JOHN RECH ESCAPES THE HANGMAN'S NOOSE.

Declared Guilty in the Second Degree and Gets Twenty Years in Prison.

ll Tolls When the Jury Reaches a Verdict and a Breathless Crowd Awaits It.

VERDICT IS NOT A SURPRISE.

Cheered by Jail Inmates When ken Back to His Cell—He Almost Weeps with Joy.

Landing, N. J., July 24.—John Rech ngled his wife to death, has es- hangman. The jury returned a murder in the second degree to- d Recht almost wept with joy, shook hands with his counsel and . The court at once sentenced ecat to State's prison for twenty years.

Very little testimony was presented today. Several witnesses testified to the bad character of the woman, and declared that Rech had always treated his wife kindly. After the speeches had been made and the Judge's charge delivered, the case was presented to the jury.

The most intense excitement prevailed, and there were fully 1,000 people in and around the court house awaiting the verdict.

At 7 o'clock the jury had been out two hours. The court house bell then tolled, denoting that a verdict had been reached. From all directions the people came running, and in less than one minute the court room was crowded.

Judge Ludlow came in and took his seat on the bench. Rech was brought into the court room, followed by his brother, who was cheering him up. He took his seat between his counsel and nervously twisted his handkerchief in his hands.

The jury field in and took their places before the bar, facing Rech.

County Clerk Scott arose, and the old-style formula was gone through with.

"Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the clerk.

"We have," was the response.

"Who shall speak for you?"

"The foreman."

"What say you, Mr. Foreman?"

"Guilty of murder in the second degree" was the quick response.

"And so say you all?"

"Yes."

Rech's countenance brightened and he smiled and then jumped to his feet and shook the hands of his counsel and those of some of the jurymen whom he thanked. His brother was visibly affected, and immediately left the courtroom.

Judge Ludlow then asked the defense if they had anything to say, why sentence should not be pronounced.

Mr. Endicott arose and said that in his opinion the crime was only manslaughter; that he was satisfied with the verdict of the jury, but if the Court should so view, he hoped the full penalty for murder in the second degree would not be imposed.

The Judge then requested Rech to stand up. He then said: "John Rech, you have had a fair and impartial trial, and found guilty of murder in the second degree. The sentence of the court is that you be confined in the State Prison for a period of twenty years at hard labor."

To those who had attended the court during the trial and followed the evidence, the verdict was no surprise. Rech was cheered by the prisoners when taken back to jail.

THIEVES AT ASBURY PARK.

Father-in-Law of Mayor Fagan, of Hoboken, Robbed of Over $500 Worth of Valuables.

Asbury Park, N. J., July 24.—A burglar broke int othe Summer home of M. Foley, father-in-law of Mayor Lawrence Fagan, of Hoboken, at No. 407 Sixth avenue, last night. The burglar entered the cottage through a parlor window.

The thief proceeded upstairs to Mr. Foley's bedroom at the head of the stairway. He took Mr. Foley's clothes from a chair and carried them to the dining room, where he rifled the pockets, securing a Jurgenson repeating gold watch, valued at $500, and $50 in money. The thief also took a quantity of silver spoons, forks and knives from the dining room.

None of the occupants of the house was disturbed by the burglar's visit, and the robbery was not discovered until this morning. The watch was given to Mr. Foley by his children on the fiftieth anniversary of his birth.

Later in the day a Mrs. Bechnell, of New York, who occupies the Taylor cottage on Fourth avenue, reported that burglars were prowling about her house last night. She saw two men standing on the corner of Grand and Fourth avenues and acting in a suspicious manner. She seized a revolver, threw open the window and fired several times in order to alarm the police. The men fled.

Mrs. Bechnell's cottage was entered by a thief Wednesday night, but he was scared off before securing any booty. The town marshal has ordered the police to arrest anyone found on the streets after 1 a. m. and unable to give a good account of himself.

MAYOR BEGINS A CRUSADE.

He and City Officials Inspect Alleged Improper Resorts, Which May Be Closed.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 24.—Mayor Franklin P. Stoy, of this city, accompanied by the License Committee of the Common Council, Chief of Police Eldridge and Mercantile Appraiser Parsons, started on a crusade last night against the various alleged improper attractions exhibiting on the beach.

At a meeting of the Common Council, held recently, several of these places were condemned, and last night's journey was to see the shows with the view of determining which should be suppressed.

The Mayor and the other officials visited all the resorts and it is understood that, as a result, many licenses will be revoked.

WILL SMASH THE MACHINE.

Independent Republicans in Newark Weary of the Alleged Bossism of Chairman Lentz.

Newark, N. J., July 24.—The action of the independent Republican members of the Board of Works yesterday in dismissing a large number of "regular" Republicans in the employ of the city, and replacing them with men of their own following, has caused the bitterest kind of feeling among the Republicans here, and the two factions are ready to fly at each other's throats.

President Stainsby, of the board, says he and his colleagues were justified in the action they took. He blames Carl Lentz, chairman of the County Committee, who, he said, had been given autocratic power heretofore. Good Republicans, he said, were weary of Lentz's dictation, and proposed to ignore the machine and give the independents a few offices.

Funeral of Mrs. John Hoey.

Long Branch, N. J., July 24.—The funeral of Mrs. John Hoey took place here this afternoon. Rev. Maitland Alexander, of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. The services were held at the Hoey homestead. Many prominent persons attended. The interment will take place at Keuilco, N. Y., to-morrow.

SEIZED BY A ROBBER.

Grabbed a Servant Around the Waist and Tried to Snatch Her Pocketbook. Chased into a Swamp.

Montclair, N. J., July 24.—Four young Montclair servant girls had a thrilling experience last night on Claremont avenue, near Forest street, with a strange man, who jumped out at them from ambush near a small stream.

The man grabbed Mamie Nanseen, one of the girls, around the waist and tried to seize her pocketbook from her hand. The girls raised an outcry, and in a very few moments a number of citizens rushed from their houses to the rescue. Among them was Harlow Shourds. He espied the man, who had released the girl and ran through the swamp lands.

The young women were greatly excited, and Miss Nanseen fainted from fright.

Mr. Shourds and half a dozen others armed themselves with revolvers and clubs and searched the immediate vicinity for nearly an hour, during which they had their clothing besmeared with mud and water, and when they got home they presented the appearance of tramps. They could not find the assailant.

The attempted robbery was reported to the police, and two officers made a search for the fellow until midnight, when they gave it up.

Miss Nanseen had a large sum of money in her purse, having put into it when she started out all her wages for three months.

SHOT AND DIDN'T KNOW IT.

Mrs. Quinn Thought an Insect Had Stung Her, but Her Arm May Have to Be Amputated.

Paterson, N. J., July 24.—Mrs. Jennie Quinn received a bullet wound in her arm on July 3, and has but recently discovered the fact. She is at St. Joseph's Hospital and may lose an arm as the result.

Mrs. Quinn is a widow and conducts a small store at the corner of Pine and Slater streets, and lives in apartments in the rear. She was unable to sleep on the eve of Independence Day, owing to the noise, and sat by an open window about midnight.

The shutters were closed and the slats open. Mrs. Quinn was dozing in her chair when she felt a stinging sensation in her arm and rubbed it carelessly, thinking that an insect or bug had stung her. She then retired and was astounded in the morning to find that the sleeve of her night dress was covered with blood.

Mrs. Quinn then decided that she had merely been struck by a flying piece of cannon wadding, and did nothing for the injury. The arm troubled her, however, and a week ago it was in such bad condition that she consulted Dr. T. F. O'Grady, who immediately ordered her to St. Joseph's Hospital.

At the hospital it was found that the woman had received a pistol or gun shot wound in the arm. The bullet was extracted but the arm is in such a condition that the surgeons fear it will have to be amputated.

BURGLARS DIDN'T SCARE HER.

Woman Sent for Help, but the Men Blundered and Thieves Escaped.

Morristown, N. J., July 24.—The residence of A. W. Thieler, on Speedwell avenue, was visited last night about midnight by burglars. Mrs. Thieler was about to retire when she heard a noise at one of the rear windows of the house. Without giving a general alarm she coolly directed her son to go next door to the residence of Constable Coe and notify him, and then go further down the street, and notify Mr. Thieler.

In a short time Mr. Thieler and some of his employes and the constable were at the house. They started to surround the building, but one of the men stumbled, making a noise which alarmed the burglars, and by the time the would-be captors got to the rear of the house the burglars had escaped. Constable Coe gave chase, but did not overtake them. The burglars got nothing of value.

BUSINESS CARES TOO HEAVY.

Prominent Churchman Leaves Town and Says He Will Never Return.

Hackettstown, N. J., July 24.—George K. Yoder, a dealer in boots and shoes on Main street, left his home yesterday for Newark. Mrs. Yoder has received a letter from him in which he stated that he was unable to meet his obligations and would never return.

Yoder is identified with several secret organizations, and is a financial officer of the Red Men. He is also a prominent church member and president of the Christian Endeavor Society of this town. The Junior Order of American Mechanics is said to claim that he owes the order $700.

Yoder is about forty-five years old, and has a wife and son. He is a teacher in the Presbyterian Sunday School, and one of the best-known citizens of the place. A mortgage is held on his property, but his integrity was never questioned. The shoe store is closed, and the news of Yoder's disappearance has created a sensation.

PAID THE BILL WITH BLOWS.

Doctor Who Demanded His Pay Severely Handled by Two Young Men.

Tompkinsville, S. I., July 24.—Dr. William F. Bourne, of this place, has a pair of black eyes, a cut on the back of his head, a split ear and several wounds on other parts of his body, all of which were given to him, he says, by two young men who owed him a bill for professional services.

The alleged assailants are young men named Fent and Bullen. Dr. Bourne claims that one of the men owed him a bill, and that he told him that he wanted the money. A day or so after the demand was made the Doctor was walking up the street, toward his home, when the two came out of a store and set upon him and gave him a severe beating. The surgeon who attended the victim said his assailants had used some sharp instrument.

Warrants for the arrest of the two men have been issued, but the police have not yet been able to arrest them.

FOUNDER BRADLEY INJURED.

Was Badly Bruised While Trying to Stop His Runaway Horse.

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Asbury Park, N. J., July 24.—Founder Bradley is nursing his left eye to-day, which is in mourning as the result of his gallant attempt to stop his runaway horse on Ocean avenue yesterday.

Mr. Bradley left his team in charge of a young man while attending to some business at the Third avenue bathing grounds. His horse had meanwhile gotten from the control of the young man who was driving him, and was bolting down the avenue at a great pace. Mr. Bradley immediately hastened to the road and endeavored to seize the animal. In so doing he was thrown and dragged a distance of thirty feet, sustaining bruises about his face and arm, which scarcely seemed to trouble him at the time. After stopping the animal he jumped into his carriage and drove home.

His bruises are quite painful to-day, however, but nothing serious is entertained.

SHE SAVES MOTHER AND SON.

Jersey City Girl Drags a Drowning Woman and Child from a Reservoir.

Passaic, N. J., July 24.—A woman whose name was not learned was walking in the City Hall Park here this afternoon with four children, when the hat of one of the children blew into the reservoir. The child leaped into the water after it.

The mother tried to grasp the child, but lost her balance and fell into the water. Both went down. The only person near who could give assistance was Miss Louise Nickolaus, of Jersey City, who with difficulty dragged the mother and child from the water. Both were thoroughly exhausted.

NEW JERSEY'S NAVY OFF FOR A CRUISE.

Amateur Tars Will Leave Port This Morning on the Portsmouth.

They Will Give the Big Yachts Up the Sound Points on Fast Sailing.

DESTINATION IS MARTHA'S VINEYARD.

There Will Be Drills, Salutes and Target Practice on Board, and Boat Races and Swimming Contests for Recreation.

Gallant young men, clad in the rough canvas uniform of the sailors of the navy, worked like longshoremen through the long hours last night at the dock at the foot of Fifteenth street, Hoboken. They were members of the crew of the New Jersey man-of-war Portsmouth, and were trying to get that big craft out of the mud in the slip, where she had been lying for the past twelve months.

Their efforts were finally rewarded with success, and the good old ship swung free on the rising tide. Lieutenant Harvey, who had charge of the men engaged in "warping ship," was then relieved from duty, an anchor watch was set and officers and men turned in to sleep until 5 o'clock this morning, when "all hands" will be called.

The Battalion of the East, Naval Reserves of New Jersey, starts this morning on its annual practice cruise on the Portsmouth. The cruise is to be a novel one. It will last for about ten days, and extend as far to the eastward as Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. The young tars do not propose to go as passengers on a Sound steamer or on a cruiser of the navy, as has been the custom of the New York naval militiamen. They have a ship of their own—not a steam vessel, but one of the old-time sailing ships of the navy. With a fair wind they can go anywhere that a ship can go. They will manage the ship with their own officers and men, without any assistance from the regulars of Uncle Sam's naval service.

The Portsmouth is in first-rate condition for sea. Her timbers are as staunch as when they were laid in Kittery shipyard, ever so many years ago. Her guns are of the old-time pattern, smooth-bores and converted rifles, but they are good enough for practice. Down in the magazine, beneath the wardroom of the ship, are great quantities of shell and shrapnel, enough to sink any floating adversary of her own class.

Commander Washington Irving will have charge of ship and crew during the cruise. He occupies the handsome cabin, which has been tenanted in turn by nearly every one of the higher ranking officers of the regular navy.

The ship has been rigged out entirely new aloft. She has new sails and spars, and is expected to show the big yachts she fails in with something about fast sailing when she reaches Long Island Sound. It will be a pleasant cruise, for there will be no noise or dirt from boilers and engines, no coal soot to fill the eyes of the sailors. The only engines on board are those which operate the dynamos, for the Portsmouth is lighted throughout by electricity.

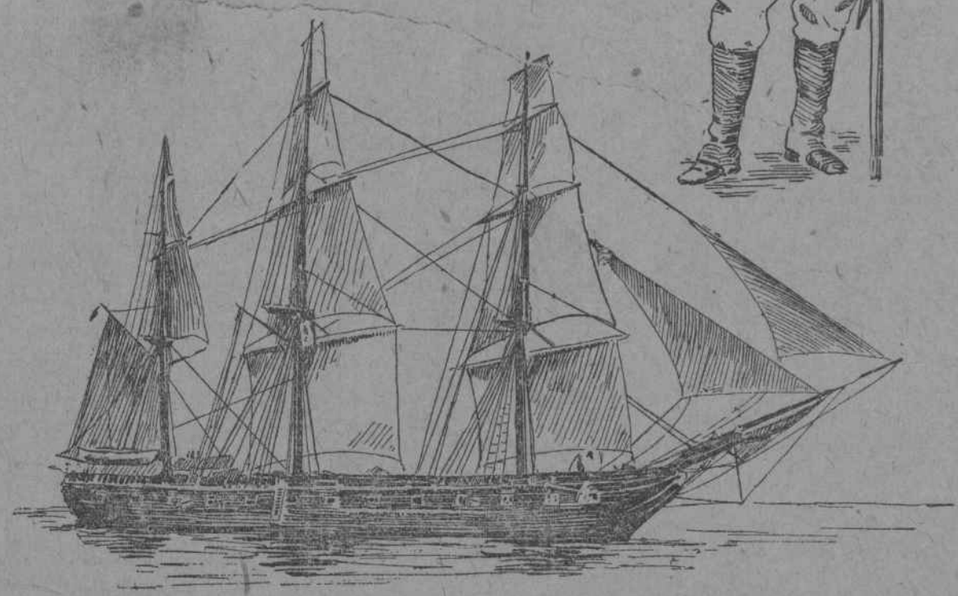
The ship's company is made up of three divisions, one from Jersey City, one from Newark, and the third, or engineers' division, from the young men at the Stevens Institute at Hoboken. There will be about 125 men in all on the cruise.

When "all hands" are called at 5:30 o'clock this morning the rigging aloft will be tautened, the yards squared and small boats secured for sea. A tug will tow the Portsmouth to the Sound, and the cruise will begin.

It is hoped to make Hempstead Harbor by Monday morning, and anchor will be dropped off the Glen Cove breakwater. After twenty-four hours spent at the anchorage the Portsmouth will continue up the Sound to Fisher's Island, off the Connecticut shore, where there will be drills on board and dancing ashore. Then Block Island and Vineyard Sounds will be explored.

The return trip will be made through the Sound, and the ship will be at the Glen Cove anchorage on Wednesday, August 5, it is expected, Governor Griggs and the members of his military staff, generals, colonels and majors, men who know all about water, are to come on from Trenton and inspect the ship and crew.

There will be boat races and tub races and swimming contests to relieve the monotony of drills and firing salutes, and altogether the New Jersey tars are looking forward to the most pleasant outing of their lives.



New Jersey's Man-of-War Portsmouth, and Color Bearer.

Commander Washington Irving and three divisions of the Battalion of the East, Naval Militia of New Jersey, leave this morning on the Portsmouth for a ten days' cruise. They will visit Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, returning through the Sound to Glen Cove, L. I., where the ship and crew will be inspected by Governor Griggs and staff. There will be no officers or men of the regular service on board, and the amateur tars will spread and take in sail and navigate the ship without assistance.

FOR BRYAN AND SEWALL.

Free Silver Club Organized at Port Richmond and Work Begun.

Port Richmond, S. I., July 24.—A Bryan and Sewall campaign club has been organized here. The object will be to disseminate views on free silver, and to impress upon voters the necessity of electing the Democratic nominees.

Scores of voters are being enrolled, and the membership list is expected to reach the 500 mark before the end of next month. All citizens of the town of Northfield are eligible to membership, the only requisite being a declaration in favor of the Chicago platform.

The club proposes to have several open-air mass meetings, and arrangements are being made to secure prominent speakers. Eugene S. Devlin is the president of the club. John J. McIntyre is the secretary.

WOMAN'S ARM TORN BY A RABID DOG.

Sank His Teeth in Her Flesh to the Bone, Inflicting an Awful Wound.

Is Beaten Off by His Owner, but Renews the Attack and Lacerates Her Hand.

CLUBBED ON THE HEAD AND THEN SHOT

Animal Had Been Bitten by a Rabid Canine a Day or Two Before—Another Citizen Also a Victim.

River Vale, N. J., July 24.—Mrs. Jane Blauvelt, the wife of Daniel Blauvelt, of this place, was terribly bitten this morning in the arm and on the hand by a large black dog belonging to James Christie, a neighbor of the Blauvelts. It is feared the dog was mad.

Mrs. Blauvelt went over to Mr. Christie's place this morning to make a call and the dog, which was lying in the front yard, uttered a low growl and sprang at her throat. Mrs. Blauvelt gave a scream and threw up her left arm to protect herself, and the dog sank his teeth in Mrs. Blauvelt's arm to the bone.

As the woman struggled to shake the animal off, his huge teeth made a terrible gash in her arm. Her cries for help were heard by Mrs. Christie, who ran out of the house, and, picking up an iron bar which lay near by, pounded the dog over the head until he loosened his hold on her arm.

As the dog was about to slink away, he made another vicious grab at Mrs. Blauvelt, and caught her in the hand, making another ugly wound. Mrs. Christie succeeded in driving the dog off again and took Mrs. Blauvelt to the office of Dr. Theodore Townsend, in Westwood, and had the wound cauterized. The dog was shot by Christie when he came home at night.

It is feared the dog was mad, as he had been bitten by a mad dog owned by John J. Lachmond a day or two ago. This dog ran through the village, bit a number of dogs, and was killed by Butcher Springer when it attacked him after biting his horse.

Harry Williams, of New York, was bitten last Saturday by a large Newfoundland dog belonging to L. Valette, proprietor of the Hotel Valette, at No. 164 Wooster street, New York City. Mr. Williams was visiting his brother-in-law, Dr. Charles Serre, at Hillsdale Manor, and during a call at Mr. Valette's Summer residence near Woodcliff, the dog attacked Mr. Williams and bit him in several places on the arm and on the hand. Dr. Serre cauterized the wounds.

Mad Dog Killed in Belleville.

Belleville, N. J., July 24.—Several valuable dogs in this place were bitten by a rabid animal late yesterday afternoon as it ran along Mill street. It was finally killed by Constable Daly. Two young children escaped the fangs of the brute by running up a high embankment.

SHOCKS IN HER HEAD.

Says the Electricity Disturbed Her, and She Awoke Mr. Russell with a Sledge Hammer.

New Brighton, S. I., July 24.—A row between neighbors with novel features was aired before Justice Acker last night.

William A. Russell, of Sailors' Snug Harbor, a prominent resident of the North Shore, appeared before Justice Acker and asked for a warrant for one Annie Murphy, who lives in a house adjoining his at the "Harbor." Miss Murphy was arrested, charged with disturbing the peace.

Mr. Russell has been equipping his house with all kinds of electrical appliances and has had to put up many wires. Miss Murphy told the Justice that Mr. Russell has so much electricity on the premises that she receives a shock every night about midnight. She declared that she could not stand it and that when the shock becomes too strong she rises from her bed and takes a sledge hammer and pounds against the side of Mr. Russell's house to get him up to shut off the electricity.

It is to this mode of awaking him from his slumbers that Mr. Russell objects. Miss Murphy was held for examination, and in the meantime a physician will be consulted to ascertain if the electricity has reached her brain.

STRANGER DIES IN THE ROAD.

Well-Dressed Unknown Stricken with Apoplexy—Wine Bottle Beside Him.

Englewood, N. J., July 24.—Two boys while walking along Palisade avenue, on the outskirts of this city, to-day, found the body of an unknown man lying in the road. Beside the body was a wine bottle. Dr. D. A. Curry performed an autopsy, which showed that the man had died from apoplexy.

The man was about fifty years of age, had a full beard and mustache, which was turning gray, wore a black derby hat, carried a cane and weighed about 225 pounds. There was a scar over his right eye. He had on a white shirt and collar and the gray clothing, and his underclothing was of fine make. In the pockets were forty cents. His hands were soft and white. The man was seen yesterday, but was not known in this city. There was nothing on his person that would lead to his identity.

WEDDED HIS BRIDE ON THIRTY CENTS.

Aroused a Sleeping Justice to Be Married and Offered a Fee of Three Dimes.

It Was All He Had and Was Returned to Be Used in Beginning Housekeeping.

MAGISTRATE WAS MOST OBLIGING.

Hunted Up Witnesses at Midnight and Tied the Knot, but Wouldn't Accept a Penny—Kissed the Bride, Too.

Hoboken will hereafter be the Mecca toward which impecunious lovers eager to embrace matrimony, but deterred by want of the necessary cash, will journey. A marriage ceremony may be performed in Hoboken for thirty cents; then, when the happy groom explains that his entire capital amounts to three dimes, the accommodating tier of the matrimonial knot will obligingly hand back the fee and send the couple away with his blessing.

Justice of the Peace Livingston Conkling was sleeping peacefully a few nights ago, when the doorbell of his home, No. 115 Clinton street, was rung violently. Hurrying downstairs, after suitably clothing himself, the Justice opened the door. Upon the stoop stood a young man and a pretty girl.

"We want to get married," explained the young man, while the pretty girl blushed and clung closer to his arm.

"Walk in," was the Justice's invitation.

"I guess I'd better explain," said the young man. Then he followed Justice Conkling into the latter's office, and when the gas had been lighted explained that he had only a little money. The bride to be in the meantime remained outside on the stoop. Justice Conkling, when the groom explained that lack of ready cash alone prevented his becoming a benedict, replied:

"Oh, that's all right; you don't require much money to get married nowadays."

The groom looked relieved, and then called the pretty girl into the office. The couple registered as Oscar Springstein, of No. 207 Fifth street, Hoboken, and Miss Alice Covington, of No. 351 Grove street, Jersey City.

There were no witnesses and the hour was late, but the Justice started out and hunted up two, as required by law. They were James L. Day, of No. 838 Willow avenue, and Robert McLavie, of No. 217 Clinton street. The former was about to retire, but when the Justice explained his mission obligingly accompanied the latter. The knot was then quietly tied, the Justice kissing the bride at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Then the groom turned out his pockets. Thirty cents rolled upon the Justice's desk. "It's all I've got," said the groom.

"Keep it," said the Justice, "you may need it toward a start in housekeeping." Then he wished them good night, and returned to sleep.

WARRANT FOR CANFIELD.

Theatrical Costumer Accused of Passing Worthless Checks at Bath Beach.

Justice Rhodes, of Bath Beach, has issued a warrant for the arrest of William Canfield, a theatrical costumer, who is passing the Summer at Bath Beach, for larceny and passing worthless checks.

Mr. Canfield lives in the Cummings cottage on Cropsey avenue, which overlooks the water. It is a cozy and very pretty place. Since the warrant was issued Mr. Canfield has not been seen. Worthless checks have been pouring in upon the unfortunate wife of the missing costumer.

It is claimed by Mrs. Helen S. Davis, the proprietress of the Central Hotel, on the corner of Bath and Nineteenth avenues, that Mr. Canfield owed her a small bill for liquor and he settled it by giving her a check payable to the order of his wife, receiving in return cash five times the amount of the liquor bill. The check was deposited and went through the various channels until it reached the bank upon which it was drawn, when it was marked "No account" and sent back to Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Canfield has several times of late protected her husband by promptly paying checks which had been returned to her by various trades people.

Mr. Canfield is one of the best known men in Bath Beach. A very short time ago he was on the tongue of every gossip in the place on account of the prominence he obtained by being caned by a pretty actress in the restaurant of the Mitchell House. Mr. Canfield made some disparaging remark about the young woman, who without waiting for her escort to resent it, picked up his cane and broke it across Mr. Canfield's head. Mr. Canfield was carried home. He was confined there for several weeks.

When a Journal reporter called at the Canfield house last night it was stated that Mr. Canfield's whereabouts were unknown.

MAYOR DEFIES THE COURT.

Wurster May Be Punished for Contempt fo Refusing to Issue a Boxing Permit.

Mayor Wurster is in danger of being punished for contempt of court. On Thursday he was served with an order issued by Justice Osborne, of the Supreme Court, which required him to grant a boxing license to the Surf Athletic Club.

Yesterday the Mayor declined to issue the permit. He summoned Corporation Counsel Burr and instructed him to appeal from Justice Osborne's decision.

General Almet F. Jenks, counsel for the club, learned of the Mayor's decision before noon. He immediately went before Justice Osborne and obtained from him an order commanding Mayor Wurster to appear before him at noon to-day and show a good and sufficient cause why he should not be punished for contempt, inasmuch as he had disobeyed a mandamus of the Court.

The Mayor's appeal from Justice Osborne's mandamus does not act as a stay. His failure to secure a stay pending an appeal, General Jenks said, rendered him liable for contempt of court. As a general rule an appeal stays an order or a judgment, but the rule does not apply to the writ of mandamus. The Mayor's appeal cannot be heard until the Appellate Court convenes in October. Pending a decision no boxing permits will be issued.

Mayor Wurster contends that his right to grant permits is optional. His refusal to grant them, he says, will be sustained by the Appellate Court.

SHOT DEAD FOR HIS JOKE.

Boy Kills a Companion by Accident While Picking Berries.

Camden, N. J., July 24.—William Hennessey died in the Cooper Hospital early this morning from injuries received last evening in a shooting accident, caused by his friend and companion, William Simonton, in the swamp near the latter's home at Berlin, this county.

Hennessey was seventeen years old and lived in Philadelphia, where he was employed with the American Bank Note Company. He came to eBrlin last Saturday to spend a week's vacation and brought with him a .22-calibre Remington rifle. Simonton is sixteen years old, and the two went out to hunt for huckleberries yesterday, and carried the rifle with them. They were accompanied by Simonton's sister, Gertie.

Hennessey hid in the bushes and pretended that he had found bushes loaded with berries. He called to his companions, and when they came running to him they found that they had been fooled.

All had a good laugh, and Simonton jokingly remarked that he would shoot his companion for committing such a trick. He put the rifle to his shoulder, and just as he was lowering it the weapon was discharged and the ball entered Henessey's forehead.

Simonton is in his wild with grief, and the body of the dead boy has been taken home.

FIGHT AT A NEGRO PICNIC.

Police Arrested the Leader, Who Fought All the Way to the Station.

Bloomfield, N. J., July 24.—A picnic of colored people at Glenwood Park last night ended in a general row. It was started by William Smith, of Orange, whom the police only succeeded in arresting after they had drawn their revolvers and threatened to use them.

The prisoner fought the officers all the way to the police station. This afternoon J. Turner, J. Corem and Richard Chanty, all of Montclair, who were participants in the battle, were arrested and locked up. All the men bore marks of the contest.

DESERTED HER LITTLE GIRL.

Warrant Issued for a Woman Who Failed to Call for Her Daughter.

Harrison, N. J., July 24.—A little tot named Jennie Dowling, was brought to the police station to-day by Mrs. John Martin, of No. 15 John street, who told Justice Lawless that the child had been deserted by her mother.

Mrs. Martin said that Mrs. Dowling left the little child at her house last Wednesday and promised to call for the child in a short time, but she did not return.

Justice Lawless issued a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Dowling. The child is four years old.

JUDGE'S HEART WAS TOUCHED

Suspended Sentence in the Case of a Man with a Wife and Six Children.

John Dickerson, a civil engineer, with a wife and six children in Philadelphia, was convicted yesterday in the King's County Court of having passed a worthless check for $150 on Roland Dunlop last December. The maximum sentence that Judge Hurd, before whom the case was tried, could have imposed was $500 fine and one year imprisonment. In view of the need of Dickerson's family for him, and his promises of good behavior in the future, the Judge suspended sentence.

Dickerson thanked him for his clemency with tears in his eyes, and left for his home immediately.

Rev. Mr. Williams Returns Home.

Long Branch, N. J., July 24.—Rev. George Williams returned home to-night after an absence of thirteen days. He was accompanied by Mrs. Williams and Judge Pitman, and appeared quite rational. He is still very ill, however, but, it is believed, will recover in a short time.

Liberty Avenue's First Car.

The first car over the Liberty avenue line, from Crescent avenue, Brooklyn, at the terminus of the Kings County Railroad, to the village of Jamaica, was run yesterday by the Long Island Electric Railroad. The company recently received the franchise.

CUPID'S WORK UNDONE BY LAW.

Judge Osborne Severs Matrimonial Ties That Have Proved Miserable Failures.

Dr. Topham Will Get a Divorce on the Testimony of His Wife's Maid.

KATIE'S EYE AT THE KEYHOLE.

Mrs. Topham, She Says, Begged Her Not to Inform the Doctor—Wilson's Friend Relates His Doings at Coney Island, and Mrs. Wilson Is Free.

The woes of mismated couples engaged the attention of Justice Osborne, who held special term of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday. There were six cases before him. They were what are known as undefended cases, the defendants making no effort to prevent the undoing of the marriage tie.

The case which attracted most attention was that of Dr. Thomas W. Topham, of No. 354 Schermerhorn street, who will be successful in his suit, as Justice Osborne announced that he would grant him a decree.

The defendant is Mrs. Margaret Topham, who, until recently, was living on the Doctor's Florida estate, whither she went a year ago, when her husband informed her that he had discovered her alleged treachery toward him. The couple were married in Jersey City nearly seven years ago by the Rev. Thomas Crawford. It is believed that she is now in New York City. A certain Major Harney, it is alleged, was the cause of the trouble.

Miss Catherine Darley, the Doctor's principal witness, said the Major was a regular visitor at the house. He always called when the Doctor was visiting his patients or attending Sunday school. One day Mrs. Topham said to the girl: "Katie, please don't tell the Doctor anything you know."

Katie shyly admitted that it was with her eye at a keyhole one Sunday morning she became possessed of the secrets Mrs. Topham was so anxious she should keep.

The next case disposed of was Amy G. Wilson's suit against William W. Wilson, whom she married in 1882, but left in 1888. Wilson's friend, Frederick J. Smith, who had been summoned as a witness, told the Court about some of Wilson's Coney Island experiences, and they were of a character that led Justice Osborne to grant the plaintiff a decree.

George Tallman, Jr.'s suit against his wife, Emma M. Tallman, of Omaha, Neb., followed. The couple were married in December, 1892, but the bride deserted her husband immediately after the wedding ceremony. She said she would not live with a husband who was earning a poor salary. Testimony secured by commission in Omaha was submitted, but Justice Osborne said he must read it before deciding if the plaintiff deserved a decree.

Walter M. Berard, who was married only a few years ago to Helene E. Berard, was a defendant in a suit brought by his wife. The couple separated some time ago, but Mrs. Helena Lech, of No. 278 West Sixteenth street, New York, and Mrs. Emma Busch, daughter of Mrs. Lech, testified that they had two guests at their house several months. They were Mr. and Mrs. Miller." Berard, they said, the "Mr. Miller," but the woman was Mrs. Berard. A decree was given Mrs. Berard.

Joseph Diorio secured a divorce from Philomena Diorio, and Michael Winter was divorced from Elizabeth Winter.

PITCHER HEMMING ROBBED

Thieves Ransack the Baseball Player's House and Steal His Valuables.

The house of George Hemming, pitcher of the Baltimore Baseball Club, at No. 501 East New York avenue, Brooklyn, was entered by burglars yesterday morning. They ransacked the house from basement to attic and stole all of the pitcher's jewelry, which he kept in a trunk.

His collection included several watches, diamond rings and diamond pins, and several badges, which he received from baseball friends. The value is unknown. Two little gold broaches belonging to Mrs. Hemming escaped the robbers' notice.

Mrs. Hemming has been in Asbury Park with her mother, Mrs. Edward De Vinne, who lives with her in Brooklyn. The house was locked and tenanted only by a little dog, who was cared for by Katie Knickman, a neighbor, who had the keys.

The burglars entered by way of the cellar.

TESTIMONIAL AT EDGEMERE.

Summer Guests Join in a Concert to the Hotel Orchestra.

Edgemere, L. I., July 24.—A testimonial concert was tendered this evening to the orchestra of the Edgemere Hotel by the guests. A number of well-known artists from New York took part, and about 225 persons, including the guests, comprised the audience.

Among the patrons and patronesses were Frederick J. Lancaster, B. B. Kirkland, A. A. Cowles, C. A. Galloney, Buchanan Houston, Mrs. H. W. Easton, Miss F. Ellis, Mrs. H. C. Davison, Hugh Porter, Charles E. Bigelow, Mrs. J. F. Brown, L. Lafferts, W. E. Eldert, John J. Physe, Mrs. A. B. Meserole, C. R. Slocum, Marshal Colemann, John H. Selmes, John J. Morris, Caswell W. Stoddard, F. W. Bonsall, Mrs. L. Curnen, H. F. Kingsley, Mrs. J. H. Earl, F. B. Griffin, J. O. Pollon and others.

NEW POLICEMAN REPRIMANDED

Arrested a Saloon Keeper Without Cause and Will Have to Answer.

Policeman Fay, of the Vernon Avenue Station, Williamsburg, was severely reprimanded yesterday by Justice Schnitzspan, in the Lee Avenue Police Court, for having arrested Patrick Hanlon, a saloon keeper at Nostrand avenue and Ellery street, without justification.

Fay charged his prisoner with assault. Hanlon denied this. He said he was standing in front of his saloon when Fay came along and forcibly placed him under arrest. Several other witnesses corroborated his testimony, and declared that instead of the officer being assaulted, Hanlon had been the victim.

Justice Schnitzspan at once dismissed the case. Hanlon will bring the matter before the Police Commissioner. Fay is a new man on the force.

A Prisoner's Novel Excuse.

Emma Johnson, who lives at No. 122 Franklin street, Greenpoint, in the Ewen Street Police Court yesterday charged William C. Rooke, of No. 335 West Fifty-second street, New York, with obtaining $3 from her under false pretenses. The complainant says that Rooke called at her home in March last, and represented himself as an agent of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, of London, and she took out an insurance. The prisoner told the Court that the man he worked for had been a defaulter and that he was not to blame. Justice Harriman held him in $200 bail for trial.

Thrown from Their Carriage.

Patchogue, L. I., July 24.—Mrs. J. W. Anthony and Miss L. M. Gallinger, of Brooklyn, who are guests in the Clifton House, were thrown from a carriage while driving yesterday and badly bruised. The horse ran down the road, frightening a number of women and children.