CROKER IS NOT VERY ILL.

GOING SOUTH SOON WITH VAN WYCK AND OTHER WINNERS.

Wall Street Bears Had Him Dead Yesterday and the Telephones at His Hotel Suffered—His Doctor Sent Him to Bed to Rest After the Battle—He Will Be Out in a Day or So.

Dr. William F. Fluhrer, Richard Croker's physician, made a statement yesterday in which he said that Mr. Croker's condition was not serious, and that he would be able to leave his room to-day or to-morrow.

"Mr. Croker has suffered from the great nervous strain of the campaign and is tired out," said Dr. Fluhrer, "but he is not threatened with pneumonia or nervous prostration. The reports to the effect that he is dangerously or even seriously ill are without foundation. Mr. Croker is not even suffering from a cold. On Wednesday he felt slightly indisposed and sent for me. I found him in a condition of nervous exhaustion, resultant from the worry and work of the campaign. I advised complete rest for a few days, recommending that he allow no one to call upon him and that he remain in bed for a day or so. This morning I called again and found him much better, but advised him to remain in his room to-day and possibly to-morrow. Mr. Croker's refusal to see callers was simply because he wanted to secure as complete a rest as possible."

Yesterday morning Wall street had it that Mr. Croker was not expected to live. At noon some one announced that he was dead, and the three telephones at the Murray Hill Hotel were constantly calling the telephone girl to answer the questions if Mr. Croker was dead, and if so at what time he had died.

Mr. Andrew Freedman, Mr. Croker's friend, didn't have a moment's peace. He was continually called to the telephone to assure anxious friends that Mr. Croker was not only alive, but that he was not even ill.

"I think Tammany Hall ought to give me a job," said the telephone girl to Mr. Freedman, "for I have answered nearly 200 calls to tell folks that Mr. Croker is alive and kicking."

Many of those who called up the hotel would not believe the operator, insisting upon talking to Mr. Freedman; and not a few were reluctant to accept Mr. Freedman's assurances. One man was so persistent that Mr. Freedman rang him off peremptorily.

"Hello, is this Mr. Freedman?" queried the man of persistence.

"Yes," answered Mr. Freedman.

"What time did Mr. Croker die?" was the next question.

"He's not dead," answered Mr. Freedman.

"Oh, yes he is," was the reply.

"But I say he's not," insisted Mr. Freedman

"Well, what did he die of?" persisted the interrogator.

"I tell you he is not dead," yelled Mr. Freedman, becoming impatient.

"Not dead?" was the rather doubtful comment.

"No," said Mr. Freedman.

"Well, that's funny, because I heard he was," and then there was a pause.

"Is he sick?" was the next question.

"Not very," said Mr. Freedman.

"Ah, then, he's going to die?" said the man at the other end of the wire.

"No, he's not," was the emphatic reply, and Mr. Freedman left the telephone room.

"That's the way it has been going all the afternoon," said the telephone girl, "and I'm tired out. I simply can't convince them that Mr. Croker is not dead, and if I do they insist that he is going to die, so I generally give up in despair."

Mr. Freedman said last night that if Mr. Croker was feeling as well this morning as his friends expected he would go South for a week's trip with a number of gentlemen. Among those who plan to accompany him are Mayor-elect Van Wyck, Randolph Guggenheimer, Elliot S. Coler, Asa Bird Gardiner, William Astor Chanler, and possibly some other of the successful Tammany candidates. After the campaign all of these gentlemen are pretty tired and feel the need of rest. According to Mr. Freedman the details of the trip have not been perfected, but the party will probably get as far South as North Carolina. If the start is not made this morning Mr. Freedman thought it certainly would be made by this afternoon or to-morrow morning.

THE LADIES AND THE TIGER.

Common Woe Reunites Low and Tracy Women—Back Hair Saved from the Indians.

Who says that women cannot stand up to a square fight and then resume peaceful relations after the smoke has cleared away? The man who says so should have attended the meeting of the West End Women's Republican Club yesterday afternoon.

During the past few weeks there has existed a certain difference of opinion in this club. The great majority of the members were dedicated to the election of Gen. Tracy; but occasionally there cropped out a sentiment for Mr. Low. No blows were exchanged, verbal or otherwise, but the women walked gingerly and kept a sharp eye out for possible encounters. Meanwhile they worked hard for their respective candidates.

The meeting yesterday was the first since election, and a common bond of sorrow drew both factions together. Hands met again; tongues were loosened, and there was a reaction so sweeping that it was as if the lion and the lamb lay down together—lay down and exchanged convictions in regard to the tiger. Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden read a paper about the women's work in the campaign, and she fired the batteries of her peerless eloquence plump into the face of the Tammany pet. Mrs. Alden is said to have been for Low, but she has evidently awakened from what she called "a dream of reform" with a full realization of the situation. This is the way she described it:

"We have met the enemy and we are theirs. Our baggage wagons and commissary equipment are in the hands of the Pequods, and the Comanches are holding a war dance around our Saratoga trunks. Big Chief Sheehan and Little Chief Tim Sullivan take much spoil. Hoopla! An odor of the slums fills the air. In our tremulous minds the impression is growing that we owe the retention of our back hair only to the pervasive intoxication of our foes; that two days ago we would have been scalped if they had not been too hilarious for any business more serious than dancing about a bonfire.

"Make way for the Renaissance of the Great Unwashed!" exclaimed Mrs. Alden, and the capitals are hers. "Hurrah for Filth! Hurrah for Vice! Hurrah for contracts and public plunder in general! These are the watchwords of the victors to whom the spoils belong."

The members looked a little bit scared by these big, brave words, but Mrs. Alden laughed, and they realized that nothing dangerous was at hand.

"We went out on a tiger hunt," continued the speaker, "and ended by being hunted. The great beast of the Fourteenth street lair did not wait for our beaters to smoke him out. He met them half way. Do him justice! He did not sneak about under cover of the jungle. He did not purr melodiously and look pretty to deceive our eyes and senses. He sprang into the open, bristling with angry strength. 'To hell with reform!' was not politely murmured in the Wigwam. It was openly declared by a candidate upon a public platform. Our blissful dream of reform has ended and a nightmare of apprehension has set in."

Mrs. Alden outlined the work accomplished by the women of the different parties and factions. She said she believed that if the women had united on Tracy or on Low the man of their choice would have been elected.

BRYAN DEMOCRATS

Propose to Have a State Organization and to Try and Elect Congressmen.

Dr. John H. Girdner of the Henry George Campaign Committee said last evening that the Chicago platform Democrats propose not only continuing their organization in this city, but to extend it throughout the State.

"There is nothing else for us to do," said he. "We cannot recognize Tammany Hall as representative of Democratic principles when she either ignores or repudiates those principles. We are in correspondence with up-country Democrats on this subject of pushing and extending our organization, and are receiving much encouragement from them. Such organization is necessary if we are to elect any real Bryan Democrats to Congress next year."

Cottle Will Act With the Republicans.

SYRACUSE, Nov. 5.—W. G. Cottle, McKinley League Republican, indorsed by the Democrats and elected member of Assembly for the First district of Onondaga county, said this morning that he would act with the Republicans in the organization of the Assembly. Under an agreement, the McKinley League Republicans indorsed two Democratic candidates for the Assembly, and the Democrats indorsed two McKinley Leaguers. It was expected that the Democrats, if elected, would act with their party, and the same was true of the McKinley candidate.

Mr. Olcott Does Not Want to Be City Court Justice.

District Attorney Olcott said yesterday that he was not a candidate for the vacancy on the City Court bench which will be made by the resignation of Mayor-elect Van Wyck.

Erie County Gives Parker 63 Plurality.

BUFFALO, Nov. 5.—A canvass of the complete returns from Erie county shows that Judge Parker carried the county for Court of Appeals Judge by 63 votes over Wallace.

REID OUTDOES PULITZER.

A Confidential Conversation Garbled and Published as an Interview.

The *Tribune* of yesterday contained what purported to be an interview with Walter B. Atterbury of Brooklyn, in which Mr. Atterbury was made to call Jacob Worth a scoundrel and to say other things calculated to disintegrate the Republican party in Brooklyn, a work which Whitelaw Reid has been trying to accomplish, not only in Brooklyn, but throughout the State. It appears that most of the things Mr. Atterbury said were said in confidence to the *Tribune* reporter, and that person, evidently at the behest of some one representing the Ambassador of the United States to the Queen's Jubilee, was compelled to write for publication in the *Tribune* that which Mr. Atterbury refused to say for publication. A reporter of the Brooklyn *Times* showed the interview, as printed in yesterday's *Tribune*, to Mr. Atterbury. According to the *Times* this is what Mr. Atterbury had to say about it:

"Referring to a pretended interview in the *Tribune* this morning, I want to say that I met a reporter of that paper and refused to say anything for publication; but with a thorough understanding that it was a private conversation I expressed my opinion of Mr. Worth. In that conversation I did not make any of the statements attributed to me regarding the Republican Assemblymen. The reporter asked me what I knew as to the attitude the Republican Assemblymen-elect would assume in the Legislature—that is to say, if they would unite with Tammany Hall to defeat Republican measures if requested to do so by Jacob Worth. I replied that I felt sure that Assemblyman-elect Tiffany of Flatbush was not a Worth man, as he had been nominated by gentlemen who were friends of mine and who were not Worth men. As to Mr. Marshall I said that he represented an anti-Worth ward and I did not believe he would vote against the Republican party in the Legislature. I never said I controlled Mr. Marshall or anybody else. I never said if Mr. Marshall didn't stand by me, I would bring about his retirement. I did say privately that if Mr. Marshall united with the Democrats to defeat proper Republican measures he would injure himself in the Twenty-third ward. It is exasperating to be continually misrepresented in the papers.

"In politics I have not changed the position I have always occupied as a supporter of the national Administration. I am frank to say that when I realized that Mr. Low's nomination was impossible because New York, Queens, and Richmond were absolutely against him, I was strongly in favor of union on Mayor Strong or ex-Mayor Schroeder and it would have been brought about had it not been for Jacob Worth. This awful disaster which has overtaken the Republican party in Greater New York is due more to Jacob Worth than to any other one man because he misled Mr. Low's friends into thinking that he (Worth) could control Kings county, but his brutal treatment of the anti-Platt men of Kings county, when he was Platt's leader here, made it impossible for us to act with him. I am frank to admit that as between Tammany Hall and Mr. Platt I prefer Mr. Platt or any other Republican, but I look upon Mr. McKinley as the leader of the Republican party in the United States.

"While I know as a matter of fact that Mr. Low's nomination would never have been acquiesced in by the Republican organization in New York, which controlled a majority of the convention, Mr. Low's friends made a fatal mistake in coming over here to Brooklyn and entering into an alliance with Worth, who accepted their overtures only for the purpose of crushing us all out of existence. Worth didn't care anything about Low, and we who have fought for honest politics here could not be in the same party with Worth. Mr. Platt's relation to this matter was simply that he requested his friends here to help us defeat Worth in the County Convention and the County Committee."

TO CONTEST FEENY'S ELECTION.

Mr. Cromwell Believes He Was Elected President of the Richmond Borough.

George Cromwell, the Republican candidate for President of the Borough of Richmond, began a contest yesterday for the possession of that office by securing from Justice Samuel T. Maddox of the Supreme Court an order directing County Clerk John H. Elsworth to allow him to make an examination of the tally sheets filed by the election officials. An examination of the sheets yesterday disclosed that three districts were missing. They had not been filed as the law directs. They are the Second district of Middletown and the Twelfth and Fourth districts of Castleton. The total vote received by the candidates exclusive of the missing districts, according to the figures taken from the sheets, gave Dr. John L. Feeny 4,924 and Cromwell 5,049, or 125 votes more than his antagonist. Mr. Cromwell said he could not ascertain the vote in the missing districts, but took THE SUN reporter's figures instead.

In the Middletown district they gave Feeny 187 votes and Cromwell 128 votes; in the Fourth of Castleton they gave Feeny 162 votes and Cromwell 132 votes. In the Twelfth district they gave 151 votes to Feeny and 118 to Cromwell. The addition of these figures to the totals, as taken from the tally sheets, gives Cromwell 5,427 votes and Dr. Feeny 5,424, thus showing a majority of three votes for Cromwell. Mr. Cromwell said yesterday that he thought he would be elected by a majority of from three to eight votes. His friends, however, declare they know where votes were not properly canvassed, which they will insist on having counted for him and which will increase his majority. The Democrats are relying on the police figures, which show a majority of 83 votes for Dr. Feeny.

BALLOTS WITH NO PASTER.

Counting These May Change Results in Some Close Districts.

In some of the Assembly districts where the vote for Aldermen or Assemblyman was close, candidates who seem to be defeated on the face of the returns are pinning their hopes on the possibility that the official canvass will reveal a state of things which may give them the certificate of election. The great hope of all these candidates is that they may have enough votes on ballots returned as "marked for identification" to insure their election. They say that in some Assembly districts there were hundreds of ballots so returned because they had no George paster on them. Until these are canvassed some candidates will not be satisfied that they are really defeated.

SMITH—NIXON.

Bridegroom and Bride, Each Divorced, Wedded in Stamford, Conn.

STAMFORD, Conn., Nov. 5.—Two men and two women came to Stamford from New York yesterday afternoon and called at the Town Clerk's office and asked for a marriage license for one of the couples. Registrar Graham Holly granted the papers and then the party went to the residence of the Rev. R. P. Wall, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, who performed the ceremony. Nothing could be learned regarding the party, and they left town immediately after the marriage ceremony had taken place. The marriage certificate reads:

Name of groom, Edgar McPhail Smith; place of residence, New York city; age, 39; occupation, author; divorced.

Name of bride, Nannette Nixon; place of residence, New York city; age, 29; divorced.

Vos—Graham.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 5.—Joseph Hubert Vos, the portrait painter, of The Hague, and Mrs. Eleanor Kaikilani Graham of Honolulu were married here yesterday by the Rev. Dr. John Paul Egbert of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church. The wedding was private, only two personal friends and the two children of the bride being present. One of the witnesses was Mr. Moffatt, who was Consul-General of the United States in London when James Russell Lowell was Minister to the Court of St. James. The other was Samuel R. Thayer, former Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to The Hague.

Yale's Debaters with Harvard Selected.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 5.—The final trial to select Yale speakers to meet Harvard in the annual debate here on Dec. 3 was held this evening. Fifteen orators, chosen in preliminary contests, debated, all taking the negative side of the question: "Resolved, that the United States should annex Hawaii."

Yale will have this side in the coming debate. The judges were Prof. Arthur T. Hadley, Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, and Prof. William Lyon Phelps. The debaters chosen to meet Harvard were H. W. Fisher, '98; J. K. Clark, '99; H. A. Jump of the theological school, and F. H. Richardson, '98.

1,000 Cloakmakers Strike.

About 150 cloakmakers were locked out yesterday at the shops of A. M. Slater, 209 Greene street, for refusing to accept less than the wages called for in the last agreement with the union. The lockout was followed by strikes in the shops of the contractors for Manufacturer Bernstein, 94 Canal street, and a threat of a strike of 250 cloakmakers employed by the contractors for Rosencheim, Brady & Carton of West Third street. It is charged that other contractors are violating the agreement, and strikes will be ordered to-day which will bring out 1,000 cloakmakers in addition to about 1,000 who are already out.

Sheriff-Elect Dunn Resting at Lakewood.

Sheriff-elect Thomas J. Dunn went to Lakewood yesterday for a rest after the fatigue of the campaign.

KILLED BY A STRANGLER.

ALICE BROWN FOUND MURDERED IN HER ROOM IN BOSTON.

Choked to Death by a Man Who Escaped—The Woman Killed in Less Than Two Minutes—Three Men in the Lodging House Held as Witnesses—Conversation One of Them Heard

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 5.—Alice Brown, better known as "Little Brown Alice," was strangled to death in her room at 15 Corning street some time in the early hours of Thursday morning. The body was found yesterday, but it was not known that a murder had been committed until the medical examiner made his report today. Seven finger marks were found on the throat of the dead woman, and the impress of finger nails was plainly seen, scratches being made in two places.

The murderer must have used both hands in committing the crime and must have choked the woman so suddenly that outcry was impossible. The strangler's work was probably accomplished inside of two minutes and as soon as life had left the body it was thrown on the bed, where it was found a few hours later. There were no signs of a struggle in the room. A peculiar circumstance that may have a bearing on the case was the fact that the bed spread was twisted and at the foot tied in a hard knot to the frame of the bed.

Three men are held as witnesses but none of them is suspected of complicity in the crime. These are Edward Hurd, proprietor of the house; Thomas Hughes and John T. Stowell, lodgers. "Blind Billy," another lodger, gives information that may be of help in unravelling the mystery. The police are looking for two men known to have been friendly with the girl in the past and frequent callers upon her. The blind man occupied a room near that of the dead woman and he says that at about 3 o'clock on Thursday morning he heard her talking with a man. He could not distinguish the man's words, but he heard the woman say "no" several times and at last she said:

"I tell you I would not marry the best man living. Are you going?"

Then "Billy" heard the man say:

"I suppose I'll have to."

The blind man says the woman's visitor then left the house and the girl closed her door. Billy says that the front door bell rang a little later, but that the man who rang didn't get in. Hurd went to the door. So far as the blind man knows the house was quiet for the rest of the night.

At 8 o'clock the girl's body was found, fully dressed, lying partially crosswise of the bed with the feet on the floor. The three men arrested profess entire ignorance as to the girl and her doings on Wednesday night. "Blind Billy" says that she had two lovers, one of whom was an old man. He does not know either of their names, but thinks he would recognize their voices. The old man, so "Billy" says, repeatedly importuned the girl to marry him. He does not think this was the man he overheard with her on Wednesday night. This man is known to the police and may be arrested. The younger man is unknown.

During the evening and up to 11:30 P. M. Alice Brown was sitting on the steps of the house with a man whose identity has not been fixed. There are two theories on which the police are working. One is that the caller overheard by the blind man did not leave the house when the listener thought, but returned to the room and committed the murder, after which he made his escape, either by the front door or by a window. The other theory is that the deed was committed by some lodger in the house who was jealous of other men. She was never friendly with the male lodgers and repulsed their overtures of friendship.

The medical examiner places the hour of death at about the time the blind man thought he heard the girl's caller go out. Two young colored men who lodge in a house directly across the alley from 15 Corning street say they heard half-stifled screams coming from Alice Brown's room at about 3 A. M.

The dead woman was 28 years old. She had an injury to her head some years ago, and in consequence was in the Worcester insane asylum for a time.

A woman has been found who knew the murdered woman well, but so far she has refused to tell very much. She knows who the young man in the case is, but will not tell. Late to-night, however, the officers learned that Alice Brown was a New Hampshire farmer's daughter; that she was born near Concord; that her parents, two sisters, and a brother are living, and that they are respectable and well-to-do people. Her name, the officers say, begins with B, but is not Brown. She ran away from home when 16 years old. The elder of the mysterious men in the case is quite a well-known man in Boston, and has promised to give the police all the assistance in his power. He is not suspected of having had anything to do with the murder.

CABMAN RUNS DOWN WHEELWOMAN.

Then Whips Up to Get Away, but a Wheelman Runs Him Down.

A drunken cabman made trouble for bicyclists on Fourth avenue last night and finally ran into a party of three women at Twenty-eighth street. One of the women, Mrs. Jennie Watson of 200 East Twenty-seventh street, he knocked down, wrecking her wheel and seriously injuring her. Mrs. Watson is the daughter of Agent Frank Barkley of the Gerry society. With her sisters, Mrs. Emma Critcherson and Miss Abby Barkley, she left home at 8:20 o'clock for a spin. The party rode to Central Park and, coming back, rode downtown in Madison avenue and turned east at Twenty-eighth street. At Fourth avenue they turned south on the right side of the way. In front of Madison Square Garden the sisters found themselves suddenly confronted by a horse and cab coming up on the wrong side of the street, the driver urging his horse onward. Miss Barkley and Mrs. Critcherson got out of the horse's way. Mrs. Watson, who was riding near the curb, was hit by the horse and thrown on her face on the sidewalk. The horse stepped on her wheel and the cab wheels ran over it. When the driver saw what he had done he whipped up to get away.

Miss Barkley and Mrs. Critcherson were at Mrs. Watson's side a moment after she was thrown. She was moaning and somebody ran for a doctor. Dr. Elliot A. Iger soon arrived and found that Mrs. Watson was badly shaken up and bruised. Her sisters took her home in a cab.

Meantime the drunken cabman was having a hard time of it. James Grannary of 303 East Eleventh street, who was astride his wheel when he saw the cabman run down Mrs. Watson and he chased the cab. At Thirtieth street the cab driver saw he was being pursued and he turned west, whipping his horse unmercifully. At Broadway the horse ran into a north-bound cable car and was knocked down. Policeman Roche ran up in time to meet Grannary, who told him what had occurred in Fourth avenue. Roche arrested the cabman.

The prisoner was Jerome Connors, 53 years old, of 139 East Twenty-fifth street. He was too drunk to tell much. Frank Barkley came to the station house with Mrs. Critcherson and Miss Barkley to report the case. They were surprised to find the cabman under arrest. They thanked Grannary for the trouble he had taken and they made a charge of reckless driving against the cabman.

BOY RUN OVER IN MOTT STREET.

Japanese Cyclist Who Was Responsible for the Accident Escaped.

While Joseph Rosenstein of 374 Seventh avenue was driving a confectioner's wagon through Mott street yesterday afternoon he noticed a Japanese riding a bicyle approaching him. In front of 69 Mott street little 6-year-old Philip Adelson of 79 Mott street was playing in the street. The Japanese collided with the lad, knocking him under the wheels of the wagon. The lad sustained several bad contusions of the head and body, and also had three ribs broken.

The Japanese rode away rapidly, but Rosenstein went to the police station and gave himself up. The boy was taken to Hudson Street Hospital. In Centre Street Court Magistrate Mott decided Rosenstein was not to blame and discharged him from custody.

Rehearing in Chicago's General Electric Railroad Litigation.

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—In the famous case against the General Electric ordinance the Supreme Court has just handed down a decision granting a rehearing to Attorney-General Akin. The whole case will be reargued and the effort to prevent the building of a new railway line on the south side has a fighting chance of being successful.

Use of River Water at Fires Approved.

The Fire Commissioners received yesterday a communication from the Board of Fire Underwriters approving the idea of laying pipes in the streets to use river water at fires.

President Sheffield of the Fire Board and Fire Chief Hugh Bonner will visit Boston next week to study the system used there.

Ellen Peck's Sentence is Five Years.

Ellen E. Peck, the Queen of Confidence Women, who recently swindled Christian Gint, a jeweller, of 31 East Twentieth street, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Cowing to five years in the State prison for women at Auburn. She is 67 years old.

EFFECT OF UNION PACIFIC SALE.

The Government Must Now Pay Cash for Transporting Mails and Troops.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—New contracts for carrying mails, troops, and Interior Department supplies over the Union Pacific Railroad must be made on account of the sale of the line. As the system is no longer a bond-aided railroad, the Government will be obliged to pay regular rates for transportation. Heretofore the cost of carrying mails and troops over the road was credited against the Government claim, but the sale will necessitate actual payments to the bondholders. Concerning the carriage of troops and military supplies on the road the *Army and Navy Register* in its issue to-morrow will say:

"The effect of the sale of the Union Pacific Railway upon the army and navy will be immediate and far reaching. The appropriations made for the transportation of troops and stores for the army aggregate in round figures about $2,500,000. Not only the actual transportation required for the army by rail, water, wagon and stage has to be paid from this appropriation, but the purchase of all means of transportation of every description. Moreover, all sewerage and water supply at military posts, all work on bridges and roadways, and all tolls and ferriages go to eat up the appropriation for transportation.

"All existing laws and decisions of the accounting officers of the Treasury have until now forbidden the payment of any transportation funds of the army to the Union and Central Pacific Railroads. From Nov. 1 until July 1, 1898, the appropriations as already made by Congress, must be used to pay for a service aggregating $25,000 per month, which was practically free to the army and navy when the appropriations were made. Whether this will cause a large deficit in the transportation funds, to be met by a deficiency appropriation, will depend entirely upon the rigid economy which may be exercised by the army and navy officials, who are charged with the expenditure of the money."

APPEAL FOR KLONDIKE MINERS.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce Asks Federal Aid to Relieve the Distress.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—An appeal for aid in behalf of the distressed people in Alaska was received at the War Department to-day, by telegraph from W. S. Mason, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Portland, Or. Secretary Alger will return to Washington to-morrow and will give the appeal immediate attention. The telegram says:

"Starvation and death confront the unfortunate miners on the Yukon through the failure of the regularly organized trading companies to get supplies into the interior before the close of navigation on the Yukon. The Chamber of Commerce of Portland has undertaken to relieve the distress which must take place before the ice fetters of the Yukon release our supply steamers, and for this purpose we will donate provisions and necessary supplies and ask the co-operation of the War Department in transporting this relief from Portland to the most accessible point on the coast, whence the relief expedition may carry it to the imprisoned gold miners. Our duty to suffering humanity demands whatever service may be necessary to accomplish this end. Will you co-operate with us in the undertaking?"

Mgr. Schroeder Suffering from Neuralgia.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Mgr. Schroeder, whose case at the Catholic University attracted so much attention recently, is at the residence of his friend, the Rev. George Glaab of St. Mary's Church in this city. He is suffering from neuralgia, and as soon as he is physically able to be out will leave Washington for an indefinite period. After his experience at the university his physician imperatively ordered a cessation from labor and change of scene and climate, pursuant to which order he left the university. The statement that the rector and faculty of the university are ignorant of his whereabouts and the intimation that he abandoned his post are said to be wholly unfounded. When he left the institution, his frends say, he notified the officials of his intention to take a rest and requested them to fill his place as instructor. Mgr. Schroeder declined to make any statement whatever this morning, excusing himself on the ground of his illness.

A House Clerk Killed by a Train.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Herman L. Lewis, a clerk in the House of Representatives, was struck by an incoming train on the Pennsylvania Railroad in this city at an early hour this morning and instantly killed. His body was discovered about half an hour after he was killed by the conductor of a yard engine. The accident occurred at a point about half a mile from the Pennsylvania station and in an entirely different part of the city from that in which Lewis lived.

Fort Custer Abandoned.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Fort Custer, Montana, has been abandoned by the War Department as too isolated for a military post. It will pass into the hands of the Interior Department and the reservation made part of the public domain. The two troops of cavalry and two companies of infantry at Fort Custer will be distributed among Forts Keogh, Assiniboine, and Harrison, all in the Department of Dakota.

Gen. Lee at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee called on Assistant Secretary Day at the State Department to-day, and accompanied him to the White House. Gen. Lee stopped over in Washington on his way to New York, whence he will sail for Havana to resume his official duties there. The interview between the President, Gen. Lee, and Judge Day related wholly to Cuban matters.

New German Ambassador to Sail on Nov. 9.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The State Department has been notified that Dr. von Holtenben, the new Ambassador of Germany to the United States, will sail from Bremen on Nov. 9 for New York on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

Consuls Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The President to-day made these appointments of Consuls: Abraham B. Jones of Alabama, at Tuxpan, Mexico; Daniel Mayer of West Virginia, at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic; and E. Theophilus Liefeld of Connecticut, at Freiburg, Baden.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—These appointments of Postmasters were made by the President to-day: John D. Nicholson, at Elizabethtown, N. Y.; Max Goldner, at New Dorp, N. Y.; Henry T. Hall, at Lock Haven, Pa.

Reorganization of the Accountants' Board of Examiners.

ALBANY, Nov. 5.—The Board of Regents has effected a reorganization of the State Board of Examiners of Certified Public Accountants by appointing James T. Anyon of New York city a member, to succeed Frank Broaker, and by reappointing Charles W. Haskins and Charles E. Sprague, both of New York city. The Regents also changed the term of office of the members of the board to conform to the usual rules of the State University in appointing the members of all such boards at the annual convocation to serve for only one year. The terms of the original members had been for one, two, and three years, and were afterward to be for three years each.

Cash in the State Treasury.

ALBANY, Nov. 5.—State Treasurer Colvin reports that the amount in the State treasury subject to draft on Nov. 1 was $4,461,335, of which $3,096,718 is in the canal fund, $336,144 in the free school fund, and $1,028,472 in various other funds.

Robbed by Masked Burglars.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Nov. 5.—Masked burglars broke into the house of William Opdyke, a farmer, at West Portal last night, and after beating Opdyke into unconsciousness they stole his purse, containing $80, and escaped.

Sergeant McDermott Goes to Oak Street.

Sergeant John McDermott of the West Thirtieth street station was transferred last night to the Oak street station.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Giuseppe Devivo, the Italian who has been on trial this week in Ballston, N. Y., for the murder of Michael Radagan at Rock City Falls last August, was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment at Dannemora.

St. Mary's Church of Albany, the third oldest Catholic church in the country, yesterday celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. The celebration began with a solemn high mass and an address by the Right Rev. Bishop T. M. A. Burke of the Albany diocese.

Miss Nancy Thompson, 55 years old, yesterday slashed her throat with a razor in the cellar of her house in Ogdensburg, N. Y. She applied for admission to the State Insane Asylum a week ago, but was declared to be sane and was not received. Her father committed suicide some years ago by hanging himself.

Superintendent of Insurance Payn yesterday issued his certificate authorizing the Manhattan Fire Insurance Company of the city of New York to begin business as a joint stock fire insurance company, with a paid up capital of $250,000. The company was formerly the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of New York. H. A. Lowenthal is President and William A. Francis secretary.

LEASE OF THE GAS WORKS.

PHILADELPHIA'S COMMON COUNCIL ACTS ON THE ORDINANCE.

Only Six Votes Above the Necessary Number Received to Pass Part of the Measure—The Provisions of the Ordinance—Cheaper Gas at Intervals of Five Years.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5.—By the narrow margin of six votes more than the actual requirement to pass a bill, the Chamber of Common Council took the first tangible step to-day to dispose of the municipal gas plant. The Chamber passed the first section of the ordinance, commonly referred to as the "gas works lease," and, in the presence of dilatory tactics from opposing members, adjourned until Monday to resume the task. The ordinance is not drawn in the customary form of a lease. Its purpose, set forth in a preamble, is to secure by contract with a responsible company the maintenance, operation, development, and extension of the city gas plant. To that end it embodies the terms of a contract for thirty years, which the Mayor is authorized to execute with the United Gas Improvement Company, a Philadelphia enterprise extensively engaged in the erection and management of municipal gas plants.

Under the agreement this company is to take charge of the works owned by the city immediately after the approval of the ordinance by the Mayor, and during the period specified to manufacture and sell gas to consumers at $1 a thousand cubic feet. During the first ten years of the contract the company is to pay the city all receipts from consumers in excess of 90 cents a thousand cubic feet; during the next five years all in excess of 85 cents; during the succeeding five years all in excess of 80 cents, and thereafter all in excess of 75 cents. It is stipulated that the city may reduce the price to consumers to the extent of its royalties from the company.

In other words, if the city desires gas to be sold to consumers at any time in the next ten years at 90 cents a thousand feet, the consumers get the reduction and the city gets nothing. The only other consideration exacted in the agreement is the company's promise to expend $15,000,000 during the term of the contract in improving the works.

There were other propositions of a more liberal character made to the city, but the Mayor of Philadelphia has asked members of Council to vote for this bill, and one of the chief factors in promoting the stages of its legislation was a trustee of the gas works in 1881, when that iniquitous engine of political corruption, the old Gas Trust Ring, was swept from power by a deluge of municipal reform such as this city has never seen since. There is a distinctive public sentiment in Philadelphia favorable to a separation of the gas works from the administration of the city on account of political extravagance, but there is an equally pronounced sentiment in favor of disposing of them to the best interests of the taxpayers.

The city gas works were erected in 1836 and lodged in the control of a trusteeship created by an act of Assembly which empowered the sale of series of loans, which have all been liquidated. The trusteeship became in course of years a source of political pestilence, which was blotted out only by a gigantic wave of reform. A few years later it was vacated by the provisions of a new charter, under which the city Government is now administered, and the corrupt ring that once held sway passed into memory.

The gas plant was valued in the last annual message of the Mayor at $30,000,000. The receipts from consumers during the current year are in excess of $3,000,000, and the amount appropriated for the maintenance of the works during the same period was slightly less than that figure.

OBITUARY.

The Rev. Edward Bradley died on Thursday night of œdema of the lungs. He leaves a widow and three sons. The eldest son, Edward A., is vicar of St. Agnes's Chapel in Ninety-second street, in which his father was a curate at the time of his death. The late Mr. Bradley was born in New Haven on Jan. 21, 1819. He came to this city in 1845, and engaged in the hardware business under the firm name of E. Robbins & Bradley. In 1864 the business was removed to Memphis, Tenn. In 1869 Mr. Bradley retired from secular pursuits and was ordained deacon. His first charge was at Franklin, Tenn., and he returned to New York in 1891. Since that time he had been assistant in St. Agnes's Chapel of Trinity parish.

Mrs. Catharine Scovill, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Waterviet, died on Thursday evening. She was 80 years of age and was descended from colonial and Revolutionary ancestry. Her grandfather was an officer of high rank in the Revolutionary army, and her great-grandmother was the patriotic Mrs. Sarah Frazer McNeil, a cousin of Gen. Frazer, who with Jane McCrea was captured by the Indian followers of Burgoyne's army at Fort Edward, July 17, 1777. Jane McCrea was murdered by the Indians at the approach of the Continental soldiers. Mrs. Scovill is survived by a son and a daughter.

John Lyon, Assistant Attorney-General for the Department of the Interior, died in Washington yesterday at the age of 70 years. He had been ill at his home for two months. Mr. Lyon was born in Petersburg, Va., and was graduated from the University of Virginia. He practiced law in Petersburg, Richmond, and Washington, and was appointed Assistant Attorney-General five years ago. He leaves a widow and four children, one of whom is Lieut. Leroy Lyon of the army.

Jeremiah H. Halsey, 75 years old, who had been a well-known resident of Jersey City since 1864, died on Thursday night at his home, 286 Bergen avenue. Death resulted from exhaustion caused by an aggravated attack of rheumatism. Mr. Halsey was born in this city and was engaged in the feed business at Second avenue and Twenty-first street until he removed to Jersey City. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. Two sons survive him.

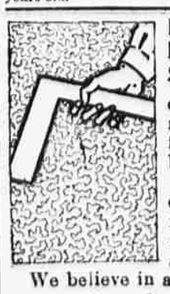
Jeremiah H. Merritt, 60 years old, a well-known resident of Jersey City, died suddenly on Thursday night at his home, 226 Third street. Mr. Merritt was class leader in St. Paul's M. E. Church for twenty-five years, and was superintendent of the Sunday school for twelve years. He had been employed by the Erie Railway Company for twenty-six years and up to the time of his death. He leaves a widow and one son.

Mrs. Cynthia Sewell died at her home in the Dead River district on Thursday, in Bucksport, Me., at the age of 100 years and 2 months. On her 100th birthday a large number of friends and relatives called to pay their respects, and it was then that she expressed the wish that she might live to see 1900, so that she would have lived in three centuries, seemed in a fair way to be experienced. Her death came after a three weeks' decline.

Augustus Tennesen, a pilot on the Daniel Leahey, pilot boat No. 7, died of heart disease yesterday afternoon while cruising off Sandy Hook. The body was put ashore last night at Stapleton, S. I. Tennesen, who was 46 years old, was married. He lived at 511 Eleventh street, Brooklyn.

James Newbold, the proprietor of the Long Branch hotel, the oldest boarding house at Long Branch, died suddenly yesterday of paralysis of the heart in his sixty-ninth year. A widow and three children survive him.

Eben Heisley, a newspaper correspondent and story writer of Long Branch, died on Thursday night at Farmingdale, N. J., at the residence of his father, the Rev. C. W. Heisley. He was 37 years old.



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BOY CYCLIST FALLS 35 FEET.

He Ran Over the Wall at the Foot of West 147th Street—Not Badly Injured.

Rodman M. Cornell, son of Robert Cornell of 602 West 147th street, went cycling on the Boulevard near his home about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. From the Boulevard 147th street runs on a very steep grade for a block toward the river and ends in a sheer drop of thirty-five feet to the tracks of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. The end of the street is guarded by a three-foot wall of rough stone. Five or six feet from the wall planks and beams lay in the street.

Yesterday, in turning his wheel, young Cornell passed the brow of the hill, and before he realized it he lost control of his wheel. He had a brake, but it was either ineffective or he was too frightened to use it. His wheel struck the loose boards and was lifted into the air by its momentum, so that it went over the wall.

The boy fell