ment hasn't examined the company since, but the insurance departments of Texas and Tennessee have. The examination for Tennessee was made by Walter C. Wright of Boston, a consulting actuary, who has been employed by the Provident Life from time to time. The Tennessee department retained him for the job.

It was shown that the Provident Life holds mortgages on properties owned by President Scott—$60,000 on property at 105 Riverside Drive and $14,500 on property in Allenhurst, N. J. The mortgages were on the properties when Scott acquired them, and were renewed when they expired.

Haley Fiske, vice-president of the Metropolitan Life, referring to the profit which William A. Read had made on the sale of Lake Shore to the Metropolitan by Butler & Co., said that he may have done Mr. Read an injustice in his testimony on Wednesday. Mr. Fiske had said that he had heard that Vermilye & Co. bought 3,333 shares of the stock at 320, had sold it to G. P. Butler & Co. on the same day at 340, and that Butler & Co. had sold it to the Metropolitan, also on the same day, at 350. Mr. Read, who had charge of the purchase for the Metropolitan Life, sharing equally in the 10 points profit made by Butler & Co.

Mr. Fiske said yesterday that the Metropolitan had not paid Read any commission on the purchase, and that Mr. Read said that the amount which he received of the Butler & Co. profits was his commission. Mr. Fiske said Mr. Read was of the opinion that the transaction was justified by the dealing and the rules of the Street.

Edward H. Harriman did not appear before the committee yesterday. He will probably answer the Ryan charges on the stand to-day.

N. Y. LIFE'S HOUSECLEANERS

Will Start at Work at Once, and Will Spare No One, They Promise.

The investigating committee of the New York Life Insurance Company, which was named at the meeting of the trustees on Wednesday, held its first meeting yesterday afternoon. The committee is composed of Thomas P. Fowler, Norman B. Ream, Clarence M. Mackay, Hiram R. Steele and Augustus G. Paine. Mr. Fowler was elected chairman.

The committee will have an office in the New York Life Building and will hold frequent meetings. A member of the committee said that every member was desirous of a most thorough investigation.

"We do not know where the lightning may strike," said this member. "But if it strikes any one, from the president down, it will be up to that person to do his own dodging."

The committee has not yet selected its counsel. According to one of the members, they are looking around to find a lawyer who will be absolutely independent and free from any influence whatever which might cause criticism.

Charles A. Peabody, the newly elected president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, went out of town yesterday for a few days. Before he went he had a talk with Mr. Cromwell, who has been filling the office temporarily; visited the Mutual Life Building and had talks with some of the trustees. While Mr. Peabody will not assume active charge of the company until January 1, it was learned yesterday that he has already been consulted upon several important matters which have come up in connection with the "housecleaning."

McCurdy Resigns From Girard Trust.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—The resignation of Richard A. McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, as a director of the Girard Trust Company of this city was accepted by the directors to-day. The Mutual Life owns 1,000 shares of Girard Trust stock, worth $700,000.

SANDS WANTS HAZERS FIRED

Naval Academy Head Will Personally Urge Action Before Bonaparte.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—Admiral Sands, superintendent of the Naval Academy, will go to Washington to-morrow to personally support his recommendation that Midshipman Trenmer Coffin, Jr., of Nevada and Midshipman Warren A. Vanderveer of New Jersey be dismissed on account of the hazing of Midshipman Jerdone P. Kimbrough until he was unconscious.

Dr. G. W. Vanderveer of Mount Holly, N. J., father of Midshipman Vanderveer, was in Annapolis to-day and saw his son and also Admiral Sands. He does not believe his son's dismissal is just and will protest before Secretary Bonaparte. The naval authorities say there is no question that Vanderveer knew of or had reason to know of the hazing and failed to report. It is said Kimbrough would have died had not the next midshipman in charge of the floor reported.

Kimbrough is better to-day, as is Midshipman Henry G. Cooper, who was stricken with paralysis yesterday.

Ballantine's Will to Stand.

Henry Young, Jr., a brother-in-law of Robert D. Ballantine, who committed suicide in New York last Saturday, stated last night that the family at present had no intention of contesting the will left by him. It leaves Edge Hill, his estate at Charlottesville, Va., to George Mason, who was caretaker of it. Young is named as administrator in the will.

The family has decided positively to make no statement in regard to the alleged blackmailing of Ballantine, which it is believed caused him to end his life.

$80,076 for Princeton.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 14.—At the regular quarterly meeting of the trustees of Princeton University to-day the receipt of $80,076 was announced. C. C. Cuyler of New York city has founded the Andrew White Green scholarship, which amounts to $5,000. The will of the late Dr. John Sayre, '78, has been approved by the Supreme Court of Missouri. By this will the university will receive $40,000, to be used in endowing fellowships and scholarships to be known as the Class of 1878 Scholarships.

Election at the Brooklyn Democratic Club.

The Brooklyn Democratic Club elected last night the following officers: President, Daniel E. Moynahan; vice-presidents, Edward M. Shepard, Herman A. Metz, Charles G. Hoogland and Francis Gottsberger; treasurer, William A. Schmidt; recording secretary, Alonzo G. McLaughlin, and corresponding secretary, Henry Rohland.

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JUSTICE COURTNEY DEAD.

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Justice John Courtney of the Court of Special Sessions died at his home, 157 Prospect place, Brooklyn, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Justice Courtney had not been in good health for five years, but about ten days ago he became so ill that he had to take to his bed. He grew worse, and on Wednesday morning became unconscious. He remained in that condition until he died. At his bedside were his sons, William C. Courtney, Thomas F. Courtney, his daughter, Mrs. John C. McGrorty, and his sister-in-law, Miss Theresa A. Coffey. The funeral will be held in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Pacific street near Vanderbilt avenue, to-morrow morning, Vicar-General P. J. McNamara officiating. The interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Flatbush.

Justice John Courtney was born in Brooklyn sixty-five years ago. He became a printer and during his spare time studied law. In 1866 he was appointed administration clerk under Surrogate Veeder. In 1877 he was appointed a clerk in the Myrtle avenue police court by Justice Riley. Justice Courtney was elected a civil justice in 1879, and held that office until 1890, when he was elected Sheriff of Kings county. He was appointed Justice of the Court of Special Sessions by Mayor Van Wyck, his term ending December 31, 1906. Justice Courtney had taken an active part in the affairs of the Volunteer Firemen's Association, and for many years was its president, having belonged to the volunteer fire department as a member of Washington Hose 6. He was for a time president of the board of trustees of the widows and orphans' fund of the association and was a director of the Firemen's Home in Hudson, N. Y. He was also a member of Typographical Union 98, the Catholic Benevolent Legion, Varuna Boat Club, the Emerald Society, the Constitution Club and the St. Patrick's Society. For many years he was a delegate of the Kings county Democratic general committee from the Twentieth ward, and was one of the intimate friends of the late Hugh McLaughlin. He is survived by two sons and one daughter. One of his sons, ex-Assistant District Attorney William C. Courtney, is the husband of one of the late Hugh McLaughlin's daughters and is one of the trustees of Mr. McLaughlin's estate.

GEN. HAUPT DIES ON A TRAIN.

Was President Lincoln's Chief of Transportation in the Civil War.

Gen. Herman Haupt, one of the most distinguished railroad engineers in this country, died suddenly yesterday morning on a Pennsylvania Railroad train just after leaving Jersey City for Washington with his son, Prof. Louis M. Haupt of Philadelphia. He turned in his seat to speak to his son and fell over in his arms, expiring within a few minutes without speaking. There was a physician in the car, but nothing could be done for the old man.

Gen. Haupt is said to have been the oldest graduate of West Point. He was born in Philadelphia in 1817. He entered the army and saw some service in the engineering corps, but resigned in 1844, and from then until 1847 was engaged as a professor of civil engineering at the Pennsylvania University, afterward being employed upon the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Hoosac Tunnel and the Union Pacific Railroad as superintendent. Under President Scott he was chief engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was afterward a director; but the most interesting part of his life was during the civil war, when President Lincoln made him chief of transportation and he had charge of the whole railroad system of the Union army in the South as chief of military railroads. He was general manager of the Piedmont Air Line in 1875 and later was chief engineer of the Tidewater Pipe Line. His home in recent years had been in Washington, D. C.

Gen. Haupt's body was removed from the train at Newark, to conform to New Jersey laws, and after being viewed by County Physician McKenzie was prepared for transmission to his home and the proper certificates were given to his son, who accompanied the body on a later train.

Gen. Haupt's son was a member of the Nicaragua Canal Commission from 1897 to 1899, and subsequently became a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission. He was in charge of a survey for a ship canal across New Jersey.

Obituary Notes.

Frederick G. Graul, chief of police of Paterson, N. J., died at his home, Fourteenth avenue and East Twenty-fifth street, yesterday morning. He had been ill for three years with Bright's disease, but his death was unexpected, as he had been at the police station during the past week and as late as Wednesday morning. He was born in Germany September 1, 1840. After a common school education in this country, he worked in a cotton mill until the war broke out. He fought in the battles of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, before Richmond, Bristol Station, Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. At Chancellorsville he was wounded in the right arm. With four comrades he was captured before Richmond and remained in captivity six weeks, serving two of them in "Tobacco Warehouse No. 3." After his discharge at Trenton, October 7, 1864, Chief Graul returned to Paterson, and in 1866 was made a member of the police force. A wife and brother survive him.

Philip Lee Wilson, who died at his home, 444 Hancock street, Brooklyn, on Wednesday, was a lawyer of this city for many years. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted and went to the front with the Duryea Zouaves (Fifth New York Volunteer Infantry). He served with his regiment until the second battle of Bull Run, at which he was severely injured. He was promoted for bravery on the field of battle and was later made a Second Lieutenant in the Veteran Reserve Corps at Washington. When Gen. Early made his raid upon Washington Lieut. Wilson commanded the left bastion of Fort Slocum. At the end of the war he returned to the practise of law. For some years he practised in Parkersburg, W. Va. He was in active practise in New York until within a few weeks of his death.

Major E. J. Anderson, supervisor of the State prison at Trenton and formerly State Comptroller, died at his home in Somerville, N. J., last night as the result of gangrenous poisoning. He was born in Flemington in 1830. In 1871 he was appointed first assistant in the office of the State Comptroller, which he held until 1880, when he was elected Comptroller by the Legislature. He continued in that office until 1891, and during that period was the recognized leader and organizer of the Republican party in the State. For twenty-five years he was a member of the Republican State committee and was secretary of that body most of the time. In 1894 he was appointed supervisor of the State prison, and he continued in that office until his death.

Mrs. Mary Christian Mackay, widow of Dr. Barnard Mackay, died yesterday at the Hotel Seville, Twenty-ninth street and Madison avenue. She was Miss Auchmuty, great-granddaughter of the Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, who was rector of Trinity Church in 1763. Her brother, Col. Richard T. Auchmuty, founded the New York Trades School and was otherwise well known in philanthropic work. He died in July, 1895. Mrs. Mackay is survived by three children, Archibald K., Richard T. and Margaret A. Mackay. The funeral will be at Trinity Chapel, in West Twenty-fifth street, on Saturday.

ODELL CALLS ON HIS CROWD

TO MEET HIM ON SATURDAY AND DO UP HERBERT PARSONS.

Announcing That He Has Got the Speakership Cinched, the Boss Turns His Attention to Controlling the Machine Here—Parsons Means to Take It Fighting.

Representative Herbert Parsons, who is to be elected president of the New York county committee on December 21, came out flatfooted in Washington last night for the election of Senator Alfred R. Page as first vice-president of the committee. Boss Odell was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel when he heard of this announcement, and immediately sent out notices to twenty-four leaders in the county committee upon whom he believes he can rely, requesting them to meet him at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Saturday, to arrange to reelect Samuel Strasbourger to the place of first vice-president. Boss Odell also at this meeting pledge the twenty-four leaders to the election of Ambrose O. Neal as secretary. He defies Representative Parsons, President Roosevelt, Gov. Higgins and all the eminent Republicans interested in the rehabilitation of the party.

One of the New York County district leaders, speaking of the Odell guerrilla methods, said yesterday:

"The plan is to counter Parsons at every turn. The committee on legislation for the county committee is to be appointed by Odell with the names inserted in the resolution instead of allowing Parsons to appoint it. Odell is to install Neal as secretary because Neal is a district leader out of a job. He is to be a sort of 'snooper' for the Odell gang. His duty is to report to the gang what is doing on the inside and his vote in executive committee is to be used to counter Parsons. The gang would not dare let Parsons name a secretary who is wise to things. Halpin is to be the voice of Odell in committee meetings, and he will have just enough support to pulverize Parsons.

"Parsons might as well sign his political death warrant as to take the presidency bound hand and foot by the old gang. He should have a secretary of his own selection, and one who has the confidence of the anti-graft leaders. Who is to look after legislation when Parsons is in Washington? The Odell committee on legislation? Parsons should have a committee secretary on the job and in touch with him, one who can go to the Governor and anti-graft leaders and express views on legislation that will be listened to. Neal in that capacity would be grotesque. Even the Parsons supporters among the decent element of the party await with bated breath his return from Washington to learn of what stuff he is made. He should insist on a secretary who is on the level with him and with the party. If Parsons accepts the presidency under the Odell conditions he will lose the support of the very men that he needs if his reform mission is not to fail utterly. If he cannot have a competent and loyal secretary he should decline the support of the old gang and organize an independent fight for decent party action."

Boss Odell recognizes that if he loses control of the New York county committee the jig is up with him in the State.

Boss Odell had a talk at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday on the next Speaker of the Assembly and other highly interesting political personal subjects, with an emphasis on the personal, with Senator Edgar T. Brackett of the Saratoga district, and it was learned that Senator Brackett has had equally interesting talks of late with President Roosevelt and the bigwig Republicans in Washington. Senator Brackett and Secretary Shaw were college chums. President Roosevelt and Senator Brackett haven't been particularly intimate politically or personally in the last few years, but the recent interviews between them, it was said, were particularly happy. Another statement was that the President and ex-Governor Frank S. Black have recently had a heart to heart talk on the condition of the party in New York.

Boss Odell also had talks yesterday with Senator Malby of Ogdensburg and with Assemblyman Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., of St. Lawrence county, who is the Odell candidate for Speaker. He also discussed his political fate with William C. Warren of Buffalo, whose candidate for Mayor was snowed under on November 7, and the fact that President Roosevelt on Wednesday reappointed Fred Greiner postmaster of Buffalo was considered ominous. In the last Republican State convention Warren could control only fifteen of the forty-five delegates from Erie county, and it was said last night that he is to be beaten thoroughly at the next primaries, and that Greiner is to do the job effectively this time. Warren declared that his candidate for Speaker was Assemblyman Robert Lynn Cox of the Second district of Erie, who did not vote for Supreme Court Justice Hooker's retention on the bench. Assemblyman William J. Maier of Seneca Falls, Assemblyman William W. Wemple of Schenectady and Assemblyman Augustus B. Gray of the Second district of Dutchess, all of whom voted for Justice Hooker, and ex-United States Marshal Louis F. Payn of Columbia also had talks with Boss Odell.

Boss Odell told his friends that he had hitched up a deal with Merritt whereby Merritt was to be elected Speaker, and that Merritt was to retain Rogers in his place as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. He also said that he had the Speakership matter well in hand and that he would now settle conclusively the control of the New York Republican county committee.

Gov. Higgins arrived in town unexpected, and is at the home of his brother-in-law, Frank Sullivan Smith. His friends said that while he had no candidate for speaker of the Assembly he doubted the political wisdom of starting the campaign for 1906 with a Republican Assemblyman for Speaker who voted for Justice Hooker. The Governor's friends did not believe that either Merritt of St. Lawrence or James T. Rogers of the Second district of Broome, both of them Hooker men to the core, or in fact any Hooker Assemblyman, would be elected Speaker.

The Governor had a long talk in Albany on Wednesday night with Senator Alfred R. Page, Mr. Parsons's candidate for first vice-president of the New York Republican county committee. It was said last night that Senator Page's visit to Gov. Higgins had a good deal to do with the Governor's unexpected arrival in New York yesterday afternoon.

Boss Odell has organized a combination of Hooker and Hearst Assemblymen for the purpose of jamming Merritt or Rogers in as Speaker, but when Gov. Higgins's attitude became known last night several of Boss Odell's friends said that at the last moment he would run to cover and accept Assemblyman S. Percy Hooker of Livingston or Assemblyman Cox of Buffalo rather than appear to be defeated and then attempt to play bushwhacking and guerrilla politics with the Speaker he is compelled to accept, as he proposes to do in the case of Representative Parsons whom he has been compelled to accept as the next president of the New York Republican county committee.

Boss Odell had a long talk with Railroad Commissioner George W. Aldridge, appointed by Gov. Higgins. Mr. Aldridge has told his friends that he is a Higgins man and that he and the Republicans of Monroe county are beholden to Gov. Higgins and to no other Republican.

Boss Odell's next visitor was Assemblyman Arthur C. Wade of the First district of Chautauqua, who was Justice Hooker's counsel and chief adviser, along with Tax Commissioner Lester F. Stearns of Dunkirk. Wade carried his district a year ago by a plurality of 4,959. This year he crept in by less than 200. Gov. Higgins is not to reappoint Stearns.

Senator Platt said at his downtown office that he was taking no part in the Speakership contest and is shortly to visit Hot Springs, Va., for recuperation and health. Senator Platt did not care to speak of the report that Robert C. Morris is not to succeed Gen. Henry L. Burnett as United States District Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Job E. Hedges and Senator Horace White had talks with Senator Platt. President Roosevelt, it was said, would like to appoint to Gen. Burnett's place Mr. Hedges or John Henry Hammond, or George C. Schurman, a son of the president of Cornell University.

TO STUDY BALLOT REFORM.

Regular and Independent Republican Committees Both at Work.

The committee of twenty-one appointed by Chairman Fawcett of the Republican county committee to consider the question of ballot reform, direct nominations and a return to the old election district system, had its first meeting in Republican headquarters on Joralemon street, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. Former Assemblyman John Hill Morgan of the First Assembly district was chosen chairman and John Cooper of the Eleventh Assembly district was elected secretary. An appeal is to be drawn up, which is to be sent broadcast to individuals and organizations that may desire to be heard on the question. A public meeting of the committee will be held at the Assembly, Pierrepont street, on Wednesday evening next.

The committee of sixty-three representing independent Republicans who are working on the same lines as the committee of twenty-one has selected an executive committee of eleven which includes ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren, ex-Senator D. F. Davis, Willis L. Ogden, William J. Dilthey, Omir F. Hibbard, Adolph Kiendl, Frank Harvey Field, George T. Moon, Ludwig Nissen, Elmer G. Sammis and Samuel H. Cragg.

Yates Wants to Be Senator From Illinois.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Former Governor Richard Yates to-day announced himself a candidate for United States Senator to a gathering of friends in Springfield. This means the Yates-Deneen compact made when Deneen was nominated will be carried out.

C. F. Murphy Coming to Tom Dunn's Funeral.

The executive committee of Tammany Hall will attend Thomas J. Dunn's funeral in a body to-day. Charles F. Murphy wired yesterday from Mount Clemens, Mich., that he would reach the city in time to attend.

DENIAL FROM MR. COREY

That the Father of the Steel Corporation President Criticised His Son.

A. A. Corey, father of W. E. Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, is in this city. W. E. Corey sent to the newspapers last night the following statement:

"Mr. A. A. Corey, father of W. E. Corey, when questioned to-day concerning the recent publications in the New York papers which purported to quote him, said: 'The newspapers have evidently been imposed upon by some one in Pittsburg, for I have not heretofore said anything to any newspaper reporter about by son, or even seen one. I have not made any remarks of any kind derogatory to my son and statements to the contrary are absolutely without foundation. If he has had differences with his wife, I regret it; but those are personal matters of his own. I feel absolutely certain he has not done and will not do anything dishonorable.'"

MURDERED FOR HER JEWELRY.

Mrs. Naftal a Victim of Those Who Knew Her Habits.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 14.—The body of Mrs. Morris Naftal, the aged woman who was killed yesterday, was turned over to the family this afternoon, after an autopsy had been performed. It was laid out for burial to-night according to the Jewish customs. The Asbury Park Council this afternoon voted a reward of $1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the murderers. To this another $1,000 was added by Morris Naftal, the husband.

It is supposed that Mrs. Naftal was first chloroformed and then bound hand and foot to prevent an outcry if she regained consciousness. Discolorations upon her mouth and lips give additional color to this view. Suspicions are directed to certain persons who were cognizant of the fact that Mrs. Naftal kept her jewels and often large sums of money concealed in a little pocket in her petticoat. Two weeks ago she was awakened by a hand moving cautiously in her bed. She started up from her pillow and cried: "What do you want?" A woman's voice answered: "Nothing; I thought you might want a drink. Can I do anything for you? I thought you were ill."

Mrs. Naftal related the incident to neighbors, who, in the light of yesterday's crime, are convinced that a woman had a hand in the work. The theory receives credence from the suggestion that chloroform was used and that the tying might easily have been done without the assistance of a man, although Chief Smith is inclined to believe that two persons, a man and a woman, were concerned in the murder.

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Carrette Says He Got In Among the Pikers and Won $20 in Alleged Poolroom With an Injunction—Man He Fooled Started an Incidental Flirtation.

An alleged poolroom, known as the Central Club, was raided by detectives of Inspector Hogan's staff and those from the Mercer street station. The place is a frame house at 65 and 67 East Twelfth street. It had an injunction and the police say a score of sleuths have tried in vain for months to get evidence against it.

At last the job was turned over to Edward M. Carrette, the champion runner of the Police Department. This was two weeks ago. As he believed that every attaché of the place knew him by sight, he went to a wig maker in search of a disguise. The artist at once said he could attach a false beard and mustache to Carrette's hairless face in a manner that would defy scrutiny.

First he smeared the detective's face with a disagreeable gummy fluid. Then he plastered the surface with black hair to match Carrette's head. When the gum had dried, the artist trimmed the adherent hair with shears and clippers until he had shaped out a beautiful vandyke beard and mustache. To heighten the deception he touched up the hair, real and artificial, with a dye that made it appear to be streaked with gray.

Carrette was delighted with the effect, but before venturing to the poolroom he went home to try it on his wife. He tried to kiss her when she opened the door, and frightened her into hysterics. Then he borrowed a 7 karat diamond pin from a sporty saloon keeper and fastened it to his shirt front in a gorgeous silk scarf purchased for the occasion.

Thus equipped the detective went to a restaurant in the building where the alleged poolroom was located, and scraped an acquaintance with one of the attachés. Carrette spent his evenings for ten days with the man, taking him twice to his own home to dinner. Every day or so he had to go back to the artist and have his face regummed and haired. Carrette, who is tall and spare, posed as a consumptive, and on the occasion of the second dinner the poolroom man tried to make love to Mrs. Carrette.

"You'd better shake that guy," he said. "He'll be dead in a couple of months and then we can get married."

Carrette's friend took him to the poolroom for the first time last Monday. As he passed the doorkeeper the latter remarked:

"That fellow looks like he had a false beard."

"Guess again," said the detective's friend. "The 'con' gives him that look. He's all right."

Carrette said the second floor was roughly fitted up in regular poolroom style, and was equipped with two stuss tables that did a rushing business. The third floor, to which he was never admitted, he was told was for the elite, and nothing smaller than $20 bets were taken there. The lower floor was for "pikers." Carrette said he made bets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and also played stuss, at which he won $20. Yesterday he got eleven John Doe warrants from Magistrate Cornell. The Magistrate is well acquainted with Carrette, but did not recognize him in his whiskers.

The raiding cops had to break down two doors and a partition before they got in. There were more than 300 men on both floors. Some of them broke down a door at the rear of the room on the second floor and got into a passageway by which they escaped through an adjoining building. Only five of the men for whom warrants were issued were captured. Among those who escaped was Carrette's friend, who was one of the stuss dealers.

THE SCHERER MURDER MYSTERY.

Blood Is Found on the Overcoat of Joseph Halszarar.

The murder of Gottlieb Scherer, whose body was found Monday in the Forest Park woods, Richmond Hill, remains a mystery but the police have considerable circumstantial evidence against Joseph Halszarar of 647 Leonard street, Brooklyn, who was arrested on Wednesday. He is held without bail. When they searched Halszarar's rooms, the police found an overcoat with bloodstains on it. Halszarar had a cut on his hand, but the blood was on the right side of the coat and on the left hand of the man.

Robert Baumgarten, a bartender in a saloon at the corner of Cooper and Metropolitan avenues, was taken to the morgue and positively identified Scherer as one of a party of three men who had been in the saloon on Sunday. At the station house Halszarar was lined up with a dozen other men and Baumgarten pointed him out as greatly resembling one of the party with Scherer on Sunday.

At one time, Halszarar, who lived in the same house as the murdered man, offered him a drink of whiskey. Scherer refused it, saying he was afraid it might poison him if he drank it.

The detectives learned that there had been ill feeling between the two men on Sunday morning, for Halszarar wanted Scherer to stay at home and tend the horses. Scherer refused and Halszarar was compelled to remain until 6 o'clock. From that time until 9:30 he is unable to give an satisfactory account of himself. Detective Murtagh is investigating the story that he was in the Tenderloin with a woman friend. So far, the woman has failed to appear.

No Halt in Boston Copper Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—It so happens that the most spectacular advances witnessed during the present boom have been in the shares of the Montana mines. Conspicuous in the rise have been Amalgamated, North Butte, Anaconda and United Copper. These four stocks have risen a total of $131,945,000. The majority ownership of Anaconda, however, is duplicated in Amalgamated. Eliminating this duplication the four stocks have risen from the low point of this year a total of $115,300,000. Wolverine rose to 132 to-day, a gain of 4½ for the day. According to all reports this year will be the most successful in its career. Nevada Consolidated people deny any manipulation, although the stock is selling to-day at more than double the par value. They say that the estimated earnings of $1 per share was based on a 13 cents per pound market for copper and the earnings are double that on an 18 cent market.

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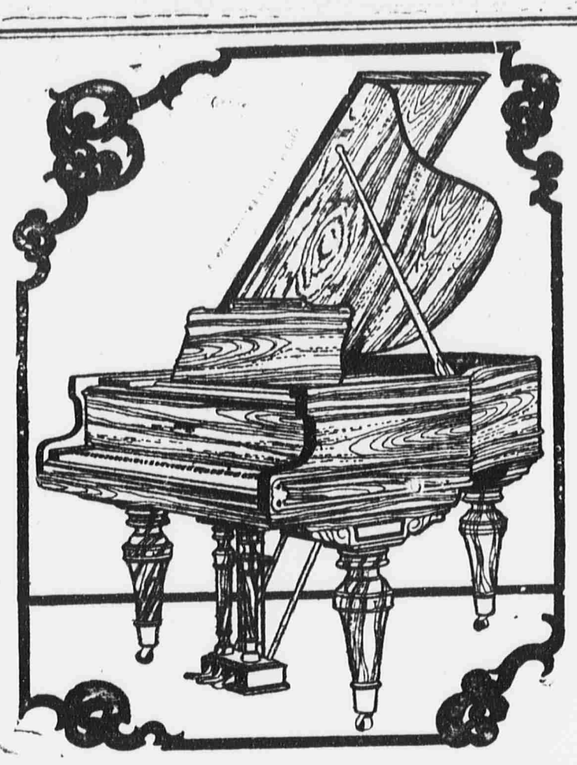

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