

YOUNGSTERS ASPIRE TO BE JAY GOULDS.

Three Boys Run Away from Wilmington, Del., to Speculate in Wall Street.

Nearly Freeze to Death in Riding to Jersey City on the Bumpers of Freight Cars.

THEN THEY ARE LOCKED UP.

Eddie Pierce's Narrative of His Desire to Emulate the Late Magnate—They Have Good Homes and They Will Be Sent to Them.

Possessed of an ambition to see more of the world than is included within the city limits of Wilmington, Del., three boys, Edward Pierce, John Joyce and William Smith, aged respectively thirteen, fourteen and fifteen years, arrived in Jersey City Tuesday night. They didn't come in a Pullman car, nor even in the ordinary day coach, but rode most of the way on the bumpers of a through freight. It was very cold on the bumpers, and when the youngsters alighted at Jersey City they were nearly frozen. It was a little after midnight, and not long after their arrival Roundman Nolan of the First Precinct Station gathered them in and locked them up at Police Headquarters for the night. Pierce, the youngest and the most self-possessed of the trio, told of their trip yesterday: "We didn't have any trouble at home," he explained. "Our folks treated us all right and everything, but we're looking for a chance to make money 'n get rich. That's what we came to New York for. We were going to get work somewhere and save money 'n go into Wall Street, where Jay Gould 'n them fellows made their tin. There isn't any chance for a fellow in Wilmington. I was workin' hard, but I never got more than \$3.60 a week in the car shops; there was too much competition. The other fellows all thought the same way, and we thought we'd strike out and go into business in a bigger city. We didn't say anything to our folks about it, because they wouldn't have seen it our way, maybe, and we were not looking for trouble.

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Jack Joyce, Will Smith and Eddie Pierce, Three Runaway Boys.

They left good homes in Wilmington, Del., to make fortunes in Wall Street. They rode on the bumpers of freight cars to Jersey City, and were nearly frozen. Next time we go to New York I guess we'll have money enough to ride in a car and get back again."

PARENTS OF THE BOYS. Pierce's father is a plasterer, living at No. 502 East Seventh street, Wilmington. Joyce's widowed mother lives at No. 617 Lombard street, and young Smith's address is No. 106 King street. The father of the last named is a jeweler and in very comfortable circumstances. All the boys have good homes and no reason for leaving them. They had never run away before and had never been in any trouble.

The police at Headquarters communicated immediately with the boys' parents. As soon as they are sent for the boys will be released without further trouble.

KNOCKED THE DOCTORS DOWN. Clark Was Winning the Fight When Van Wegler Sat on Him.

Edward Clark, who is twenty-one years old, and lives at One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Morris avenue, went to the Fordham Hospital Tuesday afternoon, suffering from delirium tremens. When Dr. Scott approached him to make an examination, Clark knocked him down, and Drs. Riley and Kilmarin, who were called in to assist Scott, were also treated in a like manner.

Hospital Druggist "an Wegler, who is very powerful and weighs three hundred pounds, then appealed to, and soon had Clark lying on the floor, and sat on his until he had been put into a straightjacket. The hospital physicians then found no trouble in treating the patient.

DEADLY POISONS! Strange experiments to discover their antidotes. Nineteenth century toxicologists, who surpass the experts of the Middle Ages, give the results of their labors to the Sunday Journal only. Order it NOW from your newsdealer or you will miss it.

ISRAELITES HOLD PURIM.

Joyful Celebration of the Hebrew Nation's Deliverance from Haman's Hands.

To-day is marked in the Hebrew calendar as the thirteenth day of Adar, which is the last month of the Hebrew Church year. It ushers in the annual Purim feast, which is also the last festival of the year, four weeks before the Jewish Passover, on the fourteenth day of Nisan, the first month of the church year.

Purim differs in many ways from any of the other Israelitish celebrations. It is the first public festival of an all-day fast to-day, called the Fast of Esther, in commemoration of the decree of King Ahasuerus, who ordered all the Jews residing in Persia, and Mordcaai, the uncle of Queen Esther, to be slain in one day. Not a morsel of food and drink is taken by the devout orthodox until after sundown.

The result of the pretty Jewish Queen's heroic and heroic deed, was the annihilation of the Israelites, and is celebrated for seven days, beginning tonight, when Jewish society in its various grades indulges in all sorts of Purim balls, Purim races, and Purim festivals. It is a grand day for Jewish children, being almost to them what Christmas is to the Christians. All the private religious and charitable associations of the people, both Jews and orthodox, conservative and reformed, have their balls, festivals and parties, though some are not kept exactly on the Purim day.

The following are some of the balls at other entertainments thus far announced: The Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Y. C. Congregation Zichron Ephraim, a professional entertainment and dance, March 1, at the Tuxedo, Madison avenue and Fifty-ninth street. The Sunday school of the Congregation Rodolph Shalom, celebration, March 1, in the Temple, Lexington avenue and Sixty-third street. Miriam Aid Society of Harlem, an entertainment and ball, March 4, at Majestic Hall. The Ladies' Hebrew Aid Society of York City, an entertainment and reception, March 4, at Terrace garden. Sunday school pupils of Temple Emanuel, an entertainment, March 1, at the Temple. Sunday school pupils of the Madison Avenue Temple, an entertainment, March 1, at the Temple. The Louis Down Town Sabbath school, a

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KILLED HIMSELF WITHOUT MOTIVE.

A Wealthy Newark Clothing Merchant Cuts His Throat at the Gilsey House.

No Reason Can Be Ascribed by His Family and Business Associates for His Rash Act.

MAY HAVE BECOME SUDDENLY INSANE.

Had Lived at the Hotel Some Months with His Family—Certain Business Anxieties Said to Have Been Imaginary.

For reasons that are mysterious alike to his family, his friends and business associates, George Watson, a clothing merchant of Newark, N. J., cut his throat in his room at the Gilsey House, shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday morning, and died upon the floor. Mr. Watson, his wife and his son George, a youth of about eighteen years, have occupied a suite of three rooms, Nos. 305, 306 and 307, on the first floor of the hotel, since October. Room 307 faces Broadway, and is occupied by the son. The next room, No. 306, is practically an alcove, directly back of the front room, and was Mrs. Watson's room. In the rear room, which has windows on an air shaft, Mr. Watson lived. Mr. Watson was in excellent health, and on Tuesday night he was seen about the Gilsey House lobby, where he chatted with several friends, among them Dr. Arthur B. Townsend, of No. 22 West Thirty-second street, the hotel physician. Dr. Townsend remarked nothing peculiar in the demeanor of Mr. Watson, and about 11 o'clock the latter went up to his room. What took place after that, and up to the time when he was found dying with a "gash in his throat, is not known. It was said that Mr. Watson had been heard to walk up and down his room for an hour or more, as if suffering with nervousness, but neither his wife nor son heard the sound of his footsteps.

It was about dawn that Mrs. Watson was awakened by a crash of crockery in her husband's room; then there was a moment's silence and then the sound of a heavy body falling to the floor. She ran to the door opening into her husband's room, but it was locked, and she turned to the annunciator and rang it several times. Down in the office Chris Kersopp, an office boy, was regulating the clock, and he noticed that the bell rang at that hour, he hurried up to Mrs. Watson's room. She told him something had happened in her

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the night clerk, who summoned Dr. Townsend. The physician arrived at about 6:45 o'clock. Mr. Watson was dead. Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon arrived soon after and viewed the body, giving a permit for its removal. Clarence Watson, an older son, who lives in Newark, was at once sent for, and he and J. H. Weeks, the manager of Mr. Watson's establishment, arrived before noon, and the body was taken to the undertaking establishment of John Roth's son, at No. 333 Seventh avenue.

Mr. Watson's business was in a prosperous condition. About a year ago he gave up the active management of business affairs, and did not retire from business. He was senior member of the firm of Watson & Co., with stores at Nos. 738 and 735 Broadway and Nos. 190 and 188 Market street.

Mr. Watson was a man of average well built, with gray hair and mustache. It was learned that he was of a highly nervous temperament and occasionally had periods of depression, but nothing such as suicide was ever anticipated by those who knew him.

CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR IT. Dr. Townsend said yesterday: "There is no way to account for Mr. Watson's death beyond that he must have been temporarily out of his mind. His health was good and his business in the best possible shape. I have known him for many years, and this untimely ending of his life is a great surprise to me."

Mr. Weeks, who for fifteen years has been Watson's manager, said: "He said the business of the firm was good, but that his father had not visited any of the stores for about a month, having an idea that owing to the existence of a rival firm in Newark, the business had not been so prosperous as it once was."

Watson was a native of New York State, but when a boy he entered the clothing establishment of the late Judge John McCree in Newark. Later he was employed by Edward Dunham, a fellow clerk, started the clothing firm of Dunham & Watson, which was dissolved by Clarence A. Watson was taken into the firm.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 25.—There was profound regret expressed here to-day when it became known that George Watson was dead. It is known that for a year or more he thought that some of his neighbors were taking away his customers. This was entirely imaginary. It caused him to resign his position as a director of the old Newark Savings Institution, which failed twice, and this worried him considerably. He was also at one time a director of the National State Bank. When not in New York he made his home in Plainfield, where he is reported to have left a large fortune.

WANT THEM EXAMINED.

But Mayor Strong Doesn't Favor Extending Civil Service Regulations.

There was a lengthy conference between Civil Service Commissioners Godkin, Robinson and Olcott and Mayor Strong yesterday afternoon on the feasibility of extending civil service rules to include the Comptroller's office and the Law, Public Works and Street Cleaning departments. It was also proposed to make the Mayor's bond and warrant clerk and the Librarian and sergeant-at-arms of the Board of Aldermen subject to examination under civil service regulations.

Mayor Strong declared his bond and warrant clerk held confidential relations with his financial matters. He was a director largely in the matter of approving treasury warrants. The Mayor said, too, that clerks should be made subject to examination by the Board of Aldermen could scarcely be brought within the rules of the Civil Service Commission unless the law was first changed under which they are now appointed by the Board.

The Mayor also said positively that he would not consent to the extension of the law to the heads of those departments.

BEAT HIS INVALID MOTHER.

Mrs. Washington Lay Unconscious on the Floor All Night.

John Washington, a colored youth of eighteen, of No. 143 West Thirty-second street, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court yesterday, on a charge of having brutally assaulted his aged and invalid mother. Washington went home at 1 a. m. yesterday, and found that his mother was sitting up waiting for him. She started to reproach her son for his dissolute habits when he knocked her out of her chair. While she was lying helpless on the floor he jumped on her until she became unconscious and then he went to his bed on the second floor. The woman lay unconscious on the floor until nearly 8 o'clock yesterday morning, when she was discovered by her niece who had Washington arrested. The latter said that he had slapped his mother in the face because she had scolded him. Magistrate Brann held him in \$1,000 for trial.

Irene Weber Seeks Divorce.

Irene Weber, the actress, wants an absolute divorce from Albert Weber, formerly manager of the bankrupt Weber Piano Company, and Eugene H. Potency was appointed referee by Justice Beach, in the Supreme Court, yesterday to take testimony in the case. Mrs. Weber, who was Miss Perry, was married to Weber in July, 1884 in Philadelphia, after his first wife, a daughter of Dr. J. W. Clowes, had obtained a divorce.

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WHITE WINGS CAPS FOR GUARDSMEN.

Adjutant-General McAlpin Will Get Up Something Decidedly New and Chic.

The New Service Headgear Is Patterned After That of the Russian Army.

BUT HOW WILL IT BE RECEIVED?

It Resembles the Top Piece of Waring's Street Sweepers, but Will Be of Blue Cloth—A New Blouse for the Officers.

The National Guard is to have a new cap for the men and a new fatigue blouse for the officers. General orders regarding the undershirt have already been issued from General Headquarters, in Albany, and the

by the people of that island of a government of their own choice. But while entertaining those views and holding their sympathies, it was important that the Senate should proceed in an orderly and constitutional manner. The passage of the pending amendment would have no effect as an announcement of belligerency, unless it was presented to the President and approved by him. The President did not rest in the two houses of Congress independently of the President, to declare belligerency.

KICKED A NEIGHBOR TO DEATH. George Meehan on Trial on the Charge of Manslaughter.

In the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court yesterday George Meehan was placed on trial for the murder of Alvin O. Buck, on May 24 last. In the indictment at No. 8 Jane street, Meehan had gone home intoxicated and began to abuse his wife. Her screams attracted Buck, who told Meehan to desist from beating the woman. Meehan knocked Buck down and kicked him about the head and body. Jennie Buck, a daughter of the dead man, testified that she heard the noise in Meehan's apartments and went upstairs to learn the cause of the trouble. She found her father lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Meehan approached her and said: "I'm sorry I did it, but I intended to end the old man."

Other witnesses testified to the beating and to the fact that Meehan had intended to murder in the first degree by the act of Meehan. The prisoner's lawyer, through his cross-examination, brought out the element of murder in the first degree by the act of Meehan. Assistant District Attorney McIntyre said that the evidence did not warrant a verdict of a higher degree of crime than manslaughter in the first degree and requested Justice Keogh to so instruct the jury. The case will be resumed at 1 o'clock this morning and a verdict is expected by noon.

DATES FOR THE CONVENTIONS.

Republicans Will Elect Delegates on March 16, 18 and 20.

At a meeting of the Republican County Committee on Organization held Tuesday night, it was decided to hold the primaries for the Congressional and Assembly District conventions on March 16. The Congressional conventions to elect delegates to the St. Louis Convention will be held on March 18, with the exception of the conventions in the Seventh and Sixteenth districts. Richmond County is included in the former district, and no date has been selected for the convention. In the Sixteenth district, which includes Westchester County, the convention will be held at White Plains on March 19. The Assembly District conventions to elect delegates to the State Convention will be held on March 20. The Committee also decided to reorganize the Eleventh Election District of the First Assembly District.

There is a lively fight in the Thirteenth Congressional District for delegates to the St. Louis Convention. This district is controlled by the Brookfield faction, and among the candidates are William Brookfield, Henry and Edward E. Egan and Chamberlain Anson G. McCook and Edward Mitchell.

The State has ignored the cap now worn by the men in the regular army, because its first exposure to rain makes the tip of the head-piece sag in the middle.

The officers' blouse which the State has adopted is a sack coat of dark blue cloth, trimmed with black mohair braid and oval buttons. Gold and gilt metal numbers and letters are used as insignia upon it.

DEFENDANTS DID NOT APPEAR.

They Were in Jail, and So the C. & D. Canal Company Got Judgment.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—In the United States Court to-day, in the case of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Company against James A. L. Wilson and Henry D. Lesley, judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff for \$1,296,390.54 for want of appearance.

This recalls the startling discoveries made in July, 1885, that the Chesapeake & Delaware Company had been the victim of systematic swindling on the part of J. A. L. Wilson, the then treasurer, and Henry D. Lesley, his predecessor in that office. The thefts represented a very ingenious overture of the bonds of the company, amounting to about \$10,000, and also the abstraction of a large amount of cash by a manipulation of the books. As soon as the discovery of the fraud was made known Wilson and Lesley became fugitives and took refuge in Brazil. They were brought back and upon pleas of guilty were sent to prison.

Goeltes Have a Decision Reversed.

Decisions handed down by the Appellate Court yesterday included one reversing Judge Roscoe's judgment in a summary proceeding brought by Robert and Ogden Goeltes, landlords, against Julia Lawlor and her under-tenants to recover possession of a tenement at No. 103 Bowery. The reversal is based on the ground that Judge Roscoe confined evidence as to the character of the place for a period subsequent to October 1. A written trial was ordered.

"BILL" NYE'S LAST STORY.

Written for the Journal just before the great humorist's death. Published only in next Sunday's Journal.

WILL AGREE TO BELLIGERENCY.

Two Cuban Resolutions to Be Reported by the House Committee.