

COVERED BY HIS ENGINE

AN OPEN SWITCH THE CAUSE OF A FRIGHTFUL WRACK.

Cars Were Telescoped—Engineer and Fireman of One Train Killed—At Least a Dozen Passengers Injured—The Panic Stricken Passengers Had Hardly Time to Get Out of the Cars When They Caught Fire and Are Still Burning.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 2.—The New York and Philadelphia express, on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road, was wrecked one-half mile north of Preble Station, twenty-six miles south of this city, at 12:30 a. m. The train was running at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The siding at Preble had been opened to allow a freight train to get out of the way of the express and the switch was left open. The train crashed into the freight cars on the siding, telescoping three of them. The engine and tender of the express were demolished and the engineer, George Young, was killed. Fireman Webster Roof was taken from beneath the wreck and died soon afterward.

At least a dozen passengers were badly injured.

The baggage car, which was reduced to kindling wood, caught fire from the engine. The panic-stricken passengers had hardly time to get out of the cars before the train was in a blaze. The scene of the wreck is half a mile from any house and the passengers had to assist themselves. There were fifty persons on the train, including the members of the "Bowery Girl" company.

At 1:30 the whole train was still in flames. A wrecking train with physicians has been sent out. It is not certain that the engineer and fireman are the only ones killed.

The body of Engineer Young has not been found, as it is covered by the wreck of the engine.

It develops that the wrecking of the train was undoubtedly premeditated. The switch was found locked open after the wreck occurred.

It is impossible to get fuller particulars this morning, as the scene of the wreck is half a mile from any telephone or telegraph office.

WILL PROBABLY DIE.

Danbury Police Officer Terribly Assaulted.

Danbury, Dec. 1.—The notorious "Growler" gang broke out again to-night and assaulted Police Officer Florence B. Sullivan so brutally that he will probably die. This gang is composed of a dozen or more toughs which terrorize their neighborhood. One or more of them is in jail continually and their outbreaks are frequent. At 11 o'clock to-night Officer Sullivan was standing on South street talking to Daniel McNamara, a saloonkeeper, when his attention was attracted by a disturbance down the street. He proceeded to investigate and upon arriving at a point in front of an old barn, used by the "Growler" gang as a rendezvous, he found five of the gang drinking from a keg. He ordered them to move and was defied. The officer at once placed under arrest "Shad" Kyle and started for the station house, whereupon the four pals of the arrested tough pounced upon the officer, knocked him down, beat him, kicking him and maltreated him in a horrible manner. It was found that the officer's skull is fractured in two places. Deep lacerations are made in his head with the jug and he is severely injured internally. At midnight he was suffering from internal hemorrhages and was in a very serious condition. The members of the gang are all well known and it is expected that they will be arrested before morning. A number of years ago Officer Bradley was compelled to shoot down two of the gang in self defense.

At 1 o'clock two of Sullivan's assailants were captured, "Shad" Kyle and James H. Keating. Kyle is a notorious crook, having served a term in state prison for burglary and many jail sentences.

Keating is the son of ex-Chief of Police Michael J. Keating. The injured officer was removed to his home, where his condition is precarious. It required twenty-six stitches to close the cuts inflicted; the back of the head is poulticed to a pulp; his face is battered so as to be almost unrecognizable; the nose is broken and a finger was smashed. It is barely possible that the man may recover, but his condition is very serious.

Catholic Appointments.

Waterbury, Dec. 1.—In the various Roman Catholic pulpits in this city to-day it was announced that the place made vacant by the death of the Rev. Father John H. Duggan of St. Patrick's parish will be filled by the Rev. Father Joseph J. Gleason of Thompsonville.

It was also announced that Rev. Jeremiah J. Curtin of Milford had been appointed to take charge of the new parish set apart from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and to be known as St. Joseph's parish.

Died in Hartford.

Hartford, Dec. 1.—William L. Wood, a brother-in-law of ex-United States Senator William W. Eaton, died this afternoon at Senator Eaton's residence. The deceased was born in South Weymouth, Mass., and was eighty-four years of age. He had lived with Mr. Eaton in this city for six years. Old age and a general break down was the cause of death.

READY FOR BATTLE.

How Events Look on Opening of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Fifty-fourth congress will convene to-morrow at 12 o'clock in first regular session. In the senate members whose terms began with this congress, and to whose admission no objection is made will be sworn in. The list includes sixteen new members. The credentials of Mr. Dupont, who claims a seat from Delaware to succeed Mr. Higgins, who, according to present arrangement, he referred to the committee on privileges and elections and pending investigation and report he will not be seated.

The oath of office having been administered to the newly elected members notification will be sent to the house that the senate is ready for business and prepared to join the house in the appointment of a committee to wait upon the president to notify him of the assembling and organization of congress and its readiness to receive any communication he may have to make. This notification will probably be made to President Cleveland on Tuesday and his message will be read that afternoon.

After the adjournment of the senate the caucus of republicans will be held. It is given out to-night that no decisive action will be taken. The meeting is more for the purpose of a general conference, it being the first opportunity of the senators to get together after the nine months' recess. A nomination for president pro tem. may be agreed upon and committee vacancies discussed. The elective officers will also be considered, but not action on these matters is expected for several days at least. Meantime, however, there will be the rearrangement of committees and the matter of distributing the appropriation bills among appropriate committees after the method that obtains in the house to occupy the attention of the caucus. A resolution providing for the distribution will be offered as soon as practicable, it is said, by Senator Dubois. There are numerous candidates for the two elective offices of the senate. The most prominent one for secretary is the Hon. George C. Gorham of California, who held the position for twelve years.

No program has been arranged in the house for the rest of the week after Tuesday and aside from the introduction of bills and resolutions the transaction of business is not looked for. The first day in the house will be exhausted by the routine of organization. The members will have to be sworn in, the roll called. Then will come the election of speaker and the subordinate officers, in accordance with the results of the republican caucus on Saturday.

A roll-call will probably be had upon the election of speaker, but the other officers, it is expected, will be named together in a resolution and the resolution adopted viva voce. The usual motions to notify the senate and to appoint a committee to inform the president will follow, and then if there be time remaining the biennial lottery known as the drawing of seats will take place. An adjourned democratic caucus will be held Monday afternoon to select the persons to be appointed to the several minor positions allotted to them in the organization of the house.

The adoption of new rules and the appointment of committees by Speaker Reed are the first matters of interest that will be accomplished.

William Hadden's Funeral.

The funeral of William A. Hadden was conducted from the family residence at 75 Winchester avenue at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Masden officiated. There were a large number of friends present, and the floral tributes were numerous. The interment was at Mapledale.

Beck Used an Axe.

Ambrose Beck was brought into police headquarters at 6 o'clock this morning and charged with breach of the peace. He was arrested in Hamden by Officers Whilday and Lautenbach. Last night he went to his father-in-law's house on Cherry Ann street and after breaking in the windows with an axe threatened to kill him.

The Diptheria Cases.

A child in a Polish family by the name of Helminowski, living in the large tenement house at the corner of South and York streets, owned by Edward E. Malley, died yesterday morning from diptheria and was quickly and quietly buried a few hours later. The mother of the deceased child keeps a small grocery store on the ground floor of the tenement and the two hundred or more children who attend St. John's parochial school have been in the habit of running into the place for candy and notions. Another child and the father are also sick, but diptheria in their cases has not yet developed. Health Officer Wright was at the house when the first child died. He took unusual precautions in disinfecting the room where the death occurred. There are four other families in the tenement, but he does not believe there is any danger of an epidemic or any cause for the residents becoming uneasy. The store is closed.

The slight epidemic in the Ninth ward is gradually decreasing and Dr. Wright expects soon to stamp it out of existence.

Accident in Danbury.

Danbury, Dec. 1.—John McCarthy, a prominent coal merchant, was thrown from his carriage at 3:30 this afternoon and seriously injured. His horse became frightened and ran away. It is expected that Mr. McCarthy will recover. The injured man is a trustee of the Connecticut School for Boys at Meriden, having been appointed by the late ex-Governor Morris.

TWO CHINAMEN QUARREL

ONE HAS HIS HEAD AND FACE BADLY CUT.

Both Are Arrested and Locked Up for Breach of the Peace—The Fight Was in the "Josh" on Fair Street Which Was Raided Some Time Ago.

Lee Hing and Lee Joe, two Fair street Chinamen, were arrested yesterday afternoon for breach of the peace. Lee Joe, who is rather a small specimen of the Orient, with a very mellow complexion, was the aggressor, and he cut Lee Hing's head in a number of places before that yellow skinned individual could get away. The row occurred in the "Josh" at 63 Fair street, which is a resort for the local Chinamen. It was raided by the police some time ago, and several Orientals were arrested for gambling. They were playing a game called "fingers." Bad blood has existed between Lee Hing and Lee Joe for a long time, and when the latter walked into the place yesterday afternoon he was insulted by the former. Joe could not stand this, so picking up a chair he flew at Hing. Crash, crash, crash went the chair on top of Hing's head, and out spurted the blood. Finally Hing got the chair away from Joe, and they went at it hand to hand. They fought like tigers, and it became so serious in a short time that an on-looker Chinaman rushed into the street and found Officer Richard Moore. Together they went back to the "Josh" and on arriving found the laundrymen—that is their profession—rolling on the floor and using their hands as if they had a big washing under way. Officer Moore had to club them to get them apart. At police headquarters each Chinaman tried hard to blame the other for the affair, but they were both locked up. Later Lee Joe was released on bonds. Hing was badly cut, and Dr. Gaynor was obliged to take several stitches in his scalp. He is a bigger man than Lee Joe, but the latter's able handling of the chair proved a great advantage. Hing claimed at the station that he was cut with a knife, but the doctor thought the injuries were inflicted with a blunt instrument.

THOMAS B. REED FOR SPEAKER. The Republican Caucus Chooses Him by Acclamation. Washington, Nov. 29.—The scene to-night around the chamber of the house of representatives, where the republican caucus was held, was an animated one. As early as 7 o'clock all the approaches leading to the house were filled with crowds of people, and a large number of representatives were on the floor a full hour before the caucus met. It was apparent that if the number of callers at the several headquarters was an indication of the strength of the various candidates, the "combine" had the call. While Lee Jones, the republican headquarter, which were in the appropriations committee room, were well filled with members, it was difficult to accommodate the tide of humanity which ebbed and flowed through the wide doorway of the committee room of ways and means, where McDowell and Glenn, the so-called "combine" candidates for clerk and doorkeeper, were stationed. Among the callers were 142 representatives, and each of these assured McDowell and Glenn of their support. As 123 votes were sufficient to elect, even if the entire 244-republicans were present, it was plain that the leading members of the McDowell-Glenn ticket were certain of enough votes to win on the first ballot.

The caucus settled down to work promptly at 8 o'clock, with Mr. Hooker of New York, the secretary of the caucus, in the chair. The first test of the relative strength of the McDowell ticket and its opponents was shown in the vote on the election of chairman of the caucus. Mr. William A. Stone of Pennsylvania, who has been the principal manager for McDowell and those associated with him, nominated the veteran Ohioan, General Charles H. Grosvenor, while Mr. Dolliver of Iowa, who represented the Henderson forces, proposed the name of Mr. Henderson of Iowa. At the conclusion of the roll call the vote stood 155 for Grosvenor and 73 for Henderson. This showed the presence of 228 members and it disclosed the fact that the McDowell forces had not overrated their strength.

Mr. Hopkins of Illinois placed Mr. Ellis of Oregon in nomination for secretary of the caucus for the Fifty-fourth congress. Mr. Mercer of Nebraska nominated Mr. Hooker of New York. Mr. Ellis was elected by a vote of 139 to 77.

On motion of Mr. Grow of Pennsylvania Thomas B. Reed of Maine was nominated for speaker by acclamation. On motion of Mr. Payne of New York a committee of three was appointed to conduct Mr. Reed to the hall. The committee consisted of Mr. Payne, Gaiusha A. Grow of Pennsylvania and Mr. Cannon of Illinois.

Mr. Reed, on entering the hall, was loudly applauded.

At the democratic caucus Mr. Crisp was nominated without a dissenting vote.

Silver Men Still Active.

St. Paul, Dec. 1.—In an interview just before leaving for Washington Senator Kyle of South Dakota said the silver men would probably be defeated in opposing the retirement of greenbacks. "Silver men will not be idle," he added. "We expect to pass a free silver bill before the session closes, but whether the president will sign it is another question. Upon this question we know no party lines and a party caucus will have no binding force."

It Will Be "Plymouth Church."

At a meeting of College street church people last night it was unanimously decided that the name of the congregation's new church shall be Plymouth church.

THE REDEMPTION

By the Gounod Society—Impressive Close to the First Part of the Musical Season—Sale of Seats.

The first part of the musical season, brief but brilliant, will close with the performance of Gounod's magnificent oratorio, "The Redemption," to be given by the Gounod society at the Hyperion theater on Tuesday afternoon and evening of next week, with the assistance of eminent soloists from abroad, the Boston orchestra and other complete accessories. The sale of seats will begin on Wednesday morning of this week at 9 o'clock at the Hyperion box office.

The soloists who have been engaged are all artists of the widest reputation on both sides of the Atlantic and will form one of the most brilliant and satisfactory quartets the society has presented in some time. They are as follows:

Mrs. Corinne Moore-Lawson, soprano; Miss Gertrude May Stein, contralto; Miss Lily Welch, mezzo-soprano; Mr. W. H. Rieger, tenor, and Dr. Carl Dufft, basso.

Of Mrs. Lawson, the Baltimore American says: Mrs. Lawson proved herself a revelation as a soprano. The fame of her beautiful voice had preceded her, but her listeners were hardly prepared for all of its point of excellence. Its quality is rich and refined, its compass large, its force even, from the top to the bottom of its range. Her intonation is perfect, and she sings with the confidence, ease, and general correctness that marks the thorough musician. Never before in the history of the Oratorio society has a soprano given such universal satisfaction as did Mrs. Lawson in her glorious rendering of the part of "Elicie" in the "Golden Legend."

Dr. Dufft the Springfield Republican says: Dr. C. E. Dufft is unquestionably one of the finest baritone voices on the American stage. The Minneapolis Tribune says: To Dr. Dufft fell the lion's share of applause, and at the close of the oratorio, "Why Do the Nations," audience, chorus and principals burst into a tumult of applause.

The orchestra for the occasion will be unusually large and will be further augmented by four trumpeters specially engaged, who will assist in the wonderful chorus, "Unfold, Ye Portals Everlasting." They will be stationed in one of the top boxes and will render the impressive prelude to the words "But Who is the King of Glory?"

Mr. W. Schaefer from Boston will be the harpist. Gounod introduces the harp in several numbers very beautifully. Preparations for the performance of "The Redemption," characterized by Gounod as his masterpiece, have been going on for weeks and it is prophesied that the society will surpass even its former triumphs.

The last of the final rehearsals will take place to-night at Harmonie hall at 7:45. It is imperative that every member be in his or her place, as no excuses save that of sickness can possibly be accepted. The general public will not be admitted; only holders of complimentary and escort cards.

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Address by Rev. Mr. Fillion.

At the First Baptist church last evening the Rev. George H. Fillion delivered an interesting address on the "Armenian Atrocities." He spoke of the historical importance of Armenia as one of the earliest Christian countries, and of the high intelligence and advancement of its people. Five years ago the Mohammedans decided that the only way to convert the country to their religion was to exterminate the people from it. Twenty years ago there were forty millions of people there; today there is only 4,000,000, and there are 500,000 homeless and destitute people in that once happy and prosperous land.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

Rally at Epworth M. E. Church.

There will be a grand rally of the Boys' Brigade at the Epworth M. E. church, corner of Orange and Edwards streets, this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock.

The occasion is the presentation of a silk flag to the Twenty-second company, connected with that church, by the King's Daughters, and a special program appropriate to the occasion has been arranged.

All companies of the Boys' Brigade are cordially invited as well as the public generally.

Israel Putnam Lodge.

When the chess and card societies of Israel Putnam lodge, A. O. U. W., were discontinued temporarily, the have such luxurious rooms as they now occupy in the old Palladium building, 123 Orange street. Next Friday evening, the sixth inst., the members invite all workers in the city to visit the newly furnished lodge room; also to take part in an informal card and checker party. Light refreshments will be served.

E. F. C. A.

The monthly meeting of the managers of the Young Women's Christian association will be held at the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

ITS VALUE DISCUSSED BY HERBERT WELSH OF PHILADELPHIA.

His Valuable Talk at United Church Last Evening—The Dangers of Political Corruption—Hearing of Municipal Politics on National Politics—52,000 Places Under Civil Service Rules—Boss Rule Must be Overcome—The Kind of Men Needed—Business Corruption and Political Corruption Joined.

At United church last evening Herbert Welsh of Philadelphia, secretary of the National Indian association, spoke under the auspices of the Men's club, on "Christian Ethics and National Politics." He began that on Thanksgiving we are apt to pay too much attention to material benefits and not to realize that there is something beyond. He then spoke of our political situation, and said: "If we look over our political situation we find in the comparison of it with that of other civilized nations nothing in our favor. We find an idea of politics as a personal pursuit. Those who look beneath the surface know that a republican form of government is not the cause of this. In the establishment of the spoils system statesmen saw a violation of principle which would finally bring the republic to ruin if persisted in. Lincoln said that the country was in less danger from foreign invasion than from this violation of principle. More and more the rank and file of the party has lost power in the party, and it has come into the power of machines, from which the principles of rewards and penalties which come from office is drawn. The machine has a tendency to represent the worst men in the community, and often vice and crime. So accustomed have we become to political bosses that young men think that a boss is the real political leader. What a contrast to the true American ideal! Can we wonder under this regime at the steady downward trend of American politics?"

Twenty-five years ago George William Curtis and others vowed to devote themselves to the object of overcoming the spoils system, to appeal to the American people, to point out the results of the system, and by applying civil service examinations to all applicants for office to take from the boss his power of bribery, and to bring it about that offices could not be obtained by influence, but by producing references of character and fitness. The originators of this idea knew that they were putting forward the principles on which Washington, Jefferson, Adams and Madison acted and pressed steadily forward. To-day out of 200,000 offices under the civil service rules 52,000 are covered. The great question now is to extend this system. The government of our great cities is now a most important matter. Municipal politics is the cradle of national politics and make their influence felt in national halls.

The indifference of the people permit much corruption. We think our institutions are so good that they can be no better. Each man must realize his individual responsibility, and bear his own burden. Then the right sense of conscience of the American people will prevail. It gives the bosses great delight if they can divide their adversaries into two parties hostile to each other. By the spoils system the very life of the nation is effected through the individual life and character of its people. Just before he died in prison Boss Tweed said that no reform would be lasting until the offices are taken from the control of politicians. The corruption of politics, if allowed to continue, becomes the corruption of society. In Philadelphia the corruption of business joins with the corruption of politics. In the state house near the old Liberty Bell the city council can be seen voting, not for their constituents, but under the domination of great monopolies, whose agents watch and put down in their note books the names of those who are obedient and those who are not. Many good measures are voted down because the eye of that agent is on the city fathers. If we look over the cities of the land we see everywhere the same corruption and unwholesome alliances of business and politics, which is menacing American ideas and institutions. When this corruption touches our judiciary, legislative bodies and even executives, is this not anarchy?"

The claim for municipal reform rests on the plea that they are the means by which the character and intelligence of the people may be vindicated. Civil service rules is the simple, humble means by which the political fabric of the country can be made strong. We need at the present time men who appreciate the seriousness of the situation and who bring to the nation character and ability."

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs of Union Theological seminary will speak at United church next Sunday evening, under the auspices of the Men's club on "The Imaginative Books of the Bible."

Independent Ticket.

The following independent ticket has been nominated in the Eighth ward:

For alderman—Ex-Fire Commissioner David H. Clark.

For councilman—James E. English, son of ex-Postmaster English.

For councilman—Charles J. Miller of Foster street.

For councilman—Lewis Herrick of Herrick & Cowell.

Seven Baby Elephants.

Bridgeport, Dec. 1.—Barnum & Bailey are to have seven new baby elephants. They are now in New York, having been imported from Africa, via Hamburg. It is expected that they will reach here to-morrow afternoon.

SEMI-ANNUAL

Of St. Ignatius T. A. B. Society Board.

The semi-annual meeting of the board of government of the Catholic Total Abstinence union of Connecticut will be held in this city this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the parlors of the St. Aloysius T. A. B. society. It will be presided over by the state president, Rev. Father Winters of South Norwalk, and will be attended by the state officers and county directors. A large amount of business is to come up for action. In the evening the visiting officers will attend the fair of the St. Ignatius society, which closes to-night. They have also been invited to attend the "merry crush" which is to be given to-night in Elks' hall by the St. Agnes Ladies' society.

The officers and directors who will attend this afternoon are:

President Rev. John T. Winters of South Norwalk, First Vice President John M. Lee of Norwich, Second Vice President Miss Margaret A. Regan of Branford, Secretary John Kelly of New Britain, Treasurer Charles Fitzgerald of Middletown, State Editor John G. McGowan of New Haven, County Directors F. P. Caffery of this city and James H. Frenay of Waterbury, M. J. Kenny of Hartford, Dennis McCarthy of Hartford, Thomas B. Rooney of Fairfield county, James J. Regan of Litchfield county, P. D. Kiniry of Middlesex county, Rev. Father Clock of Tolland county, Rev. Arthur O'Keefe of Windham county and Felix Callahan of New London county. James P. Brennan of this city, national vice president, will also attend.

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS

By W. H. Spear, the Temperance Evangelist, at Howard Avenue Baptist Church.

Mr. W. H. Spear, the temperance evangelist, occupied the pulpit at Howard avenue Baptist church last night by special invitation of the pastor, Rev. George Nichols, and conducted an evangelistic service. This is the first time Mr. Spear has been heard in any of the local pulpits in evangelistic work, though he has frequently been heard by large audiences here as a temperance speaker.

The church was well filled, though the audience was not as large as it would undoubtedly have been had the announcement that Mr. Spear was to conduct such a service been more widely known.

In opening his discussion Mr. Spear took his text from Matthew 11, 28: "Come unto Me all ye that weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." It would be very difficult to give a report of this address, interspersed as it was with incidents of mission work and pointed applications. Like many other gospel workers his discourses must be heard to be fully appreciated. He is a difficult speaker to report, for in the midst of his argument he is sure to switch off upon some anecdote that will stir his audience or melt it to pathetic tenderness, then when he has accomplished that result he draws the application so closely to the subject in hand that the very incident becomes the culminating point of the thought he desires to force home.

Mr. Spear's discourse was interspersed with many incidents and anecdotes illustrative of the wonderful power of God's love upon the human heart. He spoke from the depths of wide experience in gospel mission work, in which his labors have been fruitfully blessed, and his words found a responsive chord in the hearts of his auditors.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel W. Walker of 41 Pleasant street are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a ten-pound boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Leete entertained a houseful of guests at their pleasant and hospitable home over Thanksgiving. The party seated at their table on that day numbered eleven and included, besides their near-by relatives, Mrs. Leete's cousin, Mr. Ralph Childs, and Mr. George Moulton, both of New York city.

Charles E. Day of this city is announced by the Dramatic News as the author of one of the bright stories in their coming beautiful Christmas number.

MR. POTEAU ON NO LICENSE.

At Calvary Baptist Church Last Night.

In view of to-morrow's election, the Rev. Mr. Poteat of the Calvary Baptist church preached a vigorous sermon in favor of no license.

He based his remarks on the fifth chapter of Exodus, where Pharaoh says in answer to Moses' request to let the people go, "Who is the Lord that I should hearken unto Him. Am I not Pharaoh? I know not the Lord and I will not let the people go."

When I hear kings talking like this I want to tell them to listen for orders from headquarters and when I see saloonkeepers flaring their red light in the face of moral reform I want to tell them, too, to listen for orders from headquarters.

On leading out the children of Israel from Egypt, Moses did not ask the advice of Pharaoh nor consult what was for the material interest of the people, but went ahead and did what was right.

A MOST BRUTAL ASSAULT

ITALIAN ATTEMPTS TO OUTRAGE A SIX YEAR OLD CHILD.

Citizens and Italians Connected With the Quarries at Stony Creek Are Greatly Excited Over the Affair Which is a Most Dastardly One—The Brute is in the Jail in This City.

Stony Creek, Dec. 1.—The Italians connected with the quarries here, and in fact all the citizens, are greatly excited over a dastardly attempt at rape by an Italian quarryman on Friday night.

Ocellali Luigi, employed at the Brooklyn quarries, attempted to outrage Papina Barbara, the six-year-old daughter of the night watchman at the quarries. At 6:30 Friday evening the little girl was in her dooryard near the quarries when Luigi happened along. He enticed her into a clump of bushes in the rear of her parents' house and throwing her to the ground attempted to outrage her.

She screamed vehemently and her parents ran to her rescue. As soon as they discovered the situation they became almost demoralized in their rage and quickly overpowered Luigi. Barbara, held the man while the wife hastened to the house and secured some rope. With this they tied the terrified Luigi to the fence and started for the house to get knives with which they intended to kill their daughter's assailant.

Luigi screamed in terror, crying "murder" so loudly that passers by came to his assistance. The Barbaris were prevented from killing the man, as they undoubtedly would have done had assistance not arrived. A constable was called and the Italian was arrested and taken to Branford, where he was locked up. The girl was overcome from fright and Dr. Townsend was called. She had been only slightly injured, and her assailant had not accomplished his purpose. It was necessary to call the physician again yesterday. Luigi was arraigned in the Branford court yesterday afternoon and bound over to the superior court under bonds of \$1,000. He was taken to the county jail in New Haven this morning.

WILL FIGHT THE LAW.

Columbus Dec. 1.—L. C. Weil, president of Adams Express company, Thomas C. Platt of the United States Express company and James C. Fargo of the American Express company yesterday sued to restrain State Auditor Poe from collecting from their companies the state excise tax. They are fighting the law on constitutional grounds.

LOCAL NEWS JOTTINGS.

Mr. William H. Leishman of San Pedro, Cal., and his son, William L. of New York city, are visiting their old home in this city after an absence of many years, having come to attend the wedding of the former's son, Chas. A., who is connected with the firm of John E. Bassett & Co. Mr. William H. Leishman is an old resident of this city and is now engaged in and sole owner of a large planing mill business in San Pedro called the Ocean planing mill.

His son, William L., was for several years with Mr. Thill, the tailor here, and is now connected with Best & Co. of New York city, publishers of Lilliputian Bazar. Both note a decided improvement in our city and are agreeably surprised at its growth since their departure.

Charles A. Leishman, son of William H. Leishman of San Pedro, Cal., and Miss Nelle Cummings, daughter of Captain Cummings, were married on Wednesday evening at Taylor Congregational church by Rev. Dr. Twitcheil. The groom is a popular young business man connected with the firm of John E. Bassett & Co. of this city. The happy pair have gone on a wedding tour. Many valuable and beautiful presents were received.

DIED IN GUILFORD YESTERDAY.

Death of Mrs. Mary C. Parker, Sister of the Messrs. Crutenden of This City.

The death of Mrs. Mary Crutenden Parker, widow of the late Jared P. Parker, occurred at her residence in Guilford yesterday. The deceased lady had been an invalid for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Parker formerly lived in Meriden. Mrs. Parker leaves beside a son, who is a student in Sheffield scientific school, three brothers living in this city—George O. Crutenden, the carriage manufacturer, Charles E. Crutenden, owner of the Tremont hotel, and Samuel Crutenden, proprietor of the Hyperion livery stables. Mrs. Parker was a member of North church, Guilford, the pastor of which, Rev. Mr. Snow, will officiate at the funeral. The burial will be in Guilford.

GIVEN A SMART RAP.

Meriden Minister Says That it is a Step Toward Mob Law.

Meriden, Dec. 1.—Rev. Dr. Warren S. Perkins, pastor of St. Paul's Universalist church, gave the Law and Order league a smart rap in his sermon to-night. He said among other things: "In speaking of the enforcement of law the question of the enforcement of law must be considered. I do not know enough of the methods of the Law and Order league to pass an opinion. I do know, however, that in every town and city there is a division of opinion on this point."

"The Law and Order league is a step toward mob law. Mob law becomes rampant when the people lack confidence in the proper officers. The necessity of a Law and Order league would indicate such lack of confidence, so I say that the league is a step toward mob law. It is not mob law, but it is a first cousin to mob law. It usurps the prerogatives of the prosecuting attorney."