WHAT BROOKLYN TALKS OF

CHAT ABOUT TOPICS OF CURRENT INTEREST IN THE CITY OF CHURCHES.

The suit brought by ex-Corporation Counsel De Witt in the Supreme Court, in order to obtain his fee of $20,000 for services in connection with the recent bond litigation on behalf of the county, in which the county gained a complete victory, does not, as I understand it, involve the amount of the fee, but seeks to determine the right of the County Treasurer to employ special counsel under circumstances such as existed in this case. The counsel were employed without the authorization of the Board of Supervisors, and hence the objection of the Supervisor-at-Large to the payment of the bill put in by Mr. De Witt. The decision of the court on this question is not to be anticipated and as much may be said of the action brought by John B. Meyenborg, following Mr. De Witt's example, to recover the amount of his fee in the same case. His position is not identical with that of Mr. De Witt, however, for he is regularly employed as counsel to the Board of Supervisors, and it was to be expected that he would use every effort in his power to uphold the right of the county to issue the bonds which came into dispute. For him to make a charge of $10,000 for his services has appeared to many a phenomenal exhibition of assurance. It does not seem as if the decision in Mr. De Witt's case, should it be favorable to him, would have much bearing upon that of his associate in the proceedings.

A story was told during the week of a party of travellers who were stuck in a snow drift on the dummy railway to Richmond Hill in the recent miniature blizzard, and compelled to spend the entire night there in durance uncommonly vile. This reminded a resident of Brooklyn of the fact that he once had to spend several hours in a snow bank well within the city limits. This is the story as he told it: "About ten or twelve years ago I was living in Flatbush. That was before the horse cars ran all night to that suburb, the company evidently acting on the principle that the people of Flatbush must be good and should not be allowed to stay out late at night. The last car left the ferry at half past 12 in those days, and any one downtown later than that either had to walk or drive home or else lodge elsewhere. One night I had been detained late in New-York, and it was my intention to stop at a hotel in Brooklyn not far from the City Hall. It was a cold winter night and there was a lively wind blowing. As I was trudging up from the ferry, to my great surprise I saw a Flatbush car coming down. Naturally I boarded it, and found that it was going to make the return trip at once. It was a special car—that is, it had been engaged to bring home, at a late hour, a party of Brooklynites who had been spending the evening in Flatbush. I was the only passenger. As we neared the park it became evident that the snow was drifting badly, for the horses were compelled to slow up and could drag the car only with difficulty. Just opposite the park entrance a big drift was struck and the car stopped. All the efforts of the driver, the conductor and the horses to get past that drift were useless. Although there was a good supply of coal on board, the piercing wind would find its way in, and it soon became uncomfortably cold. There was nothing to do but to wait for assistance and that, it appeared, could only come when a snowplough should be sent out to clear the track for the first car to come down in the morning. This would not be until after 4 o'clock. You can imagine that the time passed wearily enough, and that I bitterly rued my attempt to get home. Finally the snowplough came, and then the six or eight horses drawing it were attached to the car, and it was dragged out of the mass of snow that imprisoned it. I got home about 5, nearly frozen to death. I suppose I am the only man who has ever been stormbound for a number of hours in the city of Brooklyn. It is a pleasanter experience to look back at than to go through, I can tell you."

The unpleasant weather on Washington's Birthday and the bad walking in the evening interfered with the success of the Brooklyn Institute's celebration in respect of numbers, for the audience in Association Hall on Wednesday night was not so large as should have gathered to do honor to George William Curtis, who himself was the orator in that place last year and the year before. No mistake was made in selecting the Rev. Mr. Chadwick to pronounce the eulogy on Mr. Curtis, but "eulogy" is not the fit word to use in describing the fine oration which he delivered in honor of his friend. It was not an easy task to follow Mr. Curtis, who had spoken of his friends Sumner and Lowell, but Mr. Chadwick performed his labor of love with admirable taste and discrimination and with genuine eloquence. He was heartily applauded at several points in the course of the address and at the close, when Mr. Shearman and Mr. Cary gracefully expressed the appreciation of the audience and proposed a vote of thanks. In speaking of Curtis, Mr. Chadwick effaced the personal element entirely, and did not once make use of personal pronouns indicating his own relations with the subject of his discourse.

At least one of the present Bridge trustees is in favor of the Reorganization bill now before the Legislature. George W. Anderson says: "The present board is altogether too big, and there are men in it whose business engagements prevent them from giving to the Bridge the time that it requires." There is no doubt of the truth of this, and it is refreshing to hear the truth told plainly by one on the inside. If the Bridge trustees themselves had been in favor of a smaller board, they might easily have brought about the reform years ago. As a rule they have steadily opposed it, at the same time continuing their policy of neglect of duty in a way hard to understand. Mr. Anderson makes the interesting and I believe novel suggestion that the best thing for Brooklyn to do would be to buy out New-York's share of the Bridge. Most probably New-York would not hesitate to sell, if a price could be agreed upon, but it is not easy to see what Brooklyn would gain by the transaction. It would get all of the Bridge receipts, it is true, instead of two-thirds of them, but they by no means amount to a fair return upon the investment. It would be interesting to have a valuation set upon the Bridge now, as it is nearly ten years since it was opened for public use.

In spite of the failure to hold the regular February meeting, it was with difficulty that a quorum of the trustees was secured for the special meeting called for the purpose of awarding the contract for the erection of the new terminal station in Brooklyn. If it had not been for the telephone, by means of which Controller Corwin was summoned after ten trustees had waited an hour or so, no meeting would have been possible. The contract was given to the Phoenix Bridge Company, which agrees to have the station built in eight months. This means that the new terminal stations for the elevated roads will also be completed in that time, so that by next fall the public convenience in reaching and leaving the Bridge will be greatly improved. The public has waited a long time for this improvement and for the introduction of the system whereby more trains can be run, and will gladly welcome the change. Judging by the past, however, it will be some time after next fall before the change is brought about. Apparently nothing has been done toward adopting the recommendations of the last board of experts, although the trustees secured from it just the decision they wanted. The change of management proposed by the pending bill will, it is to be hoped, introduce new ideas and greater efficiency in the conduct of this important public work.

There are not going to be any kindergartens in the Brooklyn schools, for the present at least. The committee of the Board of Education which has considered the subject has come to the decision that it will not be advisable to spend any money for this purpose now. A similar decision was lately made in reference to manual training, so that Brooklyn does not intend to keep its schools in the front rank in these respects. The field of labor of the Brooklyn Kindergarten Association will continue to be as wide as ever, and thus far it has only begun to cultivate it. The handful of free kindergartens already established scarcely even begins to meet the demand for this sort of instruction. In a city which maintains so great an educational force as the Brooklyn Institute there ought to be a more progressive spirit displayed. It cannot be doubted that the great size of the Board of Education—forty-five members—is a serious drawback to the best interests of the public schools.

A HUSBAND OFFERED FOR SALE.

The following advertisement was sent to one of the German papers in Brooklyn yesterday: "For Sale—A lady wants to sell her husband, price, $5,000. Inquire at No. 44 Scholes-st."

At No. 44 Scholes-st. lives Mrs. Lizzie Phillips, a middle-aged woman. When she saw the advertisement the woman said that it was intended for her. "It is the work of Mrs. Lesa Goetting, a schoolmate," said she, "and was done, I believe, to hurt me in a suit now pending in the City Court against my husband for separation on the ground of continued cruelty." Mrs. Phillips said she had left her husband some time ago on account of his treatment. On Thursday last, when the case was called in the City Court, she was surprised to find among the witnesses for her husband Mrs. Goetting. "When we reached the sidewalk after the adjournment of the case," said Mrs. Phillips, "I told Mrs. Goetting that I was somewhat surprised to see her in court, and remarked that if she wanted my husband she could have him for $5,000, as he was no good to me."

Mrs. Goetting said when seen that she had sent her husband with the advertisement, and intended it as a practical joke on Mrs. Phillips. She didn't mean any harm.

AMONG THE CLUBHOUSES.

THE ALGONQUIN'S DINNER—UNION LEAGUE AFFAIRS.

The Algonquin Club had its annual dinner on last Tuesday. A special feature of the dinner was the presentation by Admiral Braine to the club, of a large Indian head which was once part of the warship Powhattan, which Admiral Braine commanded in the war. The gift will be properly inscribed and hung in the clubhouse. The toastmaster at the dinner was Richard H. Laimbeer, jr.; Captain Charles S. Catscallen responded for "The Soldier"; Albert C. Wheeler for "The Law"; George C. Hunt for "The Press"; Henry T. Boody for "Our Driving Friends"; Dr. Henry N. Read for "Athletics in Club Life"; John U. Shorter for "The Town We Live In," and Dr. L. W. Pearson for "The Medical Fraternity."

The Hanover Club gave, on Monday evening, its annual dinner of the board of directors, who entertained, as guests, ex-members of the board.

At the Oxford Club was held on Tuesday the first dinner of the Interclub Whist League. Robert H. Weems presided. An inlaid card table, the league trophy, was presented to the Lincoln Club, and a silver loving cup to the Crescent Athletic Club.

The Brooklyn Whist Club was incorporated on Monday. The trustees are N. H. Clement, Frederick O. Parker, Jay Stone, Robert H. Weems and E. T. Baker.

The Riding and Driving Club held its regular weekly music ride on Wednesday, under the direction of Charles A. Moore.

The Union League Club gave a musical and literary entertainment at the clubhouse on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. On March 11 it will give a subscription dinner, to be attended by the charter members of the club.

The Hamilton Club gave on Tuesday at 7 p. m. a table d'hote subscription dinner to members and their women friends. The clubhouse was open to club guests, and music was furnished by the Royal Hungarian Band.

The members of the Knickerbocker Field Club, of Flatbush, will celebrate the opening of its new home with a reception. New members are Miss Agnes Whitting, Henry Whipple, Miss May Seymour, Robert Benwith, Frederick Holmes and Frederick Williams. The bowling tournament among the junior male members of the club was continued last night, and the contest for the championship silver prize medal is attracting much attention.

The beneficial effect of the new rule adopted at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Midwood Club of Flatbush, suspending the initiation fee for six months, to induce new members to come in, has more than proved that such action was needed. Last week fifteen new members were admitted, while the membership committee has now under consideration the names of five more. A billiard tournament is to begin this week. Elijah R. Kennedy will deliver an illustrated lecture, with stereopticon views, on "Travels Through Europe" on March 1.

GATHERED ABOUT TOWN.

Professor Charles H. Morse, assisted by D. H. Jeffery, tenor, gave an organ concert in Plymouth Church yesterday afternoon, using the organ of the church which was rebuilt last summer. The selections were from Guilmant, Beethoven, Bach, Handel and others.

Antonio Froll, who was employed as watchman in a new building, at No. 155 Twenty-first-st., was found asphyxiated in a tightly closed room in the structure yesterday morning. He had lighted a charcoal fire in a plumber's stove, and was killed by the carbonic acid gas from it. Froll was twenty-six years old and lived at No. 166 Twenty-first-st.

Frederick Williams, the inmate of the County Insane Asylum who was produced in court in a straight-jacket ten days ago, was before Judge Clement in the City Court yesterday. He was without the straight-jacket, but complained of being abused at the asylum. He said he was not crazy, and could make his own living as a pedler. His talk showed evidences of a disordered mind, and he was sent back to the asylum.

District-Attorney James W. Ridgway started on a three months' trip to Lower California yesterday. He says that his health needs recuperation.

The tenth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Behrends, in the Central Congregational Church, will be celebrated by a reception on Wednesday evening. A purse of $3,000 will be presented to him by the church.

The Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Chrysostom, at Tompkins-ave. and McDonough-st., from which the Rev. W. E. Wright recently resigned, has called the Rev. J. B. Nies, of the Red Hook Mission of Christ Church, to its vacant pulpit.

The Rev. Dr. Almon Gunnison, of Worcester, Mass., will lecture on "Rome and Venice" in All Souls' Universalist Church, of which he was formerly pastor, on Tuesday evening. The lecture will be illustrated by views collected last summer.

DECISION AGAINST J. E. DUBOIS.

The referees for the claim of John E. Dubois against the two cities for $1,500,000 for infringement of his patents in the use of the caissons for constructing the Bridge tower foundations, have decided adversely to him, and their decision will be presented to Mayors Gilroy and Boody this week. The referees were S. V. White, Jasper W. Gilbert and C. M. Clancy, and they were appointed by act of Legislature.

The original suit was begun in the United States Court in 1870, after Mr. Dubois had secured a verdict against the Pennsylvania, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, in the United States Courts, in Maryland, for infringement of his patents. In 1888 the referees were appointed, and it was stipulated that the suit should be discontinued when their report was approved by the Mayors. Mr. Dubois held that by patents granted in 1862 he had the sole right to certain inventions and improvements in the use of caissons, and that the Bridge Trustees had used his devices without his sanction. In reply it was set up that he had surreptitiously secured a patent for the invention of George A. Parker, and that many engineers had used his devices before he secured the patent, and that they were described in scientific works as long ago as 1847. A large number of witnesses were examined.

A DOG BITES FOUR CHILDREN.

A small Scotch terrier dog, owned by Jacob Kleppel, a tailor living at No. 119 Johnson-ave., Brooklyn, caused a panic in the neighborhood of Johnson-ave. yesterday by running among a crowd of children who were playing upon the sidewalk and biting four of them. The screams of the little ones alarmed the entire neighborhood, and mothers with broomsticks and clubs ran from their houses to protect their children. The dog did not await their arrival, but started for his master's home. The crowd followed, and on reaching the tailoring establishment demanded that the dog be turned over to them. This the tailor, Kleppel, refused to do, and wild threats were made against him. In the mean time the children who had been bitten were taken to a neighboring drug store, where their wounds were cauterized. They were Michael Knoblauch, seven years old; Fritz Ruple, six years; Isaac Stein, four years, and Rachael Blumenstein, six years. The wounds were on their hands and legs.

When it was found that Kleppel would not submit to the killing of the dog Mrs. Knoblauch hurried to the Ewen-st. police court and secured an order to have the dog killed. The order was given to an officer of the Sixth Precinct, and last evening the animal was shot.

DR. PAGE WANTS A DIVORCE.

There were five divorce cases before Judge Pratt in the Supreme Court yesterday. The most important was that of Dr. Emmett D. Page against Mrs. Antoinette D. Page, for whose property a trustee was recently appointed on account of her dissipated habits. There was no defence. Dr. Page practises at Adelphi-st. and De Kalb-ave. He married the divorced wife of Chauncey Marshall on June 27, 1889. She had secured divorce from her first husband in Rhode Island some time previous. Dr. Page names a number of co-respondents and alleged impropriety on board the Cunard steamer Umbria, at her home, No. 299 Clermont-ave.; at the Hotel St. George, at the Pequot House, New-London, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New-York, and other places. Evidence was given by a telegraph boy, a hotel chambermaid, Mrs. D. D. Walton, of No. 208 West Fifty-fourth-st., New-York, and others. Mrs. Walton testified that she saw George W. Van Saun enter Mrs. Page's room at the Hotel St. George last summer, and when she went to the room afterward he was not to be seen. She supposed Mrs. Page had put him in a closet. She heard Captain Tumbridge, proprietor of the hotel, forbid Mrs. Page to receive men in her room. Decision was reserved.

The other suits were those of Mrs. Hannah S. Holden against G. W. Holden, Mrs. Josephine Newell against W. O. K. Newell, Henry Goldberger against Mrs. Louise Goldberger, and Mrs. Jane E. Clark against William J. Clark. No decision was reached in any of them.

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL.

PUBLIC MEN AND AFFAIRS.

EX-SENATOR GRISWOLD TO BECOME A BANK PRESIDENT—REPUBLICAN ENROLMENT.

One of the prominent public men of the city who display activity in many ways is ex-Senator Stephen M. Griswold, who is about to assume the duties of president of the new Union Bank, which will be opened on Wednesday at Union-st. and Fifth-ave. He has been a successful business man for many years, has been an enthusiastic and earnest Republican since the party was organized, filling the offices of Alderman and State Senator, and he has been an usher in Plymouth Church for nearly forty years. The work of the Brooklyn Young Republican Club has found in him an ardent supporter, and he now fills the office of first vice-president of it.

STEPHEN M. GRISWOLD.

Mr. Griswold is about fifty-five years old, and has lived in Brooklyn since 1851. He was long a resident of the Eleventh Ward, but for the last three years his home has been at No. 787 Carroll-st., on the Park slope in the Twenty-second Ward. His business career has been spent as a dealer in diamonds at John-st. and Broadway, New-York. He began to take an active interest in politics soon after he became a voter, and he was efficient as a member of his ward association and of the Republican General Committee. In 1875, when F. A. Schroeder was elected Mayor by the Republicans on a reform issue, Mr. Griswold was elected to represent his ward in the Board of Aldermen, which then filled a far more important place in the city government than since it was shorn of most of its powers. He discharged his duties so well for two years that he was re-elected and served a second term. In 1885 he was elected to the State Senate to represent the IIId District, to succeed Charles H. Russell. He served on important committees. Last year he was elected one of the officers of the Young Republican Club, of which he has been a member for several years. He is an associate member of U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R. Mr. Griswold belongs to the Society of Old Brooklynites, and recently read a paper before the body upon "Palestine in the Nineteenth Century." He visited the Holy Land in 1872, with the party which went on the steamship Quaker City, joining it in Europe, where he was travelling with his wife.

The new bank of which ex-Senator Griswold is to accept the presidency begins a business with a capital of $100,000 and a surplus of $50,000. The stock is already at a premium, as there were applications for 700 more shares than were issued. The officers aside from the president will be Senator John McCarthy, first vice-president; John Pullman, second vice-president, and James T. Ashley, cashier. The last named was assistant National Bank Examiner under A. B. Hepburn. The directors besides the officers are Silas B. Dutcher, Frederick J. Griswold, James McLaren, Edward F. Fowler, John A. Hiss, Thomas E. Pearsall, Hugh M. Truston, John A. Nichols, Henry J. Strawkamp, James Ross, P. H. Flynn and Edwin B. Strout.

The practical work of securing an enrolment of the Republicans of the city and county is now well under way as a preliminary to perfecting a thorough reorganization based upon a system of election district representation designed to give a voice to every Republican in the party in the nominating conventions, and in the choice of representatives in all delegated bodies. The plan put in operation was devised by the Young Republican Club, which adopted resolutions to the effect that the time had come for a party reorganization which should give all the members of the party an opportunity to register their own judgment, free from the dictation of self-constituted bosses, and that a committee of seven be appointed to be known as the Republican District Organization Committee, to consider the best plan for enrolling Republicans. This committee was composed of Charles A. Schieren, Albert A. Wray, Francis H. Wilson, Charles A. Moore, William H. Williams, Daniel G. Harriman and Willis L. Ogden. In adopting their plans it was decided to widen the scope of the movement so as to make it representative of the party as a whole, and the following provisional Republican District Organization Committee has been selected to have general supervision: Joshua M. Van Cott, S. V. White, Darwin R. James, George G. Reynolds, Albro J. Newton, S. B. Chittenden, Francis H. Wilson, Ethan Allen Doty, Daniel G. Harriman, Albert A. Wray, Willis L. Ogden, William H. Williams, Charles A. Moore and Charles A. Schieren. This is a representative body whose actions will carry weight. Mr. White and Mr. James have been members of Congress, Mr. Reynolds was judge of the City Court for fourteen years, Mr. Wilson is a former president of the Union League Club, Mr. Moore and Mr. Williams have been presidents of the Young Republican Club, and Mr. Schieren now holds that office, while the others are well known for their work in the party in important emergencies. A paid secretary and assistants are engaged in the work of keeping the tabulated lists and after the preliminary names of those known to be in sympathy with the movement are obtained volunteers will be sought to make a house to house canvass and secure the names of all the 80,000 Republicans in the city. There will be a nucleus of names found on the rolls of the Young Republican Club, where there are 1,800, the Union League Club with 1,000, the Long Island Republican Club with 350, the Brooklyn Republican Club with 150, and other organizations which are in sympathy with the movement.

The Reorganization Committee of Thirty-two, representing each ward and town, authorized at the last meeting of the Republican General Committee, to which will be referred all suggested plans for party reorganization, has not yet been announced by Chairman Battling, although he has made his selection of men to serve upon it. The plan proposed of securing a report from it in time for the March meeting of the General Committee has been dropped and the original instructions to have a report favoring district organizations in April will be adhered to. David A. Baldwin, who proposed the appointment of the committee, is likely to be chairman of it. The report will be made on April 11.

The Brooklyn Young Republican Club will hold a Blaine memorial meeting in Association Hall, at Bond and Fulton sts., to-morrow evening. Charles A. Schieren will preside. The speakers will be Thomas Fitch, the Rev. Dr. A. J. F. Behrends, ex-Congressman S. V. White and Charles A. Moore.

Brooklyn, which has been represented for four years in the Cabinet of President Harrison by Secretary Tracy, will be only distantly connected with President Cleveland's Cabinet. Judge Augustus Van Wyck, of the City Court, who is a Southerner by birth, is related by marriage to Hoke Smith, the new Secretary of the Interior. A son of Congressman W. J. Coombs is expected to be private secretary to Secretary Herbert, who succeeds Secretary Tracy.

There will be a company of 300 or more of the Democratic workers from the various wards who will join in a pilgrimage to Washington this week to witness the inauguration. William A. Furey, who combines the duties of the office of Commissioner of Jurors with the post of secretary of the Democratic General Committee, and who rejoices in a marked resemblance to Mr. Cleveland, will marshal the Brooklyn men, who will be forced to put up with scant accommodations in Washington, as they could not secure all the rooms they wanted.

The differences between Governor Flower and the Brooklyn Democracy in the matter of the legislation to relieve the city authorities from the awkward plight in which they were placed by the payment of illegal bills have led to what promises to be a serious break, and McLaughlin and his men may be forced into that attitude of opposition to the "machine" which it is his proud boast he has never taken. The fact that after Governor Flower had given Senator McCarty assurance that he would sign the bill relieving the city authorities he deliberately vetoed it has served to break off their friendly relations. An effort on the part of the Governor to provide a way out for Mayor Boody by securing a new audit of the bills which have been paid was met by McLaughlin with a statement that it was a personal insult, and so all cordial relations are ended in that quarter.

The full details of the bills put in for the Columbus day expenditures show how gross the frauds on the city were by the unitemized statements attached to them. The small bills, in which there was little or no opportunity for looting the city treasury, are made out with full details. But the large bills, where figureheads appear as contractors, are given only in lump sum. For luncheon alone the Aldermanic committee of seven spent from $25 to $40 a day for a fortnight.

The excursion of the advocates of annexation to Albany to urge the project in which they are deeply interested has been postponed from February 28 to March 8, owing to the death of Senator Hagan.

In the baby blizzard early in the week the snow was drifted to a considerable depth in Prospect Park and in outlying portions of the city and suburbs. A small boy who was impressed by this fact, and when asked how deep the snow was at his house replied: "It is five legs deep in some places."

Signs reading "Gentlemen will please not spit on the floor of this car" have appeared in many street cars. They were put in at the expense of the Women's Health Protective Association, which is working to preserve cleanliness of streets and street cars. It is understood that it was seriously proposed to have the cards read "Those who expect to rate as gentlemen must not expectorate upon the floor."

The abandoned elevated railroad structure in Park-ave., east of Hudson-ave., is being taken down and re-erected in Fulton-st., in the Twenty-sixth Ward, for the extension of the road there.

BROOKLYN'S BASEBALL TEAM.

SOMETHING ABOUT FOUTZ AND WILLIAM D. O'BRIEN.

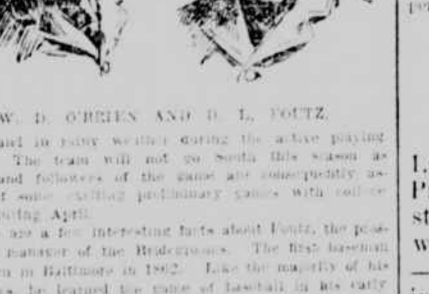
While much has been heard of the entire reorganization of the New-York Baseball Club little has been said about the affairs of the Brooklyn club, where the changes will be almost if not quite as great. The club over the Bridge will be conducted upon entirely different principles hereafter, and while the same officers and directors will remain at the head of the club, there will be material changes in the handling and makeup of the team.

John M. Ward has been manager and captain of the team for two years, playing shortstop the first year and second base last season. His transfer to the New-York club will bring three players to the front. David L. Foutz will succeed Ward as manager. William D. O'Brien will be the new captain, and Daniel Richardson, one of the most popular players in the country, will take Ward's place at second base. It is also said that Foutz will replace Brouthers at first base. C. H. Byrne will remain president, and the rotund baseball diplomat is the real one-man power in baseball affairs in Brooklyn.

Followers of the game in the "City of Churches" seem well pleased at the new order of things, and all unite in predicting a remarkably successful season. Foutz will assume his new duties with the best wishes of everybody. He is not only a capital ball player, but he is a man of character and force, and he is unusually popular with his fellow-players. He also possesses more business tact than one finds in the average stereotyped knight. As a player-manager, Foutz or "Scissors" as he is called by his friends, ought to be a decided success. There is likely to be no friction between him and the other players or the directors of the club.

The selection of O'Brien as captain will also prove popular, for there are few players in the country with more sincere admirers than "Darby" O'Brien. He is a dashing, brilliant player himself, and he would not ask his players to do a thing he would not attempt himself. With always a stock of good stories on hand, "Darby" is companionable wherever he is met. He has served as captain of the team with credit to himself and his club.

The Brooklyn players will begin active preliminary practice in the gymnasium this week, and all the men will be ordered to report in Brooklyn about March 20. Two weeks will then be spent in handball work, and no better system for hardening the muscles and reducing superfluous flesh could be devised. Outdoor work at Eastern Park will begin as soon as the weather will permit. C. H. Byrne also contemplates the erection of a handball court out at Eastern Park for use of the players during the spring and in rainy weather during the active playing season. The team will not go South this season as usual, and followers of the game are consequently assured of some exciting preliminary games with college teams during April.



W. D. O'BRIEN AND D. L. FOUTZ.

Here are a few interesting facts about Foutz, the prospective manager of the Bridegrooms. The first baseman was born in Baltimore in 1862. Like the majority of his associates, he learned the game of baseball in his early boyhood, playing upon one and another of the local amateur teams. He began to loom up above his fellows when he was playing first base for the Waverley club. Foutz wanted to be a pitcher beyond all else, and in 1879 he went West and became a member of the Denver team. He made a good record in the pitcher's box there. After several seasons in that city he joined the Leadville team and won for his club the State championship in 1882. He pitched forty games that season, of which thirty-nine were victories. He played with the Bay City club of the Northwestern League, in 1883, and in 1884 the St. Louis Association, attracted by Foutz's reputation as a pitcher, tried to secure him. To do this they bought the whole Bay City club outright. Foutz made a brilliant record with the St. Louis Browns during the seasons of 1884, 1885, 1886 and 1887. He was secured by Brooklyn in 1888 and has added great playing strength to the team ever since. His position is first base, but he is always able to get in the box at any time and do himself credit.

William D. O'Brien, the popular left fielder of the Brooklyn team, was born in Peoria thirty years ago, and he played his first baseball with the Peoria Reds in 1882. Two years later he captained the Keokuk (Iowa) team, and from there he went to Denver for 1885 and 1886. The Metropolitan club secured his services in 1887, and he made a record with them. He joined the Brooklyn club when the latter purchased the Metropolitans. He continued his brilliant work in 1888, 1889 and 1890 on the Brooklyn team, being its captain both seasons.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

The first performance of "The Masked Ball," in which John Drew appears as a star actor, will be given in Brooklyn at the Columbia Theatre to-morrow evening. The play will be presented in the same manner as in New-York, where it had a long run. Mr. Drew last appeared in Brooklyn in Daly's company. He will be supported by Miss Maude Adams, Harry Harwood, Harold Russell, C. Leslie Allen, Frank E. Lamb, Miss Virginia Buchanan, Miss Annie Adams and Miss Lillian Florence. "The Masked Ball" is the work of Bisson and Carre, who are known in this country through "Mr. Wilkinson's Widows."

Colonel R. G. Ingersoll will lecture on "Abraham Lincoln" at the Columbia this evening.

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English Walking Shapes, extra long, strapped seams, in tan, havana, black. Jackets with butterfly capes of cloth or velvet.
French Short Capes with combination of cloth and velvet, rather a striking effect!
Notice—Monday 25 of these short Velvet Capes, with butterfly effect, ribboned, silk lined (very closely priced to open the season with) $15.75.

OF THE REMAINING WINTER STOCK, THIS!

Of the remainder of Winter Stock on hand in the Cloak Dep't we are willing to make short work of them at the prices underneath:
One lot of fine English Cheviot Cloth Newmarkets, with double capes or hoods; were $16.50 to $22.50; Monday, $6.90.
One lot of black, navy blue or tan Cheviot Cloth Jackets, half silk lined, Astrachan, Labrador seal, or fine raccoon fur trimmed, were $12.50 to $19.50; Monday, $2.90 and $6.90.
One lot of ten handsome Plush Capes—richly finished; imported to sell for $88.00 to $125. Monday, $48.00.

Cloak Department—2d floor.

EARLY SPRING HIGH GRADE DRESS STUFFS.

Bengaline novelties, with silk thrown out on face, $3.00.
Crystal Cords, dotted and spangled with raised fancy threads, $3.50.
Velour Raye, 20 changeable effects to each color.
Serge Imperials, 5 favorites of heliotrope, besides all the favorite staple shades, 68c.
Changeable Diagonals, 15 shades, 79c.
Fancy Cheviots, scores of shaded stripes and fancy yarn effects (limited quantity), 27c.
Scotch Tweeds (limited quantity), 39c.

Dress Goods—Left, centre.

500 PAIRS GARDNER & ESTES' SAMPLE SHOES, $3.47.

Monday will be eventful in the Shoe Dep't—500 pairs of Gardner & Estes's first quality $5.50 to $8.50 Ladies' Boots and Oxford Ties for . . . $3.47
They are G. & E.'s spring samples.
No two pair alike.
Every size, but not every size in each style—So be early to secure a fit.
Every leather; every combination.
No exchanging these samples; money refunded if desired.

Shoes—2d floor.

MONDAY'S TOILET EXTRAS.

Greene's Nervura, 69c.
Best Beef, Iron and Wine, 43c.
Listerine, 67c.
Mellin's Food, 49c.
Castoria, 21c.
300 all bristle, good quality, Hair Brushes, regular 40c.; 19c.
Seidlitz Powder, 18c. a doz.

Toilet Dep't—Front.

HALF PRICE BLACK BENGALINES.

Lot 1—All-wool figured and striped French Bengaline, 48 in. wide, imported to sell for $2.00, at 98c.
Lot 2—All-wool figured and striped French Bengaline, 46 in. wide, imported to sell for $1.50 per yd., at 77c.

Black Dress Goods, Left main aisle, back.

A BIG WRAPPER SALE.

1,000 Ladies' Wrappers, in Zephyr Prints, new spring colorings, in stripes or checks; also indigo grounds, with small, white figures; $1.25 style—Monday, 98c. 800 Ladies' Wrappers, in very desirable styles, just manufactured in new spring colorings—Monday only at $1.22 and $1.19—after, $1.49.
50 Ladies' Wool Challie Wrappers, with light grounds, with colored polka dots in pink, blue or gray, with border, $6.50; as an extra, $4.48.

Wrapper Dep't—Second floor.

MONDAY'S EXTRA SILKS.

Oriental Printed Silks, selected designs, eight tone colorings, full 24 inches wide, imported to retail at $1.00—to open Monday, 75c.
22-in. Printed China Silks, all this season's designs, closely priced for Monday, 49c.
20-in. Plain Shanghai Silks, evening shades, our price for this grade Silk has been 50c.—Monday, 39c.
300 yds. Brocaded Bengalines (carried over from last season) $1.25 has been the price—Monday, 85c.

Silks—Left, centre.

HOSIERY NEWS—MONDAY.

Monday 100 doz. of the 25c. fast black Cotton Stockings will be run off for 19c. a pair.
Monday, too, 100 doz. Children's 29c. fast black Cotton Stockings, wide and narrow ribs, double knees, all sizes, 19c.

Hosiery—Front, right.

OVER 300 UMBRELLAS! A SALE.

200 26-inch best grade twilled Union silk Umbrellas, handles natural woods, some patched with gold and silver, others have gold hooks and silver caps and Dresden balls. About half the lot are made with steel rods in the shanks. Cases and tassels to match $2.45
$9, $8.00 and $10.00 26-inch Umbrellas, finest Spittafeld silks in black, blue, cardinal and brown, handles of real Dresden, ivory, tortoise shell, solid gold and silver, divided in two lots—$4.50 and $5.50.
50 26-inch and 28-inch Umbrellas, Lyon's finest silk, natural wood handles (for men), trimmed with sterling silver, $4.75.

Umbrellas—Front, left.

SUPERIOR ETCHINGS CHEAP.

25 Remarque Proof Etchings. Subjects—October Woods, Canal Near Amsterdam, River Bend, in white and gold Florentine frames, 18x32 inches and 21x30 inches, selling at $5.00 each—Monday, $2.75.
25 Remarque Proof Etchings, such as Old Church by the Sea, Glimmering Lights, framed in very rich antique oak with double gold ornaments, size 28x38 inches, price now is $10.00 each—Monday, $5.50.
Dore Engravings—Exhibition and sale still on!

Pictures—Third Floor.

MORE $4.00 NAPKINS, $2.35 DOZ.

More of the $4.00 extra fine, heavy bleached, Damask Napkins (German manufacture), 24 and 26 inches square, Monday, $2.35 a dozen.
150 dozen Bleached Bath Towels, size 20x44 inches, 12 1-2c. each.

Linens—Right aisle, back.

10c. OUTING FLANNELS, 6 1-2c.

100 pieces of the Standard 10c. Outing Flannels, desirable plaids and stripes, 6 1-2c. yd.
50 pieces standard 25c. quality printed Apron Lawns and Flouncings, 40 inches wide, new patterns and colorings, been selling as a drive at 18c. yd.; Monday, 13 1-2c. yd.

Flannels—Right aisle, back.

SILVER, LAMPS, CLOCKS.

Sterling Silver Butter Knives, engraved, $2.97.
Sterling Silver Sugar Shells, engraved, $2.97.
Sterling Silver Coffee Spoons, extra heavy, gold bowl, $11.98 per dozen.
Sterling Silver Coffee Spoons, six designs, $4.99 each.
Sterling Silver Tea Spoons, 3 designs, $4.99 set of 6.
Sterling Silver Handle Table Knives, $35.00 dozen.
Sterling Silver Carving Sets of 5 pieces, $50.00 set.
Sterling Silver Jelly Spoons, engraved, $1.25.
Sterling Silver Oyster Forks, new design, $16.59 dozen.
Sterling Silver Pickle Forks, new design, $2.25.
Our $35.00 Silver Piano Lamps, C. D. burner, new cast designs, onyx tops, will be Monday $17.50.
Silver and Gold Cupid Banquet Lamps, C. D. burner, new cast design: others of this order have been sold at $5, for $2.97.
Banquet Lamp, rich gold finish, C. D., cast brass foot, new fount, $4.00 for $2.29.
Onyx Piano Lamps, mounted on rich gold plated stand, C. D. removable fount, $15.00, for $8.97.
22-inch Silk Piano Lamp Shade, with lace trimmings, all shapes, regular stock goods at $8 to $9, for $5.29.
14-inch Silk Banquet Lamp Shades, all shapes, lace trimmed, any color, $2.55 each.
18-inch Silk Lamp Shades ($8) will be $5.95.
50 fine Mexican Onyx Clocks, French dials, solid cut pinions, beveled edge glass, fitted with an eight-day visible escapement movement, white and gold face. Strike every half-hour, cathedral gong. About ten designs, ranging from $18 to $25; choice Monday for $10.98.

Main Floor—Back.

ALL-OVER-THE-HOUSE ARTICLES!

720 Sewing Tables with yard measure, $1.25 kind for 75c.
1,200 Coat and Hat Racks, 6 hooks, a 10c. rack for 4c. ea.
700 ONLY, BROOMS, good quality, 20c., for 11c. ea.
1,000 Coffee Mills, every one warranted, 35c. kind for 16c.
600 Coffee Mills, our best mill 55c. now, to be 32c.
2,500 Pails, cable bound, warranted not to fall apart, 14c.
200 only, Step Ladders for library, folds up, $1.50 for 82c.
12,000 Sink Scrubs, heather, 4c. kind, 1c. each.
10,000 Scrub Brushes, good quality, 5c each.
6,000 Scrub Brushes, best Tampico, 8c. each.
6,000 Whisk Brooms, large size 26c. for 13c. each.
4,000 Dusters, small size for bric-a-brac, 4c. each.
3,200 Dusters, best feathers, 50c. style, for 13c.
600 only Dusters, large size, best feathers, $1.10 style, for 68c.
2,000 Clothes Lines, 100 ft. long, extra quality, for 14c. ea.
3,800 Rolling Pins, 10c. kind, revolving hole, 6c. ea.
2,650 Wash Boards, perforated zinc, 30c., for 16c. ea.
1,350 Step Laddets, extra quality with shelf 5, 6, 7 ft. long, 11c. ft.
288 Boilers, extra heavy copper bottom, $1.58, kind, for 98c.
900 Skimmers, family size, 6c. kind, for 3c. ea.
400 Spice Sets, 6 small cans, 20c. kind, for 12c.
720 Tea Kettles, copper bottom, heavy polished, 39c.
1,400 Graters, "The Victor," extra large, 6c. ea.
675 Stove Kettles, copper bottom, extra heavy, 22c.
720 Coffee Boilers, 3-qt. size, heavy polished, 29c.
700 Teapots, 5-pt. size, heavy polished, 26c.
50 Barrels Smoothing Irons, all sizes, 3c. lb.
250 doz. sets Mrs. Potts's Irons, 3 to set, were $1, only 73c. set.
1,200 Flour Sifters, rotary style, 12c. kind, 8c. ea.
Pearline, 6 oz. packages, 4c. pkge.
Borax, 5c. kind, 2c. pkge.
Bird Seed, 6c. kind, warranted, 4c. pkge.
Putz Pomade Brass Polish, 3c. box.
Toilet Paper Fixtures, 12c. kind, for 7c. ea.
Carpet Tacks, all sizes, 2 papers for 1c.
Tack Hammers, wooden handles, 4c. ea.
Oil Cloth for shelves, perforated ends, 5c. yd.
Ammonia, the best made, for 5c. bottle.

Housefurnishing Dep't, Basement.

GAMES, PUZZLES, SPORTING GOODS.

Innocence Abroad, 75c.
Telegraph Boy, 61c.
Shuffle Board, 61c.
Messenger Boy, 76c.
Yacht Race, 76c.
Nelly Bly, 40c.
Lotto, 18c.
Magnetic Fish Pond, 91c.
Parcheesi, 69c.
Halma, 61c.
Checker Boards, 50c.
Checkers, 24c.
Dominoes, bone, 48c.
Popular game of Crokonole, in ash, $2.79.
Crokonole in mahogany, with green felt cover, $4.58.
Cut Up Chicago Fair, 45c.
Cut Up White Squadron, 45c.
Cut Up Fire Department, 41c.
Cut Up Locomotive, 41c.
Extension Roller Skates, 48c.

Black Rubber Footballs, size	4	5	6
	85c.	95c.	$1.15.

Indian Clubs and Wood Dumbbells,

1-2-lb.,	1-lb.,	2-lb.,	3-lb.,	4-lb.,
18c.	22c.	28c.	36c.	43c.

Victor Double-pulley Chest Weight, $9.35.
Victor Single-pulley Chest Weight, $5.60.
Rumsey Striking Bag, $4.60.
Corbett Striking Bag, $6.90.
Pneumatic Rowing Machine, regular, $25.00; store price, $17.45.

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