

ALL SUMMER OVER DOCK GRAFT

JEROME WILL WELCOME OLD BOARD'S EXPLANATIONS.

Will Arrest Gaffney and John Murphy if a Case is Made Out of Delmonico's Name Connected With Brown & Fleming's Great Luck—Subpoenas for To-day.

District Attorney Jerome's inquiry into the Murphy-Meyer-Clark-Dick Board may take a sensational turn to-day, when Justice Mayer will hold court to examine William H. Burke, former secretary of the board. Burke's examination will probably take two or three days, it is by him that the District Attorney expects to confirm most of the stories of "graft" that have been handed to him since he announced that he was going to make the old Van Wyck Dock Board the subject of investigation.

Neither Mr. Burke nor John Fleming, both of whom were to appear before Justice Mayer yesterday, turned up. The hearing had been put off, anyway, until this afternoon. Mr. Clarke sent a man to Mr. Fleming's office to subpoena him yesterday. The man didn't find Mr. Fleming, but Mr. Clarke threatened to kick the process server out of the place.

But we'll get Mr. Fleming, just the same," said Mr. Clarke. Brown & Fleming did an enormous amount of work on treasurer's orders for the old Dock Board. Larry Thompson said to have had influence in getting the firm to do this work and if this is so Mr. Jerome means to find it out. But John Fleming had influence of his own. Mr. Fleming is a shining light in the Tammany organization of the Third District Assembly district, and is the intimate friend of Croker and Murphy, as well as of Delmonico. Assistant District Attorney Clarke, who thinks he has discovered a connection between Brown & Fleming and Delmonico, announced yesterday that he had also discovered that all the pier leases the firm got were made out by Mr. Fleming, and not to the firm. To-day, when Brown & Fleming are not getting any more favors, it is interesting to know that Mr. Fleming holds all of the pier leases, and that Charles A. Brown, his partner, who is now fighting him in the courts, has little or no interest in them.

It seems that Mr. Fleming didn't cut much of a figure in the firm until after Mayor Van Wyck took office. Then he sprang into prominence, and the good things from the Dock Board began coming. After the last election, Brown & Fleming discovered that they couldn't get along together and went to the courts for a dissolution of partnership and the appointment of a receiver. Mr. Fleming offered to buy out Mr. Brown for \$25,000, but Mr. Brown refused. The receiver, Mr. McCall appointed James J. Coogan receiver. Mr. Coogan had to select one member of the firm or the other from whom to take his information about the affairs. He selected Mr. Fleming. Then Mr. Brown had the Appellate Division remove Receiver Coogan on the ground that he was forty-nine judgments, aggregating \$43,000, outstanding against Coogan. Coogan has now made an appeal from this judgment of the Appellate Division, and there the matter stands.

So many stories of unnamed partners in the firm have reached the ears of the public that Mr. Jerome has announced his intention of giving Leader Murphy of Tammany Hall, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Gram an opportunity to appear before Justice Mayer to explain the investigation, to explain certain things, like the giving of \$30,000 worth of work on "treasurer's orders." Mr. Jerome "cannot be forced to appear in this investigation, as they have been in the position of defendants. If the investigation should develop good grounds for action against them, I wouldn't be at all surprised to see them summoned without first hearing any explanations they might have to make. So, if they care to appear before the Magistrate and give their explanation, they will be welcomed." "What are you going to do about Alderman Gaffney and former Councilman Murphy?" Mr. Jerome was asked. "As soon as I am satisfied that Gaffney and John Murphy violated the law I will have them arrested. An immense amount of money was made out of the dock work, and I mean to get to the bottom of it all if it is a possible thing. In a case like that of Gaffney and Murphy the charge would be of misfeasance in office, under the Charter, and the proceedings would be the same as in the case of Police Captain Herlihy. In the Herlihy case the District Attorney allowed us to bunch our violations of the law and to convict under any one of a number that we cited. Gaffney and Murphy will surely be summoned to appear in this investigation."

For a violation of the law in 1901 Alderman Gaffney could not now have his name on the list of directors, for he has been re-elected since. But in an action against Alderman Gaffney he might be compelled to tell who E. Gaffney the receiver of the New York Contracting and Trucking Company, is. So far Mr. Clarke has been unable to find out who E. Gaffney is.

Mr. Jerome says he has got far enough already to see that the inquiry will be the chief work of his office this summer. "I want everybody who is in the least involved in these matters to come forward with explanations if they have any to make," he said. "I want to give both sides a hearing and this investigation will continue just as long as anybody wants to explain anything."

Assistant District Attorney Clarke found yesterday that the pier at the foot of East Thirtieth street was let by the Murphy-Meyer-Clark-Dick Board at a low price. A short time ago it was put up at auction, and the successful bidder bid \$6,500 a year for it. Mr. Hastorf himself bid several thousand dollars.

Charles Bucholz, consulting engineer of the Erie Railroad, was summoned to Mr. Jerome's office yesterday. Mr. Jerome knows the Erie paying \$3 a day to Joseph Egan, lessee of the bulkhead between East Twenty-eighth and East Twenty-ninth streets, for a long time. Mr. Jerome there. Mr. Bucholz said that the Erie's Twenty-eighth street pier was not large enough and so he made an arrangement with Egan to use a part of his pier. Mr. Bucholz was not able to tell Mr. Clarke who gets the money the Erie pays. Mr. Egan pays \$750 a year for the bulkhead and says he is losing money. Mr. Clarke says he is getting \$1,725 a year from the Erie pier alone.

Mr. W. I. Kidney, supposed to be a mythical figurehead for Alderman Gaffney's contracting company, has been discovered to be a real person and has been subpoenaed.

THE CATHOLIC FEDERATION. Archbishop Ryan and Williams New Reconciled to U. S. Movement. Thomas B. Minahan, president of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, was in New York yesterday conferring with the leaders of the Federation movement and arranging for the coming week to be held in Atlantic City in August. Mr. Minahan discussed a number of important questions with Archbishop Farley and Bishop McFall of Trenton.

The Catholic societies of the Philippine Islands have been federated, and an American possession of the Philippines will be entitled to representation at the Atlantic City congress. The Centro Catolico de Filipinas has expressed a willingness to do something over a million in the Philippine Islands, has forwarded a communication to the American Federation. It is said that some action concerning the Philippine question will be taken.

It is announced that Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, who for a long time opposed the Federation movement, has allied himself with its interests, having been convinced that the Federation will not be followed by the forming of a Catholic party. Archbishop Williams of Boston has also allied with the Federation.

MRS. PHARES ON TRIAL.

Hard to Get Jersey Jury That Believes in Death Penalty for Women.

MOURNING HOLLY, N. J., June 26.—The trial of Mrs. Annie Phares on the charge of having poisoned her husband, Constable Albert A. Phares, at Jacksonville on the 9th of March last, was begun before Justice Garrison to-day. Several hours were consumed in securing a jury, many of those impaneled being opposed to the infliction of the death penalty on a woman. Mrs. Phares was accompanied by her sister and three of her brothers, which disposes of the report that her family would not stand by her because of the disgrace she had brought upon them.

On the day of her arrest Mrs. Phares denied that she had administered poison to her husband in order that she might marry the young farmer living near Jacksonville, with whom she had been on intimate terms. The prosecution will try to show that she and Taylor had been on several trips together and that they represented themselves to be husband and wife.

One of the witnesses was Samuel F. Gilbert, an old man with grandchildren. He was asked by counsel if he had ever been intimate with Mrs. Phares and declined to answer on the ground that it would incriminate himself. Another witness was Harry Burr, who was a friend of Phares and his wife. He testified that Mrs. Phares said to him on the day that he was married that he should do as he pleased, and I want you to say the same if any one should ask you."

Later on she cried a little, according to the witness, and said, "Why did my husband leave me penniless with three children? I've done all I could for him." Raymond Wells, the Columbus druggist from whom Mrs. Phares purchased strychnine, testified that she said to him: "I want it to kill rats, but I'd like to know if there is enough to 'kill' a person."

KICK FROM THE FISH MARKET. Not Enough Stands, No Roof, Too Early Closing—This for Woodbury Street. The fish peddlers now occupying Street Commissioned in Woodbury street south of the Williamsburg bridge approach between Clinton and Ridge streets, are not altogether contented. A committee from the East Side Citizens' Fish Peddlers' Association called at the St. Hubert office yesterday to explain why.

"When Dr. Woodbury opened the market he promised to make room for 300 stands," he promised to make room for 300 stands, but now there are only 116. The market was to be covered with a suitable roof, but hasn't been done yet. Why did my husband leave me penniless with three children? I've done all I could for him." Raymond Wells, the Columbus druggist from whom Mrs. Phares purchased strychnine, testified that she said to him: "I want it to kill rats, but I'd like to know if there is enough to 'kill' a person."

WESLEYAN'S CLASS DAY. Exercises Held Indoors—Negro Wins Freshman Declamation Prize. MIDDLETOWN, Conn., June 26.—The annual meeting of prizes at Wesleyan University was made this morning. The Rich prize, for senior orations, was won by Olin Mason Coward of Plattsburg, N. Y. This is the prize considered most important. The other prizes were won by the following: Freshman declamation, O. J. McDonald, Pa.; took three first prizes and received honorable mention for the Rich prize. Wilson, a student of the college, won the Hibbard prize in freshman declamation.

ROBBED SHERIDAN'S COUSIN. Mrs. Anna Andrews's Negro Servant Arrested for Stealing Jewels. Mrs. Anna Andrews of 37 West Ninth street, who is the widow of Andrew Andrews and a cousin of Gen. Phil Sheridan, reported to the Mercer street police the other day that she had been missing jewelry and trinkets.

Glen Island Ready for Visitors. The Glen Island steamers begin regular trips from their usual pier on Wednesday of this week. Many complaints and suggestions have been made at the famous nudist resort. In the arena, where the Wild West show was given last year, a band of thirty Hindoo fairs will perform. In order to keep up the reputation of the zoo rare wild beasts have been imported. More strange animals are being added to the aquarium. There is another castle in Klein Deutschland, where the mountain warriors and German musicians are heard. The story has become more popular and there are many new specimens in the natural history museum. For the youngsters there are a number of amusements to ride, such as donkeys and ponies.

Cowen May Resign, or May Not. Whether or not Supervisor Cowen of the City Record is to go will probably be decided at a meeting of the board to be held to-day.

DER ALTE MANDEL IS DEAD.

SECOND AVENUE LACKS A FRIEND AND A PINOCHLE SCIENTIST.

He Might Have Been 75 and He Might Have Been 90, but to Take a Drink With Him Was an Honor and to Play Cards With Him Was a Liberal Education. The death of "der alte Mandel" made Lower Second avenue ever quieter than usual last night. The neighborhood is always a quiet one except when some over-ambitious police captain is trying to make the stuns and pinochle games in the basement saloons last night the games lacked even that little life and stir which they usually have. He who announced "der hundert" did it as though he were half ashamed. The slap of the cards when the players were approaching the end of a game was hardly loud enough to be heard across the room.

It had never occurred to anybody in lower Second avenue that der alte Mandel could die. He was very old. Some say he was 80. Some say he was 75. He, himself, varied in his estimates according to his frame of mind. Once, when he lost fifteen games in succession in one night, he said that he was 90.

Where Mandel lived nobody ever thought to inquire, but it is believed that he is dead, nobody can find out. Sometimes letters came to him at Freedman's Café at Second avenue and Fifth street, and Fritz Freedman said yesterday that he shouldn't wonder if the café was as much of a home as the old fellow ever had.

It would be wrong to say that der alte Mandel had no visible means of support. He had. The fact was that he had a better table and cats at finer folks' tables, who does not possess half the good nature and the eminent sociability and tact as an entertainer that were der alte Mandel's bulwarks against starvation. He made his acquaintance and his friendship things for which men strove.

It was a distinction to buy a glass of beer for der alte Mandel. The newly admitted youth who managed to get the old man to accept his hospitality went home in a cheerful glow of pride. Whether he was or not, he was a little bit of a character. He was apt to be over-optimistic of incidents which included the remark, "As Mandel was saying to me yesterday, 'or that might be so, maybe, my friend der Alte didn't make it that way out.'"

Fritz Freedman was duly appreciative of the honor which was done to him by making it his headquarters. Did it happen that none of the old gentleman's regular circle were present? Mr. Freedman sent to him for a drink of beer and Mandel drank hock to Fritz across the room quietly, as one who knows that his work is appreciated.

As for Mandel, he was never lacking. His appetite was always moderate and his tastes inextricably a Wiener schmitzel, or even so, but for him, was a plenty for his old frame. Fritz Freedman always furnished him with his morning coffee and a roll, and he was never lacking in world that the old fellow wished? Nothing but a pinochle game and a friendly audience.

There is a tradition that in days long gone, der alte Mandel was a miser and earned wages and had money in his pockets; that then he played for high stakes and won fabulously. It is true that he had a few dollars in his pocket, but he kept them in his pockets and beer, then it is extremely likely that he did win large sums. For pinochle was his game with der Alte. It was an exact science.

Sometimes, when the others were playing, der Alte would honor the friend who had sent to him for a drink of beer, and acting as critic. The others never objected—in der alte Mandel's presence. But the player who had his advice was regarded as a fool. He was always a hand-icapped.

Not was there ever a more meek and submissive man than der alte Mandel. When he was dealt cards he dealt to him. He never threatened to tear up a pack, even though it were the oldest and greatest of the physical sciences. He would sit in his chair over or sought quarrels with his companions. He grew very sad. Sometimes his voice grew husky and there was a queer look in his eyes.

NEW NATURALIZATION FRAUDS.

Secret Service Men Think That Genuine Papers Have Been Resealed.

Investigation of the sale of naturalization certificates, genuine as to seals and signatures, is occupying the attention of the Secret Service Bureau. The authorities have learned that special papers have been sold for prices varying from \$5 to \$100. It is said that papers lawfully obtained have been resealed by the original holders, who have got jobs with the aid of their naturalization certificates.

An Italian appeared as a witness in the Naturalization Bureau in the Federal Building on Broadway and as proof that he was eligible for citizenship a paper to Deputy United States Marshal Adler with the added question: "Say, is this any good?" Adler put the man under arrest. He was later turned over to Secret Service Agent Peeke, who has charge of the investigation of the naturalization frauds. Agent Peeke said yesterday:

"We are working on a new tack and it is probable that we will show up some definite frauds that will be more extensive than those we have recently uncovered. United States District Attorney Eughton said that from Coney Island a number of the Federal Grand Jury was to be called were not true.

The office of United States Commissioner Shields the demand for duplicates of declaration papers has become so heavy that the Commissioner has issued an order requiring all holders of such papers to explain all the circumstances under which they secured their papers. The applicants who have returned with affidavits are:

CONY ISLAND ROWDIES. Magistrate Breen Fines Four of Them \$10 Each. Three men were arraigned before Magistrate Breen in the Tombs police court yesterday, charged with insulting passengers in elevated cars crossing the Bridge. Two of them were the ring-leaders of a gang of Italians that terrorized the passengers on the elevated cars on Coney Island on Sunday night. The men were fined \$10 each.

A few minutes later a well-dressed young man who said his name was Alexander Warner was arraigned on the complaint of John Larkin, a conductor on the Fifth avenue elevated, who said that while he was riding across the Bridge early on Sunday morning, Warner, who was accompanied by a woman, used vile language.

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WATER BURNER PAROLED. Smith Says He Can Produce Certificates of His Sanity. L. Lum Smith, who was arrested on Saturday night in Quattre Club Hall, Hoboken, where he was with a woman, was arraigned before Recorder Stanton yesterday and paroled for examination next Saturday.

Smith said that he could produce certificates from Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, one of the most reputable alienists in the city, who had certified that he was of sound mind. He says that he was driven from Manhattan by the Standard Oil Company people, who got angry with him because he had discovered their frauds before the public. Since leaving Manhattan he has maintained expensively furnished apartments in Hoboken, where he has two daughters at 329 Hudson street, Hoboken. He dresses well, rides about in his hands and appears to be plentifully supplied with money.

STIFF SENTENCE FOR AMMON.

SING SING FOR PRETTY NEARLY THE EXTREME TERM.

He Remains in the Tombs While His Lawyer Seeks the Custody of Reasonable Doubt That Will Act as a Stay if Obtained To-day—Pardon for Miller. Lawyer Robert A. Ammon, convicted of receiving \$30,000 stolen by the "Franklin Syndicate" got-rich-quick swindlers, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Newburger in the General Sessions to imprisonment for not less than four years and not more than four and one-half. The extreme penalty is five years.

Ammon's counsel got from Justice Truax an order to show cause why a certificate of reasonable doubt should not be granted. The order is returnable to-day before Justice Giegerich. If the certificate is granted Ammon will be released on bail, pending argument on a motion for a new trial. If the certificate is denied, Ammon will be taken to Sing Sing on Thursday. He is allowed, by Judge Newburger's order, to remain in the Tombs pending the application.

Ammon appears to have grown old since he was brought to trial, and when he entered the court room yesterday his face was pale. Judge Newburger had a batch of letters which he had received from Ammon's friends, who wrote to ask for a pardon. One of the letters was from F. B. Thurber, who, after leaving the grocery business, had studied law under Ammon.

Ammon's counsel asked the Judge to be merciful to the prisoner and take into consideration the fact that Ammon had not originated the \$20 per cent. get-rich-quick scheme. Judge Newburger said he was satisfied that the jury had rendered a just verdict. He sentenced Ammon in as few words as possible.

When the case had been disposed of, District Attorney Jerome directed Assistant District Attorney Noyes to write Justice Odeli asking for a commutation of sentence for "Syndicate" Miller, Ammon's client, who had aided the prosecution in convicting Ammon. Miller will probably be pardoned.

STUCK WOMAN WITH A NEEDLE. A Canal Street Jack-the-Nuisance Escapes With a \$10 Fine. A new brand of Jack-and-the-Nuisance was discovered last Friday night and was arrested by Policeman Reichert of the Eleventh precinct near the corner of Canal and Mulberry streets shortly before midnight on Sunday. On Friday evening Mrs. Rose Schwencik and her husband, who live at 145 Second avenue, were walking through Canal street. When they were near the corner of Mulberry Mrs. Schwencik felt a stinging sensation in her arm and told her husband that somebody had stuck her with a needle. Then she did her duty and fainted.

Schwencik looked over a crowd of young men who were standing on the corner and gave chase to one, but he got away. Later the Schwenciks went looking for a policeman, but they were unable to find one. A description of the alleged assailant, and said he did not know what he did.

On Sunday night he saw a young man answering to the description of the man arrested at the corner of Canal and Mulberry streets and arrested him. At the station house the prisoner gave his name as Henry Rovers and his address as 112 Park row, which is a shop.

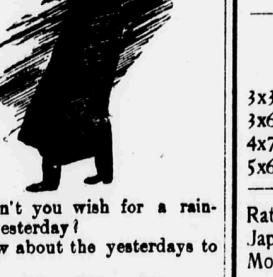
Mrs. Schwencik identified Rovers as her assailant and he was arraigned before Magistrate Breen in the Centre street police court. Mrs. Schwencik told the Magistrate that she fainted when she had been struck. She said that she had been struck on the arm by a needle. She said that she was sure her arm had been struck. She said that she was sure her arm had been struck. She said that she was sure her arm had been struck.

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YOU ARE COMMON BOODLERS! Judge Scores School Directors Acquired by a Mine Workers' Jury. POTTVILLE, Pa., June 26.—Judge Rhyll called before him this morning the Byrte township school directors who were tried on a charge of bribery and extortion last week and acquitted. He said that in his mind the testimony of the Commonwealth was not registered or incorporated in this State and that so far no record has been found of its incorporation in Delaware, where it was supposed to be long. He said further that the company had been spreading broadcast over the country circulars printed in modern Greek and Italian and that thereby they had been able to dispose of some 100 shares of stock at \$5 a share. Most of the stock had been sold in small parcels, few investors taking more than \$3 to \$5 shares. The detective added that the police had traced to the company's account over any real property at all in Colorado, as pretended in the prospectuses this property is worthless.

Alton was held by Magistrate Deuel in Jefferson Market police court for further examination on a charge of having fraudulently obtained \$100 from Mrs. Carmine Sarnell of 502 West Thirty-fourth street by selling her 20 shares in the Columbia Gold Mining Company. The detectives alleged in the affidavit accompanying the complaint that the company is a fictitious one and that the shares have no value. McConville told Magistrate Deuel that the company is not registered or incorporated in this State and that so far no record has been found of its incorporation in Delaware, where it was supposed to be long. He said further that the company had been spreading broadcast over the country circulars printed in modern Greek and Italian and that thereby they had been able to dispose of some 100 shares of stock at \$5 a share. Most of the stock had been sold in small parcels, few investors taking more than \$3 to \$5 shares. The detective added that the police had traced to the company's account over any real property at all in Colorado, as pretended in the prospectuses this property is worthless.

CARPENTER MENDS BROKEN LEG. Park Employee Falls and His Wooden Member is Splintered. John Brennan, a civil war veteran, who is employed as a cottage attendant in Central Park, slipped on the iron steps of the Arsenal yesterday and tumbled to the ground. He couldn't get up and lay there groaning, "My leg's broke."

Sergeant Howard sent for Harry Tyson, the park carpenter, instead of Dr. Goldsmith, the ambulance surgeon, and the carpenter put a splint on the veteran's wooden leg. He was able to hobble around for the rest of the day, but he will have to buy a new leg.

TWO NEW BATTALION CHIEFS. Fire Commissioner Sturges Advances Free and Barrett. Fire Commissioner Sturges promoted Thomas F. Free and Thomas Barrett to battalion chiefs yesterday. The former has been acting first marshal and was formerly foreman of Truck 73. Free, who got the Stephenson job, was assigned to the tenth battalion, while Barrett went to the third. The salary of a battalion chief is \$3,500 per year. Deputy First Marshal Herman De Mallon was made acting first marshal.