MANHATTAN RISES.

Rumors That the Broadway Syndicate Are After it.

New York, Aug. 24.—A Wall street bureau this morning gave circulation to the following report:

"The advance in Manhattan railway stock is due to current rumors that the Metropolitan Traction company is negotiating for the purchase of the Gould and Sage holdings of Manhattan, which would give the Traction company a preponderating influence, if not control of the property.

"The motive behind the effort is to prevent any further immediate extension of the elevated railways, and its effect would be, of course, to give the Metropolitan managers, known to be a wealthy and masterful set of men, the absolute control of rapid transit in this city.

"The rumors are accompanied by statements that the Gould-Sage side in the problem would be willing to sell at a satisfactory price."

The satisfactory price is not stated.

Mr. Russell Sage was seen at his office in 71 Broadway this morning. He would not say anything definite about the report. He was asked if the offer referred to had been made, but would not say positively.

Manhattan opened to-day at 121½. It sold for 121 at the close, having advanced three points in the last four days.

BRITANNIA WENT IT ALONE.

Sailed Over the Course for the Wolverton Cup To-day.

Weymouth, Aug. 24.—In the race of the Royal Dorset Yacht club regatta for the Wolverton cup to-day, the Britannia sailed over the course alone and got the prize.

The reason for the Satanita's failure to start was that during yesterday's race she lost her spinnaker.

The course to-day was laid in Weymouth Bay and was sailed over three times, the total distance covered being about forty miles. A light breeze from the southeast was blowing.

The Pall Mall Gazette this morning assumes that Vigilant has finished her season, and reviews the races between the American yacht and the Britannia.

"In the seventeen races in which the yachts have contested," the Gazette says, "luck has undeniably helped the Britannia more frequently than it has the Vigilant, but flukes come oftenest to the cleverest skipper.

"The Britannia has the same crew that she carried last season, while the Vigilant has a new skipper and many new hands in her crew. Nevertheless the yachts have competed under all conditions of wind and water, and the verdict rendered must be that the Britannia has succeeded in avenging the defeats sustained by the Valkyrie in New York Bay.

"The question arises, however, was the Valkyrie sailing her best in America, or is the Vigilant doing herself justice here? We believe that the Valkyrie did not sail in her English form in New York Bay in the final race. The Vigilant's career over here has been similar, except that she has had ample time to recover her form."

The Gazette expresses the belief that the yachts will meet again in the Mediterranean next spring.

IN BETHANY.

Bradley's Hill—Its Height Two Hundred Feet.

The Seymour Record says: Bradley's Hill, in the south part of this town, is too well known here to need any mention, but it may be of interest to those not so fortunate as to be acquainted with the Bethany hills to learn something of them. This hill is somewhat peculiar, standing alone and rising by an easy grade to a height of perhaps not more than 200 feet above the surrounding fields, yet commanding a view which one might go a long way to have excelled. From its level summit one looks over the top of "Round Hill" and over West Rock, and sees Long Island sound stretched but for at least thirty miles. Beyond that Long Island is plainly seen, protecting the sound from the winds and waves of the Atlantic. In other directions may be seen a landscape of hill and dale, of forest and field, well worth careful scanning. An elevated platform, some fifteen feet high, has been built on the summit, for an outlook, and near by in the shade of some trees, tables have been put up for picnic parties. At one time it was proposed to organize a stock company and purchase the hill for a site for a summer hotel, but for some reason the project fell through.

REV. S. F. UPHAM, D. D.,

Will Preach Sunday Morning and Evening at the First M. E. Church.

Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D., of Drew Theological seminary, New Jersey, will preach Sunday morning and evening in the First M. E. church. Dr. Upham has a national reputation for deep scholarship combined with powers of oratory. His personal friends and admirers are to be found all over this country. As a speaker he is a power, and his earnest thoughtful words carry conviction to the hearts of his hearers.

THE UNIO HEARD FROM.

The Boat and the Thief in the Hands of the Boston Police.

The little catboat Unio, which was stolen from New Haven on the night of August 14 and was last seen running away from Block Island in a gale, was heard from again yesterday. A dispatch from Boston informed the owner here that the boat Unio and the thief was in the hands of the police, and enquiry whether Mr. Austin would appear against the thief. Mr. Austin will leave for Boston next week to testify in the case. The Unio was built for the late Dr. Bronson, son of the late Dr. Henry Bronson, and for Major George H. Larned, of whom it was purchased by Mr. Austin years ago.

BILLS WILL NOT BE PAID.

Board of Finance Will Not Pay for Damages to Patrolmen's Clothing.

The board of finance has refused to pay the bills sent them by the police commissioners for injuries done to the patrolmen while making arrests. Patrolmen Hoffman and McKeon while arresting Maurice J. Reilly recently had a portion of their clothing torn off by the prisoner. They accordingly presented bills to the police commissioners which were approved by that body and sent to the board of finance. McKeon's bill was for $12 and that of Hoffman $8.

When these bills came up before the city financiers payment was refused and it now looks as though the officers would have to go without their money. The ground taken by the finance board is that the bills should have been taxed in the costs in the city court. Just what action the police commissioners will take on the matter at the next meeting is problematical.

A WELL KNOWN LAWYER KILLED.

Met Death on His Farm in Litchfield County.

Winsted, Aug. 24.—Lawyer W. W. Bidwell, aged seventy, of Collinsville, this state, was killed by a runaway horse on his farm this morning. Death was instantaneous.

He had been one of the leading lawyers of Litchfield county for many years, but of late had not practiced extensively.

City Taxes.

In reply to "Enquirer:" Springfield, Mass., is a city where the taxes are lower than in New Haven. Springfield is particularly fortunate in this regard. She is able to boast of the lowest tax rate in many years—$12 on $1,000—and the best part of it is that it has been brought about by wise economy in appropriations and not by forcing up the valuations. The latter method of producing low tax rates is the one in vogue in most of our cities, and it is pleasant to see Springfield doing the same thing.