

NEW MYSTERY IN NEW YORK

THE BODY OF A COLORED WOMAN FOUND ON SIXTH AVENUE.

Both Legs Were Cut Off Just Below the Knees—The Body Was Drained of Its Entire Supply of Blood—The Remains Have Not Been Identified, Though Viewed by Hundreds.

New York, March 31.—At 6 o'clock this morning a Mr. Phillips, in passing down Sixth avenue saw a suspicious looking bundle inside the railing in front of No. 75. He saw a human foot protruding from the covering. He immediately ran to a police station and told of his discovery.

The sergeant on duty sent two men with a stretcher to bring the bundle to the station house. The bundle was found to contain the dead body of a colored woman. Both legs were cut off just below the knees, and were placed alongside the hips, feet downwards.

Around the neck was a piece of pink gauze or cheesecloth, about five feet long, which was twisted to serve as a rope. This was knotted once over the windpipe and drawn so tightly that the skin was broken and a few drops of blood oozed out. The tongue was protruding, and it was evident that death had been caused by strangulation.

At the outer side of the right hip and extending to the lower part of the abdomen was a large and jagged gash. The right leg was cut in a slanting direction, as though the mutilator stood near the body and guided the saw (the instrument undoubtedly used) downward. There was a clean cut across the fibula about two inches from its articulation with the thigh bone. The left leg was cut straight across at the articulation.

Bloody serum oozed from the mouth of the dead woman. Her eyes were closed and looked as though she had been pulled down after death. The arms lay across the breast, tied with a section of clothes line. A slip nose was made over the left wrist, then passed around the right wrist. The rope was then passed around the body, pinning the arms closely to the chest, and the end secured in front in a double knot. On the body was a tightly fitting white cotton chemise, which was saturated with blood, when it had come in contact with the severed limbs. The only other garment on the body was a cheap, black cloth skirt. There was nothing to indicate the identity of the woman. She was apparently twenty-eight or thirty years old.

When found the body was wrapped in a large piece of cantor flannel of gold color, such as is used on a piano cover. Inside this was a carpet and a rug. On the chest was found a piece of silica of a purple color, sixteen inches square.

An important discovery in the estimation of Police Captain Delaney was that of a small bag of common table salt and a small bottle of fluid of a dark color. These, the captain thinks, may lead to the detection of the murderer. Soon after the body had been brought to the station house a crowd gathered and was allowed to view the remains, but none could throw any light on the dead woman's identity.

Captain Delaney detailed several officers on the case. He seemed to realize he had a most difficult task to find the perpetrator of the murder. It seemed evident the crime had been committed some distance from the place where the body was found. Colored people in large numbers live in streets near where the body was found.

The surprising thing is that the body could have been deposited where found without attracting attention. This is a busy part of the avenue, especially on Saturday night, even up to Sunday morning. The murder, the police think, was done in a house. They believe there must have been a large quantity of blood about the place where the cutting was done, as the body was drained of its whole supply of blood. The object of cutting off the legs, the police believe, was to place the body in a trunk, box or other small space for the purpose of carrying it away from the scene of the crime. The motive for the crime can only be conjectured. The victim's face was not that of a dissolute woman, though there were lines that told of suffering and trouble.

The colored people around the Ninth ward are greatly excited about the murder. Two detectives went to Rahway, N. J., to-day in the hope of finding a clue to the identity of the murdered woman or the murderer. It was stated that a piece of brown paper bearing the name of Jane E. Surindel was found on the dead woman's clothing, but no person of that name is known in Rahway. About ten days ago it is said, a colored domestic named Mattie Ivory left Rahway for New York, since which time nothing has been seen of her.

It is claimed that the description of Mattie Ivory closely with that of the murdered woman. Among Mattie Ivory's lovers, it is said, was a member of a colored minstrel troupe, who recently played in Rahway and who is believed to be at present in this city.

Up to a late hour to-night it was said that no tangible clue to the perpetrator of the crime had been found.

**Drought Is Broken.** Chicago, Ill., March 31.—The drought which has prevailed for a number of weeks in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, was broken to-day by a heavy rainfall, causing a decided improvement in crop prospects. Rain continues to fall in Nebraska, Minnesota and the Dakotas.

**Making Good Progress.** London, March 31.—A Tokio dispatch to the Central News says that Dr. Scriba, of the Imperial university, to-day examined Li Hung Chang's wound and found that the patient was making excellent progress. His pulse and temperature were normal, and he was able to walk about his rooms.

AGAINST Bimetallism.

An Agitation Is Now on Foot Among the Agrarians in Berlin.

Berlin, March 31.—The agrarians on the reichstag committee having in hand Count Kantitz's grain monopoly bill propose to bring forward the question of converting the imperial bank. This was purely a government department. During the debate on the appropriations they attacked Dr. Koch, the Imperial bank's president, as a gold bug. They said the bank should be nationalized. Koch told them he would not alter the bank's policy and he declined to resign. He also disparaged their efforts to get together another international silver conference. The ministers took no part in the debate.

The social-democratic leaders have begun an agitation against bimetallism. William Liebknecht led a meeting in the sixth electoral district that bimetallism was a swindle and that the ideal money was paper. Gold and silver were mere commodities, he said, but if one of them must be chosen gold was immeasurably the better of the two. At several social-democratic meetings in the last week the speakers emphasized the statements that the socialists wished to do away with the big capitalists, and for the present must let the small fry bourgeoisie go. Deputy Legien started a meeting last evening, however, by declaring that socialism must fight also the small tradesmen and artisans. He was hissed.

**Sentenced for Life.** London, March 31.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Central News says that Koyama, the Japanese who shot Li Hung Chang, the Chinese viceroy, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life at hard labor.

**Shot and Killed His Wife.** Fort Recovery, O., March 31.—Henry Thorne, owner of a stock farm, yesterday shot and killed his wife and then hanged himself. Thorne was insane because of financial troubles.

**Was Taken Easily.** London, March 31.—The Central News has advice from the Pescadore Islands under date of March 28. These dispatches state that Colonel It reports that on March 24 the Ma Kung fort was taken easily by the Japanese. On the 25th the Japanese attacked and captured Yent Tung, taking nine heavy guns and a number of smaller ones as well as many rifles and a large quantity of ammunition. In the engagement the Chinese lost thirty killed and sixty taken prisoners. The Japanese loss was seventeen wounded. The Japanese fleet captured the forts on the Fisher Islands and all the islands forming the Pescadore group are in possession of the Japanese.

**Destroyed by Fire.** Newark, N. J., March 31.—Fire destroyed the large Wainwright factory at Irvington this afternoon. Loss \$40,000; insurance \$23,000. The Merritt Novelty company's works and Noble Press works were each damaged to the extent of \$3,000.

**His Liabilities Heavy.** San Francisco, March 31.—Edgar Cohen, son of the late A. A. Cohen, who was chief counsel of the Southern Pacific company, has failed with liabilities of \$331,000. Cohen was a member of the commission firm of Walter A. Beck & Co., which recently assigned for about \$400,000. The creditors are scattered all over the country, but the principal ones are in this city.

REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

A Call Has Been Issued for the Annual Convention.

Chicago, March 31.—President W. W. Tracy and Secretary A. B. Humphrey have issued a call for the eighth annual convention of the Republican National League at Cleveland June 3. The object of representation will be six delegates at large from each state and territory, four from each congressional district and one from each college republican league club.

The business of the meeting will include reports from the officers of the league, the election of officers, the designation of time and place for the next convention, a general discussion of league club work, party policies and organization, and the formation of a plan of campaign with special reference to the presidential year.

**Was Fatally Burned.** Bridgeport, March 31.—The child of Thomas Condon of Engine company No. 1, while playing about a bonfire on Saturday afternoon, was badly burned. She will probably die.

**Will Be a Hot Fight.** Bridgeport, March 31.—The city election will be held in this city to-morrow and the fight will be a hot one along the lines laid down by the members of the A. P. A. and their opponents. On Saturday 1,444 women had been registered and the registering will go on all of to-day. The women will be used extensively in the voting for the candidates for positions on the board of education, and their votes will be directed with a view to defeating the A. P. A. candidates on the "Independent" republican ticket.

**His Skull Fractured.** Waterbury, March 31.—Charles Laudata was arrested to-day for a murderous assault upon Antonio Cianciulli, an Italian barber. The men had some difficulty and as Cianciulli was going home from his place of business on Jackson street last night, Laudata set upon him and with an iron bar fractured his skull and nearly broke his back. The injured man was removed to the hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. Laudata was apprehended this morning.

CONCERNS THE MINISTERS.

REV. W. F. DICKERMAN DISCUSSES THEIR HONESTY.

The secularization of the church—Introduction of Business Methods—A Church Should Preserve Its Spiritual Dignity—Ministers and Holy Writ. Rev. W. F. Dickerman, pastor of the Church of the Messiah, delivered a most thoughtful and instructive sermon last evening on the subject "Can a Minister be Honest?" before a large audience. He spoke in part as follows:

"I am not so sure about the sincerity of the minister. He is best by peculiar circumstances in the life of the present day. In Europe there is a statue of a monk which at a distance looks as though the priest was kneeling in prayer, but when one draws nearer the observer sees that the monk is really a minister does not always represent a minister does not always represent all that he might wish and desire. Under the black coat or gown is the same human nature.

"When I was in the Methodist ministry a Presbyterian minister approached me on Monday morning and asked me what the requisites for a Methodist minister were. I saw that he had some thought in mind and so I asked him what he thought they were. He replied, 'Ignorance, impudence and good lungs.' So I smiled and said nothing. But such an incident simply illustrates the feeling ministers often have towards each other, although they all claim to be laboring toward the same end.

"In these days churches have become secular. The minister has become a man of the world, mixed up in the world's strife. And so while the church has gone out into the world, it has been influenced by some of the world's baser elements. The church work has become business. The minister as well as a business man has become a hustler. Special music and entertainments of all sorts have been dragged into church work. There is not a church of the present day that depends entirely on its bare religious work. Existence would hardly be possible for a church without side shows and cunning devices to draw people to the church. The church has become a social institution and gets largely its vitality and power from the social side of its life, rather than from its religious doctrine. The church has come to rely less and less on its inherent spiritual vitality. But the church should support something of its spiritual dignity along the line of the employment of methods. Here churches are very liable to go astray. We have a notable instance of this in the introduction of the boys' brigade into the church. The church pretends to follow the teachings of Christ, and if anyone ever taught the doctrine of peace on every occasion, Christ did. Yet we observe in our time the spectacle of churches introducing a manual of arms, musketry and military terms and phrases. I saw the reason for this in a paper to-day, which stated that the young men had had and shaken the church so that something had to be done to keep them. That is to say, religion on its own merits had failed, and an appeal to arms is made—an appeal to the martial, combative spirit. This shows what desperate straits the church is sometimes driven to maintain itself. It might be construed to show that Christianity upon its merits alone was futile.

"A minister becomes dishonest when he cares more about his salary than his work—when he is a mere hireling. The minister of to-day also has a peculiar theological environment. Everything in theological circles is in a state of flux. Ministers are either evading certain questions or else making use of adroit expressions which convey only half the truth. What they leave unsaid becomes conspicuous by its absence. I heard a lecturer before the students in the Yale Divinity school a few weeks ago say, 'You must admit, young gentlemen, the errancy of the Bible.' If that statement had been made three ten years ago it would have shaken the church as a valuable book and records the religious experiences of our brothers of the past, but they are not content with that. They want to ascribe magic to it. But we must remember that there was faith and hope in the human heart as well as religion long before any book was written."

THREW VITRIOL AT HIS WIFE.

Louis Hellman's Dastardly Act Yesterday Morning Early.

Louis Hellman, a Russian Jew, living on Factory street, was arrested early yesterday morning by Officer Hyde and locked up, charged with breach of the peace, but a more serious charge will be substituted to-day. About 7 o'clock yesterday morning Hellman went to the residence of his wife, with whom he has not been living for some time, and threw vitriol or sulphuric acid in her face, terribly burning her left eye and the side of her face. Hellman ran away after committing the dastardly act, but was subsequently captured. Yesterday Mrs. Hellman sent word to the city attorney to the effect that Hellman had threatened to kill her and her youngest child and in view of this fact he was held without bonds. Mrs. Hellman lives on Factory street with her six children. Fortunately Mrs. Hellman will not lose her eyesight.

LYON'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Expired From Heart Disease at His Home on Wooster Street.

A. S. Lyon, seventy-five years old, died suddenly at his home on Wooster street, near Olive, yesterday afternoon. His death was due to heart disease. Dr. M. A. Cremin was promptly notified, but before his arrival the man was dead. Dr. Cremin attempted to notify Medical Examiner White or Dr. Gustave Elliot, but both were away, and in consequence in order to comply with the law Coroner Mix was notified.

Fell From a Train.

Bryan, O., March 31.—The track walker for the Lake shore road this morning discovered the body of a middle aged man lying alongside the track about a mile from the city. There was a deep bruise in the man's head, but the injury was not one that was likely to cause death. From papers found on the body the deceased is thought to be A. B. Sharkey of Danvers, Mass. It is supposed that he fell from a passing Lake Shore train.

ILL WITH APPENDICITIS.

John Maloney is Seriously Ill at His Home on Chatham Street.

John Maloney, the well known manufacturer of fertilizer, is seriously ill at his home on Chatham street, suffering from appendicitis. He was taken sick last Tuesday and his condition last night was said to be critical. No operation for the removal of the vermiform appendix has yet been made, as the disease has not reached the stage for the operation to be made.

Student Gilmore Improving.

Robert C. Gilmore, the Yale sophomore who was injured several days since by being thrown from his bicycle while coasting down Round Hill near Woodbridge, was reported last night as being slightly improved. Yesterday he became semi-conscious for the first time since the accident, and was able to take nourishment. It has been definitely settled that the skull is not fractured, but there may be concussion of the brain.

A Wedding Last Evening.

A very quiet wedding took place at the residence of C. C. Kautz on St. John street last night. The contracting parties were Miss Clara Kautz and Mr. E. Fechter. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. C. Meserve of Davenport church. Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Kautz, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Kautz, Charles C. Kautz, Mrs. L. B. Kautz, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Kautz, Mrs. Henry Fechter, Mrs. Alice Gilbert, Miss Theresa Smith, Mr. E. Howe, Miss Louise Beck, Mr. H. S. Norton, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Arthur Hill, Mr. Jno. Mang, Mr. and Mrs. Eger and daughter, Mr. Irving Kautz, Mrs. Gilbert and daughter of Meriden, Miss Edna Hyatt of Bridgeport, Mr. and Mrs. William Burrows of New York, Florence Burrows and Mrs. E. W. Babshnick, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Linde, Mr. Cyrus Custard, Mr. and Mrs. I. Y. Kaffman of Strandsburg, Pa. The best man was Mr. Henry But-ton. The bridesmaid was Miss Alice Kautz.

At the Soldiers' Home.

A delightful entertainment was given at the Fitch Home for Soldiers at Norton last Saturday evening. The program was as follows:

Piano Duet—Medley—Miss Doughty and Coe.  
Recitation—"How Salvator Won"—Miss Miller.  
Reading—Selected—D. W. Coe.  
Piano Solo—"The Passing Regiment"—Miss Doughty.  
Recitation—Selected—W. W. Lee, Jr.  
Piano Solo—"Battle of Waterloo"—Miss L. M. Coe.  
Recitation—"Whispering Billy"—Miss Miller.  
Song—"Bent Bolt" with guitar accompaniment by Mrs. Holmes—Mr. R. A. Holmes.  
Medley—Piano, Violin and Bones—Mrs. Coe, Dr. Brownson, Mr. Ford.

ONE ACT COMEDY.

By Thomas Morton.

A PRETTY PIECE OF BUSINESS.

Norton Heights, Conn., March 30, 1895.

Cast of Characters:

Captain Felix Merryweather..... W. W. Lee, Jr.  
..... W. W. Lee, Jr.  
Dr. Lancelotti Shee..... D. W. Coe  
Mrs. Fannie Grantley..... Miss Miller  
Miss Charlotte Shee..... Miss Doughty  
Dobson..... Miss Coe

POWERFUL MOTORS.

Contract With the General Electric Company.

The Derby Street Railroad company has just contracted with the General Electric company of New York for six 60-horse motors, which they will use in equipping the cars they intend to run over their extension to the picnic grounds they are laying out on the Housatonic river, just above the dam, two miles from the center of Derby. These motors are the most powerful used in this state by transportation companies and are capable of propelling three loaded cars over any grade. The new grounds the company are laying out are expected to be very attractive for picnics, etc.

LOCAL NEWS JOTTINGS.

Professor S. E. Wardell and wife of Orange, N. J., are spending a few weeks with Mr. Wardell's mother, Mrs. M. T. Wardell of 38 Kimberly avenue. Mr. Wardell is director of the manual training school at Orange.  
George L. Streeter of East Orange, N. J., formerly a Chapel street jeweler, this city, is recovering from a two weeks' illness.

IS IN A DELIRIUM OF JOY

GERMANY HAS GONE WILD OVER BISMARCK'S BIRTHDAY.

The Demonstration is Spontaneous and Not Since the Surrender of Sedan Have Such Scenes Been Enacted—The Ex-Chancellor is Honored at All Parts of the Empire—Friedrichshagen, March 31.—A beautiful sunny afternoon brought thousands to the castle gates, where they vainly sought admittance to the park in the hope of catching a sight of the ex-chancellor. Dr. Chryssander, in view of the great crowds that have recently thronged to admit the public, Prince Bismarck did not take his customary walk to-day, but had a short stroll around the park to gather strength for to-morrow. Fallsades had been erected behind the park to prevent marauders from intruding upon the privacy of the ex-chancellor. Beer and champagne booths have been put up on the right and left of the station for the accommodation of visitors. Along the triumphal way to the castle gates are numerous beflagged poles surmounted by garlands of fir. Numbers of presents of all conceivable kinds continue to arrive from all parts. Prince Bismarck will rest to-morrow until 10 a. m.; then he will take breakfast alone with his family. At noon he will receive the cuirassiers of Magdeburg, the rectors of the universities and other officials who will come to offer congratulations. He will not make an address, but one of the delegation of students will deliver a long oration for the prince's education. After 7 o'clock no one will be received. At 8 o'clock the torchlight procession will take up its march. Count Herbert and Count William, Prince Bismarck's sons, with their families, arrived last night, and Dr. Schweninger came to-day.

A heavy rain storm which came up suddenly at 2 o'clock made the roads in the Sachsenwald almost impassable. The crowds quickly dispersed and stormed the trains for Hamburg, but a small knot of the ex-chancellor's admirers remained steadfastly planted at the castle.

Berlin, March 31.—Responsible newspapers venture few remarks on the report that the emperor went so far a week ago as to sign a decree dissolving the reichstag. The Frankfurter Zeitung said on Thursday that the emperor decided fully after the anti-Bismarck vote to order a new election, but was unable to get the necessary support from the federal council. Not only the envoys of other governments, but even the minority of the Prussian ministers were opposed to a dissolution.

That the Bismarck demonstration is spontaneous is beyond a doubt. Since the surrender at Sedan the country has not been in such a delirium of joy.

The Empress Frederick has sent a long autograph letter to Bismarck. The letter is calculated to heal the wounds left by the feud between emperor and chancellor during Emperor Frederick's short reign.

Rudeshelm, March 31.—At noon today the people of the Rhein valley united in honoring Bismarck at the national monument on the Niederwald. Conservatives, national liberals and centrists took part in the ceremonies. A large number of men had been at work decorating the scene, but a stormy southwest wind and several days of rain delayed them greatly. It was found to be quite impossible to decorate the houses on Rhine street, which were flooded with six inches of water yesterday and it was difficult to communicate with the left bank of the river. The people of Rudeshelm placed on the national monument a laurel wreath on which was inscribed "A Grateful Rhineland."

The ceremonies began at 10 o'clock when a party of prominent people arrived at Niederwald. The first president of Hesse-Nassau made the opening speech and gave a toast to the emperor. This was followed by the singing of the national anthem. Prof. Oken from Gassen made an address eulogistic of Bismarck, which was followed by the singing of "Deutschland ueber Alles" and the "Kaiser Wilhelm and Fuerst Bismarck" march concluded the morning's program.

In the afternoon there was a promenade concert from 3 to 5 on Rhine street, with kommers being held in the hall, the principal features being a toast to the emperor, a speech on the achievements of Bismarck and a song in honor of the ex-chancellor. At 8 o'clock there was a general illumination.

Frankfort-a-Main, March 31.—Last night the Saalbu was crowded with guests on the kommers in honor of Bismarck. Hans Blum of Leipzig and Prof. Rohrburs of Heidelberg were the orators. To-day the festivities were continued. A feature of the celebration was the uncovering of a memorial tablet in the house of Grosse Gallus strasse, where Bismarck dwelt when Prussian ambassador to the German diet in 1852.

Festivities in honor of Prince Bismarck were held yesterday in Wittenberg, Essenruth, Brunswick and Posen.

Illness of Sheriff Hollis.

The public will regret to learn of the illness of ex-City Sheriff Hollis at his advanced age of ninety. It is feared that he will not recover. His son, Theodore Hollis, is with him at his home on Lafayette street. The difficulty appears to be extreme feebleness.

Will Remove.

The Charles W. Scranton company, investment brokers, now occupying quarters on Center street, will shortly remove their offices into the new Hubinger building on Chapel street. The location is central and very desirable in many ways. The offices will be found on the second floor front and very accessible to all who may require the services of the company.

FAIR HAVEN.

A Pleasant Party To-night—Aid for Nebraska Sufferers—Sexton Siebert Has Resigned—Funeral of Mrs. Drew—Farewell Services by a Loved Pastor—The Coming Departure of Rev. Mr. Hand.

A pleasant affair takes place this evening at the residence of Mr. Miles Tuttle, No. 110 South Front street. A supper will be served and covers laid for ten.

The Young Ladies' Missionary society of the Grand avenue Congregational church, who recently gave a pound party for the benefit of the Nebraska sufferers, were much pleased over the generous responses. Every one brought a pound at least of something desirable and useful for the cause, and some much exceeded the minimum limit. In addition \$48 in cash were received. The proceeds were forwarded on Saturday.

Frederick Siebert, for eight years the sexton of the Fair Haven cemetery, has resigned, the resignation taking effect to-day. Mr. Siebert has made an excellent sexton, performing his duties with great efficiency and fidelity. During his term he has excavated nearly 800 graves and was able to be present at all but one of the interments. He succeeded the late Lester Mabry, the sexton for thirty years.

At the Grand avenue Congregational church yesterday the pastor, Rev. J. Lee Mitchell, preached in the morning on the topic "The Growth of a Temptation to a Passion," and in the evening his theme was "The Girding of the Yoke."

Preceding the sermon at the Grand avenue Baptist church yesterday morning Rev. Dr. Sage gave an interesting prelude on "The Month of Missions." The morning subject was "The Medium and Vehicle of Atonement" and in the evening "Doing Better Than Saying." The Life of Our Lord was the subject of an illustrated sermon at the Second Congregational church by the pastor, Rev. D. M. James, last evening.

The funeral of Mary A., widow of the late Stephen M. Drew, was conducted yesterday afternoon from the residence of her son-in-law, Henry Hulce, on Quinipiac street. The interment was in the Evergreen cemetery. The deceased was eighty-six years of age.

Rev. J. H. Hand completed his third year as pastor of the East Pearl street M. E. church yesterday. The annual conference, which begins its sessions at Stamford this week, will assign him to another field and send another minister to the East Pearl street church. While the present rule of the Methodist church permits a minister to remain pastor of a church five years, the East Pearl street church has adhered to the old three-year rule. Mr. Hand has been popular and highly esteemed and his removal to another field is regretted. As it was the last time that he was to preach in the East Pearl street church, there were large congregations at both services yesterday. Mr. Hand leaves for conference to-morrow. On the evening of Wednesday, April 16, he will give a farewell reception at the church under the auspices of the Epworth league.

Captain Lawrence O'Brien, contractor for the new Grand avenue school house, has begun demolishing the old building. Saturday afternoon Captain O'Brien pulled down the tower of the school house and fully 1,000 persons gathered around in the vicinity to watch the destruction of the old landmark. Contractor O'Brien's men fastened three ropes to the tower, which stood about twenty feet above the roof of the ropes and when everything was ready they tugged and tugged. Soon the frame structure on the roof began swaying and in a few moments fell over the side walls. The crashing of the timbers made a loud noise that was heard for blocks away. A portion of the brick wall on the east side came with it and after it fell a cloud of mortar dust and debris filled the air.

**RUNAWAY IN FAIR HAVEN.** A horse attached to milk wagon, the property of William I. Messick of Center street in the annex, was startled by the breaking of a shaft bolt and ran away yesterday. The boy who was driving the horse until employees at the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad company barn stopped it.

Amateur Baseball.

The McKee Newsboys' baseball club would like to play any newsboys' baseball team in this city. Address, Able Wasserman, care of John McKee, State street.

A LARGER CHURCH NEEDED.

Grace M. E. Church's Prosperity—Doubled in Membership of Late. Rev. Frank A. Scofield preached a very eloquent sermon last evening, closing the conference year at the Grace M. E. church. He chose for his text "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world."

Mr. Scofield spoke of the enormity of sin, the hatred God bears to it and the necessity of atoning for it. He spoke very earnestly and feelingly.

At the end of his sermon the congregation gathered around and held a social meeting.

The church is in a very prosperous condition. The membership is very large, there being five hundred full members and one hundred and four probationary members. The church has doubled in membership under Pastor Scofield's pastorate. The Sunday school is very large and a larger church is already imperatively needed. There is considerable talk as to enlarging the church. During the year there have been 130 conversions to membership.

There were 350 scholars at the Sunday school yesterday, and the average attendance has been 300.

The church is in good condition financially. The Y. P. S. C. E. is in especially good condition and is rapidly growing.

Rev. Mr. Scofield leaves this morning for the conference in Stamford. He will return to-morrow evening. He is to remain at Grace M. E. church next year and is a great favorite with his people.

IMMENSE ELECTRIC ROAD.

ONE TO BE CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK.

It will be on the Elevated Plan and Will be Used for the Transportation of Freight and Grain—Building Operations to Begin Soon.

Chicago, March 31.—The InterOcean Electric Railway company incorporated yesterday proposes to construct an elevated electrical freight railway between Chicago and New York for the transportation of coal and grain. John W. King, one of the incorporators, said yesterday:

"The road is a decided step in advance of the electrical roads operated at present. Electricity is cheaper as a motive power than steam, and renders a much higher rate of speed possible. By elevating our road we expect to do away with the necessity of buying a dirt of way, and all delays incident to surface traffic will be avoided. At present it takes six days for freight to travel from Chicago to New York. On the new road the trip will take one day. The road will have its own telegraph and telegraph lines, and it is proposed in time to extend the line to San Francisco.

"A number of American and, I think, several foreign capitalists are interested in the road, and building operations will begin soon. A number of new inventions in electrical transportation will be used by the road."

GROUND SOCIETY.

The Rehearsal To-night—An Important Meeting.

The Gounod rehearsal to-night at Harmonic hall will be exceedingly interesting, as Mr. Agramonte intends to go through the entire score of St. Paul. It will be a constructive rehearsal and therefore a very important one to the chorus. Every member ought to be present. There will be but three more rehearsals and the public will not be admitted to the last two. The production of this great work of Mendelssohn, which has not been heard here in thirty years, is claiming much attention. The selection of the soloists as announced last week has given universal satisfaction. It is the intention of the society to try and give the oratorio in the most thorough and artistic manner and commensurate with its importance.

NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

All Methodist Young People's Societies Invited to the Anniversary Exercises To-morrow Evening. The New York East conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet this week at Stamford, Conn. The conference includes all that part of Connecticut west of the Connecticut river, as well as that within the bounds of the state of New York. The anniversary of the Epworth league and other young people's societies will take place during the evening of Tuesday, April 2. At this time the district presidents will make five-minute addresses concerning the work upon their respective districts, and the Rev. A. S. Kavanaugh will deliver an address. It is intended to close the formal exercises a little after 9 o'clock. Then a social meeting will be held, at which Bishop Henry Warren of Denver, Col., will speak. The members of all Methodist young people's societies are cordially invited to attend these exercises without further invitation. Half-fare return rates will be furnished, and trains will leave for New Haven at 8:21 and 10:55 p. m.

GRAND SACRED CONCERT.

Given by the Dorset Lodge Last Evening—A Fine Program Delightfully Rendered.

A grand sacred concert was given last evening in Harugard hall by Dorset Lodge, No. 2, assisted by St. Cecilia Singing society. It was for members only, and their friends, and admittance was by cards of invitation. Mr. Frank Pichtl was conductor and acted most ably. The following is the program which was delightfully rendered:

Overture—Rossmunde..... Schubert  
Orchestra.  
Ballet music from "Faust".....Gosnod  
Orchestra.  
"Auf dem Vulkan".....Richard Wolf  
Gesang-Verenig Caelella.  
Descriptive Fantasia—"A Hunting Scene".....  
Orchestra.  
Wagner—"Lohengrin".....Joh. Strauss  
Conducted by Bro. M. Steiner.  
Potpourri—"Rehearsal from the Metropolitan Opera House".....  
Orchestra.  
a. "La Toupe".....E. Gillet  
b. "Patrouille Enfantine".....  
String Orchestra.  
"Kreuzfahrt".....Carl Attnehofer  
Gesang-Verenig Caelella and Orchestra.  
March—"Inauguration"..... Moszkowski  
Orchestra.

Mr. Steiner led the orchestra in Johann Strauss' waltz "Lohengrin." Mr. Steiner officiated at the earnest and united request of the members of the lodge, and they were all greatly pleased when Mr. Steiner assented. This is the first time in quite a long period that Mr. Steiner has led a New Haven orchestra in many years, and he was loudly applauded.