town have also sustained great damage, and on several of them no trains arrived to-day.

RAVAGES IN THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY.

The greatest loser is the Cumberland Valley. Its new iron bridge across the Potomac River went down. Nothing is left of the structure except the span across the canal. The original cost of the bridge was $70,000. At and in the vicinity of Williamsport where the Conococheague empties into the Potomac, the loss is very heavy. Many warehouses are partially under water, and their losses will be great. One-half of Bephone's chair factory and paint shop were swept away, causing a loss of $3,000. Soon after the factory gave way, Theodore Wolfe, aged 18, and Samuel Corbett, both of Williamsport, started in a boat to recover several chairs. While engaged in doing so young Wolfe fell into the river and was drowned. The houses of William Bouxhaff and A. Ensinger, a short distance above Williamsport, were both washed away. Two miles below Williamsport several houses were swept away, one belonging to Patrick Collins, and another the property of the Canal company.

At Falling Waters several houses have also been destroyed. On the Conococheague, Ardinger's mill is almost entirely under water, and at Kemp's the flood filled two stories of the mill and swept away the house of Martin Bell. The confluence of the Conococheague and the river at Williamsport present the appearance of a vast turbulent lake, which has obliterated the canal and railroad. The track of the Western Maryland is under water for some distance beyond Williamsport, and at that place the water has almost hidden the station. Several cars containing wheat and pulp, which were ready for shipment, are submerged near the canal. It is estimated that the canal is under 20 feet of water at Williamsport, and that that institution has sustained an irreparable injury from which it will never recover. All last night and to-day there was a constant stream of houses, stables, and railroad ties and timber going down the river. At 7 o'clock this evening the river was 6 feet higher than during the great flood of 1877, and is still rising.

THE FLOOD IN WESTERN NEW YORK.

ELMIRA, June 2.—The water here last night was from a foot to a foot and a half higher than ever before known. This afternoon two bodies floated down the river. A roof upon which three persons were clinging is said to have passed by the city last night. The body of a female baby was washed ashore this afternoon in the lower portion of the city. The Erie Railroad bridge was anchored in its place last night by two trains of loaded freight cars. The water rose to the cars, which, with the bridge, acted as a dam and forced the water back through the city on the north side of the Chemung River, where the principal business houses are situated. The water covered the streets to a depth of two or three feet, and the basements of the stores were quickly flooded, causing thousands of dollars damage. The only possible way of entering the Lathbon House, the principal hotel of the city, was by boats, which were rowed directly into the hotel office.

On the south side of the river the waters were held in check for several hours by the ten-foot railroad embankment, but hundreds of families were driven into the upper stories. Late in the evening 2,000 feet of the embankment was forced away, and the water carried the railroad tracks and everything else before it.

An extensive lumber yard in the path of the rushing water was swept away. Many horses were drowned, and the people living on flats were rescued with great difficulty by the police and firemen.

The Erie passenger train which had been here since yesterday morning went west to Buffalo late this afternoon over the Lackawanna road. At Big Flats, twelve miles west of here, three miles of tracks were swashed away, and at Corning the big iron bridge across the river was carried away.

ERIE TRAINS AT A STANDSTILL.

The Erie Express No. 1 that arrived yesterday afternoon is held by the flood. Part of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad bridge across the river at Waverly is gone, and the road uses the Erie tracks from here to Binghamton. On the Northern Central branch of the Pennsylvania system the westbound express train that left here on Friday night is stalled between Minnequa and Canton. There are great washouts on each side of the track, and railroad men say that the road will not be open for a week. The damage to property in this city and vicinity is estimated at $500,000. The crops throughout the Chemung valley are almost totally destroyed.

The Fall Brook Railroad has lost two bridges, and the track is badly washed out between Mossville and Westfield. Fifteen lives are said to have been lost at Corning.

ANDOVER, N. Y., June 2.—No less than a dozen bridges in this town were carried away, and newly planted crops are utterly ruined. Nearly every street in the place was overflowed, and in many cases occupants of houses were driven to the upper floors for safety. Owen's large tannery was flooded and ruined. Almost every rod of railroad track was covered, and much of it will have to be rebuilt. The track at some points is covered fifteen feet with earth, and trains cannot run for two or three days. Much lumber, many small buildings, and other property have been carried away.

WELLSVILLE, N. Y., June 2.—The heavy rain raised creeks into rivers, and rivers into lakes all throughout this section. Never in the experience of the oldest inhabitant has Wellsville been visited by such a flood. Both ends of the town have been submerged, the water in many cases standing clear to the roofs of houses. Farms on the flats along Dyke's Creek and the Genesee River for miles are under three to ten feet of water. Buildings, bridges, farming implements, and live stock have been going down the river all day. There were several bad washouts on all the railroads. No trains have arrived here since midnight. Edward Fletcher was drowned this morning.

HORNELLSVILLE, June 2.—Several bridges on the outskirts of the city are gone, and the highways are impassable. The railroads will suffer, particularly the Erie, whose property in the vicinity of the shops is completely submerged, work being totally abandoned. Many washouts are reported on the Erie. Not a train has arrived or departed to-day.

THE GENESEE RISING SLOWLY.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 2.—The water in the Genesee River continued to rise slowly to-day, and at 10 o'clock to-night had reached a point eighteen inches higher than at 6 o'clock this morning. As yet only a few cellars are flooded and but little damage has been done. At Scottsville the stream is from one to two wide, and considerable damage has been done. Reports from up the valley are meagre, but are to the effect that the river is rising slowly.

BIG FLOOD IN CANADA.

COBURG, Ont., June 2.—Heavy rains have fallen in this district lately. This morning what appeared to be a large body of water passed over the town in a northwesterly direction, and burst when about two miles distant. In a few minutes small creeks became rivers, and all bridges and dams between where the burst occurred and Lake Ontario were carried away, and the railway embankment was destroyed. Many houses were inundated, and the inmates had to be rescued in boats. In the town all cellars in the business portion were flooded, the water in some instances rising above store floors. Farmers lose heavily, many crops in the fields having been swept away. The loss is estimated at $500,000.

Possibly Lost at Johnstown.

ALBANY, June 2.—Much anxiety is felt for the safety of Henry Aird of Cohoes, a member of the firm of Curtis & Co., pipe manufacturers, who, with John Dor of Troy, a member of the same firm, was known to be in the vicinity of Johnstown on Friday. Telegrams sent out to various places on Saturday and to-day brought no replies, and no tidings have been received.

Fred Scharman Going to Sue John McMackin.

Fred Scharman, proprietor of Clarendon Hall, is about to begin suit against John McMackin, Chairman of the General Committee of the late United Labor Party, for $84 due for rent of his hall for meetings. McMackin, who was two years ago a political leader, and before that a painter, has given up the brush and paint pot for good, and is trying to be appointed assistant custodian of the Post Office. Hamilton Grant, a First district politician who has the endorsement of every one of the Republican leaders, is rather ahead of McMackin in this race.

John J. Bealin, the Fourteenth district man, expects to get a job as "Inspector of Aliens" at Castle Garden.

A Bright Day After the Storm.

An area of low barometer still hangs over the Lake regions, causing rain yesterday in Michigan and Canada. There were light rains on the New England coast. In all other parts of the country the weather was fair, with a slight rise in temperature.

In this city the day was all that could be desired. The murginess had left the atmosphere, and humidity was back to normal. There was a fresh southeasterly breeze. The thermometer in the morning registered 66°, and in the afternoon ran up to 76°.

Fair weather with a temperature between 75° and 65°, may be expected to day and Tuesday.

The thermometer at Perry's pharmacy, in THE SUN building, recorded the temperature as follows: 3 A. M., 65°; 6 A. M., 65°; 9 A. M., 69°; 12 M., 74°; 3:30 P. M., 76°; 6 P. M., 77°; 9 P. M., 69°; 12 midnight, 67°. Average, 69¾°. Average on June 2, 1888, 64¾°.

FORECAST TILL 8 A. M. MONDAY.

For Maine, rain in eastern portion, light rain in western portion; slightly warmer; southerly winds.

For New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, light rain; slightly warmer; southerly winds.

For Connecticut and *eastern New York, fair, followed Monday by light rain; slightly warmer; southerly winds.*

For eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, fair, followed in eastern Pennsylvania by showers; warmer; southerly winds.

For West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, western New York, and Ohio, showers; slightly warmer; southerly winds.

J. E. R. RYAN SHOT AND DYING

EDWARD CARDEN PISTOLS HIM AT THE PARK HOTEL.

A Quarrel Between Two Well-known Sporting Men Over a Woman—Ryan Struck Carden, and Carden Fired Thrice.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night there was a quarrel over a woman in Roberts's road house on the northeast corner of Sixth avenue and 110th street, between Edward Carden and John E. R. Ryan, an auctioneer for Van Tassell & Kearney.

Carden is a sporting man and dealer in racing stock. Ryan some time ago accused Carden of trying to cut him out with the woman in question. He demanded to know why Carden had frequently taken his girl out driving.

He had had words with Carden on this subject before, and had, it is said, assaulted him once, and threatened to lick him whenever he met him.

Last night Ryan followed up the inquiry with a blow, and Carden pulled a revolver and began blazing away at him. The first shot went through Ryan's liver. Another shot inflicted a flesh wound on the back. The third missed its mark.

One of the men who saw the shooting ran out on Sixth avenue and told Park Policeman Rooney to get an ambulance as there was a man dying in the house.

Central Office Detective Lake happened to be in the neighborhood. He ran over to the house where Rooney had already arrested Carden, and took charge of Carden.

An ambulance came from the Ninety-ninth Street Hospital, and took Ryan to the hospital. Ryan's injuries are mortal.

Lake and Rooney took the prisoner to the Sixty-seventh street police station, where no record of the arrest was made. Rooney wanted Lake identified as a policeman. Carden was taken afterward to the hospital, and confronted with Ryan, who identified him.

The detective says that the road house was full of people when the shooting began and that men dodged under tables and behind the bar with alacrity.

It has been expected for some time that the bad blood between Ryan and Carden would lead to an encounter of this sort. Roberts's place is known as the Park Hotel.

Carden came here recently from St. Louis and Chicago. He is well known at the race tracks.

SNAP SHOTS AT OUR SOULS.

The Rev. Robert Collyer Preaches of Our Portraits in Eternity.

The Rev. Robert Collyer saw the instantaneous photographs taken during the centennial celebration when they were thrown upon canvas with the aid of a magic lantern at Chickering Hall the other night, and yesterday he preached about the instantaneous pictures which are continually being taken of each one of us in the hearts and memories of those with whom we come in contact. Scripture and history are full of such instantaneous pictures, he said. One depicts Lot's wife, when she is turned into the pillar of salt, an Eastern metaphor for the bitterness of unavailing regret; another depicts the dumb beast with speaking eyes—it was his eyes not his mouth that spake—which saw so much more than his master, and teaches the lesson that an ass in the right is nobler and nearer heaven than a prophet. So we have pictures of Jonathan and David, and in history of Socrates, Alfred, Bruce, Luther, and John Brown.

"Our lives are not a chronicle, but a succession of pictures," continued the speaker. "You perhaps did something this morning on the way to church, which may fix you on the canvas a thousand years from now. You cannot hope to escape the delicate glass in the human heart. But it will not delineate you at your worst; indeed, your image may impress itself on it in a light that never shone on land or sea—your one best action recorded, and all the bad bluffed. Fisk's filling his stolen freight cars with food for the starving of the Chicago fire may be the only picture taken of him which will be thrown on the canvas of eternity."

THE CRONIN MURDER.

The Coroner Will Begin Hearing Evidence To-day in the Mysterious Case.

CHICAGO, June 2.—The Coroner's jury will to-morrow begin hearing evidence in the case of Dr. Cronin. Superintendent Hubbard said to-day that he knew of nothing that would require a further postponement of the hearing, and he left it to be inferred that the prosecution would introduce most of the evidence that has been gleaned in the inquiries of the police. No other arrests were in immediate contemplation, the Superintendent added, and there might be no more until after the meeting of the new Grand Jury.

A Hack Driver's Courtship and Marriage.

DENVER, June 2.—An interesting wedding ceremony was celebrated here last night. Some months ago Charles Carter arrived in Denver from Sterling, Col., and obtained a position as hack driver. Daily it was his pleasure to drive around the city Mrs. Laura Wilson, a widow. It was a case of love at first sight. Yesterday Laura's only child of 18 months died, and the occasion was seized by Charley to declare his love. Two hours after the burial Carter proposed and was accepted. A marriage license was at once procured. At 9 o'clock the wedding party assembled at Cole's livery stable, and there, in the presence of the proprietor, six stablemen, two policemen, and fifteen horses, the ceremony was performed. The wedding being over the happy pair betook themselves to a house on Arapahoe street, gathered up the remains of the dead baby and subsequently buried it.

Catholic Children Confirmed.

Last night Archbishop Corrigan confirmed 400 children and 30 adults at St. Michael's Church in Thirty-first street near Ninth avenue. The ceremonies began with solemn vespers, which was celebrated by Vicar-General Arthur J. Donnelly, the pastor of the church. He was assisted by the Rev. Dr. William E. Degnan and the Rev. James M. Curley. During the services the Archbishop, attended by his secretary, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. McDonnell, was seated in the sanctuary. Of the children confirmed, 150 are working boys and girls, 100 schoolboys, and 150 schoolgirls. The girls were all in white, with wreaths and veils, and the boys were neatly attired in dark clothes. The thirty adults were prepared for the reception of the sacrament during the four weeks' mission given in the church by the Redemptorist Fathers, and which closed last Tuesday.

They Were Practising With Pistols.

Ferdinand Keppler, 19 years old, was taking care of a herd of cows grazing at the foot of Danforth avenue, Greenville, yesterday morning when Frank De Long of 215 Avenue E and William Roe of 217 Danforth avenue came along. They were practising shooting with pistols. They stopped near Keppler and fired at several objects. Finally Keppler felt a bullet enter his groin. He turned quickly and saw De Long and Roe running away. The next instant he fell unconscious. A policeman who saw him fall sent him to the City Hospital and arrested Roe and De Long. Keppler was so badly injured that the physician at the hospital thought he would die, and Detective Holtic took his ante-mortem statement. Roe and De Long denied that they had fired the shot that struck Keppler. Keppler said he was sure one of them had shot him, but he thought it was an accident. Warden Osborn says Keppler will die.

Farewell Dinner to Leslie.

Fred Leslie, the comedian of the London Gaiety company, sat behind a heap of beautiful flowers in Delmonico's banquet hall last night, and listened with a happy smile while a crowd of American comedians told him how much they thought of him and how glad they would be to have him back in New York with them. The occasion of the jollification was the farewell dinner given by the twelve American comedians, and it was made, notably by the excellent entertainment afforded by members of Leslie's company and by well-known New York professionals, Joe Wolf Hopper presided, and Frances Wilson, Henry E. Dixey, James Powers, Wesley Sisson, Henry E. Rice, Charles Danby and others made speeches, sang songs, and told funny stories until after midnight. Sylvia Grey listened in the balcony with a smiling face.

A Cat Adopts Some Squirrels.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., June 2.—Some time ago Russell Rice cut down a poplar tree on his farm. The tree was hollow, and inside it he found a nest of five young squirrels, which he concluded to raise, and took home with him. Mrs. Russell possesses a cat of unusual intelligence, and this cat manifested great interest in the young squirrels. One of them was given to puss, and she watched over it with such care and tenderness that all of them were placed under her protection. She nursed them until they attained considerable size, and a day or two ago the young squirrels were turned loose in the Scottsburg Park, where they now are. The cat immediately removed her residence likewise to the park, and she and the young squirrels may be seen sporting there together any day.

Very Tall Kentuckians.

LOUISVILLE, June 2.—In Mercer county, this State, lives one of the tallest families in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lair have seven sons. Mr. Lair's height is six feet two inches, but his wife rises above him one inch, she reaching the height of six feet three. The largest son is six feet eight inches tall, and the smallest six feet five inches. Of the others two are six feet six and a half inches each; two six feet six and three-quarter inches each, and one six feet seven inches. These measurements were all taken with the shoes off. Mr. Lair is a farmer in moderate circumstances. His sons, all of whom are unmarried, live with him, and are industrious, good citizens. Their ages vary from 22 to 30 years.

HEBREWS AND CHRISTIANS.

Gentile Ministers Take Part in the Dedication of a Synagogue.

The new synagogue of the congregation of the Sons of Israel, the largest Hebrew congregation in Jersey City, was dedicated yesterday afternoon. The building is at 185 and 187 First street, and was formerly occupied by the Free Reformed Church. Although there have been several Hebrew congregations in the city for years, there was no building in the city used solely for a synagogue until the elders of the Sons of Israel purchased this building. The dedication ceremony was participated in by Christian ministers. The church was decorated with flowers. Many prominent Protestants were in the congregation. Mayor Orestes Cleveland, who is a Quaker, occupied a seat back of the altar with Benjamin Drachmann, the President of the society. Before the dedication ceremonies began, an orchestra of six pieces, which occupied a stand in the centre of the synagogue, played. Chazen Hyman Weinschell of this city, with six choristers, began the services by chanting the twentieth psalm. Mayor Cleveland then presented the key of the building to President Drachmann. He said:

"The honor of representing the State on this occasion has been assigned to me, and it is my duty on behalf of the State to present to the President the key of this edifice. I do it with great pleasure and with great confidence, because I know the man to whom I am presenting it, and, knowing him, I know that nothing will ever be permitted to enter here that is not for the best interests of the community. I believe that the object of this synagogue is to advance the moral and spiritual welfare of this community, and therefore it is a good thing for the State. I feel sure that God will bless it."

President Drachmann accepted the key and thanked the Mayor. He said:

"I consider this a symbol of possession and confidence, and I shall try to do my duty by this congregation, as I do it as a citizen of the State."

He then welcomed the congregation to the new building, and gave a history of the struggle it had had to maintain its organization from its foundation. Rabbi Bernard Drachmann of this city delivered a congratulatory address. Referring to the Protestants present he said:

"I am glad to see the brethren of other Christian churches here. All that divides us now is a line drawn in the sand; in this free country we can work together for the good of all mankind."

He concluded his address by formally dedicating the altar, the ark of the covenant, the reading desk, the sacred light, and other things in the synagogue. Chazen Weinschell opened the sacred ark, and the rolls containing the law and the commandments were taken out. While Chazen Goldburg and the choir chanted, a procession headed by Chazen Weinschell started from the altar and marched around the centre of the church. After the procession the Rev. Cornelius Brett, pastor of the Bergen Reformed Church, the oldest and wealthiest church in the city, made an address. Among other things he said:

"We welcome this synagogue in Jersey City and we welcome your aid as Hebrews in the work we are doing in suppressing the advance of disbelief and atheism. You will be of good service in this community. The man who believes in your Jehova and bows toy our God, the man who believes in your law and who lives in accordance with that law, is bound to be a good and to be a good citizen in this or any other community. We welcome your aid in fighting the influence of sin. You will help us spread moral religion in the community. You will help us make men care for things that are divine, and you will help us sweep away the tide of atheism that is rolling in over the world."

The Rev. Albert A. Zabriskie of the Free Reformed Church was to have made an address, but he was called away from the church before Mr. Brett finished speaking. Major Zabinn K. Pangborn, a Presbyterian, made an address. Dr. Leonard J. Gordon was called on at the suggestion of Mayor Cleveland, but he did not speak. Mr. Gordon is said to be an agnostic. Chief Rabbi Jacob Joseph was to have made the dedication prayer and preach a sermon, but he was not present.

DIED AGED 116 YEARS.

Mrs. Deweese had Been Married 83 Years When her Husband Died.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 2.—Mrs. Fannie Deweese, who died near here on Tuesday at the age of nearly 116 years, was a most remarkable woman, and her history is rendered more interesting from the fact that her husband lived to be 103 years old. There is no doubt about the correctness of these figures, for they have been amply authenticated by family records and other evidence.

Mrs. Deweese was born in Virginia in August, 1773. Just before her husband died, they celebrated the eighty-third anniversary of their marriage. Shortly after their marriage in Virginia they came to Kentucky, and she had lived for nearly a century on a farm in this county eighteen miles from Louisville. They prospered there, and Mrs. Deweese leaves a considerable estate. She had eight or ten sons and daughters, and great, great grandchildren were present at her funeral. Three maiden daughters are left living on the old place. One of them is 99 years old.

Mrs. Deweese, although a Virginian, never claimed to have seen George Washington, and all she remembered of the Revolutionary War was the return here, at its close, of her father, who had been a soldier in it.

Obituary.

William S. Schaffer of 35 West Fifty-first street died yesterday at the Nautilus Hotel, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, where he was living for the benefit of his health. He was 52 years old.

Patrolman Frank O. Thompson of the Eighth precinct died suddenly yesterday.

Isaac H. Reed, senior member of the firm of Reed & Co., at 5 State street, died yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel of old age. He was 89 years old, and was one of the oldest merchants in the city. He was a bachelor, and was noted for his fondness for driving thoroughbred horses. He was a member of the Coaching Club and belonged to several social clubs. He was one of the old New Yorkers who caught in the great blizzard, and nearly lost his life from the effects of the exposure in trying to get up town through the storm.

Gen. Edward Elmer Potter, an old member of the Union Club, died on Friday night at his residence in West Twenty-first street, of pneumonia, after a week's illness. He was born in this city in 1823, and was the youngest son of Ellis Potter, a wealthy merchant, who was at one time an Alderman of this city. He inherited a considerable fortune from his father. At the outbreak of the rebellion he volunteered in the Union army and was made a Captain in the commissary department under Gen. John G. Foster, and went in Burnside's expedition into North Carolina. He was made Colonel, Brigadier-General, and Brevet Major-General of volunteers for distinguished services. Gen. W. L. Cutting, whom he by will constituted his sole executor, took charge of the arrangements for the funeral, which will take place at Grace Church on Tuesday morning.

Funeral of Capt. Witthaus.

The funeral of the late Capt. G. Henry Witthaus of the Ninth Regiment, who died by his own hand on last Thursday after the Decoration Day parade, was held privately yesterday afternoon at his late residence, 27 East Seventy-fifth street. The Rev. Dr. Krotel of the Twenty-first Street Lutheran Church, which Capt. Witthaus used to attend, conducted the services at the house. The old guard of Capt. Witthaus, the officers of the Ninth Regiment sent a number of floral offerings. Besides the members of the family the only other persons present were Colonel Appleton and the officers of the Old Guard, the officers of the Ninth Regiment, and representatives of the Press Club and the Palestine Commandery. The funeral services at the grave, which was in the family plot at Greenwood, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Maynard, the Chaplain of the Ninth Regiment.

Burglars Put Out the Electric Lights.

Burglars at an early hour yesterday morning attempted to rob the house of Peter Wiederer, a son-in-law of George Bechtel of Staten Island. Mr. Wiederer's house is near that of Mr. Bechtel's, and the grounds are brilliantly illuminated with electric lights. The burglars extinguished the lights by cutting the main wires, and then broke into the cellar of Mr. Wiederer's house. They made a noise which aroused Mr. Wiederer, who looked out of the window and saw two burglars on the premises. He had no revolver, and so he threw a seltzer water bottle at them. This frightened them away. They got no booty.

The Jersey City Water Supply.

Dr. Leonard J. Gordon, Louis V. Booream, Joseph A. Dear, Francis S. Emmons, and other members of the Jersey City Board of Trade have called a meeting of citizens to discuss the question of a new water supply. The meeting will be held in the Aldermanic chamber at the City Hall to-night. John R. Bartlett of the Montclair Water Company will explain his company's proposition to furnish the city with a new supply.

Forty Vessels Overdue.

QUEBEC, June 2.—Sailing vessels are arriving very slowly. Only about twenty ships have so far come in, as against double that number last year. A fleet of forty vessels is now overdue. Reports come from Lake St. Peter of some small craft being dismasted and driven ashore by a gale. An easterly gale has stopped all traffic except that between Quebec and Levis. The Labrador coasting steamer Otter is among the vessels detained.

A Portrait of the Pope.

The oil painting of the Pope which he presented to Bishop Keane for the Catholic University at Washington arrived in this city on Saturday. It was received here by James A. McGinley, who immediately forwarded it to Washington. The painting is the one that presided over the Vatican exhibition held during the Pope's golden jubilee ceremonies.

A Six-Year-Old the Only Witness.

Six-year-old Lena May of 62 Sullivan street accused Mary Reagan, a laundress, of 61 Macdougal street, at Jefferson Market Court yesterday, of stealing a pair of $2 earrings from her on May 16. Lena said that Miss Reagan grabbed her on her own stoop, threatened to smother her if she cried out, and took the earrings from her ears. Miss Reagan said that the child was telling a story. In the absence of corroborative evidence Justice Gorman discharged the prisoner.

RECLAIMING ARID LANDS.

PLANS FOR CARRYING ON THE WORK OF IRRIGATION.

Reservoirs To Be Located in Several States and Territories—Starting the Surveys for Which Congress Provided.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Secretary Noble has approved the plan of operations for continuing the irrigation survey of arid lands proposed by Major J. W. Powell, director of the Geological Survey. The survey was begun in the fall of 1888 under authority of an act of Congress approved Oct. 2, 1888, and the continuation is proposed pursuant to the terms of the act of March 2, 1889, which appropriates $250,000 for the work. Major Powell recommends that the work be prosecuted in Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Nevada, and California. In these States and Territories topographic maps have already been made or are being constructed, and as it is desirable to present to Congress some finished work at the earliest possible date, they have been selected for first operations. The work is divided into three parts—first, the topographic survey; second, the hydraulic survey; third, the engineering survey.

Capt. Dutton will have charge of the engineering survey. In the upper Missouri division the general irrigation problem will be examined along the forks of the Missouri, i. e., in the Gallatin, Madison, and Jefferson valleys. The Yellowstone, from the Park to Miles City or Glendive; the Missouri, from the forks to Fort Benton; Milk River. The Colorado division will include the Arkansas, from headwaters to the 100th meridian, and the Huerfano. A special study will be made in the New Mexico division of the project of a dam at El Paso and canals to irrigate the Messila valley and Rio Grande below El Paso.

The projected work in Idaho is a study of the valley above the Poyette, mostly of a reconnoissance character. In the Fort Lahontan division, Nevada and eastern California, the work projected includes the development of a plan for utilizing the waters of the Truckee and Carson Basins by canals and reservoirs; also a reconnoissance of the Humboldt, Walker River, and Honey Lake basins.

Of the work in the California division, Major Powell says: "In the drainage basins of the Sierra Nevada, north of the Cosummes or Mokelumne, there is but little demand for irrigation, and whatever demand exists is more than met by the old mining ditches and reservoirs whose waters are no longer permitted to be used in washing gravels. In the valleys immediately south of the Mokelumne there is some demand for water, and this demand steadily increases southward until it becomes very great in the valley of the Kern. On the western sides of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, *i. e.*, upon the eastern slones of the Coast Range, the scarcity of water is extreme, while the extent of arable land is very great. It is believed that important areas of this land may be irrigated by the development of a system of reservoirs. Many situations for reservoirs are known to exist in these ranges, and the rainfall on the mountains is probably sufficient to fill many of them.

"Some map work has also been accomplished on a suitable scale, and it is therefore proposed to begin work upon the eastern slope of the Coast Range. Maps are already in process of construction for some of the drainage basins of the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, where the demand for increased areas of irrigation is great. As this work proceeds, the Stanislaus and more southern rivers will engage the attention of the engineering corps. One of the most important problems in irrigation to be solved in California relates to the use of the Colorado River in the southeastern part of the State. Already much is known in the survey in relation to this subject, but for climatic reasons the work can best be prosecuted during the winter months. It is therefore proposed to enter upon this investigation later in the year."

For the engineer survey the estimated expense is $76,000. Of the appropriation of a quarter of a million $21,800 is reserved for contingent purposes. Major Powell, in a few days, will issue his letters of instructions to the various parties in the field.

ACID THROWN IN THEIR FACES.

Two Boys Run Home Burned and Druggist Brasz Is Arrested.

Mrs. Lena Simpson of 68 Bayard street and her two sons, John, aged 8, and Julius, aged 6, entered the Elizabeth street station house at 10 o'clock last night, and the woman excitedly said that the druggist at the northwest corner of Elizabeth and Bayard streets had thrown some sort of acid on her boys' faces. The eldest boy was burned between the eyes, and the right side of Julius's face was red and swollen.

The lads told Sergeant Young that they and other boys were playing tag in front of Herman Brasz's drug store, when he came out and threw something like water over them. The next moment they felt their faces burning, and they ran home and told their mother what had happened.

The boys were taken to the Chambers Street Hospital, and the surgeons there said that either vitriol or strong carbolic acid had burned the boys' faces. Sergeant Young then arrested Brasz and he was locked up at the Elizabeth street station house for the night.

He said that for some time past the boys in the neighborhood have annoyed him, but he denied throwing acid on them.

Can Appreciate a Good Wife.

Mary Kelly of 229 East 127th street, who was arrested on Saturday night for stabbing her husband, Michael, was brought before Justice White in the Harlem Police Court yesterday. Michael would not make a complaint against her. It seems that when he got home on Saturday she cooked some eggs for his supper. "Sure, it's eggs I've had for six weeks," he cried, "and it's time we had a change."

She proceeded to give him a change with a club, but he defended himself with a chair. When he went to leave the room she picked up a carving knife and stuck it into his back. Policeman Wheaton found him wandering about with the knife in his back and blood flowing. He was keeping out of the way, he said, until she cooled down.

"I'm a good wife, she is," he said in court, "and I have three small children to take care of. I can't get along without her."

"Well," said Justice White, "I haven't got to live with her. You can take her home."

Mrs. Gunning Escapes from her Attendants.

NORWALK, June 2.—Mrs. Thomas L. Gunning, a niece of Leland Stanford of California, who suddenly went violently insane a few evenings ago and chased the servants out of the house with a stiletto, escaped from those who had her in charge this afternoon, and again assaulted the servants, who fled in terror from the premises. She was afterward returned to her apartments, but not without a violent struggle.

Took the River for Her Bed.

Carata Scelfra, a Bohemian living at 335 East Ninety-third street, walked overboard from the foot of Ninety-sixth street, East River, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. She was rescued by Policeman John Godfrey, and sent to the Presbyterian Hospital. She said she thought she was going to bed when she walked into the river.

Secretary Cook Going to Europe.

Mrs. Cook, the wife of Secretary of State Frederick Cook, and his daughter arrived from Rochester last evening on the 7½ o'clock train, and went to the Gilsey House. Secretary Cook will join them this morning. He has not yet recovered from the severe cold he caught at the naval review, and is going to Europe on Wednesday for a long vacation.

Where Yesterday's Fires Were.

A. M.—9, 363 Bowery, J. White's cigar store, damage $75; 9:35, 128 East Seventy-fourth street, Leo Schlesinger's house, damage slight.

P. M.—10, 170 Irving place, occupied by Samuel Blumer, damage $100; 9:20, 19 Catharine street, occupied by Jarvis Aird, maker of horse collars, damage $40.

Mrs. Maybrick Too Ill to Appear.

LIVERPOOL, June 2.—Mrs. Maybrick, who, it is alleged, poisoned her husband, is so ill that she is unable to appear in court. It is alleged that Mr. Maybrick before his death, wrote to his brother that if his illness proved fatal an autopsy ought to be held.

Sale of Denver Breweries.

DENVER, June 2.—The English syndicate, which for some time past has been buying up American breweries, has succeeded in getting control of Denver's two leading properties. The amount paid is said to be $3,000,000.

Gladstone Won't Visit Us.

LONDON, June 3.—The *Daily News* is requested to announce that owing to causes beyond his power to resist, Mr. Gladstone is unable to visit America.

A Commission Going to Panama.

PARIS, June 2.—At a meeting of 400 Panama Canal shareholders in this city it was decided to send a Commission to Panama immediately to inspect the canal.

Gen. Carr's Condition Improved.

Gen. Joseph B. Carr passed an easier day at the Gilsey House yesterday, the doctors having succeeded in greatly subduing the pain in his right cheek, from which they removed a cancer on Wednesday.

BROOKLYN.

John Renan, aged 64, of 20 Whipple street, while sitting on a grave in Trinity Cemetery yesterday, received a severe bullet wound in his hip from the accidental discharge of a revolver in his hip pocket.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Lord Dufferin is in poor health, and has been ordered to take a complete rest.

The Czar and the Imperial family witnessed the launching of the ironclad Nicholas I. on Saturday.

Emperor Francis Joseph has accepted an invitation to attend the German army manœuvres in the autumn.

AN AMERICAN SALT SYNDICATE.

A Movement to Increase the Profits while Improving the Product.

Wellington R. Burt of Saginaw and Charles F. Burger of Brooklyn, who have been in England for the past few months representing a syndicate of American salt producers, arrived on the Umbria yesterday. Mr. Burt left immediately for Michigan. Mr. Burger said last evening that the movement was initiated by the salt manufacturers, who were tired of doing business at the small profits that have recently accrued to them.

"Salt is cheaper to-day than Coney Island sand," he said. "You can buy a barrel of salt for 75 cents, and a barrel of Coney Island sand will cost you twice that. A ton of coal will bring $5, but you can get a ton of salt for $2. Many of the great manufactories in Syracuse and elsewhere are in the Sheriff's hands.

"The leading producers of the country and many capitalists are interested in this scheme. Among these are Erastus Wiman, Franklin Woodruff, Judge Comstock of Syracuse, and Wellington R. Burt. It is the intention to bring in all the leading produces of the country, and make the company a distinctively American affair. The capital may reach $10,000,000 or $15,000,000. We already have the option of buying up the principal salt manufacturing concerns of the country.

"America, and especially this portion of it, has of late years been a dumping ground for English salt. The new company, while largely controlling the American product, will also distribute that of the English manufacturers. In this the consumer will be benefited, for, while the price may remain about the same, the quality will be improved. It has become the custom among many wholesale dealers to put a brand of their own upon common salt and sell a two-cent bag for five cents.

Under the new régime this will be stopped. The company will put its own brand upon its product and will be careful to make a pure article. At the same time it will be free to handle the product of other manufacturers who do not come into the concern.

"One of the chief advantages to manufacturers will be the dispensing with a large army of clerks and superintendents."

Mr. Burger would not state explicitly the exact nature of his mission to England. He said that the company would be a distinctively American concern, although English investors would not be debarred from coming in. The English Salt Union had been very prosperous, and yet the price of salt in England had not been increased. To the question as to whether the movement did not mean an immense syndicate of both English and American capitalists to control the manufacture and output of salt in the two countries, Mr. Burger replied that it was a distinctively American concern.

A NEW AFRICAN ENTERPRISE.

Trading Stations to be Established from Cape Colony North to the Big Lakes.

LONDON, June 2.—H. H. Johnston, the African explorer, who returned recently from Cameroons, where he has been British Consul, started yesterday for Mozambique, and will ascend to Zambesi. He goes in the interest of the New South African Company, which has been organized on the lines of the East African Company that secured a charter a year ago.

The company has petitioned the Government for a charter which will enable it to assume the government of and establish trading stations through the Bechuana and Matabele countries, which are now under the protection of Great Britain. It is supposed that Mr. Selous, the great African hunter and explorer, who has just left England, returns to Africa in the service of the same company.

There is no doubt that a charter will be granted to the company. The Government and the press, notably the *Times*, endorse the opinion of Sir Hercules Robinson, late Governor of Cape Colony, that the "high, healthy, central plateau north of Cape Colony is the best gateway to the interior of South and Central Africa." Money has already been secured to extend the Kimberley Railroad to Zambesi, and, it is said, a member of the Government will be the first Chairman of the company.

It is the ultimate purpose to extend a chain of stations north of the Zambesi through the elevated copper mining region of Katanga to Lake Tanganyika, in a part of which region the missionary Arnot has already acquired considerable influence. The purpose of Messrs. Johnston and Selous is supposed to be to make treaties with the native chiefs and forestall any attempt by Portugal to secure a prior claim to the region north of the Zambesi.

WANTS A POOR YOUNG WIFE.

She Must be About 16—Red Hair Preferred—Philadelphia Can't Fill the Bill.

This time it is a Philadelphian who wants a wife from Castle Garden, and he is apparently too bashful to even write for one directly. Superintendent Simpson got this letter a day or two ago:

DEAR SIR: Having a young friend desirous of being married, but as none of the young ladies of this section can fill the bill, I have advised him to apply to you for one, and he has asked me to write to you to see if there are any poor immigrants who would like a good home and would value a good, kind, indulgent husband. Description of lady: Age, about 16; fair auburn or red hair, moderately stout; nationality, Irish or Norwegian.

His is as follows: Age, 28; height, 5 feet 7 inches; stout; fair; very prepossessing; very fond of all in this world's goods. I enclose stamped and addressed envelope for reply. I am for him, yours truly,

J. H. MILES.

Send reply to me; I will hand it to him.
2357 FOURTH STREET, Philadelphia.

"I believe in protecting home industries," said Mr. Simpson. "and I haven't overheated myself in the search for a wife for him."

The Season Opened at Bar Harbor.

From the Lewiston Journal.

On the piazza of a Bar Harbor cottage two young people found themselves one evening seated upon a garden bench, near a window at the corner of the house. It was a bright moonlight evening, and happening to look in at the window the gentleman spied across the room through another window on the opposite side another couple sitting on the piazza with their arms lovingly entwined and evidently wrapped in sweet oblivion to all things mundane. Whispering softly to his companion, he cautiously stole to the corner and looked round, but the couple had gone. Returning to his seat he was astounded on looking through the window again, to behold the same couple in the same attitude. Waiting a few minutes, but still keeping their eyes on the strange couple and noting their manœuvres, they planned that they should both jump sudden