

Mukden-Simninting road on Friday engaged a body of the enemy who were marching from the westward. No news has reached me from the right flank. Gun firing has been audible since morning in the direction of Sushudziapu. All is quiet toward the center, except in the Shapou zone, which the Japanese attacked during the evening, creeping up to our wire entanglements and throwing hand grenades. They were, however, soon repulsed by our rifle fire.

"The Japanese last night continued their attack on Kandolisan. Their tenth attack was repulsed at 4 o'clock this morning. Japanese corpses are piled against our earthworks.

"The enemy yesterday attacked our Kantuling position, but suspended operations toward evening. It is expected that their attacks will be renewed.

"Operations on the left flank of our army were suspended last evening. It was remarked that the Japanese troops opposite our Kudiazia position were falling back.

"Major-Gen. Schatloff and Col. Gurko were wounded yesterday.

"The advanced guard of the enemy, who is surrounding our right flank, was noticed today between the Mukden-Simninting road and the Hun River, eight versts (about five and one-third English miles) from the Mukden station.

"The Japanese at dawn on Saturday captured Sushudziapu, but advanced no further. After some hard fighting the Japanese also captured Lianshanpu. The Japanese advanced on our Shapou position, which began at 5 o'clock this morning. It has been suspected, the enemy having been beaten back by the volley firing of our advanced guard.

"The Japanese attacked Putiloff Hill at 11 o'clock last night, and at 1 o'clock this morning were repulsed. The enemy renewed the attack on our Kandolisan positions most energetically until this morning, but was beaten back at 8 o'clock with great loss. The Japanese delivered thirteen charges. Their attacks have been suspended today. Two attacks were made against our Kantuling position at 2 o'clock this morning. Both were repulsed.

"The night and day passed comparatively quietly on our extreme left. Our detachment at Kudiazia made a partial advance last night."

Naturally, nothing authentic can be learned of the proceedings of the council of war held today, but enough is known of Gen. Kuropatkin's serious position to indicate that the gravity of the situation was discussed. Among the reports current this evening is one to the effect that the necessity for evacuating Mukden was realized by the council, and nobody will be surprised to learn to-morrow that this has begun. There is a general feeling that the official despatches issued do not reveal the worst, and Gen. Kuropatkin's admission that the Japanese are within eight versts of Mukden is taken to signify that the defence of the Russian right has been crushed.

One report states that the Council again discussed the question of peace. It is said that the Czar was opposed to ending the hostilities, and declared that he would continue the war even if it were necessary to retreat across Lake Baikal.

Col. Gurko, who has been wounded, is a son of the famous Field Marshal who took part in the Russo-Turkish War.

NEWCHANG, March 5.—Chinese reports that the Russians are burning their stores at Mukden in readiness to retreat. Their right wing is in a condition of panic, but their left is reported to be winning. A hundred Japanese cavalry from the north reached the outskirts of Mukden and exchanged shots with the Russians.

LONDON, March 6.—A flood of telegrams from numerous sources unanimously point to the signal success of the Japanese extreme left, where Gens. Oku and Nogi are hammering the Russians back upon Mukden. According to unofficial reports the dramatic feature has been the forced march of Gen. Nogi's Port Arthur army, which, advancing between the Hun and Liao rivers, not only passed the Russian right flank, but reached a point so near Mukden that its bursting shrapnel is visible from the western gates of the town.

The imperial tombs mentioned in the despatches are a few minutes ride from the Mukden railway station, and correspondents who have recently returned from the Far East say that not only is there no natural line of defence on that side of the city, but that not even temporary fortifications have been raised.

There is a suggestion in some despatches that Gen. Nogi's effort may be neutralized by the tremendous strain imposed on his men by their extraordinarily rapid advance. In making this march Gen. Nogi seems to have employed the same tactics he used at Port Arthur, believing that any sacrifice was justifiable to achieve the great end sought.

A despatch from Mukden says that the prisoners from Gen. Oku's army were so exhausted that they were unable to walk or keep awake. Reports are current in Mukden that a large Japanese force is marching straight on Tieling from its western side. Another report states that the Japanese are approaching Tieling from the east. None of the reports can be confirmed.

The position of the centre and right is less clear, and little can be said about the operations beyond what is contained in the official despatches. A correspondent with Gen. Kuroki's army, dating his despatch March 4, reports that the Russians are still holding their main defences east of the railway along the Sha River, but the situation is such that the highest generalship necessary to insure a retreat without heavy losses.

An examination of the reports from all quarters does not enable any one here to predict the final result.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times hints at the probability that the Russians have already withdrawn northward from Mukden, after sustaining and inflicting terrible losses, the total number of casualties on both sides being estimated at 100,000. It is feared that the Russians have abandoned their heavy guns on the

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Sha River. It is persistently reported that the Japanese have stormed Shapou and taken many thousand prisoners.

The correspondent adds that the council of war adjourned, and that the time for its meeting again is not known.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The Japanese advances during the last few days have been very great, according to a despatch received at the Japanese Legation here from Tokio to-day. The message is dated March 5 and is as follows:

"In the direction of Hingking our detachment during the past few days has driven the enemy back to his positions fifteen miles southeast of Fushun and five miles south of Fushun, and an engagement is now proceeding.

"In the direction of the Shahe the enemy's repeated attacks on the night of March 3 were all repulsed. In the district lying west of the railway the enemy continues here attacks and are now in occupation of the district extending from Wauchenyung, five miles west of Shapou, to Sufupu, eight miles northwest of Wauchenyung.

"On the right, back of the Hun River, our troops, after having successively driven the enemy back, proceeded northward and broke the enemy's line of defence, extending from Chantan to Sufangtan, which, continuing in not pursued, they have already reached the line extending from Wotsupu, fifteen miles southwest of Mukden, to Tatzupu, thirteen miles west of Mukden, and Lamuh, three miles north of Tatzupu.

"The enemy's casualties and our booty in the last few days were considerable, but are not yet ascertainable. The enemy's storehouse for clothing at Tahantal was also captured."

CZAR'S MINISTERS PROTEST.

His First Manifesto Issued Without Consulting Them.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, March 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard confirms the report that the manifesto issued by the Czar on Friday morning surprised the Ministers, who only learned the fact from the newspapers, and says he is informed that the Ministers were annoyed because they were not consulted in regard to it. They authorized M. Witte, president of the Council, to inform the Czar that they disclaimed all responsibility for the manifesto, and, moreover, they assumed that its being issued without their being consulted indicated that their advice was not wanted.

Other correspondents say that the Ministers resented the Czar, who was greatly perturbed, assured them that no slight was intended, and announced his willingness to sign forthwith the receipt promising a representative assembly, which had been drawn up by the Council after a week's deliberation and submitted to his Majesty on Thursday. It was the knowledge of the existence of the receipt, according to the correspondent of the Express, which induced M. Polakonsky, the Czar's secretary of the Holy Synod, to hurriedly draft the autocratic manifesto, which he persuaded the Czar to sign and issue in order to forestall the receipt.

RUSSIAN CAPITAL QUIET.

Disorder That Was Expected Yesterday Did Not Occur.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, March 5.—The leaders of the workmen have halted operations until they learn the outcome of the war council to be held at Tsarsko-Selo. It is asserted that they will compel a complete cessation of work a week hence, when the people will understand the situation in Manchuria.

Everything was quiet to-day, contrary to expectation. The streets were filled with the usual Sunday throngs. Last night there was occasional window breaking at the Baltic Iron Works and at several private factories. The disorders were quelled by Cossacks without any shooting.

High Admiral Grand Duke Alexis, chief of the naval staff, has left for France. His arrangements indicate that he does not intend to occupy his residence here for a long time.

EX-CONVICT IN TROUBLE.

Joseph Finn, Wounded, Tells a "Black Hand" Assault Story.

Joseph Finn, 28 years old, of 605 First avenue, walked into Bellevue Hospital last night with three bullet wounds in his chest. The police think that Finn told the doctors that he was walking along Forty-second street near First avenue when three men jostled against him and one of them pulled a gun and opened fire. Finn said that he did not know his assailants and had, as far as he knew, given no offense.

The police say that Finn was in the hospital last February with a bullet in his left cheek, received in a barroom fight. They gave little credit to a story of "Black Hand" vengeance which Finn told, and had him detained as a prisoner. His wounds were trifling.

Detectives from the East Fifty-first street station say that eight years ago Finn clubbed a man nearly to death and threw him into the river at the foot of East Thirty-eighth street. The man was rescued and Finn got eight years in prison. He escaped in April, 1900, but was recaptured and sent back.

The motive in the clubbing case was robbery, and the police think that Finn was up to his old tricks last night and caught a Tartar. After his wounds were dressed Finn was locked up in the East Fifty-first street police station.

To Begin Work on the Tidewater Railway.

NORFOLK, Va., March 5.—President W. E. Page of the new Tidewater Railway, which is to parallel the Norfolk and Western from here to the mountains, advertised to-day for bids for the grading and masonry of twenty sections of the road, a distance of 100 miles west from Sewell's Point through Norfolk. He says the money is ready and as soon as the bids are accepted the work will begin.

Headaches and Neuralgia From Cold.

Lezative Bromo Quinine, the world wide cold and grip remedy, relieves the headache and look for signature of E. W. Grove. 25c.

ODELL AND HALPIN TOO, TO GO

NEXT YEAR, WHEN THE REPUBLICANS GET TO HOUSECLEANING

"Trimmin'" Left in Charge at Albany Adds to the Irritation Already Set Up by the Bills to Work This City for More Graft—Revolt in the Senate.

The Republican situation in the State and matters at Albany especially were discussed at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday by the Republicans who had attended the inauguration. William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, chairman of the executive committee of the Republican State committee, before leaving for Nassau on Saturday had a long talk with William L. Ward, Republican national committeeman for the State. Senator Edgar T. Brackett of Saratoga Springs has had a number of meetings with the last few days with ex-Gov. Frank S. Black, who has also discussed Republican affairs with Mr. Barnes and other Republicans, including Mr. Ward. The situation, it was said, is not agreeable to anybody, and especially not agreeable to Gov. Higgins.

The subject most discussed yesterday was the fact that Chairman Odell of the Republican State committee, before leaving for Europe, organized what is now known as the Triumvirate at Albany, consisting of Speaker Nixon of the Assembly and Senator Malby and Senator Raines of the Senate. When it became known that this Triumvirate had been organized to run things at Albany there were suppressed murmurs. The feeling now has become intense, and Senator Horace White of Syracuse, Senator Brackett and a number of other influential Senators, it is stated, will have nothing whatever to do with the work of the Triumvirate.

The situation is quite disturbing to Gov. Higgins. He has announced that he will not attempt to meddle with the legislative and judicial branches of the State Government, so the situation in the Senate is that there is no leader on the Republican side and a number of the Republican members are in opposition to the pretensions of Senator Malby and Senator Raines. The fact that Senator Raines joined this triumvirate has been a subject for some speculation in Republican political circles, but it was explained yesterday that Senator Raines's attitude is due to the fact that, unless he had promised to join, Senator Malby might have been elected leader of the Senate in his place. Senator Malby's allegiance to Chairman Odell, it was explained, is due to the fact that as Governor Mr. Odell gave Senator Malby almost everything that the St. Lawrence county statesman asked for. But owing to this highly-piggledy situation in the Senate at Albany there is little or no prospect of getting through legislation in which Mr. Odell is said to be personally interested.

Senator Malby and Senator Raines were severely criticized yesterday by some of their colleagues for presuming to speak on legislative matters "for the Republican organization," and the critical Senators wanted to know who had authority to put Mr. Malby and Mr. Raines in to speak "for the Republican organization of the State." As a matter of fact there is a very independent spirit on the part of the Republican Senators. One of the Chief Senators, Mr. Odell, said yesterday: "Odell had no business to go to Europe and leave us in the lurch. But he is always leaving us in the lurch. He is like a captain who deserts his ship. We don't know whether to turn or how to go."

Not a few of the Republicans went on to say that the Republican State organization in constantly legislating for New York city is stalling on the lighting bill. The Republicans of New York city, it is known, are irritated by the Raines law, by the new Elberg bill, which would invade private residences in the interest of the Republican city machine, and by other measures which are likely to prove equally distasteful to the urban population.

Things are drifting so at Albany, it was furthermore declared, that even the tax measures in which Gov. Higgins is directly interested appear to be waterlogged. The whole trouble is attributed to the fact that half a dozen Republicans are playing politics for themselves, and in the hope of future political advancement, rather than for the people of the State or the denizens of New York city. For instance, Timothy L. Woodruff, people say, hitched up with Chairman Odell in a New York city alliance with the hope of being elected Mayor at the proper time he can succeed Senator Platt in the United States Senate. But Speaker Nixon of the Assembly has his eye on that place, and Speaker Nixon is considered an astute politician, very much more so than Mr. Woodruff. At one time Speaker Nixon was mentioned as a possible candidate for Governor, but if things go right Gov. Higgins will undoubtedly be re-nominated by the voters, and it was announced that Speaker Nixon would not care to run for Governor except in a Presidential year. But the speculations of Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Nixon are more about the Senatorship than the Governorship, and Senator Platt's term does not expire until March 4, 1909.

Naturally there was a good deal of talk as to the possible successor of Chairman Odell as head of the State committee. The men chiefly mentioned for the job are William Barnes, Jr., George W. Aldridge and N. V. V. Franchot, with most of the talk favoring Barnes. Mr. Aldridge hopes to be made a railroad commissioner if the board is increased, and Mr. Franchot is mightily wrapped up in the political future of his friend Gov. Higgins. But, as already said, the situation is drifting, and as there is no State election this year some of the Republicans say that there is no necessity for haste.

A great deal of conversation was heard among the Republicans concerning President Halpin of the New York Republican county committee. It was the testimony of these Republicans that little confidence is placed in Halpin either by President Roosevelt or Gov. Higgins, for Halpin is best known to themselves. Gov. Higgins is very careful in scrutinizing recommendations for office made by Halpin at the suggestion of Odell. These recommendations pertain only to places in New York city, as it is well known that President Roosevelt has refused to recognize Odell as State boss, and also follows the rule of the Republican party that the two United States Senators are to receive the whole consideration in recommendations for Federal places.

Gov. Higgins in his inaugural message called attention to the necessity for economy in expenditures, and yet Halpin, through Senator Elberg, has introduced a number of bills at Albany which would greatly increase the expenditures of the Bureau of Elections, presided over by George W. Morgan. The Republicans who spoke of this matter said that Odell and Halpin were attempting to increase the expenditures of Morgan's bureau to build up the patronage of that bureau, and that the machinery of this bureau was again to attempt in the municipal election next fall to intimidate the voters of the city just as Odell tried last fall to intimidate them.

Odell's card index system scheme last fall, which cost \$30,000, was a flat failure, for the reason that after all the hubbub concerning illegal voters only sixty-five names were stricken from the registry lists by the courts. Eminent Republicans, as well as eminent Democrats, after careful investigation, have given testimony that the elections in New York city are as honest and fair as in any city in the United States, but Odell and Halpin hope to get through a bill at Albany giving Morgan fifty-five additional places—salaries from \$1,000 down—besides providing for 200 special deputies at \$5 a day. The law provides that there shall be 600 regular deputies, \$10 each per year.

Then, also, if Odell and Halpin have their way there is to be a new system of registering the voters, the voters being compelled to sign their names; and in addition to all this Senator Elberg, at the behest of Odell and Halpin has introduced a bill that no more than 400 electors shall live in an election district in New York city, instead of 600, as at present. Senator Elberg's bill is a matter of some importance, and it is estimated that it will cost additional \$70,000, and it is this constant drain on the taxpayers that is becoming more and more irritating, especially to the citizens of New York, who already pay more than 75 per cent. of the taxes of the State. It is admitted by nearly all Republicans that the four aqueduct commissioners, who receive \$5,000 a year each, could very easily be dispersed to other places, and are looked upon as nothing but sinecures. All told, it was estimated that useless places so far as benefits to the people are concerned have been created or maintained under Odell which now cost the State \$500,000 a year.

But many of these matters will be taken up later on by Republicans who say that unless some drastic measures are taken to prevent the constant legislation against New York city, and undo the grafting work of the Odell State machine the Republican city ticket next fall and the Republican State ticket next year will certainly be swamped.

No newspaper article could adequately portray the unpleasant talk heard among the Republicans yesterday. They said the party was still suffering from the Odell regime of graft and that the Odell triumvirate at Albany, especially Senator Malby and Senator Raines, would not be permitted to make further disturbances for the party. Gov. Higgins's friends recognize the situation and feel it keenly, and it is their opinion that there must be a thorough house cleaning if the Republicans are to have any success in the city next fall or in the State next year. The better element of the party, it is said, has become disgraced by the graft systems which have sprung up during the Odell ascendancy, and not only is Odell to be retired as State chairman next year, but Halpin is to be ousted out next December as president of the New York county committee.

ODELL MUST OUST PARSONS

Both as District Leader and Congressman—Maybe He Can't.

William Halpin, president of the New York Republican county committee by the grace of Chairman Odell of the State committee, has decided, it was announced yesterday by his friends, to attempt to overthrow Representative Herbert Parsons as Republican leader of the Twenty-fifth Assembly district at the primaries in September. Mr. Halpin, in order to carry out his programme as directed by Chairman Odell before he left for Europe, has hatched up a combination with Assemblyman Ezra P. Prentice of the Twenty-fifth district, who is retiring, about the trick house by which Parsons, who is de-throned as leader of the district, is to be nominated in 1908 for Congress in place of Mr. Parsons.

Representative Parsons's friends said at the city House last night that they were alive to the recent frequent conferences between Mr. Halpin and Mr. Prentice, that they still regarded the efforts of Chairman Odell to secure Mr. Parsons as leader of the district at the primaries last September and that they were even now ready for the fray next September. The friends of Mr. Odell, however, were fond of Mr. Parsons since the latter welcomed the leadership of the district from McDougall Hawkes, who, as Mayor, lost the trick house to Mr. Odell, and saw to it that Mr. Odell's steamboat company secured the pier lease, which caused so much criticism at the time. Mr. Parsons, however, has been altogether too independent in his political utterances to please Mr. Odell and Mr. Halpin.

NEWSTEAD NOT MADE CORONER

GOV. HIGGINS GOES BEHIND ODELL'S RECOMMENDATION

And Looks Up Certain East Side Incidents—Three Other Cases in Which He Found It Unwise to Take the Odell-Halpin Certification at Its Face Value.

It was an Albany report of several weeks ago that Gov. Higgins had appointed Jacob A. Newstead, Republican leader of the Twelfth Assembly district, to be Coroner in place of Moses J. Jackson, convicted in the General Sessions on Feb. 2 of soliciting a bribe to secure the abortion of a homicide case. Chairman Odell of the Republican State committee and President Halpin, of the New York county Republican committee, had recommended Newstead, as the report said. It was learned authoritatively yesterday that Gov. Higgins has not appointed Newstead, and also that he will not appoint him. On the contrary, following his rule, Gov. Higgins, it was announced for him, has thought it best to look up the record of the men whom Odell and Halpin recommend for appointment.

Newstead's record was not at all satisfactory to Gov. Higgins. In addition to a certain document which Gov. Higgins has carefully examined, the Governor ascertained that Newstead was once arrested charged with aiding and abetting a prizefight. Newstead also "zoumb himself" outside of the portals of Zerubbabel lodge, of which he had been a shining light for a number of years.

It was on April 10, 1902, that Newstead was arrested. A saloon of which, according to the police records, Newstead was proprietor, at 28 Forsyth street, was raided about midnight on that date by "Smiling Sam" of the East River, the captain of the Eldridge street station, and his men, and more than 125 prisoners were taken from a room on the second floor where an alleged prizefight was being held.

This saloon was almost directly back of the police station. A stone could easily be tossed from the window of one building into that of the other, and it aroused the ire of Capt. Walsh to think that an attempt to pull off a fight should be made so close to the police station. The noise made by the prizefight was heard by those witnessing the bout could be heard in the station house.

Among the prisoners were Louis Dawson, said to be Newstead's manager in the saloon, and John Smith, Sam Brown, Sol Warsawofsky, John Carmichael, and Bill Gault, charged with being prizefighters. Newstead and his manager were charged with aiding and abetting a prizefight. All other prisoners were held in as disorderly persons.

Besides boxing gloves, tight-laced trunks, the police took in the raid three revolvers, a tully and various other articles. Newstead was arraigned in the Essex Market court before Magistrate Braun on April 11 and held in \$500 bail. His case was taken up by Justice Wyatt in Special Sessions three weeks later and he was discharged. All the men taken as disorderly persons were fined \$5 each.

Newstead is now engaged in the liquor business at 84 Grand street. He used to run a liquor store at 41 Grand street. Men familiar with lodge and club affairs on East Side say that Newstead is supposed to belong to Zerubbabel Lodge of Freemasons, of which his brother, Nathan, was a past master. Jacob, also, those men say, held some office in the lodge. That was about nine years ago. A man who ran an alleged disorderly house in Canal street was taken into the lodge. Then the lodge's charter was revoked. Some of the men belonging to the organization say that they didn't know the character of the man until after the charter had been revoked and that there was a serious division of opinion among members as to who was responsible for his admission to the lodge.

The lodge of the first name, which was in the lodge got a new charter for Composite Lodge, which has quarters now in Terrace Garden.

Newstead and others in the old lodge do not belong to Composite.

Gov. Higgins's friends said at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday that the Newstead fight together with three similar matters had made him uneasy and uncomfortable over every man recommended by Odell and Halpin for public office.

BANDSMAN FORD'S LAST WORDS.

To the Leader of His Band He Said "Get Out a Big Hand to Follow Me to the Grave."

CATSKILL, N. Y., March 5.—"Get out a big hand to follow me to the grave, professor," were about the last words spoken by Benjamin V. Ford, 33 years old, a band leader, who died at his home here this afternoon from injuries received in a sawmill last Wednesday.

The words were addressed to the leader of Company C's military band, of which Ford was a member. He was one of the best known bandmen in this part of the State, and was expected to join S. O. S. as a trombonist.

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Wilkesbarre Man Never Rode on Street Car.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 5.—James Murphy, who died last night, was a resident of this city for fifty years, but never rode on a street car, although they passed his home. He lived some distance from the centre of the city. He preferred walking.

McGovern Beats Stinger.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—Kid Stinger, a heretofore unknown fighter of this city, did himself proud by lasting six rounds with Hughie McGovern, brother of Terry McGovern, at the National A. C. last night. Stinger has had not much experience, but he managed to evade all of McGovern's wicked blows and was up and doing at the final bell. McGovern was a superior fighter, and he was from the start, but it was Stinger's wonderful strength and gameness that won admiring applause for Stinger's body while he was in the ring. McGovern directed most of his punches at Stinger's body while the latter rammed away at his opponent's face. In the final round Stinger made a good spurt, but McGovern's advantage was too much to overcome. The New York man did not have a leg to stand on, and his endurance was bruised and badly damaged about the face.

OBITUARY.

Samuel Dexter Ward, formerly Comptroller of Chicago, died on Saturday at his home 200 West Fifty-seventh street, aged 81 years. He lived in this city for four years. He was the first Comptroller of Chicago, receiving the appointment from Mayor John Wentworth in 1837. Mr. Ward was born in Hadley, Massachusetts, and came to Boston in 1821. He went to Chicago in 1831 and engaged in the hardware business. After his retirement from business he was connected with the internal revenue department. Later he engaged in the oil business in Chicago, and when the Jennings Trust company was organized in 1889 he was elected a director and the treasurer, a post he held until his retirement from business a few years ago. Mr. Ward lived for several years at Lake Forest, Ill., where he was the Treasurer of the University and a trustee of Lake Forest University. His family lived in this city. His wife, Miss Ellen Ward and Mrs. Henry Hale of this city, Mrs. Harlan P. Beach of Montclair, Mrs. William C. Gregory of Dixon, Ill., and Mrs. Ernest W. Shaw of Tampa, Fla.

George Henry Morse died on Saturday afternoon at his residence, 370th Street, at Broadway and Fifty-fifth street. He was born at Boston in 1839 and began his business career at Fifty and Fifty-third streets, where he was connected with the firm of Crombie & Co. of this city. Mr. Morse had an international reputation as a lumber exporter, and he was in business in Burlington, Vt. In 1865 he was elected Mayor of Boston, and he was re-elected in 1867. He was a member of the Massachusetts State Bar, and he was the president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. He was married to Mrs. Harriet Morse, daughter of Dr. W. Morse, assistant secretary of the New York Trust company.

Former Sheriff Peter H. Hopper died at his home in Paterson on Saturday evening, aged 85 years. His father, his eldest brother and five uncles successively held the office of Sheriff of Bergen county, adjoining that of Passaic, one son and a widow survive, with his father, 86 years old, a brother and sister, and four half brothers. They are of that part of New Jersey.

BUFFALO BILL QUESTIONED.

Lawyers Occupied All of Sunday in Taking His Deposition.

OMAHA, Neb., March 5.—All of to-day Col. Cody has been before the lawyers in his divorce case and his deposition has been taken secretly at the Merchants Hotel in Omaha. The examination consumed four hours on Saturday night, ten hours to-day, and will not be completed until noon on Monday. Reporters are excluded from the room.

Col. Cody has gone over the depositions of his wife and her witnesses and has denied many of the allegations made. Others he has carefully explained. He says he has made a strong case.

"I told the Court I would not give my deposition to the press until it was filed with the Court, and I will keep my word," said Col. Cody. "I know the other side did not do so, and I would like the public to hear my side, but the people must wait until the case is called. Then I will be vindicated."

RAMSHACKLE TENEMENT ABANDONED

Fire in Four Story Rear Building Gives the Firemen Lots to Do.

At 22 Cherry street there is a rear tenement, reached from the street through a hole in the wall. The tenement is four stories high and is flanked on the left by an ancient wooden building. The tenement caught fire yesterday morning about 9 o'clock and gave the firemen a hard fight.

Policeman Laughlin of the Oak street station, who sent in an alarm, found that the fire had started on the first floor. Smoke filled all the upper floors and prevented escape by the narrow stairways.

Laughlin was joined by Roundsman Glynn and Policemen Cohen and Rocklan. They climbed along the fire escapes and began handing down the old men, women and children who crowded the windows. There were fourteen families in the tenement.

From the top floor they rescued Joseph Mendis, his wife, Mary, and their one-year-old child, Francesca. The three were passed down the fire escape in safety and then the corps tried the floor below, where they found Mike Randall, 60 years old, and his wife, Mary. As the policemen were about to leave some shouted up that Mary became an old woman and was still on the third floor. One of the men fought his way through the smoke and found the woman lying unconscious on the floor. She was carried down and sent to Hudson street hospital. Nicola Corono, 65 years old, tried to make his way from the second floor outside, but his feet were blinded by a snow which had bothered the firemen, but proved his salvation.

A number of women and children were passed across to 24 Cherry street. Many escaped in this way. The building was a wreck before the fire was under control.

During the fire a fireman, who was thrown from an upper window a bag of coal that landed on Fireman John Geiss. He was taken to the Hudson street hospital, but he was not seriously injured. The burned building is owned by Mrs. J. W. Beckefeller of Asbury Park, N. J.

FIRE FOLLOWS FIRE.

Suspects Aroused by Two in an East Side Tenement.

Acting Battalion Chief Skelly notified Fire Marshal de Malignon yesterday afternoon to investigate two fires which occurred within an hour of each other in the five story brick tenement house at 203 East Fourteenth street.

The first fire started at the bottom of the dumbwaiter shaft, and ate its way to the top, driving out the dozen families occupying the four upper floors. Chief Skelly says that his men went down everything in the cellar before they left.

An hour later a pile of blazing paper and kindling in the front of the cellar, thirty feet from the dumbwaiter shaft, called out the department again. When the battalion chief learned that a former employe in the building, who was discharged, had been around the neighborhood all the afternoon he told the police of the East Twenty-second street station and the Fire Marshal, although they passed the fact to the idea of incendiarism, and said the firemen didn't do the first job thoroughly.

Dentist Williamson's Home Burned.

RODGERSWOOD, N. J., March 5.—The home of Dr. Daniel W. Williamson, a dentist, with offices at 121 West Twenty-first street, New York city, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The firemen were handicapped by the condition of the hydrants. The house was valued at \$10,000. It was fully insured.

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One hundred and sixty acres of the Vanderbilt estate at New Dorp, Staten Island, has been rented for a poultry farm to John Irving of 790 Richmond Terrace, New Brighton. The caretaker's cottage and the barns are included in the lease.

Wilkesbarre Man Never Rode on Street Car.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 5.—James Murphy, who died last night, was a resident of this city for fifty years, but never rode on a street car, although they passed his home. He lived some distance from the centre of the city. He preferred walking.

McGovern Beats Stinger.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—Kid Stinger, a heretofore unknown fighter of this city, did himself proud by lasting six rounds with Hughie McGovern, brother of Terry McGovern, at the National A. C. last night. Stinger has had not much experience, but he managed to evade all of McGovern's wicked blows and was up and doing at the final bell. McGovern was a superior fighter, and he was from the start, but it was Stinger's wonderful strength and gameness that won admiring applause for Stinger's body while he was in the ring. McGovern directed most of his punches at Stinger's body while the latter rammed away at his opponent's face. In the final round Stinger made a good spurt, but McGovern's advantage was too much to overcome. The New York man did not have a leg to stand on, and his endurance was bruised and badly damaged about the face.

OBITUARY.

Samuel Dexter Ward, formerly Comptroller of Chicago, died on Saturday at his home 200 West Fifty-seventh street, aged 81 years. He lived in this city for four years. He was the first Comptroller of Chicago, receiving the appointment from Mayor John Wentworth in 1837. Mr. Ward was born in Hadley, Massachusetts, and came to Boston in 1821. He went to Chicago in 1831 and engaged in the hardware business. After his retirement from business he was connected with the internal revenue department. Later he engaged in the oil business in Chicago, and when the Jennings