came here four days ago with some gunootion for the navy yard. The Stiletto is a fast craft, as navy craft go, and as good a sea boat as any one can wish for. He expected to reach Newport before midnight.

The United States survey schooner Hagre is fitting out for her summer's work. She will be commanded by Garner's yacht Mohawk. It is understood that she will do about ten days' work off Long Beach when she's ready, and then go on her regular cruising about May 10.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises . . . 5 16 | Sun sets . . . . 6 43 | Moon rises . 11 21

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook 10 18 | Gov. Island 10 58 | Hell Gate. . . 12 48

Arrived—THURSDAY, April 18.

Ss Helvetia, Cochrane, Liverpool.
Ss Italy, Pearce, Queenstown.
Ss Thingvalla, Laub, Christiana.
Ss Italia, Mendosez, Amneto Bay.
Ss Alvena, Mackay, Port Maria.
Ss Advance, Griffiths, St Thomas.
Ss Osama, Holmes, Turk's Island.
Ss Niagara, Reitly, Havana.
Ss Roanoke, Hulphers, Newport News.
Ss Aimittia, Aslakson, Baracoa.
Ss Vindobala, Whitson, Gibraltar.
Ss Colorado, Daniels, Maianzas.
Ss Marcia, Pennick, Cape Haytien.
Ss Victoria, Aarseth, Macorio.
Ss Lampasas, Crowell, Galveston.

(For later arrivals see Jottings About Town.)

ASSISTED OUT.

Ss Gallia, from New York, passed Brow Head.
Ss Polynesia, from New York, at Stettin.
Ss City of New York, from New York, passed Brow Head.
Ss Lahn, from New York, at Southampton.
Ss Adriatic, from New York, at Queenstown.

SAILED FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Ss Holland, from Gravesend for New York.
Ss Germanic, from Queenstown for New York.
Ss Trave, from Southampton for New York.
Ss City of New York, from Queenstown for New York.
Ss City of Rome, from Queenstown for New York.

BROOKLYN.

The annual convention of the State Teachers' Association will be held in the Academy of Music July 2 and 3.

Ada D. Heppert is suing Frank M. Hoppert for divorce. The former is 17 years old, and the latter 21, and they have been married three years.

The Germania Club will soon begin the erection of its new club house on Schermerhorn street, between Boerum place and Smith street. It will cost over $60,000.

Justice Cullen of the Supreme Court has decided against Smith Ryder in his suit against the Bushwick Railroad Company to recover the value of six certificates of stock.

George W. Childs and A. M. Drexelspent a day lately with Mr. Charles Pratt, and made a thorough inspection of the Pratt Institute. It is their intention, it is said, to establish a similar institution in Philadelphia.

Rodman P. Dawson, who was once Surrogate of Kings county, and one of the leading lawyers in the county, was yesterday before Justice Walsh for intoxication, and not being able to pay the fine of $5, had to go to jail.

The Bedford Reformed Church Society, of which the Rev. H. C. Berg is pastor, has purchased the old Central Congregational Church in Jefferson avenue for $20,000, and will move in as soon as some repairs have been made on the building.

Three year-old Mary Curran, while crossing the railroad track at Canton street and Park avenue with her father, Patrick Curran of 17 Canton street, yesterday morning, was knocked down and run over by a cross-town car. Her left arm was cut off.

A delegation from the Retail Grocers' Association waited yesterday on Mayor Chapin, and called his attention to the urgent need of more land for the Wallabout Market. The association wants the lease from the government of a big strip of the west side lands, extending from Flushing avenue to the canal, for market purposes.

SUFFOCATED IN HIS SHOP.

Old Frederick Werner Could Not Descend by a Rope that Saved Others.

The six-story brick building 81 to 85 Centre street was found to be afire at 7 o'clock last evening. As Hook and Ladder 1 was on its way up Centre street Capt. Shaw saw three men at the sixth-story window, on the south side. They were Herman Schneider and his two sons, whose gunsmith shop occupies a part of the top floor. They tore off a piece of rubber belting and let themselves down to the roof of the three-story building numbered 79. When they got down Schneider said that a workman was left behind.

The firemen reached the shop by a 35-foot ladder. They found the place filled with smoke and Frederick Werner suffocated to death in the middle of the room. He was 70 years old, and had refused to try to descend by the rope of belting. Werner was a Grand Army man, and lived at 110 Second street, Hoboken. He had a wife and four children.

The main part of the building was occupied by Simon Zinn, manufacturer of fancy metal goods. The police estimate his damage at $15,000, and the damage to the building at $5,000. G. F. Hall, steam power, and G. W. Decker, sponger, suffered a slight loss. The building is owned by Henry A. Mott.

In 1872, on Christmas night, six girls and three men lost their lives in a fire on the site of these buildings.

Loaded Canes Not Concealed Weapons.

John Willett was arrested for carrying concealed weapons. Lawyer Frank Keller got out a writ of habeas corpus and persuaded Justice Ingraham in Supreme Court, Chambers, that a loaded cane is not a "concealed weapon." Willett was liberated.

Business Notices.

Kennedy's Derby Hats, 100 styles, black, brown russet, bronze, $1.90, $2.25, $2.50; silk Hats, unequalled for lustre, $3.50, $4.50, $5.50; save retail profits. No. 26 Cortlandt st., upstairs.

DIED.

BYRNE.—At 270 Walnut st., Chicago Ill., April 12, 1889, of pneumonia, Delia, aged 33 years, beloved sister of James Byrne and Mrs. Patrick Conway (nee Mary J. Byrne).
Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

CAREW.—On the 17th inst., Harriet Carew, in her 89th year.
Funeral services at her granddaughter's residence, 160 Pacific st., Brooklyn, L. I., Saturday, April 20, at 2 P. M.

CRYGIER.—In Hartford, Conn., April 17, Catharine A. Crygier, aged 61 years.
Interment in Greenwood Cemetery to-day.

DE WITT.—At Corona, L. I., April 17, William De Witt, aged 31 years.
Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence to-day, at 2:30 P. M. Train leaves Long Island City at 2:30 P. M.

DRAKE.—At Scarsdale, N. Y., on Thursday, April 18, Elias G. Drake, sr., in his 84th year.
Funeral services will be held at the Church of St. James, the Less, Scarsdale, on Saturday, April 20, on arrival of train leaving Grand Central Depot (Harlem Railroad, at 2:05 P. M.

Funeral from his late residence, Laurel Hill, L. I., today at 12 o'clock.

FOWLER.—At her residence, 103 6th av., on Thursday, April 18, Melinda Dean, widow of Isaac P. Fowler, in her 73d year.
Funeral services at the Church of the Holy Communion, corner 20th st. and 6th av., on Saturday at 11 o'clock. Interment private.

FARRER.—On Tuesday, April 16, 1889, Louise, beloved wife of John A. Farrer, aged 52 years.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, 1st st., Melrose, L. I., on Friday, April 19, at 2 o'clock P. M.

GRAHAM.—At Lakewood, N. J., on the 15th inst., of pneumonia, Charles K. Graham, in his 65th year.
Funeral services at the Twenty-third Street Presbyterian Church, 240 West 23d st., on Friday morning, April 19, inst., at 11 o'clock. Interment private. Friends of the family, and members of the Union League Club, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Society of the Army of the James, Phil Kearney Post, No. 88, G. A. R., Excelsior or Republican Clubs, Army Corps Union, Society of the Army of the Potomac, and New York Gettysburg Monument Commission are respectfully invited to attend without further notice. Please omit flowers.

GRIFFITHS.—On Wednesday, April 17, after a short illness, Reginald, youngest child of L. T. and Margaret A. Griffiths, aged 11 years and 9 months.
Funeral services at the residence of his par