COURT HELD UP 13 CLUBS.

RAINES LAW CAUSES A RUSH FOR INCORPORATION.

Notaries Manufacturing Clubs—200 More Applications Before Justice Beekman—Rejected Ones Did Not State Definitely the Purposes of the Incorporation.

There was a check yesterday to the wholesale incorporation of clubs formed to evade the Raines law when Justice Beekman of the Supreme Court threw out a batch of incorporation papers, holding up just thirteen incipient clubs. The Judge has about 150 more applications for incorporation left over from last week, on which he has reserved decision, and about fifty applications came in yesterday, which he also set aside for further consideration.

These figures give an idea of the astonishing work of incorporation that has been going on since about the beginning of July, when, under the advice of counsel, clubs were formed to evade the Raines law as a matter of fact, although the purposes of organization were usually stated to be social. The early clubs were incorporated by lawyers, but subsequently a notary public secured a large amount of this business at the rate of $15 each. The scheme was quite simple. Certificates for incorporation, which any one can obtain from the law blank publishers and any one can fill in, are endorsed in duplicate by a Justice of the Supreme Court, and one copy is filed with the County Clerk and another with the Secretary of State. Most of the saloon keepers of the city have been solicited to take part in the organization of such clubs so that they could sell on Sundays or sell without a tax certificate. Although it is said that only an attorney has the right to present the blanks to the court the business has passed out of the control of attorneys. The reporter examined many of these papers yesterday and found no name on the back where an attorney's name usually appears on law papers. But the signing of such papers has usually been perfunctory on the part of the Judge, as there has heretofore been no reason to suspect that the clubs had any other than normal purposes.

A great impetus to the incorporations came about as the result of the test case against Frank Schultz, whose saloon is at 114 East Third street. In the large meeting room back of his saloon the East Side Imperial Club had established quarters soon after its incorporation on July 16 last. The club started in with eighty-four members, chiefly people engaged on the stage and in the orchestras. The large doors connecting with the saloon were closed on Saturday nights at midnight, and a large ice box full of liquors was put in the club room. The club appointed a steward, under whose direction beer flowed profusely to the music of the happy club members on Sundays. The Raines law people got after Schultz, holding that the meeting room was, in law, part of the saloon premises and that Schultz had been guilty of unlawful exposure of liquors. When arraigned before Magistrate Flammer he was discharged, the Judge holding that he was not responsible for the conduct of the club members as the meeting room was as distinct from the saloon as if it had been up stairs. An effort was then made to indict Schultz, but the Grand Jury refused to indict. Since that decision the membership of the club has increased to 160.

In calling a halt to the free and easy work of incorporation yesterday Justice Beekman raised only technical objections. It would have been impossible for him to say anything against the good faith of the applications from anything which appears in the papers presented to him. It may have been that some of the clubs whose applications he threw out were not intended to help out Sunday thirsts, but he has made new points for incorporating. Concerning applications which merely put the purpose of the club as "social," "social amusement," "social and literary" the Judge says the statement of the purpose is too indefinite, and fails to disclose a reason for incorporation or a purpose that could not be secured without incorporation. He makes the same statement about the application of the "Pindar Club of New York city," whose purposes were lengthened into "to promote the social and literary aspirations of its members."

The Liberty Bowling Club of New York city and the Calumet Social and Bowling Club each wanted to be incorporated for "social intercourse and the enjoyment of bowling," but the Judge says he cannot see in the papers any reason for incorporating them, and can suppose none unless the club intends to construct or lease a bowling alley. The application of the Tautog Fishing Club put it this way: "For the enjoyment of piscatorial sport." The Judge says "it is too indefinite, and fails to suggest any reason why a corporation should be formed."

Five men signed each application of incorporation. The applications thrown out yesterday were: the Lohengrin Social Club, Charles E. Corbett Association, the Chiarafterus Social Club, Calumet Social and Bowling Club, Louis H. Bold Association, Maryland Club, John Lankman Social Club, Thomas Pettruccio Association, Tautog Fishing Club, Pindar Club, Raines Law Social Club, Liberty Bowling Club, and the Teneriffe Club.

When Justice Beekman was seen, subsequently, he said in substance: "I am bound to sign the articles of incorporation if they comply with the law, but I am required to see that the purposes of the incorporation are definitely stated. While formerly we would probably average one application of this sort in a day we now have ten, twenty, and thirty applications and I am looking more carefully into the papers submitted."

On being asked if he understood that a large part of the applications were made to evade the Raines law, he said:

"I have no right to surmise that."

DR. JOHN M. HOLT'S MARRIAGE.

It Took Place Over Two Years Ago, but Has Only Just Been Announced.

BESWICK—Suddenly, after a brief illness, James, husband of Phebe Beswick, aged 56 years. Funeral services on Tuesday, at 2 P. M., at Central M. E. Church, South Fifth st. and Driggs av.

HOLT—BESWICK—At Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, by Rev. Nelson R. Ross, on July 16, 1894, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Beswick, to Dr. John Milton Holt, of 145 Willoughby st.

These notices appeared yesterday in a Brooklyn paper. Mr. Beswick died on Sunday at his home in Grant avenue, Cypress Hills, in his 56th year. He was a steward in the Central M. E. Church, from which he is to be buried this afternoon.

Dr. John Milton Holt of 145 Willoughby street, the son-in-law of the deceased, gave this explanation yesterday of the belated marriage notice:

"On July 3, 1894, while I was still a student in the Long Island College Hospital, Mr. Beswick's eldest son died suddenly in California. Miss Beswick and I were engaged at the time, and in order to somewhat assuage her grief and divert her mind from her brother's death, I proposed that we should be quietly married, although we had previously no intention of doing so for several years. Miss Beswick and her parents agreed, and we were quietly married. We did not, however, begin housekeeping until a week ago, when we decided to make our marriage public. As it had been decided to announce the marriage in the papers to-day, we thought any further delay might be unfavorably commented on."

CIGARMAKER KILLS HIMSELF.

Isidro Arguelles Lost $10,000 a Year for Over Seven Years.

Isidro Arguelles, 55 years of age, a Spanish cigar manufacturer, of 87 Third place, Brooklyn, committed suicide shortly before 10 o'clock yesterday morning at his place of business, on the second floor at 118 Maiden lane, by shooting himself through the right temple with a 22-calibre revolver.

An internal revenue inspector, who went to Arguelles's factory shortly after that hour to inspect the books, found the cigarmaker lying on his back on the floor, his head in a pool of blood and the revolver with which he ended his life at the further end of the room.

Soon after the body had been found the dead man's oldest daughter called at the place to enquire about her father, who, she told Acting Captain Brennan, had not been home since Saturday. On being told of her father's suicide she fainted, and was carried to a near-by drug store. After she had been revived she said that her father had lost over $75,000 in the past seven years, and that for the past few months he had not worked his factory at all.

This was substantiated by the fact that not a leaf of tobacco was found in the factory, and the various articles used in the manufacturing of cigars were covered with dust.

Parcels Post to Honduras.

Postmaster Dayton announces that a parcels post convention has been concluded between this country and the republic of Honduras, which goes into effect immediately. Parcels post packages for destinations in the republic of Honduras will be admitted to the mails hereafter made up and despatched from the Post Offices of New York, San Francisco, and New Orleans for the Post Offices of Tegucigalpa, Puerto Cortez, Amapala, and Trujillo. The postage rates and conditions are the same as those governing the parcels post exchange with British Guiana.

More Brooklyn Scorchers Punished.

There were thirteen wheelmen before Police Justice Steers in the Grant Street Court in Brooklyn yesterday charged with Sunday scorching on the Ocean Parkway, and in each case a five-dollar fine was imposed.

SAYS A CLERK REDUCED THE BAIL.

A Story Told to the District Attorney Which Magistrate Flammer Explodes.

Clarence H. Gibson of 1,405 Fulton street, Brooklyn, who said he was formerly in the secret service and is now in the theatrical business, went to the District Attorney's office yesterday and said he wanted the Grand Jury to investigate a case of alleged corruption in the Yorkville Police Court. It turned out to be one of Professional Bondsman Leopold Herschkowitz's cases. Gibson saw Assistant District Attorney Battle. He said that two weeks ago he was visiting Grace Huntington, an actress, at her flat at 501 Western Boulevard. Thieves had made three different visits to Miss Huntington's flat. Twice they were successful, and robbed her of considerable money and jewelry. While he was talking to Miss Huntington there was a ring at the door bell, and he told Miss Huntington not to answer the bell. Soon they heard somebody trying to pry open the door, and finally the intruder succeeded in doing so and entered the flat. Gibson says he covered the housebreaker with his revolver and took him prisoner. He turned him over to Policeman Jones of the bicycle squad, who took him to the East Sixty-seventh street station.

There the prisoner was identified as Thomas Clark, also known as Corcoran, Larkin, and Lewis. Clark is an old house sneak, whose number is 93 in the Rogues' Gallery, and who has served seventeen years in State prison. Gibson said that when Clark was arraigned before Magistrate Flammer he was held in $1,000 bail for examination on Tuesday last. Gibson went to court on Tuesday, and learned that Clark had jumped his bail. Gibson says he was astonished to learn that Clark had been released in $500 bail. He declares that he heard the Magistrate say distinctly that the bail was to be fixed at $1,000. Gibson said he had witnesses to prove this. Clark was bailed by Herschkowitz, who was arrested on Saturday. Gibson says Clark paid $10 for the bond.

At the Yorkville Court yesterday Magistrate Flammer said that there was no ground for Gibson's charge against Clerk Nugent. He said the papers in the case showed that Clark was held in $500 bail, and he remembered having fixed that amount. He might have mentioned $1,000, but the record of the amount of bail on the complaint governed the case and showed what his intention was. Clerk Nugent said he had the notes in shorthand of the preliminary arraignment, and nothing was mentioned about $1,000 bail in the course of the examination. He said that Gibson was a very excitable man, and, for a secret service detective, was very unfamiliar with police court work.

Gibson's charges will be presented to the Grand Jury to-day.

Another case in which Herschkowitz had acted as bondsman was that of Harry J. Diamond, 23 years old, a bookbinder, of 183 Orchard street, who was arrested on Aug. 15 charged with assaulting Samuel Ross of 214 East Seventy-third street with a cane. He was indicted for assault in the first degree, and bailed in $1,000 by Herschkowitz. A bench warrant was issued for Diamond when it was learned how Herschkowitz was working the bail bond business, and yesterday Diamond was rearrested and committed to the Tombs.

BROOKLYN TROLLEY ACCIDENTS.

A City Dirt Cart Driver and Two Boys Will Probably Die.

James Murphy, 45 years old, a driver for the Street Cleaning Department of Brooklyn, received probably fatal injuries last night at Johnson avenue and Bogart street, in a collision with a Canarsie car of the Nassau electric road. Frederick Hedesheimer of 274 Bushwick avenue, who was on the front seat of the car, was thrown off and his left leg was broken. Both were taken to St. Catherine's Hospital.

The car was in charge of Motorman Thomas Berry and was going to the ferry terminus at Broadway and Kent avenue. Murphy, on his dirt cart, was on the track facing the approaching car. He turned his horse toward the opposite tracks. When half way across he stopped short and the collision occurred. The wagon was thrown forward for several yards, while Murphy fell directly in front of the car. He was dragged under the fender and pinned down by the flange of a front wheel. The car ran off the track and Hedesheimer, a passenger, was thrown to the pavement. The car had to be lifted before Murphy could be extricated. He was unconscious. Surgeon Keegan of St. Catherine's Hospital found that Murphy's right side was crushed and that he had also received internal injuries. At the hospital it was said late last night that he would probably die. His home is at 224 North Eighth street.

Berry was arrested for criminal negligence and locked up. Travel was delayed for more than half an hour.

Two other trolley accidents, both of which are likely to result fatally, occurred yesterday in Brooklyn. The victims in both cases were seven-year-old Thomas Hogan of 206 Johnson avenue and eleven-year-old Charles Philipson of 275 Eighth street.

The Hogan boy was struck by a Myrtle avenue car and his skull was fractured. He was taken to the Homœopathic Hospital. Young Philipson, in jumping from a Ninth street car, was struck by a car going in an opposite direction, and also received a fracture of the skull. There were half a dozen minor trolley accidents also.

HE MAY KNOW POPE'S MURDERERS

An Arrest in Mount Vernon that Recalls the Hold-up in Walter's Saloon.

MOUNT VERNON, Sept. 14.—The police tonight arrested a man who, they believe, knows something about the murder of John Pope, who was shot by masked men, supposed to be cowboys, in Walter Bros.' saloon at Brown place and the Southern Boulevard, New York, about a year ago. The man says he is Louis Hyers, a tile setter, 37 years old, of Twelfth avenue, this city. He is accused of stealing a horse and wagon on Thursday night.

Hyer and a friend were overheard talking in Joseph Bernard's saloon at Thirteenth avenue and White Plains road on Friday evening. The friend, it is alleged, accused Hyer of having taken part in the murder. Hyer denied it.

He asserts that he was in Sing Sing when the murder was committed and got out on March 26. He says he was sent to Sing Sing for three years for burglary and subsequently pardoned. He was arrested last week in Wakefield on a charge of pocket picking, but was discharged for lack of evidence.

Capt. Creeden of the Morrisania station, who knew the police were looking for Hyer for larceny, had a conference with Chief Foley to-day. He says he thinks he can connect Hyer directly with a recent murder in his precinct.

BROOKLYN BUDGET CLIPPED.

The Civil Service Commission Wanted $15,000, but Gets Only $5,000.

The special committee of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen which is revising the budget yesterday lopped off about $15,000 from the appropriations allowed by the Board of Estimate. Although President Orr of the Civil Service Commission appeared before the committee and pleaded hard for the $15,000 asked by the Commission, only $5,000 was allowed. It came out at the hearing that at a recent civil service examination for park policeman $350 was expended, although only six appointments had to be made.

The committee wiped out altogether the proposed $75,000 appropriation for new electric lights and the $20,000 asked by Health Commissioner Emery to enforce the law in regard to the employment of women and children in mercantile establishments.

MRS. MEYERS'S MURDER.

A Coroner's Jury Does Not Find Her Indicted Husband Guilty.

Samuel Meyers, who was indicted for murder in the first degree for the alleged strangling of his common-law wife, Anna, was called to plead before Judge Fitzgerald, in Part I., General Sessions, shortly before noon yesterday. Anna Meyers was found strangled to death on the morning of Sept. 2 in her rooms at 202 East Twenty-ninth street. As Meyers repudiated two lawyers who appeared for him, the Judge remanded him until he could get counsel.

The prisoner was then taken to the Coroner's office to attend the inquest in the death of Anna Meyers.

After hearing all the evidence that the police had been able to collect against Meyers, the Coroner's jury decided that his reputed wife's death was due to strangulation by some unknown person.

Brockholst Cutting's Funeral.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 14.—The funeral of F. Brockholst Cutting took place at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church this forenoon, and the remains were then taken to the station, where they were placed on a special car, which will go from Providence to New York. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Grace officiated, attended by his two assistants. The bearers were Prescott Lawrence, O. H. P. Belmont, Thomas Howard, Woodbury Kane, Duncan Elliott, W. R. Travers, Royal Phelps Carroll, F. D. Morgan, Winthrop Rutherford, F. O. Beach, and R. L. Cottenett.

Rev. Dr. Brewster May Succeed the Late Bishop Coxe.

It was announced yesterday that the Rev. Dr. Chauncey B. Brewster, rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, would probably be chosen as the successor of the late Bishop Coxe of the diocese of western New York. The Diocesan Convention is to be held in Buffalo at the close of the month. Dr. Brewster has been rector of Grace Church over ten years.

BIG DRY GOODS FAILURE.

COFFIN, ALTEMUS & CO. OF PHILADELPHIA STOP.

Liabilities Put at a Million—Assets Large—Unable to Sell Their Paper or Market Their Real Estate in Order to Meet Obligations—An Old Commission House.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14.—Coffin, Altemus & Co., leading dry goods commission merchants of this city, made an assignment to-day to John Lowber Welsh. No statement of assets or liabilities can yet be obtained. The firm is rated at $1,000,000 by the commercial agencies and its credit is marked "A." The following announcement was issued this morning by the firm:

"Messrs. Coffin, Altemus & Co. regret to inform their friends and creditors that owing to the impossibility of securing funds through the ordinary channels by the discounting of their commercial paper and the fact that the large holdings of real estate held by members of the firm cannot be speedily converted into money, they have found it necessary to make a general assignment to Mr. John Lowber Welsh for the benefit of creditors as the best means of protecting their assets and realizing the best results for their creditors.

"COFFIN, ALTEMUS & CO."

The firm's acceptances are, it is said, held by Eastern banks and mostly in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. J. B. Altemus, the senior partner, was one of the largest holders of Philadelphia traction, and it is understood that the sale of his shares in the market was one of the causes of the recent depression in that company's stock. The formal assignment was recorded shortly after noon to-day. The assignment includes that of the New York house at 79 and 81 Worth street and also Joseph B. Altemus and his wife, Martha C. Altemus, individually. The deed is dated to-day and conveys no real estate.

Coffin, Altemus & Co. is purely a commission house. Should the large patrons of the house continue with it the business will be carried on. The firm sold out its full line of prints by auction some time ago, and the present stock is very light. Mr. Altemus is a large landholder. One very valuable property in this city would have prevented the failure could it have been marketed in time. He has several other valuable properties that will swell the assets considerably. Among these is the Devon Inn, on the Pennsylvania Railroad main line, several miles from the city, and other real estate in that region. The property at Devon consists of from 200 to 300 acres, and is valued at from $1,000 to $3,000 an acre.

Joseph B. Altemus, Edward A. Treat, Everett H. Converse, Thomas B. Martin, and Edward J. Tiel are the partners. They were all in Philadelphia yesterday, where they signed the deed of assignment. Messrs. Altemus and Tiel reside in that city. Mr. Treat in New York city, and Messrs. Converse and Martin in Brooklyn. The business is long established, was originally Dungan, Welling & Co., then Charles L. Welling, Welling, Coffin & Co., Coffin & Altemus, and has been under the present style since 1877. It occupied a prominent place in the commission dry goods trade for many years, its sales formerly amounting to $6,000,000 or $7,000,000 a year. Lemuel Coffin, the senior partner, died on Jan. 3, 1894, leaving a personal estate appraised at $473,000, of which $305,622 was given as his interest in the firm. The partnership was to expire on Dec. 31, 1896, and after Mr. Coffin's death it was stated that his estate was liable for the business up to the expiration of the partnership. The capital of the firm employed in the business was reported to be more than $1,000,000, and Mr. Altemus was reputed to be worth from $1,000,000 to $1,500,000.

The failure of the firm caused much surprise in the dry-goods trade here, and merchants were at a loss to account for it. It was thought that the cause would be found outside of the commission and manufacturing business. The firm is a large holder of real estate which could not be realized upon in a hurry to meet obligations coming due. It was the agent for many mills throughout the country, and required a good deal of capital to make advances to these mills. It is positively stated that these advances were not a cause of the failure as the firm was conservative and would not advance more than two-thirds of the value of goods consigned. How the mills for which the firm was agent will be affected will depend, it is said, on how much the firm owes them, but most of the mills are regarded as able to take care of their own affairs. Among them are S. H. Green & Sons, Washington prints, Riverpoint, R. I.; Allendale mills, Centreville mills, Forestdale Manufacturing Company, Hamlet mills, Glasgow mills, Manhansett mills, Morse mills, Powhatan mills, Williamsville mills, Slater Cotton Company, Harris, Harris, Philadelphia; Atlanta mills, Atlanta, Ga.; Exposition mills, Atlanta; Crown mills, Dalton, Ga.; Tryon Mills, Tryon, Ga., and Natchez Cotton Mills, Natchez, Miss. The financial part of the business was done in Philadelphia, while the bulk of the selling was done in this city. The firm has very few goods on hand here now. It recently had a big clean-up sale. Its recent auction sale of Washington prints was regarded as very successful. Five thousand cases of goods were disposed of, but they were sold on sixty days' time. No estimate of the liabilities could be obtained at the office here. In the trade no figures had been obtained from Philadelphia, but it was thought they would exceed $1,000,000, and the assets would be in excess of the liabilities.

LOCAL BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Union Bottling Company Fails—Paper Manufacturing Firm to Reorganize.

Laurens Geuken and Peter P. Krummelch, doing business as the Union Bottling Company at 513 to 519 West Twenty-fifth street, made an assignment yesterday to James Graham, giving a preference for $3,100 to Cornelia Geuken of Rotterdam, Holland, for borrowed money. The business has been established more than fifty years. It has suffered from the hard times and the Raines law, and collections have been very slow. The liabilities are said to be about $40,000 and the nominal assets $54,000, a large part of which consists of their plant.

Anton Auer, jobber in builders' and cabinet hardware at 865 Third avenue, made an assignment yesterday to Chas. Hess, giving a preference to Emma Auer for $800.

Wilkinson Bros. & Co., paper manufacturers, of Shelton, Conn., whose offices are in this city at 419 and 421 Broome street, will, it is said, call their creditors together and present a plan of reorganization of the business and the formation of a stock company to continue it. The house was established in 1842. The statement for Jan. 1, 1896, showed assests of about $500,000 and liabilities $300,000. Of the assets about $340,000 was in the mills of Shelton.

John H. Tissot, Jr., general contractor and dealer in rubber goods and supplies at 111 Duane street, made an assignment yesterday to John M. Ruck. Mr. Tissot and John L. Schultz, dealers in rubber goods, under the style of the Sterling Rubber Company at the same place, also made an assignment to Mr. Ruck.

Frank Kuhn has been appointed receiver in supplementary proceedings for Samuel A. Thompson, liquor dealer, on the application of George Ringler & Co., brewers.

The Sheriff received an execution for $3,395 against Michael J. Lynam, liquor dealer, of 749 Amsterdam avenue, in favor of Jacob Ruppert, for balance due on a chattel mortgage and for lager beer.

The Sheriff has received two more attachments against the New York Straw Board Company of 65 Crosby street, one for $1,847 in favor of John W. Daniels and the other for $590 in favor of G. Lindenmeyer. A writ of replevin was also received from the Standard Straw Board Company for $1,040 against Edward A. Daly, to whom the New York Straw Board Company gave a bill of sale a few days ago. Mr. Daly, it is said, died on Sunday.

Executions for $3,454 were issued to the Sheriff yesterday by Goldsmith & Doherty against Klotz, Veit & Co. and Gustav Veit, successor, wholesale dealers in tailors' trimmings at 639 Broadway. The executions are in favor of Henry B. Metcalf. The firm dissolved on April 2 last, J. S. Klotz retiring. Goldsmith & Doherty say that Gustav Veit, the successor, recently gave a bill of sale to his father-in-law, Joseph B. Mayer of Buffalo. They estimate the liabilities at $55,000. Davis & Kaufman have also taken execution against Klotz, Veit & Co. for $458 in favor of Robert Gair & Co.

OTHER FAILURES.

Embarrassment of Companies and Firms for Various Reasons.

LINCOLN, Ill., Sept. 14.—The Lincoln Water, Light and Power Company, operator of the local water works, gas, and electric light plant, owned by F. M. Mills and A. H. Goode, had entered against it on Saturday judgment by confession for $21,000. The plants are valued at $450,000, and are carrying a bonded indebtedness of $210,000, and floating bills for $55,000. Scarcity of money and inability to procure loans led to the embarrassment. The gas plant was surrendered to Judge Foley to secure a claim of $10,000.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 14. Cullen & Newman, extensive china and glassware importers, assigned to-day. Liabilities are a quarter of a million dollars, with no preferences. Arbuckle Bros. are the largest creditors, having a claim of $30,000. Amount of assets unknown, but the firm will probably have enough to pay in full.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 14.—A. F. & L. F. Kelly, real estate and mortgage loan brokers, made an assignment to-day. Their liabilities are estimated at from $100,000 to $150,000. Assets unknown.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 14.—Judge Bunn of the United States District Court heard to-day the application for the appointment of a receiver of the Land, River and Improvement Company of Superior. The receiver is asked for on bills in equity filed by David H. Pierson of New York and Charles N. Brown of Madison, alleging an indebtedness of about $55,000. The bills allege that the company owes upward of $3,000,000.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Sept. 14.—To-day the H. H. Lane Manufacturing Company, makers of Juniata bicycles, made an assignment with liabilities at $8,000 and assets at $5,000. John R. Flenner was appointed assignee.

A TAILOR ROBBED BY HIS SON.

Fifty Pairs of Trousers Missed at Once—Thefts May Reach $4,000.

When Henry Schwartzman, 23 years old, of 1,954 Third avenue, was arrested a few months ago for having stolen a pocketbook from a woman, who was driving in an open carriage in Third avenue, his father and the entire family exerted all their influence to keep him from going to prison. Restitution was made, and, in consideration of the fact that it was his first offence, and on his promise to reform and the promises of his relatives to keep him reformed, he was set free. Young Schwartzman has no occupation, and his father, Charles Schwartzman, who keeps a tailor shop at 1,968 Third avenue has not been able to keep him supplied with money enough to travel the pace which his fast companions set for him. The elder Schwartzman for several months past has noticed that his stock was being rapidly depleted without any apparent return for it. Recently he missed fifty pairs of trousers, and yesterday morning he called at Police Headquarters and complained to Acting Inspector Thompson. The latter detailed Policemen Galvin and McCrory of his staff to investigate.

They learned from some of young Schwartzman's companions that he was spending money quite freely, and that several young men were helping him do it. They caught two of his cronies, John Gardner, 17 years old, of 1,486 Park avenue, and William Welle, 19 years old, of 351 East Sixty-second street, who admitted they had helped Schwartzman dispose of clothing which he had stolen from his father's store. They were locked up in the East 104th street station, and last evening the detectives caught young Schwartzman and another of his companions, George McGloin, 20 years, of 62 East 103d street, and locked them up, too.

It was learned that Schwartzman and his confederates entered his father's store an night by means of false keys and helped themselves. The elder Schartzman says that his loss from the thefts will reach nearly $4,000. All four prisoners will be arraigned in the Harlem Police Court to-day.

LI HUNG CHANG SAILS FOR HOME.

Many Deputations Visit the Great Chinese in the Forenoon.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 14.—Li Hung Chang sailed on the Empress of China for home to-day. The Viceroy arose early this morning, having appointed 8 o'clock as the hour to begin to receive deputations, and from that time until noon he was occupied in giving audiences to the Board of Trade, the City Council, the councils of various consuls resident at Vancouver, and the Lieutenant-Governor of the province.

In reply to the Board of Trade address, which was formulated with a view to promote trade between China and British Columbia, he replied that no doubt an impetus would be given to the timber trade between the two countries, as China would require much timber in the construction of railroads and other contemplated improvements.

In receiving the civic deputation his chief concern was to learn what remuneration the Mayor and other officials received for their services. This question was asked with his customary naive frankness.

The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, as the representative of the Queen, was received with distinction, and when he retired the Viceroy accompanied him to the stairway of the saloon. The Empress of China sailed at 2:30 P. M., amid a fusillade of Chinese artillery, rockets, and firecrackers and the booming of cannon from H. M. S. Comus.

Li Hung Chang's Message to Brooklyn.

This message was received on Sunday night at the City Hall:

"VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 13, 1896.

"*To the Committee of Union League Club, Brooklyn:*

"Before embarking for China I send you greeting and bid you good-bye.

"LI HUNG CHANG."

REV. MR. RIDDAGH'S RESIGNATION.

It Proved a Surprise to His Brooklyn Congregation.

The Rev. Samuel Riddagh, pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church in Prospect place, Brooklyn, surprised his congregation on Sunday by tendering his resignation, to take effect at the close of the week. It is the first intimation the congregation received of his intention to quit the church, and at the close of the services several members asked for an explanation. He simply replied that he felt he could do more good in some other ministerial field. It is said that a controversy in the church over the proposed introduction of instrumental music is the cause of the pastor's resignation. The Rev. Mr. Riddagh took charge of the Prospect place church ten months ago, directly after his ordination.

FIVE TAKE FINAL VOWS.

Sister of a Protestant Minister Joins a Catholic Order.

Miss Emma Greene, Miss Nellie Golden, Miss Cora Bostick, Miss Mary Maloney, and Miss Elizabeth O'Reilly yesterday made their final vows as members of the Sisterhood of the Precious Blood in Putnam avenue, Brooklyn. Bishop McDonnell presided at the services. Miss Mabel Hoyt was also received into the order as a postulant and received the name of Sister Mary of the Holy Trinity. Miss Hoyt is a convert to the Catholic faith and a sister of the Rev. Dr. George Hoyt, a Protestant minister of Brooklyn.

BOYS GO ON STRIKE.

Their Act May Lead to a Shut Down of E. S. Higgins & Co.'s Carpet Factory.

A strike of fifty boys at the carpet factory of E. S. Higgins & Co., foot of West Forty-third street, yesterday threw about 150 men, boys, and women out of work, and if persisted in may lead to a shut down, which will throw idle in all 1,200 men and women. The strike, it is admitted on both sides, was brought about by a ten per cent. reduction of wages on account of slackness of work. The strikers, who are unorganized, held a meeting yesterday and talked of trying to get the weavers to go on a sympathetic strike.

Cable—Wheeler.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Sept. 14.—Hiram Stickney Cable, son of President R. R. Cable of the Rock Island Railroad, Chicago, and Miss Marion, daughter of Major and Mrs. J. B. Wheeler of New York city, were married here this afternoon. The Rev. David Utter of Unity Church, Denver, officiated.

Two hundred and fifty guests were present, including President Cable and a party of Chicagoans in a special car. Mr. and Mrs. Cable will be at home in Rock Island after a short tour of Colorado.

Asphalt at the Railroad's Cost.

The Second Avenue Railroad Company having refused to asphalt First avenue between its tracks in compliance with Commissioner Collis's order, the city began the work yesterday, and the company will be sued for the cost.

For Pipe and Cigarette
2 OZ. Sack 10 Cents.
Cigarette paper with each 2 oz. sack.

BIDS FOR BATTLE SHIPS.

A CLOSE CONTEST BETWEEN FIVE SHIPBUILDING FIRMS.

The Newport News Company, the Cramps, and the Union Iron Works of San Francisco Get One Ship Each—The Bids Low, Considering the Financial Agitation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Remarkably close bidding on departmental plans alone, and low proposals, considering the financial agitation, were the features of the competition closing at the Navy Department to-day for the three new battle ships, the Newport News Company, the Scotts of San Francisco, and the Cramps of Philadelphia winning one ship each from among the five bidders. The Secretary's office was crowded at noon, among those present being Acting Secretary McAdoo, Judge Advocate-General Lemly and his assistant, Lieut. Lauchheimer, who opened the bids; Chief Constructor Hichborn, Engineer-in-Chief Melville, and a large number of naval officers; C. B. Orcutt, President of the Newport News Company; Charles H. and Edwin S. Cramp, Henry T. Scott of San Francisco; Gen. Thomas Hyde of Bath, Me.; John Dialogue, Jr., of Camden, N. J.; Lewis Nixon and M. L. Moore of Elizabethport, N. J.; Admiral Walker, ex-Senator Butler of South Carolina, and the assistants of the competing bidders.

After a certificate from the Washington Postmaster was read at 12:20 P. M., that no mail addressed to the Secretary of the Navy remained in the Post Office at noon, the following bids were opened:

John H. Dialogue & Sons, Camden, N. J., one battle ship for $2,661,000.

Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me., one battle ship for $2,680,000.

Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Va., one battle ship for $2,595,000.

Union Iron Works of San Francisco, one battle ship for $2,674,950.

William Cramps & Sons' Ship and Engine Company, Philadelphia, one battle ship for $2,650,000; two battle ships for $2,650,000 each.

It was noticeable from the opening of the first bid that the prices were extremely low and close, which led one of the leading builders to remark that there was less guessing than in former bidding, as people were now beginning to find out exactly how much such work cost, and besides the condition of business compelled sharp calculations. It was soon apparent that the Newport News Company were the lowest bidders, and that if they had offered to take two ships at the same rate they would have been entitled to them, but the Cramps alone asked for two. It had been expected that all the companies would have tried to have got all three ships, and the question had been presented to the legal authorities as to whether more than two could be given to any bidder. The decision had been reached that such a thing was possible under the law.

At first sight the bid of the Union Iron Works would appear to exceed those of the Cramps and Newport News Company, but a difference in favor of Pacific coast bidders has always been allowed on account of the cost of transporting materials across the continent and to offset the voyage of Atlantic built ships nearly around the world for duty on the Pacific. This has been fixed at 4 per cent., which, for purposes of comparison, brings the Union Iron Works down to $2,598,082, or within $3,952 of the lowest bid and considerably under that of the Cramps.

It was rumored just before the bids were opened that several of them would contain the stipulation that the proposal was made only in case the government would enter into an agreement to pay in gold, but on examination none were found to contain any such clause. All the companies pledged themselves to give bond in a penal sum equal to 10 per cent. of their bid, and each bid was accompanied by certified checks which, when taken in charge by Judge Advocate-General Lemly, were found to aggregate $460,000. In comparison with the prices secured for the battle ships Kearsarge and Kentucky, which are now being built at Newport News for $2,250,000 each, the bids to-day show a slight increase. In explanation of this one of the bidders said to-day:

"The rise in the price of coal alone would account for it. That enters into the cost of manufacture in a sufficient degree to make the slight rise in the average of bids to-day over their mean of those last winter. I think the financial agitation has not been appreciably considered by the bidders. The contracts must be signed in accordance with the law by Oct. 8, and the ships must be finished in three years from that date. No one of the bidders has apparently shown any doubt as to being paid in the same money we shall have to pay in wages or for material. Of course, as almost all prices are depressed, the Government is the sole gainer by the condition of affairs."

Movements of War Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. The flagship Minneapolis left Tangiers this morning for Gibraltar, where only a few hours will be spent to secure mail sent there from the department, and the voyage to Turkish waters will be resumed, with a stop en route at Genoa for stores awaiting her there.

The Bancroft is to leave Staten Island to-morrow to join the Minneapolis and await permission to pass the Dardanelles.

The training ship Essex reached Sag Harbor yesterday, after being at sea since July 29, when she left Funchal. Her arrival relieved some anxiety as to her safety. The cruiser Boston, which lost one of her crew last week through cholera, left Woosung to-day for Chefoo, with all well aboard.

The cruiser Michigan has sailed from Cleveland for Put-in-Bay for a stop on the way and search for a dangerous rock reported uncharted, off Kelly's Island. The Monterey left Victoria, B. C., on Saturday for San Francisco.

MILLIONAIRE PIERSON'S WILL.

It Will Be Contested by a Son Who Was Cut Off with $100.

The will of the late William G. Pierson, who left an estate valued at nearly $1,000,000, was offered for probate yesterday in the Surrogate's office in Brooklyn. The feature of the will is the disinheritance of William B. Pierson, a son of the testator. This is the clause of the will on this point:

My son, William B. Pierson, having been an undutiful son to me in many ways, and it being my desire that he receive nothing from my estate other than one hundred dollars, I therefore give and bequeath unto my said son, William B. Pierson, the sum of one hundred dollars.

There had long been an estrangement between Mr. Pierson and his son, and at the time of the father's death a suit was pending between them over a business misunderstanding. The son has announced his intention to contest the will. The estate is left to James A. Murtha, Sr., and Thomas Conner, the executors, and the extensive manufacturing business in which the deceased was engaged is to continue under the management of Edward Pierson, his father. At the latter's death it is to be disposed of and divided between Martha A. Pierson, the widow, Edward E. Pierson, the son, and W. G. Pierson, the grandson of the testator. The father is to receive a life annuity of $1,200.

Mr. Pierson made his fortune in the manufacture of cement, pipe, and bricks as well as in various kinds of speculations. He was a close personal friend of John L. McKane and was his chief bond-man.

WILL CANADA RETALIATE?

Proposal to Adopt an Alien Labor Law Against this Country.

TORONTO, Sept. 14. The proposal to adopt a Canadian Alien Labor Law, compelling residence in the Dominion of all Americans having employment in this country, and the deportation of all who come here under contract to work unless the Alien Labor law of the United States is abrogated, meets with the general approval of the working classes here, and will in all probability be carried out within the next six months.

Recently a large employer of labor in Canada took a gang of men to work in the lumber camps of Michigan. They were not allowed to remain there, and were all sent back to Canada. The Canadian owner of the timber limit in question at once decided to abandon work on it for the present.

It is expected that the passage of such a law would lead to some understanding between the two countries regarding the passing of skilled workmen and laborers across the line.

A Laborer Killed at Carnegie Hall.

Luigi Bianchetti of 252 West Thirty-second street, a laborer, was killed at 6 o'clock yesterday morning while removing ashes and garbage from the basement of Carnegie Hall to the sidewalk of Fifty-sixth street. The ashes and garbage were lowered on an elevator. He placed so many cans on the elevator that he did not have sufficient room for himself, and when the elevator reached the sidewalk he was crushed against the flagging. His skull was fractured, and he sustained internal injuries which caused almost instant death.

Ex-Fire Chief Perley a Court Messenger.

Commissioner Robert J. Wright has appointed Joseph C. Perley as messenger in the Jefferson Market Court and prison, in the place of William Ryno. Perley is a brother-in-law of Commissioner Wright, and was chief of the old Volunteer Fire Department