JAMES D. SPRAKER ABSENT

The Disappearance of John H. Starin's Son-in-Law Mystifies His Many Friends.

His Wife Does Not Explain, and Relatives Say They Know Nothing of the Missing Man.

BUSINESS AND FAMILY TROUBLES.

Myndert Starin Says He Does Not Care to Know Where His Brother-in-Law Is—Why His Business Failed.

James D. Spraker, son-in-law of John H. Starin, the millionaire steamboat owner, has disappeared and business acquaintances and his friends generally are unable to find any trace of him. Three months ago his big store at No. 93 West street was placed in the hands of a receiver. A few days after that Mr. Spraker disappeared. It is said that domestic troubles were added to business reverses.

Among some of his acquaintances yesterday it was rumored that he had gone to Europe. Nothing definite is known, however, as members of the Starin family refuse to give out any information.

Mr. Spraker was well known in this city both on account of his connection with Mr. Starin and because of his own personality. He made friends easily and his circle of acquaintances was large in the business world as well as among men-about-town. He spent money lavishly and all who knew him were greatly surprised when his store was seized by creditors, as it was thought his business was very prosperous. It is said by former employes that the business did pay well, but not enough to stand the constant drain upon it caused by extravagant habits.

Spraker's store on West street was not far from the main piers of the Starin Transportation Company. There he conducted a ship chandler's business. Through his relationship to Mr. Starin he had the contract for furnishing all the supplies used on the excursion and transportation lines of the Starin Company. This in itself made a good business, and in addition to it Mr. Spraker had many other steamboat lines as regular customers. Besides these nearly all of the many employes of Mr. Starin bought their clothing and groceries from him. It was thought by all but his closest friends that he was rapidly accumulating a fortune and the lavish way in which he spent money served to increase the belief. Now it is said that he had been hard pressed for ready money for several months and that the closing of his store by the Sheriff had been put off just as long as possible.

It was on October 15 that the action was taken which wound up Mr. Spraker's business. A Cincinnati firm, which had supplied him with meats, but had been unable to get their accounts settled, applied for a receiver. The application was granted and the store was closed. Mr. Spraker did not seem worried by his failure and was around town much the same as ever for several days. So little did his business troubles seem to bother him that many of his acquaintances did not know of his failure until recently. Within a week after his business had been seized Mr. Spraker disappeared.

Mrs. Spraker still occupies the house in West Forty-fifth street, which is kept up in its accustomed style. She refused to explain her husband's absence yesterday, as did her relatives, who said they knew nothing of the missing man.

Myndert Starin was asked as to the cause of the sudden disappearance of his brother-in-law and as to his present whereabouts.

"I do not know where Mr. Spraker is," was the reply. Then he added rather emphatically: "And I do not care to know."

"Is it true that Mrs. Spraker is about to begin proceedings for divorce?"

"I do not care to discuss my sister's affairs," he replied.

LIGHT REAL ESTATE SALES.

Many Negotiations During the Last Week, but Few Closed.

While an unusual number of important real estate deals are under way, the actual number consummated last week was comparatively few, and represent a total of less than $1,500,000. The auction sales of the week amounted to $385,728. The conveyances filed during the week show $706,603 involved; the mortgages, $1,084,277; the building plans, $105,512.

Loewenstein & Marcus have purchased of R. G. Barthold, through Knox McAfee, at $30,000, the three-story marble-front dwelling, with lot 20x98.9, No. 237 West Twenty-third street.

Henry Wise has sold to G. Cammarota for Mr. Rosenthal, at $14,000, the five-story tenement and store, 30x25, No. 3 Mulberry street, and for Louis Adelson, at $30,000, the five-story tenement, with stores, lot 25x100, No. 240 Mulberry street.

William R. Willcox has sold, through Maclay & Davies, the three-story brick and frame stores, with lot 35.2x85.11x33x96.4, Nos. 334 and 336 Bowery.

Alexis Godillot has sold for about $21,000 No. 127 Clinton place, four-story front and rear brick buildings, with lot 24.11x93.11.

James Seligman has sold his four-story stone-front residence, with lot 29.4x100.5, No. 14 East Fifty-seventh street, for $115,000.

H. R. Drew & Co. have sold to Dr. Joseph Winters for the heirs of the late Professor Botty, the four-story dwelling, with lot 25x98.9, No. 25 West Thirty-seventh street, and for Mrs. Susan Evans the four-story brick house, with lot 19x98.9, No. 27 East Thirty-third street.

Alexander A. Jordan has sold, through Barchfield & Hoops, the five-story brick tenement, with stores, lot 25x98.9, No. 413 West Thirty-first street.

Kallscher & Prager have purchased of Charles J. Clinch, through William A. White & Sons, the two-story building, with lot 25x100, No. 533 West Broadway.

Seth M. Milliken has sold to Max Levy three lots on the south side of Ninety-seventh street, 175 feet east of Fifth avenue, and to W. P. Broadway the three-story dwelling, No. 265 Edgecombe avenue.

Hall J. How & Co. have sold for Norton & Christman a plot, 100x99.11, on the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, 350 feet west of Lenox avenue.

W. Brouck has purchased of Morris Rubens, through M. H. Raubitschek, at about $35,000, the four-story stone-front dwelling, with lot 18x100.5, No. 47 West Sixty-eighth street.

Joseph Bachrach has purchased of Bichterman & Sonn Brothers, at about $75,000, the three new five-story flats, with plot 100.11x61.8xirreg.x99, at the northeast corner of Lexington avenue and One Hundred Twenty-first street.

TORE HIS ARM IN SHREDS.

Young Frank Prunty Fatally Shot in a Strange Manner.

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Harrisville, W. Va., Jan. 12.—Frank Prunty, the sixteen-year-old son of Fenton Prunty, met with a terrible accident yesterday. He had been rabbit hunting, and returning home stopped at James Brown's home to warm himself.

He sat down before the fire with his right arm resting upon the muzzle of the gun and was talking to Mr. Brown's daughters. A coal of fire rolled off the grate and startled young Prunty, who, in jerking his foot away, struck the hammer of the gun and exploded the cartridge. The arm was torn almost to shreds from the elbow to the shoulder. Had the charge not lodged in Prunty's arm it would have entered Miss Lillie Brown's head.

Before medical aid could be summoned Prunty almost bled to death, and that, with the operation of removing the arm at the shoulder socket, left him so weak that he is hardly expected to live.

A GREAT CYCLE SHOW.

It Opens at Madison Square Garden Next Saturday Night and Will Eclipse All Others.

To-night will end the series of cycle contests which turned the heads of the town during the past few days and which drew hilarious and excitable thousands to the Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, and then the decks will be cleared for the great event of interest, the annual cycle show, which will open on Saturday night.

Chicago has just recovered from the exciting throes of her big cycle show of the West, which closed in the Windy City on last Saturday, after a total attendance of over one hundred thousand had viewed the several hundred different stalls full of attractive exhibits of wheels, accessories, sundries and novelties.

It will require a couple of days to pack up and ship the great display, most of which will be transferred to this city and placed on exhibition in time for the opening night in New York.

A census of the Western exhibition showed that there were displayed at the Western show 1,014 different styles of machines, included in 618 styles of diamond frames, 229 varieties in women's wheels, six carriers, two duplex wheels, one "quad," one sextuplet, one hydrocycle, one invalid carrier and one tricycle.

The Madison Square cycle show, which is to be held under the management of the Eastern National Cycle Exhibition Company, under the auspices of the National Board of Trade, is expected in every way to surpass the Chicago affair.

All the officials, notables and cranks of the fraternity will be on hand. Among them will be President A. C. Williamson, of Maryland; Vice-President George A. Perkins, of Boston; Second Vice-President A. Cressey Morrison, of Milwaukee; Chairman George D. Gideon, of the National Racing Board; Colonel Robert Mott, of Baltimore; "Pop" Brewster, of Philadelphia; New York State's popular Chief Consul, Isaac B. Potter; Robert Gentle; the Chief Consul of the New Jersey Division of the L. A. W.; Frederick Kerr, of Newark, president of the Associated Cycling Clubs of New Jersey; Handicapper J. C. Kerrison, of Massachusetts; Charley Percival, of Boston, of national repute; Weldon, the "Newark Wonder;" Sam Kirkbride, of Asbury Park; Fred Van Sicklen, of New York and Chicago; N. H. Van Sicklen, president of the Chicago Cycle Show Exhibition Company; Billy Irwin, of Chicago; Sterling Elliott, of Boston, who would like to be president of the League; Colonel Watts, of Louisville, and his "Blue Grass" band; H. E. Maslin, of Syracuse; E. C. Bald, the champion of 1895; Will R. Pitman, who won the first cycle race in America and lived to suffer defeat at the Asbury Park meet, at the hands of the Midget Benner Brothers; Joe Estoclet, the century-run leader from Philadelphia, and a host of others known the country round. Every cycling club in the metropolitan district will be represented on the first night—Saturday, January 18—when the doors will be thrown open at 8 o'clock.

The Garden will be closed on Sunday, but every afternoon and evening thereafter the show will be in full swing.

CANNOT AGREE ON A DESIGN.

Holland Society Has Appointed Another Committee on a William II. Memorial.

A committee of the Holland Society has been endeavoring to decide upon a design for a memorial to William III., the Dutch Prince, who in 1689 was called to the throne of England.

The Prince of Orange has always held a warm spot in the hearts of the Hollanders, and when, several months ago, the project of erecting a memorial in his honor was broached in the society it received the warm approval of its members, and a Committe of Twenty was appointed to decide upon a suitable design, to cost something in the neighborhood of $100,000.

The proposed memorial will be erected on Riverside Drive, and will be presented to the city with suitable ceremonies by the Holland Society. Many ideas have been submitted to the committee, but upon none could they agree, although the members had designs from such eminent persons at St. Ganudens and French.

It was finally decided that inasmuch as the committee had had the matter in hand for six months, without having accomplished the object for which it was appointed, and in fact was no nearer the end than at the beginning, to relieve the twenty of responsibility in the matter and to appoint a new committee, which was done.

Some of the meetings of the old committee were exceedingly lively, although no hard feelings were engendered, inasmuch as it was universally acknowledged that the committee was entirely too large and unwieldy to bring about speed or satisfactory results.

Ex-Judge Van Hoesen, who was a member of the old and is also a member of the new committee, in speaking of the matter, said: "We had many beautiful designs submitted to us, but the committee could not agree upon a suitable model. It had been hoped that work would have been begun on the model by the first of the year, but this is now impossible. The new committee is made up of only a few members, and we feel confident that we will be able to reach a decision on March 1. One thing can be relied upon—expense will be a secondary consideration, and the memorial will be a thing of beauty of which the city and particularly the members of the Holland Society will have occasion to feel proud."

Public Bathhouse in Flames.

Public bathhouse, No. 8, which belongs to this city, caught fire at the foot of Henry street, Brooklyn, yesterday morning and burned fiercely for an hour. Several other New York bathhouses which were moored there for the Winter were moved away for safety's sake. The fire caused a damage of $1,000. It was the result of the explosion of a kerosene lamp in the watchman's room.

THE WHIRL OF THE WHEEL.

The idea of taxing wheelmen a small bounty each year, which shall be devoted to the maintenance and repair of cycle paths and other highways used by the fraternity, is spreading in New York State. It has been suggested in Brooklyn and on Long Island, and now the wheelmen up the State, brought to a sense of duty by the inferior roads of Central New York, are agitating the same means of relief. The cyclers of Syracuse have banded together, and a bill is being drafted for the improvement of the roads of Onondaga County, bringing about cooperation with the farmers, and providing for a "Cycling Commission," whose duty it will be to oversee the improvements.

While the wheelmen of Syracuse and Brooklyn seem willing to enter heartily into any scheme, and devote a small outlay to secure good roads, the Jersey City cyclers have become alarmed over a similar proposition. News has reached them that their fellow-ramblers in the southern sections of the State are organizing for the purpose of bringing before the Legislature a bill providing for an annual tax of one dollar upon every owner of a wheel. Some of the Jersey City and Newark wheelmen are against the scheme, and they threaten to organize and combine to fight the bill. About one-quarter of the cycling population of the State reside in these two cities, and the point they make is that the roads in Southern Jersey afford them no benefits, and that they, therefore, should not be taxed for them.

Brooklyn will possess, with the completion of the new improvement of Glenmore avenue, which will relieve riders from passing through the perils of the "Slough" of Brownsville, an amplitude of good thoroughfares. It is expected also that the old Jamaica turnpike or that part of it which terminates within the limits of the Twenty-sixth Ward will soon come under municipal control, and undergo a renovation that will make it a favorite cycling concourse.

Captain Edwin B. Heyes, of the Greenwich Wheelmen, will donate to the member participating in the most club runs of the season of 1896 a gold medal. Harry J. New will also donate a gold medal to the member holding the mileage record of the club. Adolf Stahl offers a gold medal to the member holding the highest percentage of races.

Rather an odd suggestion, originating in the brain of the L. A. W. Racing Board, is that which, instead of doing away with Class B, as some thought quite likely, is to abolish Class A. If the idea meets with the approval of the National Assembly, which will meet in Baltimore within a few weeks, the Class A men will be known by their Simon Pure standing, "amateurs," and Class B will be designated as "Class B riders."

BANDED FIRE PLUNDERERS.

Police Seek to Know if Insurance Patrolmen and Thieves Act Together.

Following Up the Arrest of Powers, of Patrol No. 2, and His Two Supposed Accomplices.

UNDERWRITERS INVESTIGATING, TOO.

Large Opportunities for Stealing by Watchers of Property Spared in a Fire When They Are in Collusion with Fences.

The Police Department is endeavoring to ascertain whether there is an organized gang of robbers working with members of the Fire Patrol. It is alleged that large quantities of goods have been missed from business houses while being guarded by the patrol, waiting the adjustment of losses from recent fires. The arrest of John T. Powers, a member of Fire Patrol No. 2, located on Great Jones street, opposite Lafayette place, Saturday night, for the larceny of goods from No. 101 Wooster street, leads the department to think that the custom of robbing places while supposed to be guarding them is not an entirely new offence in New York.

The evidence against Powers is regarded as strong, and the belief is that he will reveal everything and implicate others to save himself from the penitentiary. After a fire members of the patrol are placed in charge to protect the property. They have absolute control until the insurance companies adjust the losses, which frequently requires several weeks to complete. Complaints have often been made that during this period goods have disappeared, but no evidence of a criminal character could be obtained, for it was possible that the goods in question may have been burned during the conflagration.

THE THREE ARRESTS.

The arrest of Powers and two supposed outside confederates demonstrates the possibility that patrol firemen may know something of the disappearances. Powers and two brother patrolmen were on duty Saturday night at No. 101 Wooster street, when Policeman Bueser saw an Italian near the place with a large bundle. The man said that one of the fire patrolmen gave him the stuff. He was taken to the station, where the bundle was found to contain ten nightgowns and fifteen shirt waists, embroidered underwear and a pair of shears. He gave the name of Raffelo Gotuiso, of No. 9 Crosby street.

Acting Captain O'Keefe sent for Captain Vaughan, of the Fire Patrol, and pending his arrival O'Keefe went to No. 101 Wooster street. He heard two fire patrolmen speaking, and one asked the other why he gave the stuff to the Italian. The Acting Captain found another Italian in the place and placed him under arrest. He proved to be Giuseppe Nicolet, who keeps a junk shop at No. 124 Elm street and is the employer of the other Italian. The latter identified Powers as the man from whom he got the goods, and the fire patrolman was arrested, stripped of his uniform and made to put on citizen's clothes. He said that he lived at No. 227 East Twenty-fifth street, and that his wife was very ill. He begged to be released.

Reuben Rosenberger & Co., owners of the place, identified the stolen goods and applied to Magistrate Flammer yesterday for a search warrant to examine Nicolet's junk shop. The application was refused. The police, however, had the place carefully watched, for fear an attempt might be made to remove articles. Powers refused to make any statement yesterday. He was represented by counsel, who succeeded in having the Court reduce the amount of bail from $5,000 to $2,000.

UNDERWRITERS INVESTIGATING.

Superintendent A. C. Hull, of the Board of Fire Underwriters, began an investigation of the charges against Powers yesterday. It is understood that if the charges are proved he will be made an example of. In the meantime the Police Department is working out its end of the case and intimations are made that it may produce facts that will be a revelation to the Board of Underwriters.

The members of Fire Patrol No. 2 feel very badly over the affair. At the time of his arrest Powers was somewhat under the influence of liquor. His brother patrolmen say that his trouble is entirely due to intoxication. He was popular with them and they decline to believe him guilty even in the face of testimony.

BROOKLYN Y. M. C. A. ELECTION.

Six Directors to Be Chosen—Education Day Observed.

One of the most important events of the year in Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. circles will take place to-morrow night in the Central Association. It is the annual election of directors. Six directors are to be elected to take the places of the following, whose terms of office expire: Frank H. Parsons, Silas M. Giddings, Frederic B. Pratt, Albro J. Newton, Frank Lewis Sniffen, Edward P. Lyon. The Nominating Committee includes Messrs. Edwin Packard, D. W. McWilliams, Samuel Rowland, Charles F. Halstead, Frederick A. Cottrell and George H. Neidlinger. The following are the Inspectors of Election: Messrs. J. E. Wight, E. H. Mays and F. S. Earl, while Messrs. J. C. Klinck and W. R. Dorman are Canvassers of Election.

Educational Day (yesterday), formerly known as the Day of Prayer for Colleges, was observed especially by members of the educational classes. Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell was the speaker. Mr. Charles Stuart Phillips sang.

To-night and to-morrow night the fifth concert of the members' course will be given by the Jessie Couthoui Concert Company. Miss Jessie Couthoui is the reader; Miss N. Salnome Thomas, soprano; Mr. George Hubbard Wulder, flute, and Miss Lida J. Low, accompanist.

THE RUSSIAN MINISTER HERE.

M. Kotzebue Came on La Champagne, and Is Bound for Washington.

M. Kotzebue, Russian Minister to the United States, arrived here yesterday from Havre, on the French line steamship La Champagne, on his way to Washington. Several prominent Russians in this city, headed by the Russian Consul-General, Alexander Olarovsky, had planned to meet the steamship on her arrival, but on account of the early hour at which the vessel came up to her pier only Mr. Olarovsky was on hand. La Champagne reached her pier shortly before 10 o'clock, and M. Kotzebue was conducted by Mr. Olarovsky to the Hotel de Logerot, Fifth avenue and Eighteenth street, where the latter has apartments. M. Kotzebue will be Mr. Olarovsky's guest during his stay in this city.

The new Minister spent a greater part of yesterday in seeing the sights of the city. He declined to speak of the possible alliance between Russia and England, or to discuss Russian politics at all.

M'DONALD STILL IN JAIL.

The Ex-Court Clerk's Son Denounces the Heavy Bail Fixed.

Theodore F. McDonald, the ex-Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions, arrested Friday night on complaint of Justice Hinsdale charging him with embezzling public funds and who was committed to the Tombs Prison by Justice Jerome under $10,000 bail, was still in the prison yesterday afternoon, having been unable to secure such a large amount of bail.

He was not allowed to see visitors. His son called at the prison but could not see his father. He refused to discuss his father's predicament other than to denounce as outrageous the fixing of bail so high.

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FOUND BRIGHAM'S SECRETS

Papers Discovered at His Home Which Throw Light on Many Operations.

Had a Contract and a Recommendation from Acker, Merrall & Condit, the Grocers.

SENATOR BRADLEY NEARLY CAUGHT.

The Old Swindler Wanted Land in Asbury Park for a Mammoth Hotel—His Aged Wife Gave the Police the Papers She Possessed.

Acting Captain O'Brien pursued his investigation further yesterday into the antecedents of the clever old swindler, Paul Brigham, whose real name is Charles B. Bartlett. Detective Rynders was sent to the swindler's residence, No. 152 East Sixtieth street, and returned to Headquarters with a satchel containing a number of documents which throw considerable light on several additional schemes in which Brigham was or had posed as the principal.

The detective also found two small boxes, each of which contained a check stamp, which he had used in his operations. A check protector, used for perforating, formed a part of Brigham's outfit. He also found in the satchel fourteen blue envelopes, seven letter heads and fourteen blank checks, all purporting to have been printed by the Blackstone National Bank. A statement of the business of White & Spate and a check for $53,453, signed by Edward Morse, of the New England Trust Company, of Boston, and drawn to the order of Paul Brigham, were contained in a small envelope.

The check, which bears the date January 6, 1896, Acting Captain O'Brien says is a forgery. Business cards of Hoadly, Lauterbach & Johnson, Acker, Merrall & Condit and Johnson Brothers, of Flatbush avenue and Fulton street, Brooklyn, were found in another envelope.

On a second visit to Brigham's house, Detective Rynders met an elderly, white-haired woman, who said she was Mrs. Brigham. She had read of her husband's arrest, and with tears in her eyes asked the detective where her husband was locked up. When informed that Brigham was a prisoner at Headquarters she expressed a desire to at once see him. Rynders asked Mrs. Brigham to produce her husband's effects. She unhesitatingly handed him a large package of papers, tied with a blue ribbon. "I am willing to assist you in every way I can," she said.

PATENT IN HIS RIGHT NAME.

At Police Headquarters the package was found to contain patent right papers granted April 30, 1895, to Brigham for a finger ring locking device. The papers were made out in his real name, Charles B. Bartlett. In the package also were letters signed by Acker, Merrall & Condit and a copy of a contract signed by the same firm and dated October 31, 1890. In this contract the firm agrees to purchase 30,000 menu books, entitled, "Breakfast, Dinner and Tea," and to appoint Brigham their advertising agent, giving him exclusive management of that department. He was also authorized by the firm to collect all advertising bills. A letter of recommendation accompanies the contract, setting forth Brigham's virtues and his business abilities in the highest terms.

The Royal Printing Company, of Philadelphia, had business relations with Brigham in 1888 and 1889, and on June 10 of the latter year the firm signed a splendid letter of recommendation for Brigham. This recommendation was among the effects found at Brigham's home yesterday. Brigham lived in Philadelphia in 1892. He resided at No. 2340 North Twentieth street, and was interested in the Mystic Publishing Company, of that city. What his relations were with the concern are not yet known to Acting-Captain O'Brien, but among the papers found yesterday there are several purporting to be signed by the company, and in which Brigham's name appears. One of these papers, dated May 11, 1892, gives him the exclusive rights to a certain publication.

Another document, which seems to show still further the extent of Brigham's operations, is an agreement between Brigham and Alexander Levitt, real estate dealer at Nos. 13, 15 and 17 Grand street, this city, in which Brigham is represented as having invested, or intending to invest, the sum of $100,000. The character of the investment is not set forth. When Acting-Captain O'Brien called Brigham to his room yesterday and questioned him concerning this paper, the latter said:

"Mr. Levitt is a member of the real estate firm of Kuzelman & Levitt. He is the originator of a scheme whereby $166.66 is realized weekly on an investment of $100,000. Three hundred thousand dollars were needed, Levitt said, to operate the scheme, and my interest was to be one-third."

ASKED LEVITT FOR REFERENCES.

Further than this Brigham would not explain. Brigham said: "I asked Levitt for references, and he gave me Jordan L. Mott and the Pope Manufacturing Company." Brigham smiled when he said this to Captain O'Brien.

Senator Bradley, of Asbury Park, came very near being fleeced by Brigham. The Senator called at Police Headquarters yesterday and said that about a year ago Brigham, who introduced himself as Charles B. Bartlett, called upon him and said that he wanted to purchase a block of property on which to build a mammoth hotel. He said the hotel was to be the finest in the land and the biggest, too. Senator Bradley became suspicious and dropped all negotiations. The Senator says now he is glad he did so, but there was a time when he regretted having lost so apparently good a customer. Senator Bradley identified Brigham.

G. W. I. Landau, the Paterson silk man, was also a visitor at Police Headquarters yesterday. When Brigham was brought into his presence Mr. Landau exclaimed: "There is the scoundrel who swindled me."

"How do you do, Mr. Landau?" readily said Brigham, with a bland smile and not in the least phased. It was with difficulty that the silk manufacturer was restrained from striking the aged swindler. Acting Captain O'Brien got between the men and ordered that Brigham be at once taken to his cell.

Later in the afternoon the prisoner's wife visited him in his cell at Police Headquarters. The meeting between the couple was affecting. The aged wife sobbed on her husband's shoulder and tears appeared in Brigham's eyes. He will be arraigned in court this morning.

DELEGATE FLYNN AGGRESSIVE.

Now Trying to Block the Confirmation of W. H. Anderson.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Delegate Flynn, of Oklahoma, continues to wage war against Secretary Hoke Smith. Recently he attacked that official in a speech on the floor of the House, alleging that the Secretary had appointed relatives in Oklahoma in connection with the work of the General Land Office.

Mr. Flynn's latest move is an effort to block the confirmation of W. H. Anderson, of Kentucky, as Register of the Land Office, at Enid, Okla. Mr. Anderson was formerly a chief of division of the Interior Department, and was appointed receiver last Summer, to succeed Robert W. Patterson, of Georgia, who was killed in a difficulty with an editor at Enid.

Mr. Flynn bases his objection to Mr. Anderson's confirmation on the ground that he is an outsider.

Lived Months with a Broken Back.

Charles N. Lorette, a house painter, of Somerville, N. J., died at Roosevelt Hospital yesterday from a broken back. Lorette fell from a scaffold in Somerville on November 4, while at work painting a house, and received the injuries which resulted in his death.

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HAILED AS NEXT MAYOR.

Henry D. Purroy Makes a Significant Speech at a Banquet in Seabold's District, and Is Loudly Cheered.

Jacob Seabold, the Tammany chieftain in the Thirty-fourth Assembly District, gave a banquet last Saturday evening at Louffler's Hall, One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Willis avenue, to his sixty-five election district captains, and other prominent men in the annexed district. Henry D. Purroy, County Clerk, was the guest of honor.

As soon as Mr. Purroy entered the hall he was called upon for a speech, and was hailed by his enthusiastic admirers as the next "Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York."

Mr. Purroy, in the course of his speech, made a few blunt remarks about "self-constituted committees," and "censorious gentlemen," which were loudly applauded, and which will no doubt interest every Tammany Hall leader, and every Democrat who is watching the struggle for supremacy now being waged within the Tammany organization. He said:

"When I returned from my recent trip to Europe I found that a self-constituted committee had arrogated to themselves the work of reorganizing Tammany Hall. These gentlemen visited me in my office a few days after my return, and in whispered tones confided to me the knowledge that the people of the annexed district were up in arms against my friends, Mr. Seabold and his co-worker Mr. Shea in the Thirty-fifth. The censorious gentlemen pictured the direful results that would follow to the cause of Democracy unless some radical action was taken to appease the opposition."

Mr. Purroy said that he advised these gentlemen to attend to the affairs of their own districts and continued:

"After the committee left I began to think of their remarks, and their significance. The result was that I there and then decided to publicly test who were the weak leaders in the Tammany organization, and who were the ones loyally supported by their constituents. To accomplish this I fought for and urged that we have an open primary. I won my fight, and the organization declared for an open primary."

Mr. Purroy then spoke of Mr. Seabold's victory, and concluded: "Look over the returns in the other districts and you will find that the censorious individuals who came to me with stories of dreadful opposition to Seabold are the weak leaders, and that the strong ones are those very leaders complained of by the self-constituted committee."

Mr. Purroy was greeted with cheers as "Our next Mayor," when he closed, and it is said will receive the hearty support of Tammanyites in the annexed district. It was also said that Mr. Purroy in his political ambitions would receive the encouragement of Mr. Croker.

ALWAYS KEPT THE CHANGE.

Lehman Would Order Coal and Change for a Five Dollar Bill to Be Sent.

Detective Sims, of the Charles Street Station, arraigned Arthur Lehman, twenty-one years old, of No. 101 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, in Jefferson Market Court, yesterday, on a charge of petit larceny, preferred by Rocco Josch, an Italian grocer, at No. 209 West Fourth street.

The detective told Magistrate Flammer that the prisoner had been swindling grocers by going to their stores and ordering a bushel of coal to be sent to some flat house. The apartments designated as his own were always on the second or third floor. He would tell the grocer to send change for a $5 bill along with the coal, and promised to send the bill back with the delivery boy. When the boy put the coal and the change on the dumb waiter, Lehman, who would be waiting on the upper floor, would take the money and go out of the house, leaving the coal standing on the waiter.

It was in this manner that he had swindled Josch on December 24, and since that time he had also swindled William Kuhn, of No. 323 West Fourth street, and August Eggerman, of No. 250 West Twelfth street, in a similar manner. Lehman was arrested on Saturday night, when the detective chanced to meet him at Eighth avenue and Horatio street.

Lehman was held in $500 for trial. He is the husband of the woman who, disguised in boy's attire, stole a quantity of clothing from the Pasteur Institute last Summer.

HEARING FOR HALLENBACH.

The Man Who Shot Robinson Will Ae Again Arraigned on Tuesday Next.

Edward Hallenbach, who recently shot and seriously wounded William T. Robinson, a salesman, at his home, No. 314 West Fifty-ninth street, because of his real or fancied relations with Mrs. Hallenbach, will have another hearing in Yorkville Court to-morrow.

Robinson was removed from Roosevelt Hospital on Tuesday last by his family. He was then much improved and was considered out of danger. Inquiry at his former residence disclosed the fact that the Robinsons had moved, but where could not be learned.

SPEISER WILL BE TRIED.

District-Attorney Fellows Says a Settlement with Creditors Will Not Be Recognized.

In relation to the extradition of Morris Speiser, the wholesale clothier, whose arrest was caused in Milwaukee on an indictment for grand larceny, District-Attorney Fellows said yesterday that he confidently expected to have the man back here in a few days. The report that Colonel Fellows intended to proceed against some of Speiser's creditors in New York for using the District-Attorney's office as a collusive agency, he declared to be groundless.

"I have not heard," continued Colonel Fellows, "that Newberg, Rosenberg & Co., who are complainants against Speiser, had agreed to drop the prosecution against him. It is usual in cases of this kind for the arrested man to allege that the arrest is made solely to force the payment of a debt. Of course a man who has been swindled has a right to get his money back if he can, but he would be compounding a felony if he stipulated that on the payment of the stolen money there would be no prosecution. This man Speiser was indicted here and Detective Cuff has gone to Milwaukee to bring him back. If he comes here he will be tried and the complainants will be used as witnesses."

"Has Governor Morton, so far as you know, made a request to Governor Upham, of Wisconsin, for Speiser's extradition?"

"I do not think he has. When a man buys a lot of goods on credit, disposes of them and flees, he usually has money and, of course, will fight against being brought to trial. Speiser is probably one of that kind. The case has been in several of the courts in Milwaukee, but I hope to get him back here, and whether he has settled with the complainants or not, he will be tried."

BOYS ROB SLOT MACHINES.

Five Youngsters of Respectable Families Rounded Up in Court.

Agent Dietz, of the Gerry Society, arraigned in Yorkville Court yesterday Carlo Anderson, fourteen years old, of No. 237 West Sixty-sixth street; Joseph Corcoran, fourteen years old, of No. 145 Amsterdam avenue; John Devlin, fourteen years old, of No. 204 West Sixty-second street; James Brady, fifteen years old, of No. 223 West Sixty-sixth street, and James Ryan, fifteen years old, of No. 90 Amsterdam avenue, charged with robbing the change receivers of the United States Automatic Machine Company.

In the absence of a representative of the company, Magistrate Mott remanded the boys into the custody of Agent Dietz for a hearing to-morrow.

For several weeks the outdoor weighing machines in the precinct of the West Sixty-eighth Street Station have been broken open and robbed of pennies, ranging in amounts from 15 cents to $2.50 in each case. Patrolmen Kuhn and Armstrong were put on the track of the thieves. Their search was rewarded about 5 o'clock Saturday evening. At Seventy-fourth street and Western Boulevard they discovered a boy at work with a jimmy on a slot machine. They didn't disturb his labors until he had succeeded in extracting the contents, which proved to be exactly 253 pennies.

When seized the youngster took the matter coolly, and without hesitation said he was Carlo Anderson. At the station house he said he was one of a gang of five who were making a good living robbing slot machines. Then he gave the names of the others, and their arrests through agents of the Gerry Society soon followed. This youthful gang is composed of sons of respectable and well-to-do parents, and had no occasion to resort to theft for money.

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