

BOARD WITH THE CITY AT NOTHING A WEEK.

Almshouse Lodgers of Means Who Are Far from Being Paupers.

Mother of Captain O'Connor, of the Fire Department, Is One of the Charges.

Police Sergeant Barney Cahill's Brother Is Another, and There Are Many Others.

COULD BE SUPPORTED AT HOME.

One Old Woman Has \$350 in Cash and a Pension, but She Says She is Keeping It for Her Daughter.

The investigation now being conducted by Superintendent Terry, of the Almshouse, into abuses of the city's charity by persons who should help themselves or who should be supported by relatives, continues to develop strikingly flagrant cases.

"You have \$350 in cash, and you draw a quarterly pension of \$8," the Superintendent said yesterday to an old woman.

Her eyes gleamed cunningly. "The money must go to my daughter," she said.

"Then I must turn you out."

The old woman's mouth twitched itself into a leer. "You've said that before, but you don't dare," she said. "What would I do? Just turn me out, and I'll go and lie down in the street and die. And then you'll have me back here again."

She is Honora Sprout, and was admitted in 1873. Her daughter is Mary E. Sprout, of No. 288 Dolancy street. She wears good clothing and jewelry, the Superintendent says, but when requested refused to care for her mother.

Mrs. Catherine O'Connor was first admitted in 1853, and the last time in January, 1894. The record shows she was then seventy years old, and "crippled and destitute."

"Have you well-to-do sons in the city?" she was asked.

"Indeed, I have," and her eyes filled with tears. "One is David O'Connor, captain of the fire engine company on Fifty-eighth street, and another is Arthur, who has a news stand on Broadway, near Liberty street. And why they let me stay here I don't know."

Captain O'Connor, when seen at the engine house, admitted the woman was his mother. He said that on account of her violent and offensive behavior he and his brother had been compelled to send her away.

A few days ago he was notified that the city expected him to comply with the law requiring children to support their parents, when able to do so, and he has just paid \$15 for her support for this month, while his brother has paid \$5.

Sergeant Barney Cahill was seen yesterday behind the desk of the Thirty-seventh Street Police Station, and was asked if John Cahill, fifty-nine years old, a deaf mute, who has for ten years, off and on, been an Almshouse inmate, was his brother.

"Yes, but I do not care to explain the matter," he answered.

Many of the inmates have sources of income. Maria Callaghan has at present \$30, and smiles at the thought of contributing anything for her keep. Patrick Burchard has just \$38.80. William H. Fanning and James Gray each draw a quarterly pension of \$12. John R. Haub draws \$8, and John Jordan the same. They do not understand what is meant when asked if they do not owe the city something.

In May last Mrs. Ann Dolan, wife of Patrick Dolan, of No. 618 East Thirty-fifth street, was admitted to the almshouse.

"He apparently only wanted to get rid of her, at least for a time," said Superintendent Terry, "for she was blind and sick. He sent her a letter during the hot spell, in which he said he had stopped work, but that he had been and was about to be discharged from the city."

Henry B. Payne very ill. Father-in-law of Ex-Secretary William C. Whitney Stricken with Paralysis.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 8.—Ex-Senator Henry B. Payne, of this city, William C. Whitney's father-in-law, is very ill, and, owing to his great age, his chance of recovery is regarded as very small.

Mr. Payne had a stroke of paralysis last Wednesday, which, though very slight, weakened him to such an extent that his reserve strength has been almost exhausted. He is eighty-six years old.

For a long time Mr. Payne was treasurer of the Standard Oil Company, from which corporation he retired several years ago. He has since been connected with Senator Drake and General Sam Thomas in various railway enterprises. His fortune is estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$40,000,000.

BOOKMAKERS UNDER ARREST. It is Claimed that They Used a Gun to Get Back Money They Lost.

Two more arrests have been made by the Rockaway Beach police in connection with the hold-up of the faro game at Great Neck. It was in progress at the point of a building on 31 Eugene Murray and William H. Dubois, bookmakers, were arrested at the Brighton Beach race track and held on a charge of fraud recently. Paul McCarthy was arrested on Monday night.

It is alleged that these men, with two others who have not been captured, entered the room where a game of "red and black" was in progress and at the point of a revolver in the hands of Dubois compelled John R. Bradley, the banker, to return \$400 in cash and a check for \$200, which Dubois had lost in gambling. The prisoners were taken to Long Island City.

Stole His Friend's Team. John Hoyer, of No. 444 Cherry street, left his horse and express wagon outside his door early yesterday morning while he went upstairs to get breakfast. He found Murray, twenty-four years old, of No. 351 Madison street, had driven away with the team. He found Murray in the home exchange at Seventy-fourth street and First avenue, where he was trying to sell the horse for \$50. When he saw Hoyer Murray ran away, but last night Hoyer found him near Court Street Park and caught him there. Murray was locked up in the Delancey Street Station, and will be taken to the Essex Market Court this morning.

Acrobat Killed by a Somersault. Ben La Dell, a member of the Mario-Dubois trio of acrobats and horizontal bar performers, died in a Toronto hospital on Monday from injuries received while doing a double somersault in progress and at the point of a revolver. The double somersault La Dell miscalculated the distance between the bars and his body struck one of them, breaking his spinal column. La Dell had been with the Mario-Dubois trio only a short time. He was about thirty-five years old and his father is a well-known Boston merchant.

Extreming Central Park Rats. Rats have increased to such an extent in Central Park that the lives of the birds and smaller animals have been in danger. Director Smith resolved to exterminate the rodents, and yesterday started the work. He had a hose carried to the top of the slide above the cabinet, and then shot after hole after hole. The rats swarmed out, and as fast as they died they were picked up by rat ferrets. The large number were killed, and the crusade against them will be actively continued.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSY.

Number of Appointments to Be Made and Changes in the Curriculum to Be Considered.

A number of important appointments are to be made to-day by the Board of Education, at its first meeting of the new school year. Various changes in the school curriculum will also be considered. Meetings of the Committee on Instruction and of the Supply Committee were held yesterday. The Committee on Instruction discussed the two candidates for Supervisor of Kindergarten Instruction, Mrs. Clara M. Williams, a graduate of the Normal College, and Miss Jenny H. Merrill, who has been a tutor of pedagogy in the Normal College for seventeen years. Commissioner Beville presided at the meeting, and Miss Merrill it was decided to ask her to appear before the committee.

The resignation of Mr. Hunt left vacant the chairmanship of the Committee on Instruction. Charles L. Holt, a member of the committee, was elected chairman yesterday.

The Board will be called upon to fill two vacancies in the Board of Superintendents. One was caused by the recent resignation of Assistant Superintendent Gunnison, who has been appointed Principal of a high school in Brooklyn. Principal Edward H. Boyer is a strong candidate for one of these places.

When Mr. Hunt was elected Assistant Superintendent a vacancy was left in the Board. It was expected all day yesterday that the new member would appear and take the name on the roll of the Board. Who the new member will be no one seems to know. Mayor Strong makes the appointment, and, as the Board meets to-day, it was expected he would not delay naming the new member.

HOT CHASE OF THIEVES.

One of a Clever Pair, Who Employed the "C. O. D." Device, Caught. But the Other Escaped.

Charles Wright, eighteen years old, who claims he has been an exorter in a mission at No. 105 Bowers, was locked up in the East One Hundred and Fourth Street Station last night on a charge of swindling.

Wright was arrested at Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, yesterday afternoon and bought silk handkerchiefs, silk underwear, scarfs and cuffs and collars to the value of \$25 and ordered them sent to No. 125 East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street "C. O. D." at 7 o'clock.

A messenger took the package to the house, and was met at the door by Wright, who took the bundle and carried it into the house, reappeared at the door and told the boy that it was "All right." The boy delivered the money, and was told by Wright to go up to the fourth floor. He started up, but on seeing Wright and another man run off with the bundle gave chase.

Wright and his companion jumped on a Third Avenue car, and the boy climbed into a grocery wagon and started the horse. At One Hundred and Fifth street Detectives Peterson and McHugh, of the East One Hundred and Fourth Street Station, sprang into the wagon and as the fugitives left the car and ran through One Hundred and Fourth street toward First Avenue they followed. Wright turned north and took refuge in a saloon at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Pleasant avenue, where he was caught. The other fellow escaped. Wright and the package under his arm when he was arrested.

NO HOPE FOR GALLAGHER.

Physicians at the Asylum Where the Patriot Is Think His Case Is Beyond Cure.

Dr. Thomas Gallagher, the Irish patriot who spent so many years in English prisons for his alleged complicity in a dynamite plot, is now an inmate of the asylum for the insane at Amityville. His condition is not in the least improved. Although the physicians of the asylum have not yet made an examination, they are disposed to think that he is hopelessly insane.

Dr. Wilsey, the chief physician, said yesterday: "We have not yet had any chance to make an examination of Gallagher, and are as yet unable to say whether his mental derangement is acute or chronic. His lucid intervals are rare, and we have to use the straitjacket continually. He has been formally committed to us."

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS MEET.

They Open Their State Convention in the Assembly Hall of the Dominican School.

The State Convention of the Catholic Knights of America opened yesterday in the assembly hall of the Dominican School, East Sixty-fifth street, near Third avenue.

Delegates from forty-five branches were present. Many of the delegates were accompanied by knights who were not provided with credentials, but who desired to be present during the proceedings.

Before the convention was opened the delegates went to St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, where mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Monselle, of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The Rev. Father Guente, O. P., of St. Vincent Ferrer's, made an address. He spoke of the official aid which the church work was receiving from the knights in different parts of the State, and he expressed the hope that the organization would continue its zeal in its chosen field.

The election of officers at the afternoon session was by written ballots, each branch being accorded one or more votes, according to its rating. Before voting for president the convention elected as its president, John H. Farley, of the office of State Spiritual Adviser for the order.

The election for other officers resulted as follows: President, Oswald Maune, of Brooklyn; first vice-president, John R. M. Schell, of New York; second vice-president, E. A. Holly, of Elmira; secretary, C. W. Conkling, of Brooklyn; treasurer, James O'Rourke, of Brooklyn; Honorary United States Secretary of the Navy, and Professor George L. Burr, the chief historical expert of the Venezuelan Commission.

COMING EVENTS.

The Epworth Leagues of the churches of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards will unite in a moonlight excursion to Oceanside Island next Saturday night.

"Men We All Know and Wish We Didn't" will be the subject of a lecture to be delivered by the Rev. O. Campbell Moran, of England, in the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, Seventh Avenue, on Saturday night.

Notions have been sent out notifying the members of the League for Political Education that the club will resume its regular monthly meetings at its rooms, No. 22 West Forty-fourth street, on September 28. A series of lectures will be given during the season by John Graham Brooks.

A regular meeting of the Bryan and Sewall Club of the Ninetieth Assembly District will be held at the clubhouse, No. 211 West Sixty-fourth street, on September 12.

A crowd is expected to attend the thirty-seventh annual picnic and summerfest festival this afternoon and evening in Lion Park. The annual summerfest festival and reception of the Touch Club will be held at the Lexington Avenue Opera House to-night.

Arrangements have been completed by the members of the John J. McLaughlin Association for their annual picnic and summerfest, to be held at Sister's Harlem River Park and Casino on September 30.

W. S. ANDREWS CLEARED OF A BRIBERY CHARGE.

His Accuser, E. M. Tomlinson, Confesses He Perjured Himself in Making It.

Andrews' Suit for Damages Is Withdrawn by Reason of the Confession.

LOYAL LEGION EXPULSION STANDS.

The Commissioner Says He Will Make No Move Toward Being Reinstated, but Is Satisfied That His Honor Is Cleared.

Edgar M. Tomlinson, who testified before the Lexow Committee and before the Loyal Legion that he paid money to William S. Andrews to influence his action as a Commissioner of Excise, has confessed that the charge was not true, and that he committed perjury in making it.

On December 4, 1895, Mr. Andrews was expelled from the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion. The charge against him was "conduct unbecoming a gentleman and companion of the order."

Tomlinson alleges that while he was an Excise Inspector \$500 was paid through him to Major Andrews for his vote to grant a license to the "Maison Tortoni." Other specifications were that he had borrowed money from a contractor while Street Cleaning Commissioner. After these charges had been considered the Loyal Legion considered another, in which it was alleged that Andrews was depriving a soldier of his pension. The Loyal Legion sustained the charge of bribery, that of borrowing money from a contractor interested in street cleaning and that of withholding an old soldier's pension. He was then expelled.

Mr. Andrews brought a suit for slander against Tomlinson for the purpose, he said, of compelling Tomlinson to appear before a jury. Tomlinson was arrested and gave bonds, but, instead of putting in an answer, he wrote a letter to Mr. Andrews, confessing that he had made a false charge and begging Mr. Andrews not to prosecute him.

Mr. Andrews consented, and an order discontinuing the action was filed in the Supreme Court yesterday.

A copy of Tomlinson's confession was obtained from Rose M. Putzel, Mr. Andrews' counsel. It is in part, after reading the title of action, as follows:

To William S. Andrews, Esq. Sir:—The allegations which are made in the complaint in this action as having been spoken by me and concerning you are hereby withdrawn and absolutely disclaimed.

The statements I made before the Lexow Committee in November, 1894, as well as those made before the Board of Officers of the Loyal Legion that I paid you money to influence your action as Commissioner of Excise were untrue and the same are withdrawn.

I believe that you have no other purpose in bringing this suit than to compel me to pay damages, and that this statement now voluntarily made will accomplish what you would a trial of the action. I hope you will grant my request and discontinue this action. Respectfully,

E. M. TOMLINSON.

Mr. Putzel, when asked about the case, said: "Mr. Tomlinson having admitted that the charges which he made against Mr. Andrews were not true, we were willing to discontinue the action, as Mr. Andrews' only purpose in bringing the action was to prove that the accusation was false."

Mr. Andrews was seen at the Manhattan Club last night, when he was asked what the status of his case with the Loyal Legion was in view of Mr. Tomlinson's confession. He said:

"I do not know. The charge made by Tomlinson was the only one supported by evidence, and now the witness admits that he gave false testimony. That was their strongest case. I do not know what action will be taken by the Loyal Legion when they see the injustice they have done. They must take the initiative. It takes a unanimous vote to reinstate a man after he has been expelled."

Edgar M. Tomlinson is a telegraph operator for the Western Union, but is now in Hightop attending the convention of Old-Time Telegraphers.

THROWN FROM A BALCONY. Mrs. Annie Connelly's Husband is Locked Up, Charged with Attempting to Kill Her.

Mrs. Annie Connelly, a married woman, seventeen years old, was thrown from the third-floor fire escape of her home, No. 915 West Forty-second street, late last night.

James Connelly, her husband, several years her senior, is locked up in the Twenty-second Precinct Station, accused of having thrown her off the fire escape during a quarrel.

Mrs. Connelly was removed to Roosevelt Hospital in a dying condition.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—If the wind is favorable to-morrow—that is to say, from the North—a series of experiments in aerial navigation will be undertaken at Dunes Park, in Northern Indiana, on the shores of Lake Michigan, as the culmination of a long course of trials conducted by Octave Chanute, ex-president of the American Society of Engineers, and his assistant, A. M. Herring.

The experiments were begun some two months ago. Since then the experimenters have reconstructed their machine. They have now achieved startling results with the machine fitted with the Herring regulator. An air "coast" of 300 feet has been attained, thirty feet above the ground, and the journey was made with but few shocks and jar that a person would experience in a rubber-tired carriage.

Beginning a week ago, and venturing out on wings whenever the winds were favorable, these scientists have made about seventy-five flights, and not a bruise has been received by the operators, nor a single break suffered by the apparatus.

Two men carry the flying craft up the sand hill. About thirty-five feet up the present stage of experiments, the machine is lifted, while Mr. Herring flies himself under it, pushing it up and allowing the slight wind to raise the apparatus, and as it goes up his arms fall over the bars provided. Mr. Herring makes a couple of quick running steps down the sand slope toward the lake, and the machine and man both soar from the ground and dart through the air, almost horizontally, with the speed of an express train. There is no quiver or shal slightest swaying or rocking. When near the edge of the lake the operator makes a slight motion with his body, the apparatus shifts slightly upward in front, and the machine is checked. Then the artificial bird coasts gracefully and smoothly to the ground.

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Armenians on Warships Not Allowed to Enter Constantinople. Constantinople, Sept. 8.—During the recent riots Consuls of the various powers sent many Armenians on board the different ships in the harbor. This humane action has resulted in a somewhat awkward predicament, as the Porte now forbids the reloading or transfer of the refugees. A conference of the Ambassadors was held Monday to consider the course to be pursued, and it was arranged to appoint a mixed commission to take charge of the matter.

HOBBY WANTS HIS FREEDOM.

He is Locked Up in Ludlow Street Jail. Not Paying Alimony.

An application was made before Justice Traut, in the Supreme Court, yesterday, for the release of George R. Hobby, formerly a wealthy warehouse owner, sixty-six years of age, who has been locked up in Ludlow Street Jail since July 3 last, because he failed to pay his divorced wife \$500 arrears of alimony.

The Hobbs were married in 1851, and Mrs. Hobby obtained a divorce in 1898. He agreed to pay \$20 a month alimony. He did that until 1875, when they became reconciled and lived together for seven years. Then they separated, and he agreed to pay her \$30 a month. He did this up to April 1, 1895, when he stopped.

Will Drain the Bronx Valley.

The contract to construct the \$408,000 sewer planned by Street Improvement Commissioner Louis F. Haffen to drain the valley of the Bronx River is awarded to Jones & Hooten, who will begin work on Monday. The sewer will extend along Farragut street, from Hunt's road, and thence to White street, White lock avenue, Westchester avenue, Edgewater road to Jennings street, the outlet at Farragut street and East River will be equal to a circle of 154 feet in diameter. At Jennings street the sewer will be 10 feet in diameter. It will require two years to complete it. This contract covers only about one-half of the proposed sewer. The balance of the extension is ready, and the contract for it may soon be let. It will follow the West Farms road to One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street, along Southern Boulevard, from the foot of Pelham avenue. There will also be a branch on the Eastern side, from One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street to Kingsbridge road.

He Wanted to Stop the Car.

Richard Hunt, twenty-seven years old, while intoxicated, Monday night, threw himself before a moving trolley car in front of his home, on the Tarrytown road near Elmwood, N. Y. Michael Lenz, trolley car driver, which was running at full speed, and brought it to a stop. Hunt crawled out from under the car steps. Michael Lenz, who was in the car, and told how near he had been to being killed, he remarked that he wanted to see the car.

Menelek Growing Hostile Again.

Rome, Sept. 8.—General Baldissera, commanding the Italian forces in Africa, has been ordered to return to Massowah at the expense of the Italian Government. King Menelek, who, with a large army of Abyssinians, is resuming warlike operations.

Bayard Entertains Herbert.

London, Sept. 8.—Thomas F. Bayard, United States Ambassador, gave a dinner yesterday to Henry Herbert, United States Secretary of the Navy, and Professor George L. Burr, the chief historical expert of the Venezuelan Commission.

Can't Had a Clear Track.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—The Can't train passed through Berlin at midnight. All the stations along the railway were closed, and for hours travellers were refused admission inside the gates. The Can't and Canzina were at Kiel to-day.

Kaiser to Be Best Man.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—The Kaiser will act as best man at the coming wedding of the Prince of Naples.

Jackson Gets a Pardon.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Henry Martyn Jackson, of New York, who in 1890 was sentenced to six years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$10,000 for having embezzled \$10,000 from the Sub-Treasury, of which he was paying at its rooms, No. 22 West Forty-fourth street, has been pardoned by President Cleveland. Jackson served his sentence, and the pardon is made now mainly in order to restore his citizenship.

Roosevelt on His Way Home.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 8.—President Roosevelt arrived at the Auditorium this afternoon. He is on his way East from his ranch, and declared that his visit here "had no political significance."

Asked Miss Beers to Resign.

As a result of the discussions in the Minerva Social and Literary Club of Greenport, N. Y., the resignation of Miss Edna Beers was requested at a meeting of the club, Miss Beers, it is understood, will resign.

The Rising of a new Sun in the Retail Merchandising Field. SIEGEL-COOPER THE BIG STORE. On Saturday next, September 12th, "The Big Store" begins its course. Saturday Evening, 7:30 to 10, open for inspection only. Everybody welcome. Next Monday Morning, at 9 A. M., open for business. Everybody welcome. Our Aim is to do business on broader and better principles than any other store in New York. Our Facilities for doing business are bigger and better than any other store in New York. Our Motto is to furnish better goods for less money than any other house in America. "The Big Store" will be "The People's Store."

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