# WANTS PARENTAGE DISCLOSED

### CIVIL WAR MYSTERY BROUGHT UP IN THE COURTS.

**Union Soldier Brought Home a Child and Concealed His Antecedents—The Man Now Has a German Name and Asks That the Old Soldier Be Made to Tell All**

McKEESPORT, Pa., Dec. 28.—A bill in equity was filed to-day by Attorney Conrad Miller of this city in behalf of August Friedthoffer, as he is known, a resident of Port Vue, a borough on the opposite side of the Youghiogheny River from McKeesport. By means of it the complainant seeks to establish his identity, having reason to believe that he is entitled to property and that he was fraudently deprived of his rights over thirty years ago, when he was an infant. Friedthoffer believes that he was sold into bondage by relatives who were interested in getting him out of the way, carried North by a discharged soldier of the Union Army and given away by this man to a family named Friedthoffer, who raised him as their own son.

It is within the last few years that the man learned that his parentage was unknown and that he made an effort to establish his identity. William Hite, the defendant in the bill in equity, positively refused to give him any information concerning himself or his parents and even ceased to speak to him. Being without means, Friedthoffer allowed the mystery to remain unopened until recently, when his story was told to a friend, who volunteered to furnish the funds for the employment of an attorney.

About the year 1865 Hite returned from the army to his home at Greenoch, four miles south of McKeesport, after having served in the Union Army from the beginning to the end of the war. His army record, as found in the files of the War Department at Washington, shows that he was a good soldier. When he returned home he brought with him a curly, golden-haired little boy, a pretty little fellow, with blue eyes. The boy answered to the name of Charley. Hite did not account for the boy to any of the inquisitive neighbors who asked about him, and the coming of the child was soon forgotten. After a time, when Hite was in a communicative humor, he would tell something about the boy. The stories all had the same general trend, but many variations. The story most generally heard by the neighbors and the one which passed in their minds for the correct one was about as follows:

After a great battle had been fought between the Union and Confederate troops in one of the Southern States Hite was wandering over the field and came upon a fine old mansion which stood in the thick of the fight and was almost ruined by shot and shell. Supposing it to be deserted he entered and searched through the house. While wandering about the building he found a baby lying in a crib. The child awoke and, reaching up its arms to him called him "Papa." He took the little one in his arms when the child informed him that he was hungry. Hite gave the boy something to eat from his haversack and then searched for the family. He finally became convinced that they had all deserted the child, and he took him to camp with him. When he was discharged he brought the little one home. How he kept him at the camp and cared for him until such time as he was able to return home with him he never explained.

One variation of this story was to the effect that when Hite entered the old mansion he was met by the mother of the child. She explained that his father was dead and that everything they owned had been swept away by the contending armies. The woman was about dying with consumption and begged the soldier to take her child and find a home for him. A variation of this story places the grandmother of the boy in the position occupied by the mother and is to the effect that his father and mother were dead and the grandmother gave him away to keep him from starving.

These are about the only explanations Hite has ever given for his possession of the boy. He has placed the mansion in so many different places that it is difficult to determine where it was. He told old Mrs. Friedthoffer that he got the boy in Galveston, Tex.; again in Florida, then in South Carolina, in Maryland, in Virginia, and almost every State that associated itself with the Southern Confederacy.

After Hite returned from the Civil War he enlisted again in the Regular army and served until the spring of 1869. In July of that year he gave the boy to Michael Friedthoffer and wife, a childless couple, who lived on the opposite side of the river from McKeesport and who were anxious to get a child to raise as their own. Hite wrote what he called an "adoption paper" for this transfer. It merely says that he gives the person of his adopted son to Michael Friedthoffer and surrenders all claim upon his person or upon what he may produce by his earning power. The paper is witnessed by Anton Hoffman and Phillip Heimstetter, both of whom are yet living and who are well-known residents of McKeesport.

Some time after the Friedthoffers secured possession of the child a sister of Hite met Mrs. Friedthoffer and told her she was going to get into trouble over that boy. She said:

"That boy's father was very wealthy and died, leaving him in the care of a stepmother. This woman had a son about the same age as your boy and wanted him to inherit all the property. She gave Hite a whole lot of money to bring that boy up North here and lose him. There'll be a lot of trouble over him some day and you'd better make yourself safe."

Mrs. Friedthoffer went after Hite upon receiving this information. Hite positively denied the story told by his sister and said:

"If any person makes any trouble for you, Mrs. Friedthoffer, you come to me. I'll stand between you and any trouble. You just take care of the boy. Some day it may pay you well and you keep him and say nothing to any person. I'll protect you."

This was twenty years ago or more. The Friedthoffers are a worthy German couple who now live on a little farm on the edge of Port Vue borough. The farm is their own now, but the years when the man who is now seeking his name and kindred was a boy were years of poverty and hard work. At the age of 18 the boy was just 6 feet 4 inches across the river from McKeesport and his life work since that time has been underground. For several years he and Hite worked together in the mines, frequently in the same room. Years ago, long before he was first regaling the boy with his tale, he began to think about such matters. Hite used to take to him occasionally about his old home. He told him he came from Charles Stockport and that he was born in the South. "Your parents are both dead," was all the information he ever gave the boy on that question. One day the boy turned ahead of the underground work room and saw Hite peeping at him very intently.

"What's the matter?" inquired the boy.

"I was just wondering how proud like to be back home where your people are, and I was thinking how I'd like to dig in the real dirt," responded Hite.

"Where do my people live?" asked the boy.

"You go with Frank now," growled Hite, and that was about the last time the man spoke to the boy about his parentage.

Friends

When the boy grew to manhood he applied to Hite for information, or to his parents, but Hite refused to tell him anything. Several years ago the young man asked for this information and Hite finally ordered him from his house, and for several years he spoke to him. Friedthoffer, to whomever he came in, is satisfied that he came from the South, that the manner of his coming was irregular and that the action which has begun after so many years will do much toward throwing light on his identity. The man speaks with a decided German accent, having been raised to a knowledge of the German tongue.

When Hite brought him north he answered only to the name of Charley, and had never heard any language but English. He has no recollection whatever of his home in the South. His only remembrance of the trip North is that he was on a boat for a long time. Whether this was a river steamer or an ocean-going boat he has no idea. Hite never told any person where he came from nor how they came to this city. The sister who first raised the doubts in the mind of old Mrs. Friedthoffer has long since died, and it seems as if there is none other than Hite himself who can throw light on this mysterious case.

Hite is a laborer employed in the National Tube Works. He and his wife own valuable property in the Third ward of McKeesport, and their home at 1215 Locust street is one of the most comfortable in the street. Friedthoffer, as the complainant is known, is now about 37 years of age. He is a six-footer, slim and has light, curly hair. He is married and lives in a modest little four-roomed cottage in Port Vue. He is still employed in the coal mines and works daily at his underground employment.

"I don't care who I turn out to be," he said in speaking about the case. "All I want to know is my own name and who my people were and where I came from. Every man has a right to know his own father and I want to know mine. Aside from that I do not care. I believe, however, that there was property coming to me, but that was many years ago and it may have all been got away with by this time. If it has not I want my own."

The bill in equity is to compel Hite to tell what he knows of the boy's parentage.

### "AUNT ELIZA" PINKHAM.

**Maine's Smart Old Lady Who Died Last Week at the Age of 106.**

MILLBRIDGE, Me., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Eliza Pinkham, Maine's oldest woman, died at her home here this week at the age of 106 years, lacking two weeks. For a long time this quiet town noted solely for its lumber business, its herring factories and as the landing place of a steamer, has taken pride in the fact that in it resided the oldest woman in the Pine Tree State.

Aunt Eliza, as she was called, was known far and wide as "a fine old lady" and there are men here well along in years who can recall that when they were small children she was known similarly. For the last twenty years Aunt Eliza has been considered a wonderfully smart woman and of late, summer visitors have marvelled that a woman past her hundredth year could knit and sew with such skill and show such a lively interest in the affairs of the world as she did. She was born Jan. 7, 1796, in Washington county, and twenty-four years later, the year Maine became a State, she married John Francis, who had been a soldier in the War of 1812. At the time of the second struggle with the mother country Mrs. Pinkham was living on Deer Island with her grandmother and not unlike many another girl of the period, she was obliged to do the work of a man at times. She became a skilful boatwoman and frequently went as far as Grand Menan in company with a vessel full of men, doing her trick at the wheel and handling fish lines as well as any of them.

Mrs. Pinkham's maiden name was Eliza Scott and during the summer of 1810, she helped her mother do the farm work while her father and brother ran a schooner between Maine and Boston. That year she earned her first money and promptly invested it in a pair of stout shoes. As the old lady told of the incident:

"I had been down to the shore to dig a basket of clams for mother and was coming along the beach at low tide, when I saw something flapping about in a shallow pool. Upon looking, I saw three large fish hustling about and I promptly hooked them out with a birch withe and started to carry them home. Further along, I met the Captain of an English brig, then anchored in the port.

"'How much will you take for your salmon, my pretty Yankee?' asked he.

"'Don't know. What will you give?' I answered.

"'Fifteen shillings and a kiss to bind the bargain,' replied the British tar.

"He paid me in coin of the realm—one golden half sovereign and two silver half-crowns—but I shan't say whether he gave me the binder or not, but leave it to you to guess. I suppose I have worn out more than 100 pairs of shoes since then, but the ones I bought with the English money were the stoutest and best-fitting boots I ever had."

After the death of Mr. Francis, the widow moved to this town, where she married a second time. Mr. Pinkham, the second husband, was a shipmaster and well to do at one time, but lost his vessel and died soon afterward. Several children had been born to the couple, but of them all, only one, Paul, survives, and he has been blind for the last forty years.

Paul Pinkham is another of Millbridge's boasts, for he is the only blind boat builder in Maine, and is still able to do all kinds of work about vessels. The son went fishing for a living after his father's death in 1860, and was doing well when he began losing his eyesight. He stuck to the fishing smack even after becoming blind, and seemed to have no difficulty in getting about.

"He sails by instinct," the neighbors said, but whether it was instinct or not, Paul's smack never was in collision or any other trouble.

It is as a designer and builder of boats that blind Paul Pinkham has won distinction. His models are always fast and when a man does this way wants to build a craft he gets Pinkham's ideas on the subject. An abnormally developed sense of touch seems to have taken the place of Paul's lost eyesight, and he can do any kind of a job on a vessel, simply feeling his way. When a vessel or boat is to be repaired, Paul will go over every part of her with his hands carefully, and then make a close estimate of what needs to be done and the cost of doing it. No one in this neighborhood can pick out a good piece of timber in a pile as well as he can and as for rigging a boat, he is a past master of the art.

### BLOW AT FREE FERRY RIDES.

**Restriction in New Tickets Issued to Central Commuters.**

The Central Railroad of New Jersey has issued the following notice to its conductors and ticket agents:

"From and after Jan. 1, 1902, the present form of book commutation tickets, the coupons of which have heretofore been honored by ferry clerks in our direction, will be withdrawn, and a form of coupon ticket substituted, the coupons of which will be good only in the direction printed. There will be no change in the existing rates and the new tickets will be furnished at the ticket offices as heretofore.

"Central commuters said last night that the only difference to the new form of ticket was that it might prevent some of the well-to-do commuters who are permitted to walk past the ferry ticket gatekeepers without showing their tickets from taking free ferry rides.

### A Syndicate Purchases the Lawrence Cement Company's Properties.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The cement properties of the Lawrence Cement Company, consisting of about a dozen mills, and a score or more of quarries, have been acquired by a syndicate, headed by W. S. Beach of New York, who owns a large cement making plant near Binghamton. Possession will be taken on Jan. 1. Negotiations for the securing of several other plants by the syndicate are pending, which will control the large expense that has been heretofore incurred in the sales department in New York. Hereafter all the sales of the syndicate's Rosendale cement will be through one agent, who, it is said, will be W. S. Beach.

# LOW AND PARTRIDGE NO DRYS

### UNDERSTOOD THAT DECENT SALOONS WON'T BE BOTHERED.

**Enforcing the Law and Enforcing Every Law Two Distinct Things, Says the Next Police Head—Where Does Jerome Come In?—Fifth Avenue Rum.**

Col. John N. Partridge spoke yesterday at some length for the first time of the manner in which he intends to conduct the Police Department. One subject on which he will not commit himself in detail is the excise question. It is understood, however, that he is in favor of a liberal interpretation of the law in regard to those places that seek to obey it, and the most rigid enforcement against those resorts where the aim of the managers seems to be to violate all the laws they can. It is understood that the system which was in force in Brooklyn while Col. Partridge was Mayor Low's Commmissioner of Police there will be put in force throughout the city, and that men who run respectable places without disorder have nothing to fear from the new administration.

One of the first points that Col. Partridge made clear yesterday was that any views that the men selected by him for his deputies might express were to be considered their personal views and not those of the department. Col. Partridge was told that Col. Thurston, who is to be the first deputy, had said that he was in favor of a liberal excise law.

"If the men who are to be the Deputy Commissioners have been quoted correctly they expressed their own personal views," said Col. Partridge. "Those views are not to be taken as coming from me. There are certain laws that are on the statute books for purposes of restraint; that is to say, they are to be enforced rigidly when it is necessary. I will not discuss any opinions which my deputies may express or which are credited to them in the newspapers. Excise and other police questions will be met when we come to them. We intend to work out these matters and not talk them. It is nonsense for any man to say that he will enforce every law on the statute books. Enforcing the law and enforcing every law are two distinct things. One I think we can do; the other no man can do."

"What will you do about shutting up resorts in the city that are run in violation of the law?"

"You know as well as I do that no man can root out all the evil. It can be remedied and checked, however, and I propose to do what I can toward the bettering of conditions in the city.

"The three-platoon system is a matter that will receive my serious consideration. I consider it of the utmost importance and I do not know enough about the matter yet to discuss it. I have my own idea about it, but it would not do for me to discuss it publicly yet."

Col. Partridge was asked what he thought of the wholesale advance of patrolmen to the grade of detective sergeants in the last days of the life of the present administration. Eighty-seven of these promotions have been made in the last few weeks.

"It seems odd that they were all made at this time," said Col. Partridge. Then he added that he had been the man who had selected both of the Deputy Commissioners, and that he would have been glad to select machine men for the jobs if he had found machine men who suited him as well. He thought that the selections were the best that he could have made. He was asked whether he agreed with Major Ebstein that there was less police corruption in Brooklyn than in Manhattan.

"Brooklyn may be bad in places but it is in a different way from the borough across the bridge," he said. "I do not think that the conditions are so bad in Brooklyn. The newspapers have guessed many things that I have not cared to say in public, and they may guess other things. The people must not expect that the millennium is coming the week after the first of January."

Col. Partridge, is to confer with his deputies at his home in Brooklyn to-day. When he referred to the fact that there were certain laws intended to be enforced rigidly when the necessity arose, he was understood to mean the excise laws. When he was the Commissioner of Police in Brooklyn it was the policy of the department to allow respectable saloon keepers who conducted places where the law was obeyed in the manner of conducting the business to keep open after hours, and on Sundays, if the neighbors made no complaint and there was no disturbance and disorder. It has been said frequently that the same policy would be adhered to in the administration of the law throughout the greater city, and that Mayor Low and Col. Partridge thought that they would be able to run things so that all the elements in the community except a few comparatively, of the extremists, would be satisfied. Whether they will be able to carry this policy out or not depends a good deal on the attitude that is taken by District Attorney Jerome.

Some of the friends of Justice Jerome say that he is anxious for higher political honors than those that have come to him so far, and that he hopes to receive these at the hands of the Democrats of the State and the nation. These friends of the incoming District Attorney say that he is more than likely to insist that it is his duty to see that the laws are enforced in New York county, if they are not modified. It is known that if he starts out reforming or entering his office he is going to begin his reforms in places which have never felt the effect of the laws. In other words, Mr Jerome will, it is said, do what reforming he has to do in Fifth avenue rather than on Third avenue.

### CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE FUN.

**Trading in Celebrities—Stunts by "the Profesh"—Babies Present.**

A brass band and professional vaudeville artists helped out the annual holiday celebration of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange yesterday afternoon. In addition the members contributed impromptu fun.

The exchange floor was crowded with members and their male friends, while the galleries were reserved for women. Two babies were also present.

Among those on the floor were about two dozen members of the New York Stock Exchange. The Board room was decorated with flags and palms and the vaudeville artists did their stunts on a temporary stage. Music was furnished by Crowley's English Regimental Band.

While Impersonator Adams was taking off distinguished men, past and present, as the programme put it, he was asked Lately to the members for Dewey, but political result. When he announced "the hero of Santiago" and gave an impression of Bobby Lane and applause mingled.

Members started "trading" in some of the impersonations as they were made and there was for a few minutes furious bidding and offering of "three Pops" when an impersonation of the aged President Roosevelt was presented.

The arrangements for the entertainment, which was very successful, were in charge of C. M. Van Tassel.

### Hamilton County Contested Election Case.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Justice Mayer to-day granted to the Hamilton county contested election case a writ of peremptory mandamus compelling the Board of Canvassers to reassemble and canvass the votes for Sheriff as they were cast and certify as to how many votes each candidate received. The granting of this motion will have the effect of seating B. Frank Rathbun, the Republican candidate for Sheriff, as the name of his opponent, Locke, was written on the ballots as J. H. Locke, Jesse Locke, "Sat" Locke and otherwise.

### 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. 2nd

### KNOCKED HIS GIRL WIFE DOWN.

**Anger of Boy Husband Over Failure to Persuade Her to Live With Him.**

Marguerite Fishbock, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a widow of 1129 Broadway, Brooklyn, eloped in June with Otto Stuft, a seventeen-year-old medical student, whose mother, a widow, lives at 845 Broadway. They were married by the Rev. G. Bernhardt. Stuft returned to his mother's house and the bride to her home. Stuft's mother learned of the marriage and took steps to have it annulled. The case is to be tried in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, next month. Meantime, the bride, failing to obtain support from her husband, got employment in a mercantile agency. Stuft followed his bride around and vainly tried to get her to live with him. He tried to lead her to believe that the proceedings of his mother for the annulment of their marriage amounted to nothing.

On Friday night the bride left her home with Louise Bendinger, a neighbor, to attend a concert in a church at Park and Marcy avenues. Stuft followed her, and at the front entrance to the church he stepped before her and again pleaded. She asked him not to molest her again. He struck her in the face several times. She fell. Her screams brought Policeman Gallagher, who arrested Stuft on her complaint. He was held at the Vernon avenue station on the charge of assault. His mother secured his release on bail. Stuft returned to the church to speak to his wife, but was driven away by Policeman Gallagher.

Stuft had nothing to say when arraigned yesterday in the Lee avenue police court. He was held for further hearing on Tuesday.

### A. G. VANDERBILT'S FOREST PARK.

**He Is Personally Directing Improvements in His Adirondack Purchase.**

UTICA, Dec. 28.—Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who lately purchased Sagamore Lake and 1,500 acres of surrounding forest from W. West Durant, is personally directing many important improvements in this which has always been considered one of the finest forest parks in the world. Mr. Vanderbilt is now at Sagamore Lake, where seven log camps are being constructed on the shores of the lake. In connection with the main camp a new billiard hall is being erected, new stables and a large building, which will be devoted to a hennery.

Mr. Vanderbilt has entered most enthusiastically into Adirondack life, and, in addition to maintaining a large stable, will have gardens and nurseries there, in the mountains. One of the most important features of the improvements is the construction of about thirty miles of new highway. A road is being built around the shores of the lake, which are entirely within the preserve, and through the forest to Eagle Lake, which is sixteen miles from Sagamore Lake.

This is the second trip Mr. Vanderbilt has made into the region this fall. On the first trip, which was made two weeks ago, Mr. Vanderbilt's train was stalled because of a washout. He has devoted some attention to rabbit hunting and the pursuit of foxes on snowshoes, but is mainly interested at this time in the development of his park.

### SETBACK FOR TROLLEY COMPANY

**Mayor of Trenton Retains Ordinances Giving It the Right to Use City Streets.**

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—Mayor Frank O. Briggs to-day administered a blow to the Camden and Trenton Railway Company, which is seeking a right of way through this city by retaining three ordinances giving the company the right to lay tracks on several of the principal thoroughfares. The ordinances were all passed by the Council within the last ten days by unanimous vote after the Trenton Street Railway Company had exhausted every means to accomplish their defeat.

Mayor Briggs gives as a reason for his action that the franchises are unlimited and that no proper remuneration for the rights conferred will be received by the city. It is proposed to call a special meeting of the Council Monday night with a view of passing the ordinances over the Mayor's veto. The haste is due to the fact that a new Council will take office on Jan. 1. The Camden and Trenton company is a part of the system by which it is proposed to connect New York and Philadelphia by trolley.

### TROLLEY BUTTED HORSE CAR.

**Three Men Injured in a Smash on Lower Broadway—Ambulance Was Slow.**

Three men were injured and a part of the rear platform of a Madison street car was torn away last night in a collision with a Broadway trolley car at Duane street.

The injured are: Daniel Enright of 221 William street, back cut and internal injuries; Thomas Monahan of 521 Albany avenue, Brooklyn, both legs cut, and James Leahy of 463 West Twenty-fifth street, injuries of the back and shock. They were all able to go to their homes.

The horse car, crowded with passengers, was going west through Duane street when the Broadway car struck its rear platform. The horse car was knocked from the tracks.

A call for an ambulance was sent in to the Hudson street hospital, which is only four blocks away, but the ambulance, in charge of Dr. Corwin, was half an hour getting to where the smash had been.

### ARTIST-BROKER TAKES $80,000.

**And Lets His Stock Exchange Seat Go Buyer Not a New Yorker.**

Richard M. L. Walsh, who has been known as the artist member of the New York Stock Exchange, has sold his seat for $80,000. The buyer is an out-of-town man. Mr Walsh has been a member of the Exchange since 1875 and has been an active room trader and popular with his fellow members. He is an amateur artist of some note, is a member of the Arts Club and has shown pictures at several recent exhibitions. He is a member of the Union and St. Nicholas clubs and is a bachelor.

Cost appears to make no difference to Western banking houses who want to secure membership on the New York Exchange, such membership carrying with it business standing of great value to them.

### GLENNON OFF THE FORCE.

**Murphy Drops Him on the Strength of His Six Months' Sentence.**

Wardman Edward Glennon, Beverly's man, who has been sentenced to six months in the Penitentiary for neglect of duty, was dropped from the rolls of the Police Department yesterday.

"I consider that a man who has been sentenced to six months in the Penitentiary has no right in the Police Department," said Commissioner Murphy in announcing his decision.

### Bill Build Orthodox Synagogue.

The orthodox congregation Bagnola Mizchak of Jersey City has bought the property at 164-166 Bleecker avenue, known as the Wentcott estate, on which it expects soon to build a synagogue. Trustee Abright, President of the congregation, who assumed the property, has received twenty-five offerings for life in the synagogue for himself and wife. Mrs. Rosenblatt's pew will be in the gallery, which will be reserved for women.

### Jackers Mourn William F. Cochran.

Tuxedo, Dec. 28.—Many buildings and the interior of churches which be built or richly augmented, are draped in honor of the memory of William F. Cochran, whose funeral will be held at St. Andrew's Memorial Church on Sunday afternoon. Among the bodies which will attend will be probably a thousand members of the Holywood Inn, of which Mr. Cochran was President and founder.

# 22 MORE SLEUTHS APPOINTED.

### A TOTAL FOR COL. MURPHY OF 109 IN ELEVEN MONTHS.

**Col. Partridge May Be Able to Reduce Some of These Detective Sergeants—Ten New Men for Brooklyn—Murphy Wants Rubber Shoes for the Horses, Too.**

Police Commissioner Murphy appointed twenty-two more detective sergeants yesterday. This makes 109 detective sergeants who have been appointed by Commissioner Murphy since he took office about eleven months ago.

Here are twenty of the men who were promoted by Col. Murphy yesterday: Charles Connolly, Henry A. Pfeiff, John T. Linden, Michael C. Brindley, Roundsman John D. Sullivan, John F. Bracken, John J. Bradley, John W. Boyle, John S. Sweeney and Richard Manning, all of Manhattan; Daniel F. O'Connor, Martin McCauley, Thomas F. Kane, Frank Foster, John F. Langan, John T. Lindsay, John M. Long, Andrew Delaney, Joseph Thompson and Adam Kletz, of Brooklyn.

Henry A. Pfeiff has had charge of the Bureau of Repairs and Supplies at Police Headquarters and consequently is fully qualified to be a star sleuth from the viewpoint of the present régime. Detectives Bracken and Bradley have been on Commissioner Murphy's personal staff. On Thursday Robert S. Heilferty, Jr., who was appointed on Oct. 16, 1900, was made a detective sergeant. His increase in pay is about $1,000. He is a son of Robert S. Heilferty, the chairman of the committee that presented to Col. Murphy a diamond badge about a week ago. The promotion of Detective John Linden, who has been doing clerical work on Col. Murphy's staff, is merely complimentary. He would have become a full detective sergeant on Jan. 1, any way, as he was a member of the Headquarters Squad on April 1 last. Detective Linden is a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, and has done detective work in the Old Slip, Oak and Eldridge street precincts.

The ten Brooklyn men were vouched for by Democratic Assembly district leaders. The Detective Bureau in Brooklyn now has sixty-four detective sergeants, each drawing $2,000 a year salary. Capt. Reynolds, who is in charge, had hard work yesterday to find something for the new men to do.

It was persistently reported in Mulberry street yesterday that there had been a slump in the promotion market. The demand for detective sergeants' jobs at from $2,500 to $4,000 exceeded the supply a week ago, but now, according to the promotion brokers, there are few bidders. It was reported that Col. Partridge, who will succeed Col. Murphy as Commissioner, had found a way in which he can lawfully reduce the detective sergeants appointed by Col. Murphy. Hence the scramble to get the jobs has subsided to some extent.

A story was told yesterday of how the present régime proposes to put rubber shoes on the horses of the mounted squad, despite the protests of Comptroller Coler. It seems that complaints have recently been made that the horses were not shod properly and that they were falling in the parks and on the streets. Col. Murphy advised that rubber spikes be used on the horses' feet. Comptroller Coler, so the story goes, declared that the appropriation only called for steel shoes.

"A number of men are being transferred to the Detective Bureau and made detective sergeants," said a friend of Col. Murphy's. "Why can't you transfer the horses to the Detective Bureau? Then they will be entitled to wear rubber shoes and the difficulty will be overcome."

### PROMISED HARVEST OF DOLLARS.

**Two "Discretionary Brokers" Taken In by the Police as Suspects.**

V. B. Dudley of 351 Cummings avenue, Jersey City, and Asa Eldredge, who said he lived at 146 West Sixty-fourth street and had been a Boston financial reporter, were brought to the Centre street police court yesterday by Detective Sergeants McConville and Savage as suspects. The detectives said that the men had been coining money as "discretionary brokers." They issued, it is alleged, circular letters to country investors, pointing out a short road to wealth.

Various headings were used for these letters, the detectives said, some of them being headed "F. L. Burnham & Co., 29 Broadway," and others "M. A. Hatch, 32 Broadway." One of the Hatch letters, dated Nov. 22, 1901, told how customers had doubled their money by trusting all to Hatch, and then went on to invite more customers, as follows:

I trust that I have proved to you that my information cannot be excelled by any one, and I am confident that in this next deal we will reap a rich harvest for Christmas.

I am informed that it will last about four days from Dec. 4, so that customers will have their profits with their investment sent to them at least two weeks before Christmas. Very respectfully yours, M. A. HATCH.

Dudley, it is said, also gave out cards bearing the name "E. Rockefeller," supposedly another "investment specialist." It was said yesterday that he had figured as a witness in the Franklin Syndicate and Ammon cases, but no one could be found to verify this. The men were remanded by Magistrate Meade to Police Headquarters.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC REPORT.

**Surplus Earned, $8,456,000—Large Outlay in Rolling Stock Necessary.**

A surplus earned of $8,456,000 is shown by the annual report of Chairman Charles H. Tweed of the Southern Pacific system, made public yesterday. The details of the income account will be found in another column.

Sales of land, it is said, were 880,162 acres at an average of $2.95 an acre. There remains 17,190,848 acres unsold, of which about 1,481,216 acres are in litigation. The report says that large outlays will be necessary to bring the rolling stock up to more recent standards of capacity and economical working efficiency. There have been contracted for 75,000 tons of 80-pound steel rails to be laid during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902.

The average time per train mile have increased from 289.01 to 305.34, equivalent to 5.66 per cent. The total passengers carried one mile increased 4.97 per cent. The total increase of all freight per mile is 8.19 per cent.

### STEEPLE BORDER RESCUED

**Hung Several Minutes From the Eaves of a Church Roof.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Clinging for his life John Kelly, who had been working on the steeple of the new Zion Norwegian Lutheran Church, hung suspended in mid-air for several minutes yesterday, having fallen from the highest pinnacle of the church. When the scaffold upon which Kelly was standing broke from the church gave way, he fell partly down and then hung the spinning roof. As he swung far over of the big roof he caught hold of a cornice and hung there until rescued. Strange enough, while whom Kelly had been working disappeared a rope, and rough around the neck of one of their number, lowered him to the eaves. He swung Kelly by the wrists and then were hauled to safety. Kelly had fallen for the fourth time while keeping his desperate hold.

### Decided That They Were Too Old to Wed.

PARIS, Ill., Dec. 28.—John F. F. Keller, aged 80, the southeast section of Holland township, and Mrs. Sarah Canfield, aged 80, were to have been married yesterday. When they came before the minister they decided they were too old and parted good friends.

### DOG GAVE THE ALARM.

**Two Boys Who Had Gone Skating Were Drowning—One of Them Saved.**

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 28.—Leroy Moshier, the eight-year-old son of John Moshier was the first victim of a skating accident here this winter and his brother Sylvester, aged 10, who risked his life in an attempt to save his younger brother from drowning this afternoon is now in a precarious condition and may die. The Moshiers live at North Mianus not far from the country mansion of H. O. Havemeyer. There were five children in the family. The father was at work this afternoon and the mother busy with household duties when the two boys, Sylvester and Leroy, with the younger sister Gertrude started out of the house, their skates on their arms.

"Come back," the mother called after them. "The ice isn't thick enough to skate on."

All turned back and Gertrude remained. The boys obeyed for an instant then in company with their dog were seen going down the road toward Coxs pond. The pond was frozen over on the edges. An open hole in the ice, the marks of skates nearby, and the ragged edges of the ice together with the dead boy tell the tale.

News of the accident was first brought to Palmer's factory nearby by the dog. He barked piteously and some of the employees who recognized the animal at the window at once realized that they were needed. There was no time to waste. Sylvester was struggling in the water and the men ran to the icehouse and brought out the wreck of a rowboat which was there and pushed it out in the stream and then crawled out and grabbed the almost unconscious form. Leroy was not in sight.

The dog would not leave the place even after the elder boy had been carried to his home, a half-mile away, but remained until Stephen Jessup and Jack Beadows had, by means of a rope and grappling hook and the broken boat, pulled the drowned boy out of the eight feet of water, where he had sunk.

The skates were Christmas presents to the boys. Sylvester could swim and it is believed jumped in to rescue his brother, but failed.

### THE NEW RATION ALLOWANCE.

**Managers of Hudson River State Hospital Declare That It Is Insufficient.**

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Hudson River State Hospital, held to-day, a communication was read from the State Commission in Lunacy establishing a new ration allowance for patients, to take effect Jan. 1, 1902. The matter was discussed by the managers with the superintendent and the steward, and a resolution was passed to the effect that the new ration allowance, in the opinion of the board, is insufficient in certain particulars. President Frank B. Lown, and Manager Parker were appointed a committee to prepare and state to the State Commission in Lunacy the objections to the ration allowance and to recommend changes.

On account of the high price of potatoes their use has been stopped by the State Commission in Lunacy and certain cereals substituted, in accordance with a table prepared by Prof. Atwater, arranged to supply the same amount of nutriment; but it is felt that while other articles of food may supply the same nutriment, there can be no real substitute for potatoes which have for centuries appeared on the tables of poor and rich, especially the poor. The State Commission in Lunacy has also ordered stopped the service of butter for dinner.

### WHY ARMY BAND GOT CONTRACT.

**Plays Music Desired by Fair Managers—Union Will Protest to Congress.**

The Musical Mutual Protective Union announced yesterday that it will make a protest to Congress against army bands being allowed to make outside engagements in competition with civilian musicians. It will instance the engagement of the First United States Artillery band to play at the Charleston Exposition.

At the time this engagement was made the Secretary of the musical union entered a protest to Secretary of War Root, saying that the Exposition managers wanted to have a band supplied by the union, but that the First Artillery Band underbid it and obtained the engagement. Secretary Root investigated the matter and the union was informed that the M. M. P. U. was in error in saying that its services were sought for and that the First Artillery Band was engaged irrespective of cost. It was engaged because it could play music desired by the management.

The correspondence was made public by the union yesterday. The union says it can furnish bands to play any music desired.

### U. S. Steel Advances Price of Mesaba Ores.

An advance of 25 cents to 50 cents per ton in the Mesaba ores for next year has been agreed upon by the United States Steel Corporation and some of the independent ore producers. This will make the price of ores from $2.50 to $3.25 per ton. Ore shipments from the Lake districts for the season are estimated as 20,500,000 tons of which 60 per cent. was from the Mesaba district. Some of the independent companies are inclined not to follow the prices fixed by the Steel Corporation, but are insisting on 25 to 50 cents a ton more than the combination. The shipments from the Lake districts next year are estimated at about 25,000,000 tons.

### Jersey State Treasurership Offered to J. C. Eisele.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—Gov. Voorhees has practically decided to appoint ex-Assemblyman John C. Eisele of Newark, to be the temporary successor of George B. Swain as State Treasurer. He expects to make the formal announcement Monday, unless something develops to prevent Mr. Eisele's acceptance. Mr. Eisele is one of the men on the last bond of $500,000 furnished by Mr. Swain. If he is named, it will be with the expectation that he will be elected for a full term of three years by the incoming Legislature.

### Dinner and Toys Given to 1,500 Poor Children.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A free turkey dinner was given to fifty fifteen hundred poor children at the State Armory this afternoon by the citizens of the city. Toys were presented to each child by George J. Smith, the treasurer of the American Cigar Company, who also furnished a Punch and Judy entertainment. Several hundred pair of shoes were given, needy children and trunk loads of eatables were sent to poor families about the city.

### Memorial Services for Dr. McGlynn.

The second anniversary of the death of the Rev. Dr. McGlynn will be observed with memorial services in Cooper Hall, 110 East Twenty-eighth street, on Jan. 1. For a number of his friends, some of whom belong to the Anti-Poverty Society started by Dr. McGlynn. Among the speakers will be Edwin Markham, J. Hunter Duncan, Henry George, Jr. and Louis F. Post.

The Metropolitan Homestead Association has started an outdoor chain system of concentration.

### $15,000,000 United States Bonds Turned In.

Harvey Fisk & Sons received from the United States Sub-Treasury yesterday $15,000,000 for $15,000,000 par value of the 4 per cent. bonds of 1907. This is the big lot of bonds which it was rumored in Wall street several days ago was to be turned in. The only other bonds purchased in the Sub-Treasury yesterday were $10,000 of the 4 per cent. bonds of 1925, for which $13,000 was paid.


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### POLICE OF QUEENS SCORED.

**Grand Jury Finds Them to Blame for Allowing Gambling in the Borough.**

Two months ago the Queens County Grand Jury began an investigation into the reported presence of numerous gambling establishments and poolrooms in the borough of Queens. As a result of their labor they handed up to Judge Moore yesterday in the County Court at Long Island City a presentment against the Police Department. They declare that during the investigation handbooks were made in several resorts in Long Island City and that crap games were carried on openly and evidently with the knowledge and consent of the police force. The presentment says in part:

It is not believed by the members of the Grand Jury that the police, despite their statements to the contrary, have had no knowledge of certain establishments in the part of the borough formerly known as Long Island City which are fitted up and exist apparently only for pool selling, and wherein pool selling was actually carried on until this investigation began, and had been carried on for months previously. In view of the concurrence of testimony of all the police officers who were examined before us, that no pool selling had been carried on to their knowledge anywhere in the borough of Queens within their respective bailiwicks, taken in connection with the direct testimony as to the actual existence of pool-selling establishments, we are convinced that the police force generally must either be aware of them and in collusion, shielding them, or else be composed largely of ignorant and credulous men who are the dupes of the gambling fraternity. In either case the police are to blame for the conditions which were found.

The presentment states that the Grand Jury obtained evidence from a woman and a newspaper reporter of the existence of a fully-equipped poolroom for women customers only, and that it was frequented daily by a large number of women, many of whom were poor. The location of this room is given as in a thickly-settled section of Long Island City.

### U.S. TROOPS FOR SEWELL FUNERAL

**War Department Will Send Five Batteries—Big Militia Escort, Too.**

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—A detail from the Regular army will act with the troops of the National Guard as an escort at the funeral of Gen. Sewell which will take place at Camden at noon next Tuesday. Adjutant-General Oliphant received this telegram this afternoon from Adjutant-General Corbin:

Secretary of War has directed Gen. Brooke to send to Camden four foot batteries and one light battery, caisson and band, all under command of field officers, as escort for Senator Sewell's funeral. Gen. Brooke will confer with you and it is believed arrangements satisfactory to all concerned will be effected.

The body will be borne up