

McMANUS IS PICNIC HOST

175 AUTOMOBILES IN LINE AT "THEIR" OUTING.

Politicians, Women and Kids Swarm to Eleventh District's Annual Function - Tammany Fair Race for Dolls, Umbrellas and Shoes - Lots of McManus.

If you are a youngster in New England or the middle West or any place else in the Union, except this big town, you may have a picnic ground hardly would be one with the northern sky line ebbed off by a big noisy viaduct, the east bounded by strings of stationary canals decorated with rows of amiable undulating flapping along deck lines, blank walls to the west, the south smothered with blue-eyed tenements stuffed with bed clothes, and underfoot instead of spriny turf a flat stretch of particularly dusty dust.

Nevertheless all the boys and girls who gathered on such a picnic ground at 15th street and Eighth avenue yesterday afternoon to take part in the games and take all of the local and trimmings at the annual outing of the Thomas J. McManus Tammany club of the Eleventh Assembly district seemed to be able to worry along happily, thank you. Even the dirty factory smoke that at one time was pressed downward by the heavy air did not especially act as a killjoy.

Only Luke Curry, who is 12 years old, seemed to have had his whole day spoiled. On the grounds was an employee who is about 20 years old. Oh, what a merry time this youth, known only as Tony, and little Luke Curry were having. They were playing together, and around the two was a circle of shrieking men and young girls and small boys. And the big Tony stood with one foot on little Luke's ear while using the other foot to kick Luke in the ribs, or at any other point that Tony's foot could reach.

Streaks of gray uniforms converging marked the special cops getting into the specials went almost but not quite to the point of breaking Tony's back. Tony was pried loose from Luke's ear, whereupon Tony ran to get a baseball bat. All the half grown boys not taking part in the races on the south side of the lot charged upon fleeing Tony, recoiled when they saw he was fleeing merely to get the bat, specials slammed Tony through a door and out of sight, and everybody jabbered excitedly for twenty minutes, and altogether the function was leading to its stride.

This first affair, however, was the only incident to break in upon a brilliant afternoon picnic of its career, so it said, and when darkness came the district itself, far down to town had its best automobile parade as politicians and makers of politicians burned up \$200 worth of red fire as 175 automobiles twined through the Forty and Fifty streets and then sped northward in a long line so that grownup dancers might take the place which the children had had during the day.

The youngsters did not give way, however, to this crowd of local political celebrities until they had won shoes, gold rings, bracelets, dolls and things in a series of races that went on until the time the gates were thrown open in the afternoon until dusk.

Assemblymen Johnny Boylan and Johnny Keenan and Alderman Louis Wedel, Jr., willed a collar a race trying to catch the audience of the course. But the course was bounded merely by an imaginary line. Johnny Boylan measured off in his mind the distance to be run, and so it is probable that if any world's records were broken the figures of yesterday will not stand officially. To add to the difficulties of keeping the track clear the two Assemblymen and the Alderman had to watch out that only small boys and girls from the Eleventh district take part in the races, for the programme particularly stated that unless they were run by runners from the Eleventh district the prizes would not be awarded. Therefore:

"My name's Jimmy Costello, mister." "In my name in this race, I'm from the district."

A HABIT

APROPOS OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE AT PRESENT BUILDING IN NEW YORK THE GREATEST MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN THE WORLD—THE McALPIN HOTEL:

We are reminded of the Irishman who said that if a man fell twenty stories without injury, it would be an accident, that if he repeated the performance it would be a coincidence, and that if he did it a third time it would be a habit.

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CARBOLIC ENDED HONEYMOON

GIRL SUICIDE WAS WIFE OF C. A. THOMAS.

Son of President of American Dyewool Company, After Leaving Insane Asylum, Eloped From Atlantic City With Maid—Family Clears Mystery.

A girl of 22 drank carbolic acid in a lodging house at 119 East Twenty-ninth street on the night of August 30 and died before daylight in Bellevue Hospital. When she was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery on September 6 only an undertaker and a gravedigger were present. She had said that she was Mrs. C. A. Thomas, and the name of C. A. Thomas, husband, went on the hospital records as that of her "nearest friend." Those who might have made it clear just who she was chose to say nothing.

Yesterday it developed that the husband is Charles A. Thomas, son of Percival Thomas, president of the American Dyewool Company of 81 Williams street, and vice-president and director of the Compagnie Hattienne and of the General Colors Company.

The girl was Mrs. Percival Thomas's maid, whose parents, Swiss Americans, live in Stillwater, Minn. Young Thomas found her in his parents' summer home at Atlantic City when he returned from the Pennsylvania State Hospital for the insane at Norristown and persuaded her to marry him. After the marriage Thomas took the girl to live in the Twenty-ninth street house in which she took the acid.

Thomas is 37 years old. A member of his family said yesterday that he has been helped out of many sorrows by his father and has never had a steady occupation. He is 6 feet tall and of good appearance. After being treated at Morristown, whether his father had himself, he went to the Atlantic City home of the Thomases early last summer. Presently he began paying court to his mother's maid, whose maiden name was not revealed yesterday.

She was warned by the cook that the record was not all that it should be. "But," said the relative who told the story yesterday, "she was one of those girls who believe that the way to reform a man is to marry him."

Thomas persuaded the maid to go away with him. Early in August they appeared at the lodging house of Henry Heil, at 119 East Twenty-ninth street, where they had been married the day before in New Jersey and paid \$5 for a room for one week.

Mr. Heil is a workman, who is away from home all day. His wife speaks little English. He is not particularly interested in the couple who had come to stay with them, but they couldn't help noticing that Mrs. Thomas stayed close to her room and went a good deal to the bathroom. Heil called at the Philadelphia office of his father's dyewool company, got some money on his father's account and went off to his room, where the whereabouts are not known to his relatives.

Heil sent word to Mr. Thomas, Sr., after the girl's death, and after looking over the papers to make sure it was that of Mrs. Thomas's maid. Mr. Thomas paid for her burial.

It was said in behalf of the family yesterday that Charles A. Thomas's father had been married in New Jersey had been found to be true.

SMOKE EATING IS MADE EASY

FIRST BLAZE SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT WITH NEW DEVICE.

New Invention Feeds Air to Cloud Enveloped Fire—Men—Small Tubes on Water Conduit Minimize Firemen's Perils—Device Pleases Department.

James D. Halloran, a fireman who is on temporary duty in Engine Company 20, which lies in the heart of the cellar fire zone, has invented a fresh air contrivance for fighting flame in the thickest smoke. It had its first test early yesterday morning and if it proves as satisfactory in a really fractious fire they will start making duplicates of the invention at the Fire Department repair shops at once.

Acting Chief Joseph Martin carried such a favorable report to Commissioner Johnson that it was decided immediately to extend Halloran's time of duty in the smudge fire region for another month.

"I did everything that was needed at the fire this morning," said Mr. Johnson yesterday. "But that blaze wasn't as severe a test as I think we ought to have, so have ordered Halloran to stay with Engine 20 for another month and if it is still satisfactory, and I can see no reason why it should not be, we shall call it in the department."

Soon after the Commissioner took the job relinquished by Rhinelanders Walds Halloran came to him and explained his invention. He said that he had been working on it for a long time and that it seemed all right so far as he could tell by the experiments he had been able to make in the repair shops. He wanted to be sent somewhere in a neighborhood where they had lots of smoke. So the Commissioner took him from Fifty-eighth street just off Broadway and sent him to Lafayette street not far above Spring street.

That was on August 21 and ever since the fireman has been waiting for a test fire. It seemed that cellar smoke was a long time coming. But when the new automobile hose cart rolled out to a fire in a tenement at 62 West Houston street yesterday morning Halloran's device went with it.

The invention consists of three small caliber tubes attached to the nozzle of the fire hose, through which small tube air is drawn from without the burning building by the suction of the water through the hose. The tubes are connected to the fireman's faces and supply them with fresh air, captured by small cowls, like miniature ship's ventilators, in the tube. He believed the device would not exist which would prevent more than three hose men from obtaining air in sufficient quantity.

Capt. Bigelow and Firemen McGrath and Saunders grabbed two of the rubber mouthpieces in their teeth and went into the tenement fire. They stayed half an hour without coming up for air and when they came out the fire was nearly over. They had fresh air all the time from the garden hose that led out to the pavement. The difficulty with former smoke devices has been the position of the fireman's head which obscured the eyes and covered the head made it impossible to properly appraise the blaze.

"We don't mind it in our eyes," said McGrath yesterday. "It doesn't take long to get used to that, and we like to be able to feel it around our faces."

"But what's to prevent fire from burning away the hose?" another fireman asked.

"We never pass fire," was the answer. "That's a first principle. Put it out as you go or you don't know how quickly a man is in a hurry. We never leave a blaze behind us."

Halloran has been careful to patent his contrivance. Twice before he has invented things that he thought would be useful. One he conceived in the same ruminations, with what might be termed painful regularity blew out the gas in this city. The feature of the device consisted of a pair of metal pipes, one of which was as long as the gas was burning but joined as soon as it was blown out. When the pipe a spark went off that lighted the gas again. It is not known how many times it has been blown and blown until their breath was exhausted and they were forced to turn to more easily recognized methods of extinguishing the combustion.

RODGERS MAY FLY TO-DAY.

His Machine Not Broken So Badly as Was Thought.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Cal. P. Rodgers, the aviator, expects to continue his flight to Los Angeles to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. He will not make any positive statements as to what his plans are, but he indicated to-night his machine was not so badly broken up as was thought, and when two mechanics from the Wright factory at Dayton, Ohio, arrived in this city to-night they said that they had practically everything they needed to make the machine as good as new with the exception of two propeller blades. These were shipped from Dayton on Monday by way of New York and will arrive in this city late to-night. J. S. Taylor, chief mechanic of the Wright factory, is also on the way to Middletown and before he starts to-morrow will go to the rebuilt machine carefully. The machine is at the Orange county fair grounds to-night and the mechanics will work all night upon it.

If Rodgers gets away from Middletown to-morrow afternoon he will try to make Callicoon without stopping, a flight of seventy miles, and if he should take it on his head he may try for Susquehanna, fifty-six miles further.

Mrs. H. S. Sweitzer, mother of Aviator Rodgers, arrived here from Hempstead to-day and is urging her son to give up flying, but both the aviator and his wife had laughed at her fears and she was one of the most interested spectators to-night watching the assembling of the machine.

DETAILS OF AERO MEET.

Names of the 35 Aviators—Those Who Will Be in Charge.

The official list of aviators and the executive force of the aviation meet to be held at the Nassau Boulevard Aerodrome beginning Saturday was completed yesterday. The thirty-five aviators are as follows:

Harry N. Atwood, Lieut. Henry H. Arnold, Thomas S. Baldwin, George W. Beatty, Capt. Paul W. Beck, Harold H. Brown, W. Starling Burgess, Ferdinand de Murius, Helene Durrion, W. D. Byron, George E. Elliott, Eugene Ely, Howard Gill, Claude Gramme-White, Charles K. Hamilton, Lee Kirtland, Lada Lekovitch, J. A. D. McMurtry, James G. Mears, James B. Martin, Lieut. E. De Witt Milling, Martine Mosant, Earl I. Owenston, Harry Quimby, Abraham Ryzogorsky, Lieut. John L. Rodgers, Ignace Semaoui, Fred T. Schneider, René Simon, Ensign John E. Towers, Miss Blanche Scott, T. O. M. Sponwich and Charles F. Willard.

The field staff is: Executive Committee and Joint Grounds Committee of the Aero Club of America and the Aero Club of New York—Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman; James A. Blair, Jr., G. F. Campbell-Wood, W. Irving Twombly and Richard R. Sinclair.

Chairman of Contest Committee of the Aero Club of America—Major Samuel Reber, U. S. A. Commissaires Sportsifs of the Aero Club of America as the American Member of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale—James A. Blair, Jr., William W. Miller and Henry W. Miller.

Contest Committee—G. F. Campbell-Wood, chairman; Charles Jerome Edwards, Colette Hoyt, Harold H. McCormick, August Post, Allan R. Hawley and Philip Wakeman Wilcox.

Chief of Contest Committee of the Aero Club of America—Major Samuel Reber, U. S. A. Clerk of the Course—Hugo C. Gibson. Timers—Timers Club of New York—Edward F. Mahankin, chairman; C. J. Degee, Samuel Gramer, J. J. Solan, W. L. Jones, H. P. Burdett, John D. McHugh and J. J. O'Brien.

Finance Committee—Timothy L. Woodruff, Fred S. Batterhall, Willis McCormick, Griffith Cuth, Harry S. Hooker, W. L. Caudie and Louis P. Sanger.

MISS MOISANT'S LONG GLIDE.

Shuts Off Her Motor at 1,500 Feet - Flies Try Their Wings.

Miss Matilda Moisant made the airman at the Hempstead plains aviation field sit up and take notice yesterday afternoon when she took a glide of 1,500 feet over the clouds. She had made several glides of this nature and worked way up to the high mark to shut off her motor for a toboggan down the air lanes.

Miss Harriet Quimby was up for an eight minute flight and rose to an altitude of 700 feet. Dr. Henry Walden, who is working on his new invention, took a spin over to the Nassau field to arrange for an entry in the meet that opens this week.

Atwood and several other fliers tried to make a record yesterday. Lieut. Ely, McMurtry and a slight accident in landing his monoplane.

AERONAUT FATALLY HURT.

Parachute Fails to Open and He is Dashed to the Ground.

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 19.—Eddie Berlinger of Woodcock, E. I. was fatally hurt at the Rockville fair this afternoon in a parachute drop. With Prof. Marsh, another aeronaut, he had gone up in a balloon that rose only a few hundred feet when it began to descend owing to the weight of the two men.

GOV. DIX FOR CITY HOME RULE

SEES IN IT A REMEDY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL ILLS.

Would Have Legislatures Grant Identical Charters and Leave the People to Work Out Their Own Salvation Under Them Without Interference.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—The increasing crowds in daily attendance at the municipal congress and exposition now in session at the Coliseum attest to the growing interest that is being taken in the subject of the effective administration of city governments. To-night fully 3,000 people were present.

The Chicago municipal exhibit is among the most interesting. Perhaps of more personal interest to visitors than the other displays is the Chicago municipal gas testing laboratory, for here it is shown by practical demonstrations how fuel and light are kept up to a given standard.

Gov. John A. Dix of New York was to have been present to-day, but he was unable to attend and his address was read by Robert A. Buck, one of the officials of the exposition association. Other lecturers were Prof. Ford H. McGregor of the University of Wisconsin, James G. Berryhill of Des Moines, Ia.; H. A. Mason of San Francisco and Prof. Charles E. Merriam of Chicago. Prof. Merriam spoke on city charters and his criticisms were as acute as they were pertinent.

Gov. Dix's address, on "Home Rule for Cities," was in part as follows: "It must, I think, be conceded that there is a basis of fact in the general belief that city government is the one glaring failure in our American system. The efficiency and strength of our national Government is beyond question. It is admitted that our system of State government has vindicated itself; but nobody can deny that in the administration of municipal affairs through the agency of municipal government there is much to be learned.

There is no failure of the fundamental democratic principle in the failure of city government. Whatever failure there may be due to the refusal of the people to apply to the government of cities the fullest measure of the democratic principle of self-government or home rule.

The topic you have given me, "Home Rule for Cities," goes to the very root of the municipal problem. The necessary condition of efficient and honest municipal government is an adjustment of relations between the State and the cities that will make the cities as free from State interference and control as the States are free from national interference and control.

There can be no right solution of the municipal problem until it is admitted that the city has an inherent right to be endowed with adequate authority that can be exercised without interference from any quarter to satisfy the rights and meet the needs of the people within the municipal limits. Local self-government should be as clearly and definitely established as State government, or as the rights of the nation within the lines of the Federal Constitution.

The time has come when the cities should demand that instead of being governed as subject provinces they should be endowed with powers of government as complete and efficient as those vested in the State and nation by the State and Federal Constitutions.

We have incompetence in city councils. We have police forces that are demoralized and city departments and bureaus that are inefficient. How can it be otherwise when the city is treated as a dependency to be controlled and governed in its vital affairs by an outside lawmaking body that can possess little knowledge of its needs and is often careless of its rights and interests?

The Legislature of New York State has enacted a law which automatically gives a charter to a city of the second class, and there is being prepared for introduction at the next session of the Legislature in January, 1912, a similar law affecting cities of the third class.

If the authority was once given to the cities and villages, each knowing in advance the form of charter that it must be given, it is not too much to stimulate civic pride, dignity, municipal responsibility and inspire wholesome administration in the various city departments and the regulation of affairs purely local.

The State should permit every city within its boundary to be a self-governing community. The problems of city government may be numerous and complex. They must be met and solved where the problems exist by the people who know and understand them.

B. Altman & Co. HAVE READY THEIR COMPLETE STOCKS OF MEN'S FURNISHINGS FOR AUTUMN

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There's no keener sport than this—and you can make it in a week's outing. The old guides say this is to be a big game year.

Law off in Maine—Deer, Oct. 1st—Moose, Oct. 5th. Send for our beautiful Book, "Directory of Guides," listing the best hunting and fishing grounds in Maine.

THE NEW ENGLAND LINES BOSTON MAINE CENTRAL PORTLAND

TRUSTEE'S SALE The Most Valuable Granite Quarry in the United States

High Island, Maine, is a 25 acre rock of solid granite. It is the home of the quarry that is producing the most beautiful granite obtainable in the United States to-day.

From it was built the famous John Wanamaker Store in Philadelphia. It furnished the granite for the magnificent new home of the Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia, and the costly Morris Building, Philadelphia.

It has been the choice of the architects of the Stevens G. A. B. Memorial, Washington, D. C., The Springfield Public Library, Springfield, Mass., and of many other beautiful buildings throughout the country.

High Island is eight miles south of Rockland, Me. The quarry equipment is complete and in first class condition. Four railroad tracks join the quarry to a 200 ft. granite wharf which carries 14 ft. of water at low tide. The largest vessels are generously accommodated. There is a lot of granite coal wharf.

The equipment comprises a perfectly appointed power plant, six large two traveling cranes, hoisting, drilling and cutting machinery, etc. in addition there is a blacksmith shop, sawing, stone, brick, tile, and other machinery, a steam, seven dwellings, four boarding houses, a steamer, a launch, rolling stock and tracks in fact, a perfect property ready to get up steam and go to work to-morrow.

This property must be sold by the trustee. It offers a rare opportunity for investing capital in a well developed quarry with an inexhaustible supply of valuable, easily quarried, easily transportable, granite.

McCALLUM TO MARRY AGAIN.

Divorced Husband of John Sherman's Daughter Engaged to Violet Lockwood.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 19.—The engagement was announced to-day of Miss Violet Lockwood to James Iver McCallum of Washington. They will be married on October 19. Miss Lockwood is the daughter of Henry Lockwood of New York and granddaughter of the late Joshua M. Cay.

Mr. McCallum in 1881 became the husband of Mary Sherman, a well known daughter of John Sherman, then Secretary of State. Before the wedding McCallum was a clerk of the Supreme Court, but immediately afterwards he received a year's appointment in the Foreign Office and later was sent to reside in a European city.

NOT ENGAGED TO COUNT.

Mrs. Stiness's Grandmother Denies Report of Coming Marriage.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 19.—Mrs. William Sprague, wife of the War Governor of Rhode Island, to-day emphatically denied the reported engagement of her granddaughter, Mrs. Izzy Sprague Stiness, divorced wife of Henry W. Stiness of this city, to Leconte Steute-Colella Leila Roscoe of Paris.

Mrs. Sprague was indignant, not so much over the reported engagement as concerning statements alleged to have been made by Mrs. Stiness since her arrival in America.

OBITUARY.

Alexander Munn Died on Monday at his home, 27 Union street, Brooklyn, in his eightieth year.

He was born in London, England, in 1831. He was the last salaried Mayor. He came to this country in 1868 as the representative of his father, the late John Munn, who was the last salaried Mayor of New York.

He had been a vestryman and junior warden of Christ Episcopal Church for many years. He is survived by his wife, who is a sister of Alexander E. Orr, three sons and two daughters.

\$25,000 FOR CALENDAR GIRL.

Rich Denver Man Paid It to Her Husband and Thinks He Got a Bargain.

DENVER, Sept. 19.—Admitting that he had been saying that he considered her well worth it, Walter Cunningham to-day told of his secret marriage to Marjorie Hamilton Kerting, the "calendar girl," here yesterday.

They were married in the rectory's study at the Central Presbyterian Church by the Rev. R. F. Coyle, former moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. The bride was recently freed in the divorce court at Reno, Nev., from William Kerting, whom she married in Chicago a few years ago. Before that Kerting had sued Cunningham for \$25,000 for the alienation of Mrs. Kerting's affections, but the case was settled out of court.

POSSIBLE SEARCH IN VAIN FOR DEMENTED ITALIAN WHO KILLED A MAN.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Sept. 19.—Several police officers and volunteers made another unsuccessful attempt this morning to capture the demented Italian, Salomone, who is supposed to have been concerned in the shooting and killing of Harry Maudlin of Wilton.

The posse went into the woods from this city at 3 o'clock this morning and made a four hours search. They found not the slightest trace of the Italian.

It is thought that the fugitive has either fled to the place and headed toward Danbury or that he has headed away by some of his friends in the night.

BIG BILL'S RAIMENT BACK.

Commissioner's Topcoat Vanishes and Reappears on Arm of Old Butch.

The telephone bell whimpered in big Bill Edwards's office in the Park Row Building yesterday morning.

"Commissioner," said a voice, "this is Police Headquarters. We have recovered your overcoat."

"Overcoat?" said Big Bill. "Overcoat? I haven't lost any."

A throb crept to his cerebellum as he hung up the receiver. He sent for Robert Gibbons, his chauffeur.

"Bring me my new coat I left in the car," said Big Bill. Gibbons was back in five minutes with the news that there wasn't any coat to fetch. Somebody had stolen it, he said, but goodness knows how. He hadn't left the automobile. A little later the Commissioner got an explanation.

Detectives Burke and Pico of the Elizabeth street station, walking in Canal street about 11 A. M., saw at Mott street a panhandler they knew as Old Butch. Old Butch was slouching along with a good looking overcoat folded over his right arm.

"C'mere, Butch," said Burke. "Where did you get that coat?" "Bummer, it in Park row," said Old Butch. "That's worth nothing." He threw it on the sidewalk and started to walk away.

"Just a minute," said Burke, who glanced at the lining of the inside pocket and saw written there the name of the tailor and the name of the owner, William H. Edwards. Burke sent Old Butch to the station house and then called up Commissioner Edwards.

Old Butch said his name was Henry Braun, that he had no home and that he had found the coat. In the Yorkville Police Court he was held for grand larceny. The Commissioner got the overcoat last Wednesday and paid \$75 for it. He got it again yesterday but didn't pay anything for it.

VAN SCHAICK & CO. TO RESUME. Offer of \$100,000 Loan From Gen. Rec. A Heavy Creditor, Declined.

Eliot Norton, assignee for the suspended brokerage firm of Van Schaick & Co., expects that the house will be able to resume in a month. Friends of John B. Van Schaick, the senior partner, have offered assistance to the amount of \$200,000. Collections on the \$600,000 of debts due the firm, said Mr. Norton, are coming in remarkably well. The attitude of all the creditors is one of helpfulness.

A story that Gen. Charles F. Roe, who is one of the large creditors, had precipitated the failure by asking that his balance be paid to him was wholly untrue. Mr. Norton said yesterday. Gen. Roe had made no demand for his balance, but on the other hand had offered the firm an extra loan of \$100,000 when it became known that a suspension would be necessary before the announcement. Mr. Van Schaick did not accept the offer, as he thought it would not be fair.