HANDWRITING MATINEES.

INTERESTING LECTURE AT THE MOLINEUX TRIAL ON "HAND REACH"

Which, the Expert Says, Has Nothing to Do With the Case—He Imitates the Poison Package Address Off-Hand So Perfectly That the Police Look A-squint at Him—Jury Armed With Manifold Apparatus.

The trial of Roland B. Molineux, accused of the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, developed yesterday into a sort of handwriting matinée. The witness was John F. Tyrrell, the Milwaukee handwriting expert, who succeeded on the stand William J. Kinsley, the Elizabeth, N. J., expert. Mr. Tyrrell might be said to have taken for his subject "Mental Conception." It was closely akin to the subject of Mr. Kinsley's discourse, his being named "Pen Habit." James S. Osborne, the Assistant District Attorney, appearing as manager for Mr. Tyrrell, as he had for Mr. Kinsley, occasionally linked "Physical Possibility" with the subject "Mental Conception," and the members of the jury, armed with compound microscopes, protractors, dividers (common and multiplying), straight-edged rules marked in millimetres, triangles, Hogarth's lines, ordinary objectives covering large fields with from two to eight magnifications (this being the official description), quadrants and T-squares, did their best to follow the line of examination and to at all times keep in touch with the "mental conception," "pen habit" and the "physical possibility" of the witness, of Mr. Osborne, of Mr. Weeks and of the Recorder. It may not be out of place to say that the instruments were needed chiefly to follow the lawyers rather than the witness. Mr. Tyrrell's ability as an expert capable of holding the attention of everybody was developed early in the day. He lectured for two hours and a half on "Hand Reach," and the audience listened with almost breathless interest and watched his first rate illustrations in crayon. When he had finished them, the Assistant District Attorney asked:

"And now, Mr. Tyrrell, do you mean to tell us that this handreach about which we have been talking is one of the important things in connection with this case, one of the vital points?"

"Oh, no, not at all," said Mr. Tyrrell, cheerfully. "No, not a bit. It just struck me that it was an interesting coincidence that the reach in one writing was the same as the reach in the other."

So interesting had been Mr. Tyrrell's dissertation on "Hand Reach" that not a smile blossomed at this conclusion.

Between sixty and one hundred thousand words of testimony were taken at the two sessions of the trial yesterday, and no less than one hundred and fifty illustrations were drawn on the blackboard for the edification of the jury, the lawyers and the crowd. Ever since the trial began the members of the jury have been accumulating aids in the shape of mechanical appliances. Yesterday morning when they arrived some of them had bags, the interior of which had the appearance of tool chests. All the instruments enumerated above were there and there were other things. Mr. Osborne had promised that Mr. Tyrrell's examination should be short. He had directed Mr. Tyrrell to tell as briefly as possible all that he could as to his reasons for the conclusion that Molineux, the defendant, had written the letters signed "Cornish" and "Barrett" and the address on the poison package. Even young Mr. Molineux had a more or less cheerful look on his face when he came into court and everybody was glad that a new witness was on the stand. Mr. Tyrrell was called the moment that Mr. Goff arrived. A little of his concluding testimony of Monday was read to him and then he was told to fire ahead and point out the reasons for his conclusions.

He had been talking less than four minutes by the clock when he arrived at what he denoted "peculiarity of alignment," this later developed into "hand reach." The expert meant by "hand reach" that the writer of the poison package in doing that back-hand writing used a wrist and hand movement only; that he rested his hand on the paper, reached out as far to the left as he could with his pen and then wrote toward the hand. When he got as close to the hand as he could, in order to continue writing he had to move his hand. The distance that he had written was his hand reach. The hand reach of the writer on the poison package was one and three-quarter inches by actual measurement.

This hand reach interested the jury and they had to be enlightened by means of numerous illustrations, all of which were extremely interesting. Finally Mr. Tyrrell testified that in the handwriting of the "Cornish" and "Barrett" letters that the prosecution say Molineux wrote and that Molineux denies writing, the hand reach of the writer was almost identical with that of the writer of the poison package. It was almost recess time when this testimony was given and it was then that the question was asked as quoted above. It was followed by this:

"And now, Mr. Tyrrell, you find the same hand reach in the admitted handwriting of the defendant?"

"Oh, no," said Mr. Tyrrell, "in the admitted handwriting of the defendant, the hand reach is a flowing hand with a forward slant. In writing that hand you don't lift the hand from the table at all. You just slide it along as you write."

Mr. Osborne changed the subject. A fire engine was heard clanging in the street below.

"Mr. Weeks, there's a rival of yours out there," said Osborne, turning to him.

"You may think," said Mr. Weeks, "that that is funny and gentlemanly. I think that it is neither."

Recorder Goff having overruled for the second time the objection that Mr. Weeks made to a comparison of disputed handwritings, Expert Tyrrell went ahead and compared the various exhibits in the case, each with the address on the poison package which is known as Exhibit A, and he would say: "You see the mental conception is the same;" and Mr. Osborne would say: "And now, Mr. Tyrrell, in your opinion, could there be two human beings in this whole world, who had the same mental conception and to whom it would be a physical impossibility to write those two exhibits?" Mr. Tyrrell would reply invariably: "In my opinion they are the product of one mental conception and of one hand."

So every lettered exhibit was brought up and testified to individually and then samples were taken from the admitted handwriting of Molineux and were compared likewise, the witness always testifying that each pair was the result of one mental conception. In the course of this part of his testimony—that is, the comparison of the admitted handwritings with the address on the poison package, and later of the disputed handwritings in the Barret and Cornish letters with the admitted handwriting of Molineux—crayon illustrations accompanied everything.

Mr. Tyrrell showed almost marvellous ability as an imitator. Mr. Kinsley, when he illustrated things, drew them with great care. Mr. Tyrrell would simply take a look at the exhibit that he wanted to reproduce and then would step to the board and write it almost as rapidly as would an ordinary writer writing a natural hand, and without exception it was so perfect a reproduction every time that both sides were satisfied with it and changes were unnecessary.

When he was asked to illustrate peculiarities in the poison package, he walked to the board and wrote the address on the package and the similarity with the original was so striking that Capt. McClusky and Detective Sergeant McCafferty wriggled around in their seats and appeared to be uncertain whether they ought not to get up and arrest Mr. Tyrrell for writing the original.

In his comparisons of the various handwritings, Mr. Tyrrell chose many of the similarities that Mr. Kinsley had chosen, and to that extent his testimony was a repetition of the Elizabeth expert's, but he expressed his reasons for the belief more clearly and understandably. When he discussed the similarities in the word "oblige" and Mr. Osborne fired his mental conception and physical possibility question at him, Mr. Tyrrell admitted that perhaps it was possible for more than one individual to have a similar mental conception, and at the same time a physical possibility to produce the four kinds of "oblige" shown in the various writings. But he said there is not one person in a million who would have the same mental conception and to whom it would be a physical possibility. A little later on Mr. Tyrrell said that it was his opinion that "but one person could produce upon request a character of writing which he has not before him, and that person is the person who wrote the original." Near the close of the day's session, when all manner of peculiarities that were important and unimportant, were pointed out in the several writings, Lawyer Weeks remarked:

"If we are going to go on in the way we have been going, Mr. Osborne, you will be able to prove that the defendant wrote the Declaration of Independence."

"Well, if I do, I'll immortalize him," snapped back Mr. Osborne.

The case will go on this morning at half past 10 o'clock, and, in all probability, Mr. Tyrrell's cross-examination will be reached some time during the day.

One Day to Get a Murder Trial Jury.

The work of getting a jury to try William Neufeld, accused of the murder of Mrs. Annie Kronman on Aug. 6, was completed yesterday morning before Justice Fursman in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court. It had taken one afternoon and one morning altogether. The facility with which the jury was obtained prompted District Attorney Gardiner to make a little speech of congratulation and to promise that special jury panels would be asked for oftener hereafter in cases of much public interest.

DEROULÈDE INSULTS THE COURT.

Deputy Marcel-Habert's Arrest Causes a Lively Debate in the Chamber.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Before the High Court of Justice to-day Paul Déroulède, one of the prisoners, denounced the magistrates. "I spit in your faces," he said; "justice does not exist here." The Procureur General demanded that Déroulède be severely punished.

The prisoner replied: "The more you punish me the more France will honor me. You are a lot of scoundrels who have represented anarchy draped in the red flag for the last two years."

Déroulède's actions were those of a madman. He was evidently presuming on the patience of the court to make a final theatrical display. Déroulède was further condemned to exclusion from the court until the pleadings begin.

Deputy Marcel-Habert's arrest for alleged conspiracy against the Government led to a lively debate in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. M. Millevoye maintaining that it was illegal until authorized by the Chamber. The Government finally carried a motion of closure by a vote of 242 to 239. A motion by M. Castelin, the Republican revisionist journalist, that M. Marcel-Habert be released was defeated by a vote of 329 to 105.

SPANISH ESTIMATES HELD UP.

Minister of Finance Threatens to Resign Rather Than Yield to the Opposition.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—The negotiations between the Government and the Opposition by which the estimates were to be repassed by Dec. 31 have failed. Señor Villaverde, the Minister of Finance, declared he would resign rather than yield to the Opposition.

American Contract With Danish Railway.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 20.—The *Daily Post* learns that an American firm is negotiating for a contract to supply the Danish State Railway with all its needs for five years. It is believed that the officials at Copenhagen will accept the proposition.

SAFE BREAKS DOWN AN ELEVATOR.

Rope Parts Under the Weight and Car, Safe and Three Men Fall—Men Badly Hurt.

Ivan Frank & Co., clothing manufacturers, moved from 250 Mercer street yesterday. Their safe being too heavy to go with the rest of their belongings they ordered Charles Coulson, truckman and rigger at 3 Sullivan street, to move it. He sent his wagon, with Charles Haggerty and Peter Daly as its crew. Their orders were to take the safe down in the elevator. Mr. Coulsen had concluded that it was safe because the firm said it went up that way. The men went up to the fifth floor for it.

The safe weighs 2,800 pounds. The movers got it into the car all right, and themselves got in with it to save a trip down the stairs. Besides them there was Owen Plunkett, the elevator man, in the car. They had barely started down when the rope broke and car and all shot down into the cellar fifty feet below.

The crash sent the police flying out of the station across the way. Believing that everybody had been at least dreadfully mangled they sent for two ambulances to come from St. Vincent's Hospital. Then they got out Plunkett first and then Haggerty. Plunkett's head was cut and his ankle broken, one of Haggerty's ankles was broken, the other sprained. Something was the matter with his back, too, but neither man was fatally hurt. Daly was under the safe and was supposed to be dead.

But so to that a lusty yell from the depths soon undeceived the rescuers. The safe had tipped against the wall over Daly's body in such a position that he could not be got out, but it had not hurt him in the least. When after much labor they got it jacked up, and got Daly dragged out, they found that he had a broken ankle, but no other injuries. Haggerty lives at 41 Hamilton street, Daly at 3 Sullivan street and Plunkett at 302 East Thirty-first street. After the smash everybody said they ought to have known better than to take a safe down that way.

SUPPOSED BURGLAR A LUNATIC?

Police Think So, but Asylum Authorities Say the Patient Was Not Out.

A story was printed on Tuesday morning of how a supposed burglar had broken a window in the house of Paul Fritzmeyer, at Utica avenue near Carroll street, Brooklyn, at 3 o'clock on Monday morning, and had been frightened away by the servant in the house, who had fired three shots from a revolver at him. The story was read by Carl Sauter of 340 Brandt street, and yesterday he went to the Flatbush avenue station and reported to the police that early on Tuesday morning he had met a man who answered the description of the burglar. One of his hands was cut and he asked Sauter the way to the Flatbush Insane Asylum.

Detective McCurdy accompanied Sauter to the asylum and Sauter picked out one of the patients as the man he had met on Tuesday morning. The man was John T. Irvine, who has been a patient at the institution for some time. His hand is cut and the police believe that he is the man who attempted to get into Mrs. Fritzmeyer's house. They do not think that he intended to commit burglary. The asylum authorities declared that Irvine had not been out of their institution at any time since he was placed there. Irvine didn't talk.

NO DOCTOR FOR A SICK WIFE.

Not Even When Her Leg Was Broken—Dead Now and the Coroner Is Aroused.

YONKERS, Dec. 20.—Coroner Miles will hold an inquest to-morrow afternoon into the death of Mrs. Mary Griffin, who was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital a few days ago in an unconscious condition from her home at 25 Palisade avenue. It was not known how long she had been sick when some neighbors sent for an ambulance to have her taken away. When the doctor arrived some women who were in the house refused to allow the sick woman to be removed, and Policeman Cahill was summoned to assist him in taking her out of the house. At the hospital it was found that one of her legs had been broken and the bone had knitted together without having been set by a physician. The result was that the leg was out of shape and the woman had been obliged to walk on the side of her foot. It was also learned that during her recent illness no physician had been consulted, as, it is alleged, her husband, James Griffin, refused to send for one. The woman died yesterday without regaining consciousness. Coroner Miles says he believes the facts will warrant him in holding the husband for criminal negligence.

Suit to Cancel McGlory's Excise Certificate.

An action has been begun to cancel the excise certificate that was issued to Frank Campbell, a nephew of William McGlory for a concert saloon in Fifty-ninth street, west of Eighth avenue. When Campbell secured the certificate, he swore that he had the consent of all the occupants of all dwellings within 200 feet. The Paulist Fathers, who have been fighting McGlory's purpose of opening the concert garden, learned that there were three dwellings from whose occupants Campbell had not received consent.

Perhaps Fatally Injured by a Train.

A man dressed like a workingman was struck by a Long Island Railroad train at Bushwick Junction last evening. He was taken aboard the train to Long Island City and thence was sent to St. John's Hospital. Dr. John J. Mulcahey said that the man's injuries would no doubt prove fatal. His left leg was fractured eleven times. The only things found that may lead to identification were the name Patrick Carroll tattooed on the man's right forearm and a card bearing the words, "Laurel Hill Chemical Works, No. 633."

Gets $10,500 for the Loss of His Hand.

A jury in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday awarded John Scanlon a verdict of $10,500 in his suit against Emanuel Kahn & Bros and the East River Lead Company for personal injuries received while at work for the defendants in December, 1894. Scanlon's right hand was so severely crushed that it has been useless ever since. It was the third trial of the case.

To Test a Coaling Apparatus in Stormy Weather.

The battleship Massachusetts and the collier Marcellus left the Navy Yard in Brooklyn yesterday and proceeded to sea for the purpose of testing the Miller coaling device. At former trials the device has worked well. The present trials are to test it in heavy weather.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.—Adv.

UNION CLUB SITE CHOSEN.

ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE ORPHAN ASYLUM BLOCK.

This Means the Sale to a Syndicate of the Entire Block Except a Depth of 75 Feet on Madison Avenue—Price $2,050,000—The Club to Pay Not More than $700,000.

The Union Club, by a vote of 230 to 120, decided last night to purchase a site for a new clubhouse at Fifty-first street and Fifth avenue, the southwest corner of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum block, providing the property can be secured for not more than $700,000. The decision was reached after a discussion lasting almost two hours, although the sentiment of the club on the proposition became apparent as soon as the recommendation of the Governing Committee, made a week ago, that the property be purchased, came up. The vote was the same on this as on the following resolution, which was adopted just before adjournment:

"*Resolved*, That the Governing Committee be and hereby is authorized to purchase a site at Fifty-first street and Fifth avenue for a sum not to exceed $700,000, if the same can be procured at that price, and the president and treasurer are authorized to sign any contract, when approved by the Governing Committee, necessary to carry the purchase into effect."

The decision of the Union Club to take the southwest corner of the Asylum block, concludes one of the biggest real estate deals carried through in this city in a long time. A syndicate composed of Charles T. Barney, a member of the Union Club, George R. Sheldon, William F. Havemeyer, William T. Bull, John A. McCall, Edward L. Gibbs, William A. Butler, Jr., George F. Victor, Jr., Henry Seligman and Edmund L. Baylies arranged to purchase for $2,050,000 the entire block except a depth of 75 feet on the Madison avenue front; but it has been understood that the consummation of the deal depended upon the decision of the Union Club whether or not it would take the lower corner on Fifth avenue. It was reported last night that all the necessary papers in the sale were signed, as soon as possible after the vote on the resolution became known. Mr. Barney acting for the syndicate and John D. Crimmins for the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum.

The Union Club will have 75 feet on Fifth avenue and 150 feet on Fifty-first street. The only restriction on the property is that no building of a greater height than 135 feet may be erected on it for twenty-five years. The rest of the property, exclusive of the Madison avenue frontage, which Archbishop Corrigan will reserve for diocesan purposes, will be used for residences.

The Union Club's first home was at 343 Broadway, where it began its existence in June, 1836. In May, 1842, it removed to 376 Broadway; in October, 1850, it went to 691 Broadway and in April, 1855, it took its present quarters at Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street.

DIED ON A TRANSPORT.

James Gordon Jewett Became Insane and Death Came From Exhaustion.

James Gordon Jewett, who was recently appointed Superintendent of Schools in Porto Rico, died on the transport Burnside on Dec. 11. The Burnside brought his body to this city yesterday. Mr. Jewett was born in Spain, where his parents were missionaries twenty-five years ago. He lived at the home of an uncle in Auburndale, Mass., from the time that he was 10 years old until a short time ago. He was a member of the class of '98 at Harvard, but was obliged to leave college because his mind was affected by the suicide of his cousin, Luther Jewett, who was a student at Harvard at the same time. He was for a time an instructor in the Colorado College. He left for Porto Rico five weeks ago. Soon after reaching there his mind showed signs of recurring weakness and he started for home on the Burnside on Dec. 9. He became violently insane on shipboard and died on Dec. 11 of exhaustion.

Lusk—Tiffany.

The marriage of Miss Mary Woodbridge Tiffany and Dr. Graham Lusk took place yesterday afternoon in the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst performing the ceremony at 2:30 o'clock. The bride entered the church with her father, Louis C. Tiffany. Miss Anna Lusk, sister of the bridegroom, Miss Hilda G. Tiffany, Miss Comfort Tiffany and Miss Dorothy Tiffany, sisters of the bride, attended her as bridesmaids. Dr. William C. Lusk, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. I. N. Phelps Stokes, William J. Schieffelin, Charles Tiffany, brother of the bride; Lea Mack, Luquer, Walter C. Taylor and Dr. Leonard Sanford were the ushers. After the church ceremony the bride's parents gave a reception at their home in the Tiffany Building, Madison avenue and Seventy-second street.

Shropshire—Steele.

The wedding of Miss Sopronisba Preston Breckinridge Steele and Ralph Freeman Shropshire was celebrated yesterday at noon in All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, West End avenue and Eighty-first street. The Rev. John Husk, assistant clergyman at St. Thomas's Church, performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father, Dr. Theophilus Steele. There were no bridesmaids. Preston Carson assisted the bridegroom as best man, and Edward S. Shropshire, brother of the bridegroom, Joseph Brown and Foster Gaines were the ushers. After the church ceremony there was a bridal breakfast given at Sherry's instead of at the residence of Dr. Steele, 200 West Eighty-first street.

Mitchell—Furness.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Miss Annie Furness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Furness, was married at noon to-day to Mr. John R. Mitchell, 3d, at Old St. Luke's Church, the Rev. Leverett Bradley performing the ceremony. The ushers were: Mr. Theodore Furness, Mr. J. C. Stevens, Mr. Richard V. Buckley, Mr. Thomas Ridgway, Mr. R. A. Shober, Dr. Charles D. Hart, Mr. Alfred R. Riggs, Mr. C. Willing Hare and Mr. S. C. D. Pendelton. Miss Mitchell, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were: Miss Mary Allen Evans, Miss Furness, Miss Boswell and Miss Maria Beale.

Stoutworth—Jennings.

NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 20.—Miss Flora May Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Jennings, of South Norwalk, and David Stoutworth of Norwalk, were married this afternoon at the Chapel of Our Holy Saviour. The Rev. F. W. Norris, rector of Trinity Church performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father. Walter Hoyt Jennings, a brother of the bride, and Victor Woo Ferris of South Norwalk, were the ushers.

Noreum—Wagner.

The wedding of Miss Elsa May Wagner to Clarence Martense Noreum of Brooklyn took place last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wagner, in Chatham, N. J. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. White of Summit, N. J. The bride, who is a niece of ex-Mayor Frederick W. Wurster of Brooklyn, was attended by her sister, Miss Rena Wagner, and the best man was Henry M. Root.

Clark—Colahan.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Miss Mary Colahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barren Colahan, and Mr. Frederick Hannum Clark were married at noon to-day at the home of the bride's parents, 4504 Pine street, by the Rev. Howard H. Falkner, rector of St. Philip's P. E. Church. Mr. Percy A. Legge acted as best man and Miss Katherine Colahan as maid of honor.

Dugan—Leeds.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 20.—Miss Florence Leeds of this city and Frederick A. Dugan were married in Trinity Episcopal Church to-day by the Rev. Henry M. Barbour of the Church of the Beloved Disciple, New York. The bride was given in marriage by her cousin, Moses Paxon of Philadelphia.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Emil Noll died suddenly yesterday in his restaurant at 231 Fulton street. His death was due to heart disease.

Judgments of absolute divorce were granted in these cases yesterday by Justice Giegerich: To Edwin Egbert from Ella Bogert, to Blanche V. White from William C. White, and to Mary Goldberg from Joseph Goldberg.

Chief Devery yesterday transferred Sergeants William S. Burke from the Madison street station to Fifth street, James F. Thompson from Fifth street to Mercer street and Isaac Frank from Mercer street to Madison street.

At a meeting of the Organization Committee of the Dewey Arch held yesterday afternoon in the office of the Fire Underwriters in the Mutual Life Insurance Building the following committees was appointed to take steps to collect subscriptions from the insurance companies: Henry M. Eaton, George F. Sheridan, M. A. Stone and W. M. Kramer. J. Montgomery Hare was appointed Chairman.

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CIRCUS IS GOING TO GERMANY.

Mr. Bailey Says Tody Hamilton is Studying the Teutonic Polysyllable.

James A. Bailey of the Barnum & Bailey show, which is now in winter quarters at Stoke-on-Trent, England, arrived yesterday aboard the North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse to buy draught horses to help haul the great vehicles of the circus, and thoroughbred runners for the chariot races. He says the show is going across the Channel into Germany in March. In the words of his prismatic word-painter, Mr. Tody Hamilton, Mr. Bailey says the show is no longer big—it is the most colossal aggregation, &c., ever put under canvas, and the canvas is bigger than any other erected, being capable of sheltering 15,500 spectators. Seventy cars will be used to haul things through Germany. They are American cars, nearly twice as long as the German kind. The show had only sixty cars when it was in its glory here. Mr. Bailey says he is going to astonish the Teutons. Mr. Hamilton, who is going on ahead, has been studying German polysyllables so as to be ready to give Hamburg an inkling of what the "grossartig" exhibition will do there during the week beginning April 8. The show will not go to Paris because its proprietors have no animosity against the other show that will be there in 1900.

MORE PRIMARY FRAUD ARRESTS.

Tammany Workers Getting Each Other Indicted in a Very Painful Way.

Four more members of the Horatio Seymour Club of the Ninth Assembly district were arrested on bench warrants yesterday, having been indicted by the extraordinary Grand Jury for violation of the Primary Election law. The indictments were found on evidence offered by the adherents of John C. Sheehan and Senator Louis Munzinger. The warrants were served by McCullagh's deputies.

The four arrested men are named Rogers, Cornelison, McGuire and Ward. They were bailed promptly. Five warrants are yet to be executed in the Ninth.

The Goodwin-Smith men are yet unable to understand the mental attitude of a Tammany man who would go before a Grand Jury and have anybody indicted for violating the laws at a Tammany primary. They call Sheehan "Carey, the Irish informer." On the other side Senator Munzinger said last night that the best men in the district had been before the Grand Jury.

Last night McCullagh deputies arrested six alleged violators of the Primary law in the Thirty-fourth Assembly district. As in the Ninth district the evidence on which indictment were found was furnished by one Tammany faction fighting another. McOwen accused the Nagle men of many open frauds at the primaries.

WOULD ELECT POLICE JUSTICES.

Brooklyn Republicans Have a Bill to That End and Call to See Odell.

Naval Officer Sharkey, Col. Michael J. Dady, Walter B. Atterbury and several other Brooklyn Republicans called at Republican headquarters in the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday afternoon just in time to miss Chairman Odell who had gone to Newburgh for a day or so. The Brooklyn Republicans have prepared a bill to be introduced at Albany this winter and they desire to consult Mr. Odell about it. The bill provides for the election of seven Police Justices in the borough of Brooklyn whose terms are to be six years at a salary of $5,000 a year. Col. Dady said:

"The Supreme Court Justices, City Court Justices and all other Justices are elected by the people and we cannot understand why Police Justices should not be elected by the people also. Neither do we believe that it is necessary for a Police Justice to be a lawyer. We believe that laymen can fill these places."

"Would you have the bill apply to the borough of Manhattan also?" Col. Dady was asked.

"Well, I do not know," he replied; "that is a matter for the New York Republicans to discuss for themselves."

AN INTERNATIONAL TRUST?

Potters of the United States and England to Agree Upon a Rate of Prices.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The nucleus of the first industrial combination to include English and American manufacturers has just been formed in this city. At a meeting here of Western potters, Charles W. Franzheim of the Wheeling Pottery Company, and President of the National Manufacturers Association, presented a proposition which he had just received at Trenton from the manufacturers there to consent to the proposed revision of the price list on crockery provided there is an ironclad agreement to it on the part of the Western manufacturers. The English manufacturers are willing to revise their prices contingent upon American potters taking a similar step.

Mr. Franzheim assured the East Liverpool manufacturers that both the Trenton and English manufacturers will adhere to their propositions. A communication was then dictated setting forth the willingness of the East Liverpool potters to adopt the new price, and is now on the way to England, where it will go before the manufacturers of the country, who will formally act upon and confirm it.

NEW PLATFORM FOR BRYANITES.

Paper Money Advocated Instead of Silver—Single Tax Also Endorsed.

The Executive Committee of the Democratic National Ways and Means Committee of Kings county, which represents the Bryan Democracy in the Borough of Brooklyn, met last night at the home of Eugene V. Brewster, 361 Monroe street. Resolutions were unanimously adopted declaring, in effect, that the passage of the Financial bill by Congress rendered further advocacy of bimetallism by any political party useless. The resolutions declared for the issuing by the Government of irredeemable greenbacks, and suggested that the proposition be submitted to the people in the form of a Constitutional amendment. The resolutions further advocated Government ownership of all large industries and the single tax theory.

Father Burke's Huge Euchre Party.

The Rev. Dr. Burke, rector of the new Church of St. Philip Neri, Bedford Park, announces that Prof. Henry J. Heidenis, the well-known euchre expert, will manage the 2,400 players, who will take part in the progressive euchre party which will be held in the Grand Central Palace on Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, 1900. The proceeds of the entertainment will be given to Dr. Burke to aid him in the completion of his church.

Prof. Heidenis successfully managed the big euchre parties in aid of the Catholic summer school, and he also had charge of the one recently given in aid of St. John's Hospital, Long Island City. Dr. Burke's party, however, promises to be the biggest affair of the kind ever given in this city. George Gillespie, who is chairman of the general committee, which has charge of the benefit, announces that a meeting will be held in the Cathedral school hall, East Fiftieth street, this evening, of all who are cooperating with Dr. Burke to make the affair a success.

OBITUARY.

Word was received here yesterday that the veteran pianist Chevalier Anton de Kontski had died on Dec. 8 at St. Petersburg. He was said to be the oldest of piano virtuosos when he made his last public appearance only a short time before his death. He was born on Oct. 27, 1817, at Cracow, studied in Paris under his older brother Carl, who was a teacher of the violin there, and made his first appearance in public when a boy. Later he travelled in all the European countries and in 1854 he settled as a teacher in St. Petersburg. He founded there a society for the performance of classical music, but soon removed to London where he remained until 1867. In that year he came to New York to remain for several years. He composed for the piano and his best known work in that field was "Le Reveil du Lion," long beloved of the piano virtuoso of former years. He wrote two operas: "Les Deux Distraits," sung in London in 1862, and "The Sultan of Zanzibar," sung here in May, 1866. He returned to Europe a few years afterward and since that time had travelled through the Orient. Only a few years ago he was giving concerts in China. He settled in St. Petersburg after his return and has since lived there. Two of his brothers were violinists and a brother and sister were well known as pianists.

Mrs. Louis F. Payn, the wife of the State Superintendent of Insurance, died at her home in Chatham, N. Y., yesterday morning. Her death was not unexpected, she having spent the first months of the year abroad in search of health. While in Paris last May Mrs. Payn's condition was so critical that Superintendent Payn found it necessary to go over there and bring her home.

Mrs. Georgia Oakes Baldwin, wife of William A. Baldwin, Vice President of the Bloomfield National Bank, and daughter of the late George Oakes, died on Tuesday night at her home on Broad street, Bloomfield, from peritonitis. Mrs. Baldwin was active in church work and in society. She was 38 years old.

William Hepburn Johns, dramatic editor of the *Chicago Chronicle* since its foundation in May, 1895, died of pneumonia in Chicago yesterday. He was born in England 38 years ago.

HOLD-UP IN A SLEEPING CAR

MONEY AND JEWELRY TAKEN FROM PASSENGERS BY MASKED MEN.

One Stood Guard Over the Conductor and Porter With a Revolver While Two Others Collected the Booty—Then They Stopped the Train and All Got Away.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—The passengers in the sleeper on the Missouri Pacific Omaha and Lincoln Express, which left Kansas City at 9:15 o'clock last night, were robbed by three men, two masked, last night between Kansas City, Kas., and Nearman, six miles north, where the robbers left the train. Something over $500 in money, six watches and five diamonds were secured. The passengers in the other cars and the trainmen did not know of the hold-up until the men got away. As soon as the train reached Leavenworth the Missouri Pacific officials and the police were notified and a train was made up which carried the railroad detectives and a posse of officers to the scene of the hold-up.

The robbers boarded the train at the station in Kansas City, Kan. They went to the sleeper and covered the conductor and porter with their revolvers. Then one man stood guard while the other two went through the car and took the passengers' valuables. The passengers were terrified, and with a single exception gave up their valuables without an attempt to save them. One man stuck his pocketbook, containing $150 in money, inside the shirt of his son, who was with him, and dropped his watch into his own trousers leg. After their work was done the robbers pulled the bell cord, brought the train to a standstill and jumped off. Nearman is surrounded by a forest and the robbers made their escape under cover of it. All the bridges across the Missouri and and Kansas rivers are being watched and it will be difficult for the bandits to get away.

The robbers worked rapidly, but overlooked no one. One would hold a gun at the head of a passenger while the other went through his pockets. When the man who had concealed his money was reached the robbers cursed him, but were in too great a hurry to make a search.

W. T. Kennedy of St. Louis, one of the victims of the robbery, says: "I was alone in the smoking section of the sleeper and was sound asleep when I felt some one tapping my knee. Looking up, I saw a tall man with a dark moustache and with a black slouch hat drawn down over his face, but without a mask. He had a large revolver in his hand. He asked me if I had anything. I handed him my pocketbook and he took $4.85 and a check for $25 signed by T. P. Fenton, Jr., of Leavenworth. He looked at the check and said: 'This may be good, but it is no good to me.' He then carefully placed it back in the book and handed it to me. The whole affair was one of the coolest I ever saw. The robber was a very gentlemanly fellow."

CURIOUS SURGICAL CASE.

Nearly All the Bones on Taylor's Left Side Cut Away—More May Have to Go.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Surgeons at the Pennsylvania Hospital fear that there will have to be another operation performed on the Hospital Orderly, Alfred Taylor. This man presents a strange study to the anatomist. On his left side there are no bones except parts of the ribs. From the point of his jaw to the hip bone the line of his body is nearly straight. The entire left arm with shoulder and collar bone have been cut away.

Taylor is the victim of a disease of the bones, osteosarcoma, which will probably cause his death, and would have long before this brought his life to a close had it not been for the skill of the surgeon. He was a sailor, and came here from England in April of 1898. His arm and side were terribly swollen, and examination soon showed from what disease he was suffering. He was told that the disease would cause his death, but that he might live longer if the diseased bone was removed, and he consented.

The operation was a success and since his recovery he has been working about the hospital and has been the subject of about four hundred lectures and has been examined by many well-known surgeons. On last Sunday a small swelling appeared on one of his ribs and it is feared that the disease is not thoroughly eradicated. His digestion and general health have been good since the operation.

Sold Stolen Silk to a Rabbi.

Meyer Goldman was convicted in Newark yesterday of receiving 1,182 yards of silk worth $1 a yard, supposed to be part of the proceeds of a $5,000 robbery at 162 Mott street, this city. The silk was traced to the home of Rabbi Newman at 122 Prince street, Newark, and the rabbi was an important witness yesterday. He said that he gave the police the first information about the silk and that he paid $600 for it before he heard that it had been stolen.

Neustria's Passengers All Right.

The steamship Neustria, which was detained at Quarantine on Tuesday because of a rumor that about twenty-five of her passengers were surreptitiously put aboard at Naples after they had been rejected by the United States Consul there, will be released this morning. Health Officer Doty received a despatch from the Consul last night saying that the passengers were all right.

Workmen Against Building Code.

The Board of Walking Delegates passed a resolution yesterday favoring the proposed appointment of new commissioners by Gov. Roosevelt to formulate a new building code for New York. The secretary was instructed to write to the Governor asking him not to allow himself to be moved by any protests against the appointment of the new commission.

To Build a Big Flat on Riverside Drive.

Plans were filed with Building Commissioner Brady yesterday for a new seven-story brick and stone fireproof flat house which H. J. Hautot proposes to erect on Riverside drive at the northeast corner of 115th street. The building will cost $225,000.

Pastor McComb's Resignation Accepted.

The resignation of the Rev. Samuel McComb, pastor of the Rutgers Riverside Presbyterian Church, was formally tendered and accepted at a meeting of the congregation last night. He will probably accept a chair of literature in some college.

Sick Restaurant Keeper Kills Himself.

John Wettach, proprietor of a hotel and restaurant at 5 Morris street, committed suicide yesterday in his rooms over the restaurant by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver. He had been ill for about a year, and was despondent.

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A Man Who Can't Remember Any Place Stranded in a Police Station.

A Pole who said he was Michael Nowetzke tried to drive a team of horses and a big sand cart into the Stagg street police station, Williamsburg, last night. He was stopped in front of the iron picket fence which surrounds the building by a policeman, who after backing the wagon into the street lugged Nowetzke into the station and asked him what he meant. Sergeant Williams, who was behind the desk, saw that Nowetzke was perfectly sober and he questioned him. He learned piecemeal that Nowetzke, who had forgotten where he lived, had started in the morning to work for a contractor whose name he didn't know. He was directed to a sandpit the location of which he had forgotten. After the cart had been filled with sand Nowetzke drove to some new buildings a few blocks away, but just where he never found out, and dumped the load.

He undertook to go back to the sandpit by a shorter route and lost his way. He travelled around all day looking for the sandpit, the contractor and his house, but found none of them. Somebody told Nowetzke to inquire of the police for information. He was afraid to leave the team in front of the station, so he drove up on the sidewalk, intending to go inside with it. The police kept Nowetzke at the station house until he could be identified, and took charge of the horses and wagon.

LIEUT. BRUMBY BURIED.

**Body Lies in State in Georgia