DIPLOMAS TO THE CADETS.

THE GRADUATING CEREMONIES AT WEST POINT.

Adjutant-General Ruggles Delivers the Diplomas to the Graduates and Welcomes Them to the Army—The New Cadet Officers—A Brilliant Scene at the Graduating Hop.

WEST POINT, June 11.—All the military exercises connected with the annual June examinations having been completed, including the graduating ceremonies, West Point to-night presents as deserted an appearance as on a dreary day in midwinter. The graduate and furlough classes of cadets are gone, likewise the Board of Visitors, and last, but not least, the handsome and fascinating girls who have haunted the post for the past two weeks are not to be seen.

The weather this morning was as pleasant and summerlike as could be desired, which was hailed with delight by the 5,000 visitors, who were early on the grounds to witness the graduating ceremonies of the class of '97. The exercises were held under a canopy of canvas in front of the library building. In front of the speaker's stand and encircled with ropes were chairs sufficient to accommodate the corps of cadets and about 5,000 guests who had been provided with tickets. Sergeants Fisher and Adelaide, from the battalion of engineers, had a difficult task in keeping the anxious crowd from crawling under the ropes. Upon the platform, besides the speakers, were the Board of Visitors, the Academic Board, and distinguished guests.

At 10:30 o'clock the corps of cadets formed into line in front of their barracks in full dress, and, under command of Lieut. Mills, proceeded to the place designated for the holding of the graduating ceremonies. After a selection by the Military Academy Band the Rev. Herbert Shipman offered prayer. Then followed more music by the band, after which Col. Ernst introduced the Hon. Hugh P. Belknap of Chicago, who represents the Third Illinois district in Congress, and who delivered the address to the graduating class. Then followed more music by the band, after which Col. Ernst introduced Brig.-Gen. George D. Ruggles, Adjutant-General of the United States Army, who delivered the diplomas to the graduates. In introducing Gen. Ruggles, Col. Ernst said:

"Young gentlemen, I congratulate you at receiving your diplomas from such distinguished hands."

Gen. Ruggles prefaced the performance of his duties with some wholesome advice to the graduates. He said:

"YOUNG GENTLEMEN OF THE CLASS OF '97: When the Government a few years ago presented you with appointments to the Military Academy it gave you opportunity beyond your immediate comrades. That you have improved that opportunity is in evidence by your graduating to-day. To the plaudits of your families and your friends the Government adds its congratulations, and the Academy, within a few moments, shall send you forth with her benison, to your corps and to your regiments. Henceforth the country shall give you opportunities. As you shall immediately recognize them, as you shall as quickly appreciate them, as you shall promptly act upon them, so shall you do the State some service, so shall you lay the foundation for your own advancement, so may you write your names in history. Now the moment presses for crowning your academic careers with the diplomas which you have earned in long and stern probation, and of assisting you to change the gray for the blue."

Just before the diplomas were handed down, Col. Ernst, addressing the class, said:

"In the interest of hospitality and of international courtesy, I call first the name of the young foreigner who has been associated with you throughout your course, Francisco Alcantara."

The young Venezuelan has received his instruction at the Academy under a joint resolution of Congress. As he advanced to receive his diploma he was greeted with the heartiest applause. Then, one by one, as their names were called, according to their standing in general merit, the cadets advanced to the platform and received their diplomas from the hands of Gen. Ruggles. As each cadet stepped forward there was clapping of hands from members of the corps. When the names of the more distinguished members of the class, among whom were Cadets Connor, Cheney, Gilbert, Roberts, T. A. McCoy, and Smither, were called, the applause and yells were deafening. When the name of Blake, who stood at the bottom of the class, was called, the greeting was general among the cadets and those seated on the platform.

After the delivery of the diplomas, the band played the "Star-Spangled Banner," and then Chaplain Shipman pronounced the benediction, which ended the exercises. The battalion of cadets then returned and formed into line in front of the barracks, where Cadet Adjutant Cheney read off the newly appointed cadet officers as follows:

Captains of A, B, C, and D Companies, respectively, Cadets Craig, Williams, Boggs, and Henry; Adjutant, Cadet Babcock; Quartermaster, Cadet Davis, P. C.; Lieutenants, Cadets Nesbitt, Brickett, Bell, McCloskey, Kerth, Spinks, Wooten, Jordan, and Stephens; Sergeant-Major, Cadet Woodruff; Quartermaster Sergeant, Cadet Kelly; First Sergeants, Cadets Carter, Jewel, Romeyn, and Hunt; Sergeants, Cadets Kerr, F. B., Weseley, McClure, Trott, Oliver, Stuart, Major, Farrow, Bates, G. S., Simmonds, E. H. Humphrey, Markham, Putnam, Stanton, Peyton, and Cowan; Acting Sergeants, Brown, Fiscus, Gowan, and Ingram.

The battalion was then dismissed, and there was a hurrying and skurrying among those who were too near the past to discard their gray uniforms for civilian dress. After dinner the graduate and furlough class took an afternoon boat for New York to witness the "Girl from Paris" before starting for their homes.

The attendance at the graduating hop last night was the largest that has been witnessed in several years, and it was a brilliant social event.

The two remaining classes, the new first and third, will go into camp to-morrow morning for the summer. The newly appointed candidates for admission to West Point will report on Monday for examination as to their fitness for a cadetship. Postmaster-General Gary and the party comprising the International Postal Congress arrived at West Point from Albany by special train at a late hour this afternoon. A Starin line steamer, the Glen Island, was in waiting for them, and they immediately got aboard and steamed down the river for New York.

EIGHT MASTER SHIPWRIGHTS.

The First Graduates of Webb's of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

The first graduating exercises of Webb's Academy of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering were held at the institution at Fordham Heights yesterday afternoon. Eight students who had completed the course of study included in the curriculum were graduated. They are: George C. Cooke, Louis Eckert, and Clare Nelson of this city; Lionel de Leon of Mount Vernon, Laurens Prior of Jersey City, Arthur J. Coughley of Syracuse, N. Y.; Henry H. Schulze of Cincinnati, and Allen D. Woods of Winona, Minn.

The exercises began with prayer by the Rev. J. S. Hodson. Vice-President Stephenson Taylor delivered an address and presented the prizes. These consisted of standard works on marine architecture. Louis Eckert took the first prize in the first class; Capt. B. C. Tuthill of Centreville, Mich., took first prize in the second class; Charles Winterburn of this city took first prize in the third class, and Allen D. Woods took the first prize for general efficiency in all branches.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer of the Church of the Messiah delivered the oration of the day. Dr. Collyer is a close friend of William H. Webb, the founder of the academy, and is especially interested in its work. He was a blacksmith himself once, and he told the graduates that they could not accomplish anything that would give them better satisfaction than an honest day's work. President Webb distributed the diplomas to the graduates. Louis Eckert was the valedictorian, and the Rev. Dr. Seville delivered the benediction.

The academy is the only private institution in the country devoted to the study of naval architecture and marine engineering. Its foundation was the culmination of the ideas of Mr. Webb, who accumulated a fortune as a ship builder. He desired to provide for young men who showed talent for naval architecture, and whose parents or friends could not afford to pay for a technical education; also to provide a home for aged shipbuilders and engineers and their wives. The academy building was dedicated on May 5, 1894.

The examinations, which closed last week, showed a higher degree of efficiency than is found in general among students of technical subjects. A rule of the academy does not permit the graduation of a student who falls below 75 per cent. in any study, and the record shows that the first graduating class has set a good example by keeping far above the limit. The graduates of the academy will compete for places in the Navy Department as draughtsmen. During the summer the undergraduates are enabled to take trips on the ocean liners, thus familiarizing themselves with their machinery and hulls. Others are taught practical work at various shipyards in the country.

Brown's Class Day Exercises.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 11.—The seniors of Brown University celebrated their class day to-day. The exercises extended throughout the entire day. The class tree was planted on the campus in the afternoon.

The evening was given up to social enjoyment. At midnight the historic march down College Hill began, the undergraduates escorting the seniors to their final class supper. There were the usual fireworks and red fire.

JAMES M. GORDY HANGED.

Declared on the Scaffold That He Was Innocent of His Wife's Murder.

GEORGETOWN, Del., June 11.—At 10:26 o'clock this morning James M. Gordy, the convicted murderer of his wife, formerly Mrs. Mary Lewis of New York, was hanged. He stood upon the scaffold protesting his innocence until the very second the black cap was placed over his head. His last words were:

"Good-by all. The man who has the love of God in his heart need never fear death. I am willing to die."

The drop fell at 10:26, and eleven minutes later he was pronounced dead. Death was due to strangulation. Gordy began preparations for his execution at 9 o'clock. At that hour his brothers Benton and John went to his cell. Gordy embraced each and wept bitterly. Gordy's life-long friend, Robert Short, prayed in his cell, in which he appealed to him to confess the crime. Gordy listened attentively to the prayer, but said nothing. He had devotional exercises conducted by his spiritual advisers, the Revs. Vaughn S. Collins and J. H. Sewell, and then bade farewell to his brothers. He told them he would meet them in heaven.

At 10:10 o'clock the march to the scaffold began. Gordy ascended the scaffold with a firm step. Mr. Sewell offered prayer and then Gordy addressed the jurors and the crowd on the floor of the jail yard. He read a statement which he prepared several days ago. The statement contained a denial of any knowledge of his crime. He even denied the statements of the Rev. W. W. Moir, the Harlem minister, who testified to his marriage with the Lewis woman. He wound up by criticising the Attorney-General, who, he said, did not give him a fair trial. He also scored the newspapers, saying that they told falsehoods about him. Referring to his father, his first wife, and his dead child, he declared that the persons who accused him of murdering them would have to answer to him for their lies on the judgment day.

Gordy's body was cut down at 10:52, and was buried in the Whitesville Cemetery this afternoon. The execution passed off quietly, not the slightest attempt being made to interfere with it. All saloons were closed. Sheriff Johnson was prepared for an emergency, and had thirty muskets stacked in the parlor of his house in the jail, ready for use. He also had forty deputies ready to check any disturbance around the jail. A crowd of about 2,000 surrounded the jail. About 500 people, including the jurors, deputies, and newspaper men, witnessed the execution. It is estimated that more than 5,000 people came to Georgetown to-day because of the hanging. Many were from Maryland and Virginia.

FAINTED ON THE SCAFFOLD.

Wife-Murderer French's Composure Left Him When the Cap Was Drawn Over His Head.

ROCKFORD, Ill., June 11.—James French, the wife murderer, seemed composed as he walked on the scaffold to meet his death to-day, but as the white cap was placed over his head he fainted and fell back into the arms of the deputies, who straightened him up and sprung the trap. French killed his wife on July 19, 1896. The couple had never lived happily together because of his jealousy.

THE WESTCOTT WILL CONTEST.

An Expert Testifies That the Changes Were Made in the Will After Its Execution.

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., June 11.—The attorneys for the prosecution in the Ellerson-Westcott contested will case had an expert in handwriting on the stand in the trial before Judge Forbes to-day. Lawyers Andrus and Tennant, the attorneys for the defence, made desperate efforts to keep the evidence out, on the ground that they were totally unprepared for such an attack on the will and because the complaint did not indicate that such an attack would be made. Judge Forbes allowed the evidence.

Thomas W. Cantwell of Albany was the expert, and he swore that upon close examination of the document he found that in several instances the word "children" was written over an erasure, the erased word being "heirs." The substitution of these words was made in a different ink, and, in his opinion, some time after the execution of the will. In another portion of the will the word "Wononta" had been added in different colored ink.

Several witnesses testified that the testator and Dr. Pope-Westcott often quarrelled. Joseph S. Lunn and Burton H. Morris, witnesses to the will, swore that they witnessed the testator's signature without knowing it was attached to a will. Mr. Lunn also testified that he saw the testator try to give Mrs. Dr. Pope-Westcott an emetic, supposing she had carried out a threat to take chloroform. This was just prior to the making of the will. Mrs. Sextus Morris testified to hearing Mrs. Westcott say: "Why, I had him right under my thumb, and could make him do anything I wished." Mrs. Westcott made the remark referring to her husband and the will.

EZRA F. MERRILL AND THE WIDOW.

A Marriage Promise Mixed Up in Their Litigation Over Rent Bills.

Ezra F. Merrill, the septuagenarian owner of the toboggan slide at Coney Island, who had recently to pay a judgment of $1,000 to Jessie Curry, a widow, for breach of promise of marriage, was the plaintiff in the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn yesterday, in a suit against Mrs. Martha Friedrichs, a widow, the proprietor of the Jefferson House on Surf avenue, Coney Island, to recover $1,113, the amount of two judgments secured against him by Mrs. Barbara Gallagher, the owner of the Jefferson House. Merrill gave security for Mrs. Friedrichs, and when she failed to pay her rent Mrs. Gallagher obtained judgment against him. Mrs. Friedrichs's contention was that the plaintiff became security for her in consideration that she withdraw her suit against him for breach of promise of marriage. Mrs. Friedrichs said that Merrill proposed to her at her boarding house on Sixty-ninth street, this city, on Feb. 9, 1895, and that she accepted him, but that he subsequently refused to make good his promise.

The case was on the short cause calendar, which confines the limit of trials to one hour, and as that time was greatly exceeded, Justice Garretson set the case back to the general calendar.

PREACHER'S ASSAILANT KILLED.

Fatal Negro Camp Meeting Row—Sheriff After the Alleged Murderers.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 11.—Deputy Sheriff Durant of Georgetown has gone to Waverly, a place on the coast fifteen miles by water, where he will summon a posse to arrest a score of negroes charged with murder. The story of the crime reported to the Sheriff is that at a camp meeting the preacher scathingly denounced Wade Jackson, one of his parishioners, for immorality. Jackson immediately went to the pulpit and demanded an apology. The pastor was of the fighting kind, and while the congregation looked on he gave Jackson a sound thrashing.

The pastor resumed his exhortation and Jackson retired, but soon returned with a hatchet and made a dash for the preacher. A dozen razors and knives were uplifted soon and the male part of the congregation fell upon Jackson, encouraged by the women, and he was cut and mutilated so that he died quickly.

"SOPHS" PARADE AT PRINCETON.

Mr. Cleveland Responds to the Cheers of the Class of 1900.

PRINCETON, N. J., June 11.—The members of the class of 1900 at Princeton University celebrated the close of examinations and their first day as sophomores with the time-honored sophomore parade, which was held to-night. Clothed in fantastic costumes of orange and black and headed by a band, they paraded the town shouting, cheering, and singing. Shortly after 9 o'clock the procession moved down Bayard avenue to ex-President Cleveland's home, where three ringing cheers were given. Mr. Cleveland responded by coming out on the front piazza, accompanied by Mrs. Cleveland, and making a short speech. He congratulated the young men on their advancement into the sophomore class and said he wished for them the utmost success in their three years of college life still to come. The close of his speech was the signal for another hearty cheer.

CANADA'S SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

Episcopalians Thought of Adding to the List, but Have Decided Not To.

TORONTO, Ont., June 11.—It was proposed that the Church of England here should establish a system of separate public schools similar to that maintained by the Roman Catholics in Canada, but the scheme has been abandoned for the present. It was demonstrated at the synod, where the matter was discussed to-day, that more than half the Roman Catholic school population of Ontario attended the public schools in preference to their own separate schools, thus showing the partial failure of separate schools.

North Shore Limited—New York Central's morning train to Chicago. Leave Grand Central Station 10:00, arrive Buffalo 8:40 P. M., Chicago next morning at 9:00, by Michigan Central.—Adv.

SCHULZ'S TRIAL CLOSING.

TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN BEHALF AT HIS MURDER TRIAL.

He Denies That He Killed His Wife While She Was Asleep and Says They Had Become Reconciled—Another Son, William, 15 Years Old, Testifies for the Prosecution.

MILFORD, Pa., June 11.—The trial of Herman Paul Schulz for wife murder is nearing the end. The chief interest to-day was the testimony of Willie Schulz, the fifteen-year-old son of the prisoner, who testified against his father, and the testimony of Schulz in his own behalf. When the court opened this morning the skull of Mrs. Schulz was produced in court by Dr. Wenner of Milford, who was the principal surgeon in the autopsy.

The skull showed the bullet hole in the right temple and where the ball had lodged on the opposite side of the skull behind the left ear. Many hypothetical questions were submitted to the witness but were ruled out. The doctor said on cross-examination that death was probably instantaneous and that she might have committed suicide. The autopsy was not performed until ten days after burial and powder marks could not be detected then. The exhibition of the skull of his wife produced no effect on the prisoner.

Willie Schulz was the third son to testify against his father. He was cool and intelligent. He resides in New York city with his brother Charles. He corroborated the testimony of the latter regarding the abuse, ill-treatment, and threats to kill his mother by his father. His father usually had two hip pockets in his trousers. In one he carried a revolver and in the other a razor. He heard his father say to his mother one day:

"I have no further use for you, and some day I will put you out of the way."

On cross-examination, Attorneys Van Etten and Kipp for the defence accused the lad of lying, and tried to break down his testimony, but failed. The witness said the first he knew of his mother's death was after her burial and his father's return to the city.

"I found father was crying some, and Charles bitterly. I asked 'What is the matter?' Father said: 'Your mother is dead; she shot herself.' I said I didn't believe she shot herself, and he then said, 'Oh, don't say that.'"

The pistol found in the hands of the dead woman was identified by Detective Sergeant Krauch of New York city, who arrested Schulz for arson, and Sheriff Cortright of Pike county. The prosecution then rested.

The afternoon and evening were taken up by the defence in the examination of Schulz, who testified in his own behalf. He said the difficulties between himself and wife existed because of his wife's drinking habits. He had not beaten or ill-treated her as alleged. He said that on the night of the tragedy they retired to their room and talked over the past and future. She said that Charles was the cause of their family troubles, but was happy in the thought of their proposed trip to Germany. They then decided to take their two youngest boys, Willie and Paul, with them, leaving Charles behind. They talked in bed until about 4 o'clock in the morning.

"She asked me," said Shulz, "if I had a revolver, and at her request I took it from my satchel and put it in my pocket." He said that he then fell asleep, and was awakened after 8 o'clock by a knocking at the door. He slept next to the wall with his face turned toward it.

"I turned over and saw my wife lying by my side dead, her hand grasping a pistol." He rushed to the door and cried out, "For God's sake, people, come here." He admitted having pressed the hand of his dead wife which held the pistol, but it was out of affection. As a proof of his affection for his wife he said he had given her $250 on his arrival at the farmhouse. The case will go to the jury to-morrow.

POLICE SEEKING TREASURE.

They Had to Kill the Dog That Guarded Dead Mary Gadway's Hovel.

Mrs. Mary Gadway, 70 years old, died suddenly yesterday at the home of Mrs. Emma Vaughn, 110 Danforth avenue, Jersey City. Mrs. Gadway's eccentricities and mode of living had made her a well-known character in the Greenville section. She was a widow and had lived alone for about twelve years in squalor and apparent poverty in a small shanty, which was formerly a stable, in Cator avenue. She had no relatives and she never exchanged visits with anybody. Her only companion was a big mastiff, gaunt, fierce, and hungry looking. Not having seen her for two or three days some of the neighbors notified the police at the Oakland avenue station on Thursday afternoon that Mrs. Gadway was probably sick and dying. Capt. Nugent sent an ambulance and two policemen to the shanty. As the ambulance drove up to the front door Mrs. Gadway ran out of the rear door and fled to Mrs. Vaughn's house. She refused to go to the hospital and the ambulance was sent away. Yesterday morning Mrs. Vaughn notified the police that Mrs. Gadway was dead. It is supposed that death was caused by heart disease, and that the excitement hastened the attack.

As Mrs. Gadway had the reputation of being a miser the police went to the shanty yesterday afternoon to search. The big mastiff was on guard, and the police did not venture in. A piece of meat with a liberal dose of strychnine on it was thrown to him and he swallowed it. The policemen waited for the dog to die, but at the end of half an hour the dog was as lively and aggressive as ever. Then they decided to shoot the dog, and George Plaisted, the crack shot of the Greenville Rifle Club, put a bullet in its head. The search had not developed anything up to dark except an insurance policy, and it will be resumed to-day. The atmosphere of the place was so nauseating that the searchers were obliged to go out at intervals for fresh air. The policy is in the Metropolitan Insurance Company for a small amount.

BOLD, BRAVE MAYOR GLEASON.

No Bolting Horse nor Moving Train Can Knock Out Patrick Jerome.

Mayor Patrick Jerome Gleason of Long Island City has narrowly escaped being removed from the list of candidates for Mayor of Greater New York. Early yesterday morning the Mayor took a spin behind a spirited horse just purchased for the Water Department. It was harnessed to a heavy wagon, and James Brennan, a driver for the engineer of the General Improvement Commission rode with the battle-axe Mayor. While approaching the Long Island Railroad crossing at Thompson avenue the horse tried to bolt.

A train of coal cars on a side track prevented the Mayor from seeing an approaching train. The gates were being lowered, and the gateman waved his arms to warn the Mayor, but the bolting horse was only pulled in time to avoid a collision with the gates. The horse plunged from one side to the other until both shafts broke off at the crossbar and fell about the horse's heels. The horse kicked and plunged, but Mayor Gleason's hand of steel and reassuring speech restrained and subdued the frightened animal.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE SERVICES.

British Societies Arrange for Special Services at Trinity on June 20.

Special services in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the coronation of Queen Victoria will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 20, at Trinity Church. The services will be under the direction of several of the British societies, among them the St. Andrew's, St. David's and St. George's societies, the latter being the first to propose the idea of holding the services. Admission will be by ticket.

Bishop Capers of North Carolina will deliver the prayers of thanksgiving, among which will be the special prayers used in England in the religious services in connection with the jubilee celebration. The church will be decorated for the occasion and a special musical programme will be rendered. Percy Sanderson, the British Consul-General, is the Chairman of the committee in charge of the services.

JOKER HUGHES DISCHARGED.

Taylor, Who Charged Him with Bribery, Had Tried to Borrow from Him.

Brian G. Hughes, the jocose box manufacturer of 242 Centre street, was discharged when again arraigned in Centre Street Court yesterday, on the complaint of attempted bribery made against him by William W. Taylor, a former assistant examiner in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts.

After Taylor had sworn that Hughes had offered him $400 to make a report exonerating two collectors of the Bureau of Markets, who were guilty of misdoing, he was made to acknowledge that he had tried three times to borrow from Hughes and had not succeeded.

On being discharged Mr. Hughes left the court with his friends, and, going to a saloon across the street, had two baskets of champagne put on ice.

Trinity Ordinations To-Morrow.

The Trinity ordinations for the diocese of New York will be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock in St. Chrysostom's Chapel of Trinity Church, Seventh avenue and West Thirty-ninth street. In the absence of Bishop Potter, who is in Europe, the right of ordination will be administered by Bishop Capers of South Carolina.

A TALK WITH MRS. PINKHAM

About the Cause of Anemia.

Everybody comes into this world with a predisposition to disease of some particular tissue; in other words, everybody has a weak spot.

In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the weak spot in women is somewhere in the uterine system. The uterine organs have less resistance to disease than the vital organs; that's why they give out the soonest.

Not more than one woman in a hundred—nay, in five hundred—has perfectly healthy organs of generation. This points to the stern necessity of helping one's self just as soon as the life powers seem to be on the wane.

Excessive menstruation is a sign of physical weakness and want of tone in the uterine organs. It saps the strength away and produces anemia (blood turns to water).

If you become anemic, there is no knowing what will happen. If your gums and the inside of your lips and inside your eyelids look pale in color, you are in a dangerous way and must stop that drain on your powers. Why not build up on a generous, uplifting tonic, like Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?

MRS. EDWIN EHRIG, 413 Church st., Bethlehem, Pa., says: "I feel it my duty to write and tell you that I am better than I have been for four years. I used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, one package of Sanative Wash, one box of Liver Pills and can say that I am perfectly cured.

"Doctors did not help me any. I should have been in my grave by this time if it had not been for your medicine. It was a godsend to me. I was troubled with excessive menstruation, which caused womb trouble, and I was obliged to remain in bed for six weeks. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine was recommended to me, and, after using it a short time, was troubled no more with flooding. I also had severe pains in my kidneys. This, also, I have no more. I shall always recommend the Compound, for it has cured me, and it will cure others. I would like to have you publish this letter. (In such cases the dry form of Compound should be used.)

SIXTH AND EIGHTH AVENUE ROADS.

Braker to Offer to Rent Them—Conference on Change of Motive Power Adjourned.

The officers of the Sixth and Eighth avenue surface roads and the representatives of the Metropolitan Traction Company failed to appear at the City Hall yesterday, and the conference arranged between them and the Sinking Fund Commissioners to discuss ways and means by which the work of changing the motive power of the Sixth and Eighth avenue lines can be done without prejudice to the city's interest was adjourned until Thursday. Comptroller Fitch reported that the owners of the two surface roads had paid no attention to the letters which he sent them asking why they had not filed statements of the cost of construction of their lines. The board requested Mr. Fitch to write to them again, asking them to give their reasons in writing for refusing to file the statements. President Vreeland of the Traction Company sent a letter, in which he said he would be pleased to confer with the Commissioners on Thursday, when his counsel would not be busy in court.

The West Side Taxpayers' Association presented a series of resolutions in favor of municipal ownership of the franchises of the Sixth and Eighth avenue roads, and Lawyer Charles H. Butler promised to submit a modified offer for them on behalf of his client, Henry J. Braker. Mr. Butler said the new offer would be in the form of a large annual rental for the roads in question.

B. AND O. AFFAIRS.

The Receivers Want to Sell Some Warehouse Property in Philadelphia.

BALTIMORE, June 11.—The announcement is made that the receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will ask the Court for authority to make a contract with the Pennsylvania and Westinghouse and Safe Deposit Company whereby the latter company agrees to purchase from the Baltimore and Ohio certain warehouse property in Philadelphia for $70,000. The receivers, in turn, obligate themselves to pay the warehousing company 35 cents per ton of 2,000 pounds handled as a rental, not to exceed $24,500 a year, and after that maximum is reached the railroad company is to pay only actual expenses. This contract is to run for thirty years. Certificates of indebtedness are to be issued for the guaranteed warehouse rental, and the Court is to direct that the $24,500 rental shall constitute a preferred charge upon the receivers' estate up to the amount of cash coming into the hands of the receivers.

PROSPEROUS TIMES AHEAD.

S. M. Felton Says There Has Been a Marked Improvement in Business.

S. M. Felton, President of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, was in this city yesterday and reports a marked improvement in business in the past three weeks in the section of the country tributary to the railroads under his management. He said that the farmers had been much encouraged by the hopeful outlook for the crops and the merchants by the prospect of the passage of a tariff bill. The last named are beginning to lay in stocks of merchandise and the railroads are getting more business. This, he said, was shown by the increase in earnings of the Louisville and Nashville, the Southern, the Cincinnati Southern, and other railways in that part of the country. Mr. Felton said that the evidence that better times are ahead was unmistakable.

CONTROL OF THIRD AV. RAILROAD.

Metropolitan Traction Interests Not in the Market for It.

Reports were current in Wall street yesterday that the Metropolitan Traction Company is negotiating for the purchase of a majority of the stock of the Third Avenue Railroad Company. Regarding these reports, Director Thomas F. Ryan of the Traction Company said last night: "There is not the slightest foundation for them. No one in any way representing the Traction Company nor any interest in that company is engaged in any such business. If, as reported, important people are engineering such a deal, I can only say that they might better be engaged in engineering something likely to prove more profitable to them."

A Southern Railway Extension.

In order to relieve the pressure of traffic between Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C., the Southern Railway Company will build a line thirty miles long from Mocksville to Mooresville. This will practically be an extension of the twenty-nine miles of the Midland North Carolina road, owned by the Southern, between Winston, Salem and Mocksville. At Mooresville the extension will tap the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio division, and a large proportion of through freight will be sent over the new line thus formed.

Eighteen-Year-Old Otto Louis Roehr Wants a Divorce.

Justice Dickey in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday appointed Col. Henry E. Roehr, the publisher of the *Freie Presse*, guardian ad litem of his son, Otto Louis Roehr, in order that an action for absolute divorce may be brought against Mae Elizabeth Roehr. Otto Louis is only 18 years old, and is a brother of Assemblyman Edward H. Roehr. Young Roehr was married on April 6, 1897, and it is alleged that in the following month Mrs. Roehr accompanied one Benjamin Cohen to the St. Cloud Hotel in this city, where they registered as man and wife.

Lost Their Jobs, but Want Their Pay.

Ex-Street Superintendent William Smith of Jersey City, one of the Republican officials removed to make room for a Democrat, has begun suit to recover his salary for May. Mr. Smith claims that he was employed by the month, and as he was not removed until May 3 he is entitled to the salary for that month. A number of other Republicans who lost their official heads on the same date have put in a similar claim and Mr. Smith's will be made a test case.

No Mandamus for William H. Ridenour.

Justice Dickey in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday dismissed the writ of mandamus granted to William B. Ridenour requiring the Brooklyn Board of Education to reinstate him as principal of Public School 43 or to show cause why it should not do so. After he was dismissed Mr. Ridenour appealed from the action of the Board of Education to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who decided against him. That decision is held to be conclusive.

Stamm Wanders from a Soldiers' Home.

John Stamm, 70 years old, was picked up at a late hour on Thursday night wandering about Harrison avenue, Jersey City. He said he was a veteran and had been an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Hampton Roads, but could not tell how he got to Jersey City. Stamm was arraigned before Police Justice Nevin on a charge of vagrancy and remanded until the police can communicate with the authorities of the home.

WORKED AS A NOTARY GRATIS.

He Was a Clerk in the District Attorney's Office and Can Have Nothing but His Salary.

A judgment dismissing an action brought against the city by Henry Merzbach, an employee of the District Attorney's office, for $375.02 earned as a notary while he was drawing a salary for his other services, was affirmed yesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Justices Parker and Williams dissenting. The services were rendered between 1884 and 1890. In writing the decision of the court Justice Ingraham says:

"To uphold such a claim as this a most lax and dangerous system would be approved, by which public officials could obtain payment from the public for services not authorized by their superiors, and for which no compensation is fixed by law. Such a system would prevent any regular control of the public expenditures by those in whom that responsibility is vested by law."

The dissenting decision, written by Justice Parker, states that there was some evidence that District Attorneys Martine and Fellows knew that the plaintiff did not consider that his services as notary were included in his salary, they being largely done for Assistant District Attorneys in the course of public work.

DEATH FOLLOWS A QUARREL.

It Was Due to Heart Disease, but the Surviving Woman Was Arrested.

While engaged in an altercation with Mrs. Alice Dunn, housekeeper of the tenement at 231 Fifth street, yesterday morning, Mrs. Mary Brown, who lived in the same house, fell to the floor and died a few moments afterward. The police, thinking her death might have been the result of a fight, arrested Mrs. Dunn, and Magistrate Mott held her without bail for examination to-day on a charge of manslaughter.

Mrs. Irene Powers said in court that the quarrel was about a remark made by the housekeeper regarding Mrs. Powers's treatment of a young girl employed by her as a servant. When Mrs. Brown, who was her friend, expostulated with Mrs. Dunn, the latter kicked her in the abdomen. Mrs. Dunn denied this, and declared that Mrs. Brown had attacked her without warning, and, on being pushed away, had fallen.

Dr. Theodore Meredorf of 93 Second avenue said he was called in to attend the woman, but that she was dead when he arrived. There were no marks on the body and, in his opinion, she had died of heart trouble, probably superinduced by the excitement of the row. Later in the day Deputy Coroner Donlin made an autopsy and found that the woman had died of heart disease, and not of the effects of any blow.

SEVEN AGAINST DORFMAN.

He Painted, He Says, and When He Recovered His Wife Sued for Separation.

A motion of Sarah Dorfman for alimony and counsel fee in an action for a separation against Henry Dorfman, a hardware dealer at 146 Park row, was denied by Justice Beekman of the Supreme Court yesterday because the plaintiff has not shown that she can probably win the case. She says her husband accused her of murdering his mother, who lived with them, and that he threatened to "cut pieces out" of the plaintiff. The pair were married in November, 1896, and Dorfman says that four months after the plaintiff began "a crusade of tormenting" him. He specifies:

"One day she went to her parents' house and brought them and her family to my house. There were six of them besides her and they took possession of my shop. Her father acted as spokesman for the rest and abused me and pounded me so that I was almost unconscious and fell into a fainting spell so that restoratives had to be applied to me."

He says he remembers his wife's conduct toward him "as the saddest experience of my whole life."

YELLOW JACK ON THE ADVANCE.

One Death Off the Jersey Coast—48 Passengers Held in Quarantine.

William H. Korn, a second cabin passenger on the Panama Railroad's steamship Advance, which arrived yesterday from Colon, died of yellow fever in the ship's hospital yesterday morning when the Advance was off the Jersey coast. Korn contracted the fever in Colon and became ill when the Advance was two days out. He was isolated in the hospital. Forty-eight other second cabin passengers were transferred yesterday from the ship to Hoffman Island for observation. They will be released at the end of five days if none of them is stricken with the disease. The ship was fumigated, and the forty-seven first cabin passengers, after their baggage had been disinfected, were allowed to come up to the city. Korn was 31 years old and had been employed in Bolivia as a clerk. He came originally from Buffalo. His body was taken to Swinburne Island for cremation.

A DEMOCRATIC GAIN.

A Decision That Makes the Hudson County Board of Freeholders a Tie.

A writ of mandamus issued by the New Jersey Supreme Court was served yesterday on the Hudson County Board of Elections directing that a certificate of election as a member of the Board of Freeholders be given at once to James M. Matthews of Kearny township. Matthews ran for the office last fall, but the Board of Elections refused to canvass his vote on the ground that the township was entitled to only one Freeholder and Mr. Hanna had been elected. Matthews contended that the population of the township as shown by the last census entitled it to two members of the board, and he carried the case to the Supreme Court, where his contention was sustained. Freeholder Matthews will take his seat at the next meeting of the board and make the board a tie politically. It stands now fourteen Republicans and thirteen Democrats.

The 69th's New Armory Site Accepted.

The site for the new armory for the Sixty-ninth Regiment at Twenty-third street and Lexington avenue was formally accepted yesterday by the Armory Board, and a resolution was adopted asking the Sinking Fund Commission to ratify the action. Most of the ground to be taken is occupied by the building of the College of the City of New York. The plot required will be 225 feet on Twenty-third street, 225 feet on Twenty-second street, and 197½ feet on Lexington avenue.

Mrs. Mary Everding's Death.

The woman who died suddenly on Schermerhorn street, near Court, in Brooklyn, on Thursday night, was identified yesterday as Mrs. Mary Everding, the wife of Henry Everding, of 12 Wyckoff street. She was 55 years old.

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A "BOUNCE" THAT FAILED.

WILLIAM BRODERICK OUSTS ONLY HIMSELF.

His Attempt to Evict His Family, Which Is Accompanied by Unfilial Treatment of His Father and Unfraternal Conduct to His Sister, Results in His Going to the Island.

Having been sober for nearly a week, William Broderick proceeded to get properly drunk on Thursday night. Immediately he conceived an intense dislike for his entire family, so he went to his home at 388 First avenue to turn them out. When he got home, after wandering around several unnecessary blocks in his efforts to locate his habitation, it was 1 A. M., a somewhat unsuitable hour for a family eviction. But the hour didn't matter at all to William. On entering the house he heard his father snoring, which so disgusted him that he yanked the old man out of bed by the feet. Under these circumstances it was not surprising that Broderick senior should give vent to "Help! Murder!" and other exclamatory observations. William, however, became very much irritated and announced an intention of forthwith stepping upon the paternal features. This was Mrs. Broderick's cue. Jumping out of bed she cried:

"Don't kill your father, Will."

"Oh, I don't know. You ain't so popular yourself," responded the young man, following up his repartee by knocking his mother flat.

Enter Mary, William's sister, emitting loud yells.

"Shut tup that blasted racket," said the disgusted William, picking up a hatchet which lay handy.

Mary correctly interpreted this movement and put up her left hand, thus sustaining a gashed wrist, instead of probably a fractured skull. William threw the hatchet at his lamenting mother and invited all present to take part in what he euphoniously termed an "elegant bounce." The initial exodus was performed by Mary, who met Policemen Carr and Baker, whom she succeeded in impressing with the idea that her brother had killed her father and mother, and was then going through the tenement cutting throats with neatness, despatch and a broad impartiality; also a hatchet. The policemen went upstairs and mixed themselves up with William. Presently all three fell down stairs. From the tangle at the bottom of the flight came a sound of sodden thumps. When the sound ceased William's face was more picturesque than ornamental. He went to the station house peacefully.

A somewhat battered family met him in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday, supposably as complainants. It was only supposably. Each and all of them flatly refused to make a charge against him.

"It's been the same way before