MOTHER RENNER ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

Heroine of the Iron Cross Recalls Stirring Scenes of the Franco-Prussian War.

At the Siege of Belfort Her Hearing Was Impaired by the Three Days' Heavy Cannonading.

SHE SAVED GENERAL BAUER'S LIFE.

For This Act of Bravery She Was Decorated, and the Kaiser Personally Complimented Her—She Was with Her Regiment in Every Battle.

Mrs. Renner, who served in the Franco-Prussian war as a nurse, and received the medal of the Iron Cross for personal bravery, is in destitute circumstances at No 238 Humboldt street, Brooklyn. She is a widow and is entirely dependent upon friends for support.

Old Mother Renner received a check, sent by Charles Ludwig, of the Twelfth Company Deutscher Kriegerbund, yesterday, as a result of the publication in the Journal relating to her heroism in the Franco-Prussian war and her present destitute condition. The money will furnish relief she needs as much as the most deserving, and was received with gratitude, merged to a slight extent, it must be said, with humiliation, for Mrs. Reiner is as proud as any veteran of the savage war in which she did as much for the Kaiser's cause as any soldier in the ranks. She is now seventy-six years old and infirm from the effects of exposure in army life, as well as from old age. Because of injury to her ears by the three days' cannonading at the siege of Belfort she is nearly deaf, and to add to her sad condition she has nothing to sustain life but what her friends, as poor almost as herself, give her.

SAVED GENERAL BAUER'S LIFE.

The two rooms in which Mrs. Renner lives are in the rear of No. 238 Humboldt street, Brooklyn. The quarters are so poor and so crowded by adjoining buildings that sunlight seldom reaches them. They consist of a bedroom and a kitchen and sitting room combined. The rooms are neatly kept, and most striking in the adornments are pictures of German soldiers. One is that of a handsome officer of about thirty-five when the portrait was taken.

The officer is General Bauer, whose life Mrs. Renner saved when she was with the Fourth Infantry Regiment. Because of this act of heroism she was decorated with a medal of the order of the Iron Cross. The rescue was but one of many exciting scenes of the woman's army life, and as she related some of them yesterday the memory of the days when she cared for wounded soldiers as they fell in battle, not in the safety of a hospital, brought fire to her eyes and vigor to her voice.

"Say more about what I did in the army than how poor I am now," she asked in her native tongue, and then she told how she went to the front with her two sons and for two years lived without once having the shelter of a roof. Her husband was ill at home and she went with the regiment, many of the members of which she knew, to look after the previsions and attend the sick and wounded, not as a professional nurse, but as mother. They called her Mother Renner, and yesterday she spoke of the boys as affectionately as if they all were of her family.

A STRUGGLE IN A HOUSE.

Referring to the rescue of General Bauer she said that while the regiment was in a town of France, he went into a house which he thought was occupied by German soldiers. Mrs. Renner, prompted by something, she did not know what, believed the commander was in danger and followed him. Just as she entered the door she saw four of the enemy leap at the General. She turned to go to the street for help, but was stopped by one of the four, who had attacked Bauer. There was a scuffle, but Mrs. Renner was more vigorous than she is now. Army life had given her the strength of a man, and after a few moments' struggle she broke away and dashed into the street calling for help. A dozen German soldiers responded and they reached the house just in time to save General Bauer's life and kill his assailants.

After the war the heroine was decorated with a medal of the order of the Iron Cross as a recognition of her bravery, and on one occasion during the war she was complimented by Kaiser Wilhelm.

COMPLIMENT BY THE KAISER.

As she told her conversation with the King Mrs. Renner rose from her chair and pointed to a picture of the old Kaiser. The regiment was in camp, she said, when he was passing through, and his attention was attracted to her. An officer recalled to him the occurrence of General Bauer's rescue, and when the King heard the story he stepped up to her and said:

"You are a brave woman, Mother Renner; a brave woman."

The recollection of the incident apparently renewed the youth of Mrs. Renner. She assumed a military attitude, walked back without regard to the pains of rheumatism that usually retard her movements, and after a few moments added sorrowfully that if the veterans who knew her when the King called her by name could see her now, they would feel proud to give their aid to relieve her poverty.

AT THE SIEGE OF BELFORT.

The siege of Belfort is the most vivid in the old woman's memory. Her regiment was at the front and she was with it for three days when the cannonading was so fierce it permanently injured her hearing. During those three days she said she devoted all her time to the care of the wounded, and she didn't stop even when a bullet struck her right foot. This did not appear serious then, but it has troubled her ever since.

"It was an awful scene," she exclaimed. "I saw the dead piled three feet deep and I walked in little rivulets of blood. I pitied the poor fellows who were killed, but as I think of the misery in my life since the siege of Belfort, I almost wish that some of the bullets that went so near me had ended my life, too."

During part of the war, the regiment Mrs. Renner accompanied was engaged in guerilla movements. This was very dangerous, but she never flinched, and on one occasion helped to build a pontoon bridge over which the soldiers advanced to attack a skirmish line of the enemy. This was related by Mrs. Renner as a minor incident, and then she told of her decoration by a prince of the royal family and of her picture being taken to be sent to the Kaiser.

Before the war her husband had lost his money, and they were so reduced in circumstances that it was hard to make a living. Finally, about 1885, they came to America, where one of their sons had preceded them. Mr. Renner started a shoemaker's shop. He died in 1889. Then Mrs. Renner's son died, and she has since been dependent on herself for support. Recently she has been able to do little work. Her sight is very poor, she can scarcely hear, and she suffers from rheumatism, due to exposure in camp life. Nevertheless, she is unwilling to talk of her poverty. The first thing she did when asked if she was not very poor was to go to an old closet, fish out a long cloth bag and find in it the medal given her for heroism. Then she held the medal up to view and said:

"As long as I have this I am not poor."

She admitted, however, that she has to depend on neighbors, having little more than herself, for food, and that her rent is paid by friends.

REPUDIATED HIS WIFE.

Folsom Declared She Had a Husband When He Married Her, and Blamed Her for His Ruin.

Sylvester Folsom, the Fort Hamilton barber, bitterly attacked Mrs. Folsom before Justice Rhodes yesterday when his case was called. He was accused of non-support.

Folsom replied to the charge by displaying receipts for money which he had given the complainant. Then he said:

"I have ceased to support Mrs. Folsom any longer because I do not regard her as my wife. We were married eighteen years ago. I have good reason to believe that her second husband, Lieutenant Clark, of the United States Army, was alive when I married her, although she declared positively that he was dead."

The defendant said that the woman had made his life unbearable. "She came to my shop," he said, "broke my windows, followed me on the street shouting and making herself a nuisance generally. Although we have lived apart for years, she has persisted in annoying me, and has been a drain on my resources. I am practically ruined, and can stand the strain no longer."

Justice Rhodes ordered Mrs. Folsom to produce her marriage certificates, and then postponed the case until Monday.

TAYLOR GIVES UP HOPE.

No Longer Expects to Capture the Seat to Which the People Elected Senator P. H. McNulty.

James Taylor, Republican, has abandoned all hope of capturing the seat to which the people elected Senator P. H. McNulty last November. His plea that Major McNulty was ineligible because of his connection with the Brooklyn Board of Education has been declared absurd by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which is controlled by men of his own political faith.

The committee's report, which has been submitted to the Senate, established Major McNulty's right to his seat. The report in part is as follows:

"That the educational system of Brooklyn is a part of the State system, and the members of the Board of Education in the various municipalities are State officers, forming a part of the State system, is, in our judgment, amply sustained by an examination of the various statutes of the State, commencing with the year 1812, when the State educational system was created by statute, and the subsequent statutes prior to the adoption of the constitutional provision of the State since 1821. The courts have held that trustees of school districts are not county, city, town or village officers.

"In conclusion, we are of the opinion that in the application of the Constitution and the general statutes of the State with reference to the school system of the State for the purpose of determining if Peter H. McNulty, the contestee, comes within the inhibition of article I. of the Constitution; that he is not an officer under the city government, because the Board of Education of Brooklyn is a part of the State educational system and is an integral part of the general school system of the State, and in the light of the decision of the courts and of the Legislature that the said Board is a State and not a city agency, doing State and not city work and functions, and consequently belongs to the State government."

DEATH REVEALED A SECRET.

The Cripple, McNiell, Had an Insane Brother Concealed in His House.

Hicksville, L. I., March 19.—A sensation was caused this morning by the announcement that another death had occurred in the McNiell family. It was supposed when Agnes McNiell died and the authorities had considerable difficulty in getting her body from her one-legged brother, that only he remained. It appears, however, that he had an insane brother, Peter McNiell, who was kept concealed in the house on the plains.

During the snow storm on Monday Peter died, and the crippled brother could not get out to notify any one. The body lay, as did that of the sister, for days, or until James Hauser, a neighbor, went to McNiell's this morning and was informed that the brother was dead.

Coroner John Mann was notified, and will hold an inquest. McNiell did not refuse the Coroner admission this time, but acted in a perfectly sane manner.

CONLIN ADJUDGED INSANE.

The Man Who Attempted to Wreck the Ronkonkoma Express to Be Confined.

Babylon, L. I., March 19.—James Conlin, of Deer Park, who was arrested about a week ago by Detective James Servis, of the Long Island Railroad, on the charge of placing railroad ties on the track and attempting to wreck the Ronkonkoma express, has been declared insane and will be transferred to an asylum.

He was formerly in the employ of the road. When Detective Sarvis started to investigate the case he discovered that four bolts had been removed and that spikes had been taken from the fishplates which held the rails securely. He then came to the conclusion that the work was done by some one who was familiar with railroads, and found that Conlin had been seen going toward the track with a railroad pick in his hand. He was then taken into custody.

The train struck the ties, throwing them from the track.

FOUGHT OVER FIVE CENTS.

Eagan Abused a Conductor, Attacked a Policeman, and Was Locked Up.

James Eagan boarded a Franklin avenue trolley at the Broadway ferry Wednesday night. When asked for his fare he began to abuse the conductor. Patrolman Lee, who was a passenger, ordered Eagan to leave the car. Eagan, it is alleged, punched and kicked the officer.

Lee drew his club and cut Eagan's scalp open. Then he took him to the Clymer Street Station. Ambulance Surgeon Tobin was called in to dress the prisoner's wounds.

In the morning Justice Haggerty held Eagan for examination.

LOUISA BIT THE OFFICER.

An Astoria Woman Goes to Jail for Ten Days.

Louisa Thomas, a young woman, who said her home was in Astoria, L. I., was sent to jail by Justice Goetting in the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday for ten days on a charge of intoxication. Louisa was arrested by Policeman Jones at Kent avenue and Grand street and at once fought the officer.

Jones was reinforced by Policeman Hittch, and when the latter took the young woman by the arm she bit him severely on the back of his right hand. The wound was cauterized.

Brush's Pure Water Resolution.

Albany, March 19.—A question of wide importance is to be agitated in this Legislature by Senator Brush. He wants a general inquiry into the sources of water supply of the cities and towns of the State. To secure this he has a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three, which will have the power to appoint a typewriter, a stenographer, an expert chemist and to secure the opinion of a competent engineer when needed. Also the committee is to have $5,000 for expenses. Senator Brush says that this matter is one that has been carefully discussed by the doctors of the State, and that it is at their suggestion his resolution is introduced.

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The preamble sets forth that most water supplies are rivers, into which empty the sewage of cities and towns to poison the water with typhoid and other germs. That it is becoming more difficult with the growth of the State to secure a pure water supply. That it is the sense of the Senate that more care should be used in obtaining pure water, that the best methods of filteration should be obtained and that some limit should be placed on the practice of taking water from and source near a sewer or drain. It is intimated that the time is not far distant when the great lakes must be utilized as a source of supply. Senator Brush denies the assertion that this resolution may have something to do with defeating the scheme to supply Brooklyn from the Ramapo.

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Assistant Corporation Counsel Sperry was before the Assembly Cities Committee to-day in favor of a half dozen bills approved by the city authorities. The committee reported most of these, and among the number were two more of the "Grab bills." One of these provides that the Mayor may appoint two additional assessors. Each is to have a salary of $3,500 a year. The plea is made that more assessors are needed since new territory has been added to the city. Another of the bills provides for an additional deputy auditor with a salary of $2,500 a year. This was introduced by Mr. Forrester, who says the deputy is also needed.

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Mr. Ingraham also appeared before the committee with a map showing how necessary a slice of the Grand Street Ferry Company's property is to the East River Bridge. He stated that if the plot could not be had it would cost over $600,000 more to make Bridge improvements on the New York side. The Committee on Banks reported favorably Senator Wieman's bill placing trust companies on the same footing as banks in the matter of taxation.

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But three new bills were introduced during the session. One by Mr. Wagstaff provides for the use of the Bertillon system for identifying criminals by the Kings County authorities; one by Mr. Wilson provides for the exemption of Quincy street, Lefferts place, Greene avenue and Madison street from occupancy by railroads; and one by Mr. Waldo—provides that in case of judicial sales the conveyance must state the name of the record owner of the equity of redemption.

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Several bills relative to Kings County were passed during the session. In the Assembly Mr. Wilson's, authorizing the Kings County Pharmaceutical Society to confer the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy, and Mr. Guider's amendment to the tenement housebuilding law, got through. In the Senate these bills were passed: Senator Brush's Newtown Creek bill, providing for sewers extending to the East River; Senator Wray's, permitting stock corporations to dissolve without going into court; Senator Brush's, authorizing the Police Commission to place bridge keepers on patrol duty. Mr. Marshall's bill, exempting Van Buren street, and Mr. Audett's, exempting Willoughby avenue from railroads, also passed the Senate.

MRS. SACHS WAS JEALOUS.

Said to Have Caused Mrs. Steffens to Faint by Accusing Her of Winning Her Husband's Love.

Mrs. Amelia Sacks, who lives at No. 104 Gerry street, Williamsburg, was yesterday in the Lee Avenue Police Court on complaint of Mrs. Hannah Steffens, the wife of a cigarmaker, living at No. 128 Harrison avenue. The complainant declared that her life was made unhappy by the annoyance of Mrs. Sacks, whom, she alleged, had an insane idea that she was in love with her husband.

Mrs. Steffens is young and pretty. Mrs. Sack's husband and the husband of Mrs. Steffens have long been friends, and Sacks frequently called at the home of Steffens to spend an evening. Mrs. Sacks, it is alleged, insisted that her husband called to see Mrs. Steffens.

The climax came Sunday morning, when Mrs. Sacks, so it is alleged, followed her husband to the home of a friend. When she got there Mrs. Steffens and her husband were at the house. Soon as Mrs. Sacks saw Mrs. Steffens she accused her of having alienated her husband's affections. Mrs. Steffens was so mortified over the attack that she fainted.

The next day she consulted a lawyer, and a summons was obtained for Mrs. Sacks. Mrs. Sacks also had a lawyer when the case was called yesterday, and through him declared that her husband had not treated her as a husband should for a long time.

Justice Goetting placed Mrs. Sacks under bonds to keep the peace toward Mrs. Steffens.

MRS. ROWLAND GOES TO JAIL.

The Woman at Whose House Jessie Cuthbert Was Arrested Sentenced.

Mrs. Emma Rowland was yesterday sent to jail for twenty-nine days by Justice Harriman, in Brooklyn. It was in her house, on Pacific street, that Jessie Cuthbert was found. Jessie's sweetheart, Newell Robbins, married the girl in jail. A few days later Jessie's first husband, Herman Trandt, visited Brooklyn, and had the woman arrested for bigamy, and she is in Raymond Street Jail awaiting trial.

The girl's first husband will sue for a divorce, and young Robbins is wondering what he himself had better do.

Keeper Grady Dismissed.

John J. Grady, a keeper at the County Penitentiary in Brooklyn, was dismissed yesterday. He was accused of insubordination and giving liquor to the inmates. He says Warden Hayes has been persecuting him and refused to let him resign.

THE ASTONISHING Results of a MARVELLOUS Surgical Operation Told in Next Sunday's Journal.

MRS. VEHSLAGE'S ANGER.

Refused to Answer Questions in Court and Was Committed for Contempt.

She Struggled and Shrieked When the Officers Carried Her to the Prisoners' Pen.

RELEASED IN HALF AN HOUR.

The Woman and Her Son Accused Two Men of Committing a Robbery, but the Judge Decided the Prisoners Were Innocent.

Mrs. Lucilia Vehslage, a widow, fifty-five years old, who lives with her son, George M. Vehslage, at No. 55 Lynch street, Williamsburg, appeared in the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday to give testimony in the case of her son, who had caused the arrest of two men for alleged robbery.

During the cross-examination Mrs. Vehslage became greatly excited, and was locked up in the prisoners' pen for contempt of court. This was not done, however, until the woman practically dared Justice Goetting to lock her up. Mrs. Vehslage had to be taken to the prisoners' pen by force, and during the struggle became hysterical.

After being confined there for an hour the Magistrate had the woman arraigned before him. He lectured her for her conduct and then permitted her son to take her home.

Young Vehslage had caused the arrest of Frank Faden and Patrick Kellaher, both living on Wallabout street, a week ago, on a charge of robbery. Vehslage and his mother, according to the testimony, left their home on the night in question for a walk. On their return home Vehslage stopped at a saloon at Heyward street and Lee avenue for a glass of beer, leaving his mother standing on the sidewalk. While waiting for her son to come out, Mrs. Vehslage says, she was approached by Faden and Kellaher, who asked her if she was waiting for anybody. Faden and Kellaher, it is alleged, described themselves as policemen. She told them her son was in the saloon and asked them to call him. They said they would do so, and Mrs. Vehslage started for her home, a short distance away. Upon entering the house the woman said she heard a great commotion at the front door, and opening it saw her son and the two men struggling. The men were beating and choking her son. Kellaher kept saying, she alleged, that he would blow out Vehslage's brains, and Mrs. Vehslage, believing that the men were policemen, says she called to her son not to resist them, as they might carry out the threat.

The men then threw Vehslage into the hallway and entered the house. Mrs. Vehslage says she ran into the street for a policeman and both men were arrested. During her absence, she said, the money in her pocketbook, to the amount of $5, had been taken. The pocketbook had been left on the mantel.

When Lawyer Donnelly attempted to cross-examine Mrs. Vehslage and asked her if she had ever been in an insane asylum she became greatly excited and refused to answer the question. She was finally persuaded to do so, and replied that she had never been in an asylum, nor in a court room before. She refused absolutely to reply to other questions.

"You must answer 'yes' or 'no,'" said the Magistrate.

"I shall do neither," shouted Mrs. Vehslage, "and I want you, Judge, to hurry and let me out of this den—this den of infamy."

The woman was finally ordered to be placed in the prisoners' pen. She struggled and shrieked wildly.

Fader and Kellaher then took the stand and denied that they had committed robbery or represented themselves as policemen. They said they had found Vehslage drunk in the saloon and took him to his home, where his mother fought them. The Justice then dismissed the case against them.

TURNED THE CHILD OUT.

Little Johnny Smith, Almost Naked, Sought Protection in a Police Station at Midnight.

Acting Captain Thomas Darcy, of the Long Island City police, was at the desk in the Second Precinct Station House about 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning, when he was startled by the sudden appearance of a small child, almost naked, its only covering being a tattered shirt, piteously crying for protection. The Captain lost no time in finding something to wrap the child in.

The child said he was Johnny Smith, six years old, and that his stepfather, also named John Smith, had chased him out of bed and from the house at No. 67 Fourth street.

Policeman Cosgrove, who was sent to investigate the case, found the child's stepfather at the address given. He was under the influence of drink, and said he had returned home about midnight and found his wife, the child's mother, absent. He said that he discovered her later on at a neighbor's house, and becoming angry went home and drove her child out, as he did not want either the boy or his mother any longer.

The police notified the Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Children, and Superintendent Meyer will take charge of the boy as soon as the necessary steps can be taken in the police court.

THE ROBBERS' RAID FAILED.

Kramer Frightened Off the Thieves with a Gun.

An unsuccessful attempt was made by four burglars early yesterday morning to break into the hardware store of Frank Wilderater, at No. 122 Graham avenue, Williamsburg. While the burglars were at work forcing the door and windows from the rear yard the noise was heard by Frederick Kramer, who lives at No. 156 Boerum street.

Kramer got out of bed, and, looking out of the window, saw the thieves. Quickly getting his revolver, Kramer raised the window and shot at the men. The thieves then hastily left the place, escaping through a hallway in the house adjoining.

The shots were heard by several policemen of the Stagg Street Station, who rushed to the place.

HER ORANGES CAME HIGH.

Mrs. Brown Gave $45.25 for Twenty-five Cents' Worth of Them.

College Point, L. I., March 19.—George Helm, forty years of age, a pedler, was arrested yesterday on the charge of attempting to swindle Mrs. E. W. Brown, of No. 204 Madison street, Flushing. He was selling oranges in Flushing and Mrs. Brown purchased twenty-five cents' worth. She gave him what she supposed was a $5 bill and received $4.75 in change. On going home she was alarmed to find it was a $50 bill she had handed the pedler.

Helm at first denied that he had received the bill, but subsequently said he had and had disposed of it.

AUCTION SALES. Women have the reputation of being persistent bargain hunters, and it is a good thing for husbands and fathers that they are. But there are lots of men also who are bargain hunters. You reach both through an advertisement under the classification of Auction Sales in the Journal at 10 cents per line, and you can get the advertisement repeated in Das Morgen-Journal free if you wish it.

HARRY READY TO FORGIVE.

When His Aunt Was Arrested for Alleged Cruelty to Him, He Pleaded for Her.

Mrs. Lena Kloppenberg was arrested yesterday for her alleged ill-treatment of her nephew, Harry Fischer, whose frail little body was cut, bruised and marked by beating. She was arrested at her home, No. 89 Rockaway avenue, Brooklyn, on complaint of Agent Folk, of the Children's Society, by Officer Webb. She cried and almost fainted.

The little fellow, who is of a forgiving nature, said to Mr. Folk: "You are not going to arrest her, are you? Don't take her away—she wants to go to Germany."

"She will have to postpone her trip for some time to come," said Mr. Folk.

The woman's features are intensely masculine. She was arraigned in the Gates Avenue Court and Agent Folk made a formal complaint.

She denied the charges except in one respect. She declared that she had never used a poker or a club on Harry. Once or twice, however, she admitted, she had chastised him mildly with a whip.

Justice Harriman fixed the examination for March 27. Mrs. Kloppenberg was held in $300 bail, which was furnished by a woman.

THE "RAINMAKERS'" WAY.

Mulholland Showed Sullivan How to Break a Window and Landed in the Penitentiary.

Peter Mulholland, a member of the "Rainmakers," a gang which has long terrorized the neighborhood of North Second street and Wythe avenue, Williamsburg, was committed to the penitentiary for three months yesterday by Justice Goetting, in the Lee Avenue Police Court. Mulholland was only released from the institution two weeks ago, after serving three months.

On his return to the neighborhood he made the acquaintance of John Sullivan, a young man, and induced him to become a "Rainmaker" and learn how the gang operated. Wednesday night both men went into Anton Miller's saloon, at No. 59 North Second street, where Mulholland demanded free drinks. Miller refused to give them, and told Mulholland to get out of the place. Mulholland then beckoned to Sullivan to leave the place.

"When we get out on the street I'll show you how the 'Rainmakers' act," was Mulholland's remark. Once upon the street Mulholland picked up a cobblestone and hurled it through the plate-glass window of the saloon. Policeman Marin, of the Bedford Avenue Station, arrested the men.

When arraigned in court Sullivan told the Magistrate that he had taken no action in the breaking of the window and didn't approve of what Mulholland had done. As Justice Goetting apparently believed him he adjourned his case until to-morrow for trial.

Most of the members of the gang are now in the penitentiary. During the Summer months their headquarters is under the North Second street dock, and in the Winter in the stables in the neighborhood of North Second street and Kent avenue.

THE "BLACK LIST" MUDDLE

The Indictments for Libel Against Elliott Dismissed, but Counsellor Brewster Must Stand Trial.

Judge Aspinall, of the County Court, Brooklyn, tried yesterday to straighten out the muddle into which the officers of the Law Enforcement Society got themselves last Summer by placing respectable residences on "a black list."

The injured parties had President George F. Elliott and Counsellor Eugene V. Brewster indicted for libel. In fact, five indictments were returned against Mr. Elliott. Yesterday Judge Aspenall dismissed the indictments against Mr. Elliott. Mr. Brewster, however, will have to stand trial.

The publication of the "black list" has raised a question of veracity between Mr. Elliott and Mr. Brewster, who was counsel for the Law Enforcement Society. Mr. Brewster has claimed all along that Mr. Elliott instructed him to have the list published. Mr. Elliott denied this emphatically.

District-Attorney Backus holds Mr. Elliott responsible. He says the society sent out irresponsible detectives to get evidence against the houses for the purpose of discrediting the regular force.

CAN STEAL WITH IMPUNITY.

Brooklyn Has No Place to Commit Bad Boys Under Twelve Years of Age.

Thomas Parker, an eleven-year-old boy, of No. 52 Nostrand avenue, Williamsburg, was detected yesterday by Grocer Charles Horstman, at No. 249 Hewes street, stealing jars and cans of fruit from the cellar of the store. Horstman took the boy to the Clymer Street Police Station, where a charge of larceny was made against him.

A policeman then arraigned the boy before Justice Goetting in the Lee Avenue Police Court, but the Magistrate refused to hold him, declaring that under the new law boys under twelve years of age cannot be committed to the Truant Home, House of Refuge or jail. When the new reformatory is completed boys under twelve can then be committed, but until that time they can steal with impunity.

Objects to Marquette's Statue.

The American Protective Association of the Nineteenth Ward, Brooklyn, have sent a petition to Congressman Bennett, protesting against the erection of a statue of Pere Marquette, clad in monk's robes, in the Capitol, at Washington.

Publisher Harper's Will Proved.

Jamaica, L. I., March 19.—The will of F. P. J. Harper was admitted to probate by Surrogate Weller to-day. The estate was valued at $224,745. It is to be divided equally between the testator's widow and his son James. The estate still retains an interest in the Harper publishing house.

CONEY ISLAND FELT THE STORM.

A Heavy Wind Rolled Up an Ugly Surf Which Swept Away Bulkheads.

The Marine Railway Submerged and One of the Stations Nearly Destroyed.

LUMBER CARRIED OUT TO SEA.

Two New Channels Cut Through the Island to Gravesend and Sheepshead Bays—Roadways Flooded and Damaged—Boats Washed Ashore.

Coney Island, March 19.—A terrific wind and rain storm, accompanied by unusually high tides, made things lively on Coney Island to-day. It began hours before dawn and continued until late in the afternoon, when the sky cleared just before sundown, but left behind a heavy southwestern wind and an ugly surf.

When the morning tide was at its highest at about 11 o'clock the white-crested waves swept over the bulkheads at Manhattan and Oriental beaches, damaging the lawns. Timbers in the bulkheads were snapped off as if but matches and swept out to sea, only to be returned on another wave to act as a battering ram against the heavy sea wall. The Marine Railway between Manhattan Beach and Hotel Brighton was totally submerged, in spite of the bulkhead which was placed between it and the ocean. The station at the Brighton Beach end of the road was partly demolished between Hotel Brighton and the Marine Railway Station, where the new bathing pavilion is being erected. The big combers swept completely over the beach and joined the waters of Sheepshead Bay. This has occurred during each storm throughout the season and a channel is slowly forming, which one or two more storms may make permanent.

East of the Oriental Hotel the waves washed over the narrow neck of land into the bay. Here, too, a channel is forming. Old boatmen and residents of Coney Island, who remember when the place was composed of three islands, predict a return to this state within a few years. In front of the Ocean Hotel and Brighton Race Track yards of paving block and sand were torn up and washed away. At one time difficulty was experienced in running the trolley cars of the Coney Island and Brooklyn road between Hotel Brighton and West Brighton, the tracks being torn up or covered with water. A heavy bulkhead, built three years ago to protect the race track and Ocean Hotel, was demolished in places. The lawns in front of Hotel Brighton were washed out, and but for the ocean wall the hotel and music amphitheatre would have been seriously damaged.

At West Brighton the waves indulged in many queer freaks and the wind blew away everything that was not fastened down tight. The Ocean Concourse and the lower end of the Ocean Parkway were flooded. The shelter houses on the beach at the foot of the parkway were partly submerged. It looked at one time as if they would be carried out to sea. Henry Henderson & Son, who are putting up a new bathing pavilion at West Brighton, lost several thousand dollars' worth of lumber that was piled up on the beach and was washed away. Louis Stauch, of the Newark House, who is also enlarging his bathing facilities, lost a large quantity of lumber.

The landing stages at the ocean end of both the piers were still further damaged by the waves. Cellars and streets throughout the entire place were flooded. In Sheepshead and Gravesend bays boats at anchor dragged loose from their moorings and were pounded upon the shore.

PETER ANDERSON RELEASED.

No Evidence to Connect Him with the Death of Mary Fox.

Peter Anderson, of Bayside, who was accused of the murder of Mary Fox, was taken before Justice Billings, at Glen Cove, yesterday, and discharged. The autopsy made on the body showed that the death of the woman was caused by drowning.

Mrs. Mary Lalor and John Fleischauer, who were not indicted by the Grand Jury for the murder of William Lalor, the son of Mrs. Lalor, are still locked up, but they will be released to-morrow.

John Wayne and Arthur Mayhew, the two negroes who were on Wednesday indicted for murder in the first degree for having killed aged Stephen Powell, of Hempstead, L. I., will probably be called upon to plead before Judge Garretson, in Long Island City, to-morrow. The District-Attorney is preparing his case against the accused men, and says he has a very strong one.

Boniface Brown Dead.

William B. Brown, the well-known roadhouse man, died yesterday at his home on Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn. He was sixty-eight years old. He was somewhat of a sporting man. He was the one roadhouse man who did not want to entertain bicyclists, for whom he conceived a dislike.

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MASKED MEN IN BABYLON.

Two Women Badly Frightened While Returning to Their Homes in the Early Evening.

Babylon, L. I., March 19.—Two masked men with long overcoats and dark hats stationed themselves near the Crescent here late last evening, and badly frightened Mrs. Augustus P. Bishop, and Miss Eliss Udall, who were returning to their homes. The men were standing close up to the fence, and the women, on catching sight of their faces, screamed for help.

Their cries brought a crowd to the scene and the women were escorted home.

Mrs. Smalley, wife of Collector Joshua H. Smalley, was in advance of the other women, and also saw the men. Collector Smalley was absent from home, and his wife believed that the men were lying in wait for him. He arrived home later, and upon being informed of the incident, secured a brace of pistols and scoured the town in search of the men. No trace of them could be found. The town is aroused over the affair.

OLD NAME IS THE BEST.

So Think the Villagers of Hicksville, Who Don't Want Their Town Known as Waldorf.

Hicksville, L. I., March 19.—The permanent residents of this place are not in sympathy with the proposition to change the name of the village from Hicksville to Waldorf. A petition, bearing the names of several hundred citizens, has just been forwarded to the Postmaster General at Washington protesting against the proposed change of name. Not more than six or seven of the villagers refused to sign this petition.

It is claimed that the only persons who want the village to be known by the name of Waldorf are outsiders and real estate speculators. The Summer cottagers like the present name.

The village was named after Charles Hicks, who was its founder. The family is one of the oldest on Long Island. Robert Hicks, a descendant of Sir Elias Hix, who was knighted for bravery by the Black Prince in 1356, came from England to America in the ship Fortune, landing at Plymouth, Mass., November 11, 1632. He settled at Roxbury, and his two sons, John and Stephen Hicks, came to Long Island. John Hicks, was one of the original patentees of the town of Flushing, and his son Elias settled at what is now a thriving village named in his honor.

It is not believed that the name will be changed in view of the present local opposition.

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