FOUR LITTLE BURGLARS LAUGH AT JUSTICE.

They Are Aware Their Age Saves Them from Legal Punishment.

Thomas Conway, the Leader, Is Only Nine Years Old, and Has a Record,

HAS BEEN ARRESTED MANY TIMES.

Recently Broke Into a Saloon, Stole Cigars, Beer and Whiskey and Was Found Drunk on the Floor—Next He and His Companions Tackled a Candy Store.

Justice Nostrand, in the Flatbush Police Court, yesterday discharged four very young burglars, because there is no available institution in which they can be placed for punishment. They were Thomas Conway, aged nine years, of No. 966 Pacific street; Thomas Costello, eleven years old, of Dean street and Washington avenue; Thomas Callahan, nine years old, and Dennis Callahan, eight years, of Bergen street and Grand avenue. They were arrested by Detectives Raleigh and Moran.

When arraigned they all pleaded guilty, but laughed in the Justice's face, as they knew from former arraignments in court that nothing could be done to them.

Conway has made a record during the past ten days. He is the leader of the gang. Only ten days ago he was arrested for breaking into a vacant house on Washington avenue, near Fulton street, by smashing the window in the rear. He was in the act of carrying off silverware when an officer caught him. He had to be discharged on account of his age.

Immediately upon his discharge, with a companion named Hogan, aged eight years, he broke into the saloon of Thomas Fitzgerald, at the corner of Washington avenue and Pacific street, forcing himself through iron bars only five inches apart. The two boys stole four quarts of whiskey, two boxes of cigars and all the bottled beer there was in the establishment. They got very drunk and were found in the saloon the next morning. They were arrested and discharged.

A few days ago four boys who were arraigned before Justice Nostrand yesterday broke into three candy stores and stole $10 worth of candy toys and chewing gum, which they divided up.

ALLEGED GAMBLERS HELD.

Defense Wanted Anthony Comstock Excluded from the Room During the Examination of Witnesses.

The nine men who were captured by Anthony Comstock, George E. Oram and James House, of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, aided by Sheriff Henry Doht and deputies, during the raid on the Blissville poolrooms, a week ago, were arraigned before Police Justice James Ingram in the Long Island City Police Court yesterday morning for examination. Comstock appeared in the role of prosecutor, the examination being conducted by District-Attorney Daniel Noble, of Queens County. All the accused men were charged with violating Section 315 of the Penal Code, on July 8. Against two of them, however, Henry Van Buren and George Meyers, was an additional charge of violating the same section of the code on May 15, at a poolroom on Front street, Long Island City. The prosecution decided to first take up the charges against Van Buren and Meyers, for accepting and recording bets, on May 15.

F. H. Van Vechten, of counsel for the accused, desired to have Mr. Comstock excluded from the court room while the witnesses for the prosecution were testifying, and made a request that all persons except the two defendants, counsel and officers, be excluded. Justice Ingram granted the request, and the court room was cleared, but Mr. Comstock did not budge, and upon the statement of the District-Attorney that Mr. Comstock, as prosecuting witness, could not be excluded, the Justice allowed him to remain, despite most vigorous protests by opposing counsel.

George E. Oram, Comstock's chief lieutenant, was the first witness called. Almost every question put to him by the District-Attorney was objected to by the defence, but under rulings of the Court he was allowed to testify that he had visited a room in a building on Front street, Long Island City, in company with James Hance, another agent of the society, where he saw blackboards hanging on the walls, upon which George Meyer was writing the names of horses, with betting odds, running in races at Barksdale and Louisville tracks; and that he (the witness) wrote upon a slip of paper the name of the horse Dorothy, and handed it to Van Buren with a $2 bill. He also heard James Doe announcing the odds at the track and winners of the races. The testimony of the witness was not changed upon a lengthy cross-examination.

James Hance corroborated Oram's testimony. The defence then asked for the discharge of Meyers and Van Buren on the ground that the testimony adduced did not show that any crime had been committed. Justice Ingram denied the request and reserved his decision, but intimated that he should hold the two men for the Grand Jury.

The examination into the other charges was adjourned until the 23d.

DYING CONVICT PARDONED.

Brennan Given His Freedom So That He May Die at Home.

William Brennan, who was sentenced by the late Judge Moore, in the early part of 1894 to serve three and one-half years in the Kings County Penitentiary for receiving stolen goods, was discharged from that institution yesterday. Brennan's sentence was commuted by Governor Morton because he is in the last stages of consumption and to give the man a chance to die at his home.

The dying man was convicted in the County Court on January 7, 1894, and on January 19, 1894, was sentenced to serve his term. His sentence would have expired on September 18, next.

Children Missed John Y. McKane.

The Methodist Sunday School in Sheepshead Bay of which John Y. McKane was the Superintendent, had its annual picnic yesterday at Coney Island. The teachers and children were driven to the Shelter House at the foot of the Ocean Parkway, where they had lunch. In former times McKane always provided the amusement and lunch at his expense. It was the one day which he enjoyed more than any other.

Lockjaw Victim Cannot Live.

Charlie McDonald, the thirteen-year-old boy, who is dying from lockjaw as the result of the explosion of a toy pistol on July 4, was in a very critical condition last night. Four physicians were in consultation over the case, and little hope was held that he could live through the night. This is the third case of lockjaw from Fourth of July injuries in the city of Brooklyn.

Andrew Carnegie Gives $1,000.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 16.—A check for $1,000 has been received by the Oyster Bay Free Library from Andrew Carnegie, the Pennsylvania iron man. Last year he gave a similar amount.

MAIL BY PNEUMATIC TUBE.

Letters Will Be Shot Over the Bridge at the Rate of 246,000 an Hour.

It now looks as if the much discussed matter of pneumatic mail service between New York and Brooklyn would come to a satisfactory and quick end. The postal authorities in both cities have gone into the matter, and with President Howell and Chief Engineer Martin, of the Bridge, have given the scheme their approval.

The plans were laid before the Bridge Trustees, and they will be acted upon at their next meeting. The postal authorities have agreed to make a four-years' contract with the pneumatic tube people if they can secure a right of way over the bridge. It is said that the tubing will not affect the bridge at all, and that the stringing of the tubes will not necessitate a great outlay of cash. It is further pointed out that while the schedule time for the transfer of mails from the Brooklyn office is now twenty-seven minutes, by the new arrangement they will be able to dispatch mail at intervals of two or three minutes from each terminal. The capacity of the tube to be put in will be eight inches in diameter, and will be capable of landing 125,000 pieces of mail matter an hour, or in both directions 246,000 pieces.

Some time ago the Bridge Trustees, on the resolution of Comptroller Palmer, agreed to enter into a five years' contract with a company for the laying of a pneumatic tube service across the bridge. By its terms the company was to pay $4,000 a year for the first two years, and $3,000 a year for the remaining three years. The company who made the proposal failed to come to time, however, and the matter was dropped.

The concern that has made the present offer has plenty of money, it is said, and has agreed to take the service for the same amount as the old concern. In speaking of the matter yesterday one of the officials connected with the Post Office said:

"I am greatly in favor of the proposed plan, for it will facilitate the transmission of the mails between New York and Brooklyn. Where it is minutes now it will be seconds in transmission from one city to another. In my opinion the bridge officials should make an easy contract, taking into consideration that the thing is for the benefit of the public. The equipment of the tube will cost nearly $100,000."

PRISONER TO FLY PAPER.

How "Long John" Pelletreau, War Veteran, Was Transformed Into a Human Bill Board.

It is fly time and time for fly paper at No. 1176 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn. Dignified, but long and lean, John Pelletreau knows that fact because he lives there, and has become intimately acquainted with both. "Long John," as he was called in the Civil War when a first sergeant in the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth New York Regiment, bought a lot of stickly fly paper at a bargain yesterday and took it home. He expected to decimate the ranks of flydom, but he was disappointed.

John deposited the purchase on a table in the dining-room and went to business without giving to the matter any further thought for the time. His wife saw the stuff, inspected it critically, separated the sheets and laid them, one by one, in regular rows on a couch. She, too, went about her duties.

In the heat of the afternoon John entered the darkened room to obtain a nap. He did not see the fly paper and reclined at full length upon the couch. It was an hour before he arose, refreshed and invigorated, but resembling a human billboard.

Fly paper was on his back, legs, neck and ankles, and two sheets of it clung to his hair, while two more had fastened themselves tenaciously to his ponderous one-pound mustache. In his disgust, he tried to remove them with his fingers, but only succeeded in papering his hands and decorating his garments with flies that used to be.

John was a sight, and he knew it. Vainly he tried to release himself from his glue-like bargain by capering around the room and trying to shake it off. It only stuck more closely. He couldn't even dig off the stuff with a knife, so in despair and perspiring from every pore, he called his wife. She came, she laughed, but she conquered, and at the end the fly paper was peeled off, rooled into a sticky ball, tossed out of a rear window, where it struck and adhered to "Jim," the family cat, who was dozing in a corner of the yard. "Jim" gave a startled "meow!" and ran up a fence with the ball clinging to its back and tail, but was lucky enough to quickly shake off the troublesome thing.

John says he has been a prisoner of war, but it is the first time that he was ever a prisoner to fly paper.

FIRST TO BREAK HIS LAW.

Trustee Ryder Framed a Bicycle Ordinance and Was Fined for Ignoring It.

Patchogue, L. I., July 16.—Charles J. Ryder is a well-known citizen of this village and is a village trustee. He helped frame an ordinance giving the police the right to arrest bicyclists who rode on the streets without having their lamps lighted, and he was the first to suffer.

Orin B. Smith last night made a complaint to Policeman Davis against the trustee and he was taken into custody. On being arraigned before Justice Conklin he was fined $5, which he promptly paid.

Death of Major Jacob Roemer.

Flushing, L. I., July 16.—Major Jacob Roemer, one of the oldest and best known residents of this village, died at his home at an early hour this morning after a lingering illness. He was seventy-eight years old. Since the close of the war he conducted a boot and shoe establishment in this village. He was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, on April 3, 1818, and when he became of age entered the German cavalry. He served in the Union Army after his arrival in this country.

JOHNSON THREATENS TO STOP TRANSFERS.

Will Adopt Aggressive Measures if Action Is Taken Against the Trolley.

Only Remedy for Overcrowding He Maintains Is to Advance the Fares.

WILL RECOMMEND THIS AT ONCE.

Matter of Transfers, However, He Says, Is Voluntary on the Part of the Company and Can Be Discontinued at Any Time.

President Albert Johnson, of the Nassau Electric Road of Brooklyn, has found a new and aggressive way to prevent the overcrowding of trolley cars and threatens to put it in force in case any action should be taken against the company.

Within a day or two he will send to the State Railroad Commission a lengthy review of their recent recommendations in connection with their report upon the fatal accident at Thirty-ninth street.

Mr. Johnson maintains that the only remedy for overcrowding of Coney Island cars is to advance the fares, and he threatens that if any suit for overcrowding should be brought his company will discontinue all transfers on Sundays.

This, he says, would effect 80,000 passengers who are influenced by the cheap through fares. The giving of transfers is voluntary, he says, and the company has a perfect right to discontinue their use at any time.

BRENNAN'S UNLUCKY FALL

Brooklyn Police Inspector Breaks His Thigh While Trying to Catch a Trolley.

In his haste to get aboard a trolley car Inspector John Brennan, of the Brooklyn Police Department, fell and fractured his right thigh yesterday morning. The Inspector had been paying a visit to the station house at Flushing and Clermont avenues, and leaving about 11 o'clock in company with Captain Brown started for the corner of Flushing and Waverly avenues, when within ten feet of the track he was seen to fall.

Captain Brown ran toward the curb, and, picking up the Inspector, carried him to the sidewalk. A patrol wagon was summoned and the injured man was taken to the station house and laid on a lounge. A hurry call was sent to the Homoeopathic Hospital and Surgeon Allen promptly responded. The injured thigh was put in splints and the Inspector was driven to his home, No. 277 Madison street.

The Inspector is sixty-two years old, and one of the most popular members of the Police Department, and while of a robust constitution his family and friends have grave fears for his recovery because of his age.

SECRETARY TULLY SNUBBED.

Deputy Excise Commissioner Mitchell Does'nt Want Outside Interference.

There was a lively tiff between Secretary Tully, of the Law Enforcement Society, and Colonel Mitchell, Deputy Commissioner of Excise for Brooklyn, yesterday, at the conclusion of which Tully was informed that the department wanted run its own affairs without any assistance of advice from outsiders.

The trouble arose in the case of Jacob Orteureith, Jr., who had applied for a certificate to conduct a saloon at No. 316 South Second street, Brooklyn. The certificate had been refused and Orteureith had made application for a writ of certiorri to compel the department to issue a certificate. The grounds for refusal was that the application did not bear the indorsement of the owner of the premises nor the necessary signatures of a majority of the adjacent property owners.

Hr. Tully sought to show Colonel Mitchell that his refusal on those points was final and no appeal to the courts could be had, but the secretary of the Law Enforcement Society got badly snubbed and left the office in a highly excited and indignant state.

"The Raines law is clear in its provisions," said the Deputy Commissioner, "and outside talent is not necessary for our enlightenment on its interpretation."

TYPICAL SWEDISH EXCURSION

1,500 Men, Women and Children Go Up the Sound on the Sirius.

Despite the threatening weather more than 1,500 hardy Swedish men, women and children gathered at the foot of Dock street, Brooklyn, yesterday morning and packed the steamer Sirius, bound for Laurelton Grove, sixty miles up Long Island Sound.

It was the annual excursion of the Lutheran Swedes, of Brooklyn and New York, under the auspices of the Bethlehem Church and Sunday-school. Their imposing newly erected sanctuary is located on the corner of Pacific street and Third avenue, Brooklyn, and the pastor of the congregation is Dr. F. Jacobson.

It was a typical Swedish outing. A Scandinavian band delighted the people with ditties and national airs from the Lands of the North, the young folks indulged in Swedish games and songs and on long tables on the lower decks everything served was unmistakably "svensk," with the exception of the insuppressible ice-cream and pop. The Swedish dominie directed everything on the boat and in the grove. It was evident that the Swedes are fond of boating and swimming, the Sound waters being kept astir until the Sirius blew its second alarm for the return trip.

A WOMAN CUTS HER THROAT.

Mrs. Zedeler Makes a Desperate Attempt to End Her Life with a Dull Knife.

Mrs. Hildred Zedeler, of East Fifteenth street and Avenue X, Sheepshead Bay, whose mind has been clouded by melancholia for the past two years, tried to end her existence yesterday morning by cutting her throat. Owing to the dullness of the table knife she used she only succeeded in cutting a deep, jagged gash that will not prove fatal.

A close watch had been kept on her of late, but she succeeded in eluding her watchers. She ran to the dining room and was found there sawing at her throat with the blunt-edged knife.

She was removed to the Kings County Hospital, in the care of Ambulance Surgeon Boyce, attached to the West Brighton Precinct.

Artist Ryder Dies Suddenly.

Platt H. Ryder, seventy-four years old, an artist, of No. 580 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, died suddenly in a Philadelphia boarding-house yesterday morning, from chronic Bright's disease. Ryder, who was unmarried, will be buried in Greenwood Cemetery to-morrow. His sister, Mrs. A. Hoyt, was with him at the time of his death.

Roswell S. Benedict Buried.

The funeral of Roswell S. Benedict, who died at his home, No. 43 Monroe place, Brooklyn, on Tuesday last, took place yesterday afternoon. Dr. Charles T. Weetgel, assistant pastor of Plymouth Church, conducted the services. The interment was at Greenwood Cemetery.

DYING BABY NEGLECTED.

Neighbors Say Mrs. Hassett Wished for the Little One's Death for the Sake of $50 Insurance.

Even in the midst of the profligacy or squalor of a great city it may be presumed that there are few mothers so unnatural as to wish for the death of their own helpless offspring for the sake of $50 insurance on its life. Such, however, is Mrs. Annie Hassett, of No. 106 Nassau street, Brooklyn, alleged to be. She was charged with endangering the life of her twenty-month-old baby boy in the Adams Street Police Court on Wednesday, and committed for examination to-day.

The tiny child has for some time past been suffering with brain fever, and, according to the testimony given by Mr. Swadlish, a nephew, Mrs. Hassett has frequently expressed a hope that its death might enrich her to the extent of the $50 for which she had insured its puny little life. Her husband is a hard-working man, and on Saturday last he gave Mrs. Hassett his week's wages, begging her to spend some of the money for medicine for their little one.

She went out ostensibly for this purpose, but, meeting a young man friend, the pair promptly got rid of all the money in dissipation. When she returned in a state of intoxication, she roundly berated Mrs. Swadlish for nursing and caring for the sick child. The neighbors procured her arrest and had the baby sent to the Maternity Hospital, where it is said that it will probably die. Justice Tighe, in remanding the woman, spoke of the case as one of the most heartless that had ever been brought to his notice.

ITALIANS FOUGHT A DUEL.

Four Men Had Begun Firing When the Police Charged and Broke Up the Row.

Justice Schnitzspan, in the Lee Avenue Police Court, Williamsburg, yelsterday remanded for trial Giovanni Rabbina, Garezearlo Maretian, Giuseppe Farnando and Carlano Masato, the four Italians who were arrested Wednesday night while engaged in fighting a duel. Each prisoner had been cut about the head and face with stilettos. The scene of the trouble was in the rear of a saloon at Havemeyer and North Sixth street.

The police were told of the proposed duel by a small boy, who rushed breathless into the station house. The duel had been arranged by an Italian named Spandano, and the trouble which led to it occurred four years ago, during an Italian celebration. Wednesday afternoon the men met in a house at No. 227 North Second street and the feud was renewed. A duel was proposed by Farnanda to settle the trouble. The others were willing. The weapons to be used consisted of first clubs, second, stilettos, and last revolvers. Maretiano, Farnanda and Masato selected Vincenzo Rarzaro as their second, and Rabbino, Gaetano Spanato. The affray was to take place at 9 o'clock.

Just as the police arrived the first shot was fired, the stilettos having been used in the meantime. As soon as the duellists saw the police they turned upon them. Several shots were fired at the officers, but the bullets flew wide of there mark. The police returned the fire, shooting over the heads of the Italians. They were finally captured.

FIFTH WARD FOR BRYAN.

Resolutions Indorsing the Chicago Ticket Go Through with a Hurrah.

If all the Democratic wards in Brooklyn come out with as strong declarations and sentiments for William Jennings Bryan and Arthur Sewall as did the Fifth Ward Democratic organization last evening then there will be no doubt as to how the Democrats of the City of Churches will cast their ballots on Election Day.

The meeting was held at the club's quarters, on Hicks and Bridge streets, and was called to order by Mr. James Bridges. Mr. Bridges eulogized the nominees of the Democratic Convention. He replied to the critics of Mr. Bryan, who have been quoted as saying that the nominee of the Democratic party was too young to hold such a responsible position, by pointing to Mr. Bryan's record in the lower house at Washington, in which the speaker said he received the thanks of such old-time members of Congress as Crisp, Reed and Burrows.

The next speaker was Richard Lacy, one of the largest manufacturers of linseed oil in the United States. He pointed out to his hearers that this campaign represented more to the men of the Fifth Ward than any campaign of recent years, as right here in their own district, which has two of the largest linseed oil establishments in the United States, the gold and silver question would affect them more than most other people.

When it came to a vote on the resolution indorsing Messrs. Bryan and Sewall not a dissenting voice was heard, and the motion went through with a "hurrah!"

BOYS SAVED FROM DROWNING.

Four Lads Pulled Out of the River by the Crew of a Fireboat.

Thomas Bradhurst, fifteen years old; Otto Hutjack, nineteen years old; James McNalley, fifteen years old, and Thomas McNalley, seventeen years old, all living at No. 32 Division avenue, Williamsburg, had a narrow escape from drowning late Wednesday night. They hired a rowboat at the Wallabout Canal and started out on the river.

While opposite North Seventh street the swell from a passing steamer capsized the boat. All managed to cling to the bottom of the craft, while they shouted for help. Their cries were heard by the crew of the fireboat David A. Boody, who rescued the boys.

KEPT BUSY SAVING TENTS.

Storm Made Things Lively at the Camp of the Naval Reserves.

Gardiner's Island, July 16.—The naval reserves had an exciting experience during the storm this morning. Everybody was drenched by the rain, and when the reserves were awakened they were kept busy for some time saving food and other property, including their tents, from being blown away.

The Connecticut reserves broke camp yesterday and left for home on the Cincinnati, and the dispatch boat Dolphin left yesterday for Washington, having on board Assistant Secretary of the Navy McAdoo and Lieutenant Niblack.

Celebrating with His Employer's Money.

Edward Cooney, eighteen years old, was taken before Judge J. Lott Nostrand, in the Coney Island Police Court yesterday, charged with stealing $48 from his employer, Herman Schlobohm, of No. 90 West Third street, New York. Cooney, who lives at No. 102 West Third street, was given the money to go and purchase a business wagon. He was driving a horse to get the wagon, but sent a boy back with it. Then he bought a new suit of clothes and started for Coney Island. He was found on the Bowery celebrating. He had $10.80 left. Judge Nostrand held Cooney for examination.

Unconscious Near the Trolley Tracks

Henry Gotlieb, thirty-five years old, who lives at No. 165 Fifteenth street, Hoboken, narrowly escaped death yesterday morning by falling in an unconscious condition to the ground just outside the Nassau railroad tracks at the West End Depot, Coney Island. He was taken to the West Brighton Police Station, where Ambulance Surgeon Boyce treated him. Gotlieb remained unconscious for fully three hours. His illness was due to an over-indulgence in intoxicants. He was able to return to his home.

Rags Make a Big Blaze.

The building at the corner of Carroll and Nevins streets, Brooklyn, formerly occupied by the Empire Paper Mills Company, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was a three-story frame building, and has been recently used for the storage of rags. The damage is estimated at $5,000.

MR. HALL DEFENDS HIS DEPARTMENT.

Starts a Lively Discussion at the Home Seekers' Convention.

Talk Ends in the Delegates Giving Him a Vote of Thanks.

SEVERAL INTERESTING PAPERS READ.

Mr. Haskin Declares One of the Greatest Menaces to the Country Is the Tenement House Question—Young Couples Advised Not to Board.

The New York State League of the Co-operative Savings and Building Loan Associations were again in session at the Wilson building on Pierrepont street, Brooklyn, yesterday, and several interesting papers were read. Among the most noticeable of these was an essay on the proper functions of a State Examiner of Building Loan Associations, by Mr. Charles R. Hall, of the State Banking Department.

Mr. Hall's paper was a vigorous defence of the methods of his department, which has been attacked by certain members of the association. He counselled the delegates that greater care should be exercised in the selection of financial officers in the future so that absconders might be less frequent. He also defended the State law compelling the yearly examination of building associations.

Mr. Hall's paper provoked much lively discussion, President Larkin vacating the chair, in order to criticise the paper. He held that previous to 1894 building loan associations had not been treated with fairness, and he took exception to the law demanding yearly examinations.

Colonel W. M. Bloomer, of Buffalo, supported the paper, and a vote of thanks was eventually accorded Mr. Hall.

Professor A. R. Haskin, of Poughkeepsie, discoursed eloquently upon "The American Home, the Safeguard of American Liberty."

"One of the greatest menances threatening this country," he said, "is the tenement question as seen in New York. Young men, after marriage should never go boarding. They should get a home for themselves, and if possible, buy one. Then they are part and parcel of the nation. This is what built the West."

"Home Owning and Taxation" was the title of a paper read by Mr. Charles O'C. Hennessy. He gave interesting statistics showing 25,000 heads of families in this State are paying for homes worth $50,000,000 through co-operative building and savings associations, and that co-operators of New York County are lending $4,000,000 a year to small housekeepers, $1,000,000 of which is loaned by associations in the City of Brooklyn.

"Do our tax laws encourage thrift, industry and home getting, or is it otherwise?" he asked. "I am sorry to say that it is otherwise. In the suburbs of this city there are vast tracts of unused land brought into the city limits by the comparatively recent annexation of the county towns. Only a few years ago large farms, taxed at nominal rates were to be seen on all sides in New Utrecht, Flatlands, Flatbush and Gravesend. The legislative flat of annexation, aided by the quenchless ambition of the metropolitan home seekers and the pervading enterprise and industry of the land speculator has changed all this."

Mr. Hennessy also spoke on the single tax, and was much applauded by the delegates.

Other papers read were on "Should Premiums Be Abolished in Building Loan Associations?" by J. Addison Robb, of Brooklyn, and "How We Provide for Paying Maturing Shares," by Gilbert A. Barnes, of Tottenville, N. Y.

After the Finance Committee had announced that the New York State League had a credit balance of $179, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Thomas F. Larkin, Brooklyn; vice-presidents, Walter Briggs, of Schenectady; Gilbert S. Barnes, of Tottenville, and Frank D. Kingsbury, of Corning; secretary, John Hourigan, of Albany; and treasurer, Francis N. Penn, of New York. The Executive Committee consists of Gilbert S. Barnes, Tottenville; Walter Briggs, Schenectady; Seymour Dexter, Elmira; John Hourigan, Albany; Frank D. Kingsbury, Corning; Avery Kinsman, Rochester; Thomas F. Larkin, Brooklyn; J. E. Lovejy, Brooklyn; Benjamin J. Macdonald, Newburg; Francis N. Penn, New York; George W. Polk, Poughkeepsie; Charles W. Rodgers, Buffalo; Gregory Strootman, Buffalo; Horace L. Wells, New York, and James Wheeler, West New Brighton.

The following were elected as delegates to the United States Building and Savings Societies Convention, shortly to be held in Philadelphia: Colonel William L. Bloomer, of Buffalo; Seymour Dexter, of Elmira; Walter F. Durack, of Brooklyn; Thomas F. Larkin, of Brooklyn, and John Hourigan, of Albany. The convention then closed.

NEWSBOY ROUGHLY HANDLED.

He Was Fighting with Another Lad When a Clerk Hurled Him to the Street.

Two newsboys were engaged in a street fight over the selling of papers in front of the Germania building, on Fulton street, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. William Smith, a six-foot, athletic-looking clerk to the Board of Aldermen, crossed the street from the City Hall and, grabbing one of the boys by the throat, threw him at least ten feet. Smith was about to go toward the child again when a reporter of a Brooklyn paper interfered.

Walter H. Bogert, of No. 30 Lafayette avenue, accompanied the boy and Smith to the First Precinct Station in Adams street. An ambulance was sent for and Dr. Hurd found that the lad was suffering from a contusion of the neck, caused, he said, by striking the curb. The sergeant at the desk advised Mr. Bogert to get a warrant for Smith.

The boy was Charles J. Hinginitez, twelve years old, of No. 484 Atlantic avenue.

Smith was surrounded in the station by several political friends, who seemed indignant at his being called upon for an explanation.

Mr. Bogert left the police station with the intention of getting a warrant for Smith's arrest.

LIGHTNING DAMAGES HOMES

Houses Struck and Persons Stunned During a Storm on Long Island.

The heavy storm of early yesterday morning did considerable damage on Long Island. The thunder was deafening and the lightning illuminated the sky. The storm lasted about an hour, and during that time there was a big downpour of rain.

The dwelling of the Rev. Bernard Reve, at East Quogue, was struck by lightning. The bolt entered the chimney, tore the plaster away and in passing out nearly demolished it. The family escaped injury.

The Grand View cottage, at Great Neck, was struck and nearly destroyed. The roof was badly shattered, splinters being thrown about the yard and lawn and a hole was torn in the roof. Mrs. Fields, her maid, Gertrude Ellisberg; Miss Adams and her brother Frederick, were stunned by a bolt of lightning, and young Adams was made unconscious for fifteen minutes. The building was set on fire, but the heavy rain quenched the blaze. There were many city people summering in the house, and they were badly frightened.

At Port Washington several small buildings were wrecked and so was part of a foundation built by Isaac Willets for a new house.

FOUGHT IN A BUGGY.

Fierce Contest During a Runaway, in Which a Farmer Conquers a Daring Robber He Had Aided.

New Brunswick, N. J., July 16.—Peter Bastedo, a Monmouth Junction farmer, had an exciting experience with a highwayman yesterday, whom he had at first befriended by giving a ride. Mr. Bastedo is an old man, but full of the milk of human kindness, and when he noticed a stranger toiling wearily up a hill, he asked him to jump into his buggy.

The stranger demurred at first, but seeing Mr. Bastedo's kindly face, jumped in. Soon the men were good friends, apparently, and the stranger proved very entertaining with his tales of travel.

Then the stranger asked Mr. Bastedo whether he would like to buy a watch.

"I haven't any money, or I might," he replied.

"You haven't, eh?" retorted the man. "Well, I'll be hanged if I don't see what you've got."

Then the highwayman grabbed the farmer by the throat.

Bastedo dropped the lines, and the struggle began. Both men clinched desperately, each striving to throw the other out of the buggy. The horse, frightened by the scuffle, started on a run, and the buggy swayed from side to side, and threatened to overturn any moment. Mr. Bastedo struggled hard to get an erect position, and the stranger fought to get his hands loose, so that he might reach a weapon he had in his hip pocket. The men fought like tigers. Once the highwayman had Mr. Bastedo with one leg out of the buggy, but by a mighty effort the farmer threw his opponent back so that his head hung out of the other side. Mr. Bastedo then hit the stranger in the stomach, and this knocked all the spirit out of him, and the farmer tumbled him into the road.

The wheels passed over the fellow, and he was picked up unconscious an hour later. Mr. Bastedo did not stop to learn his injuries, fearing another attack.

BIG DIAMOND ROBBERY.

Wife of Horseman Sloper Loses Nearly $2,000 Worth of Jewels in a Mysterious Manner.

Paterson, N. J., July 16.—The police have a big diamond robbery mystery to unravel. The robbery occurred last night at the home of Walter J. Sloper, a well-known horseman.

Sloper was to have left for Maryland this morning to look after his racing string. He had been packing up in the early evening, and left the house about 7 o'clock. His wife retired a few minutes later. Within an hour Sloper returned and spent several hours, he says, in reading and smoking. When he finally decided to retire, shortly after 10 o'clock, his wife called and asked him to bring her jewel cases, which were in a box in the dining-room closet, to her. He looked for them and told her they were not there. She went to look herself and was convinced that they were gone.

The box which held the jewels and the cases were afterward found on the floor, the person who had taken them having picked the jewels from the cases. He had scorned to take gold cuff links and a gold backed comb.

A window opening on a blind alley at the side of the house was found open, but no other signs of a visitor were visible. The robbery must have been committed by some one thoroughly familiar with the house. The Slopers employ no servants.

The stolen jewelry consisted of a handsome Tiffany brooch worth $350, diamond earrings worth $500, two solitaire diamond rings and a diamond and ruby ring valued at $300 each, and a lady's gold watch and chain worth $100. Sloper has offered $300 reward for their return and will ask no questions of the thief.

RELIGION VERSUS WHEELS.

Rev. Christiansen Forced Out of His Pastorate Because He Rides a Bicycle in Making Calls.

Newark, N. J., July 16.—At a meeting of the Newark Classis of the Dutch Reformed Church, Tuesday, Rev. David H. Christiansen, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Irvington, was allowed to dissolve his relations as pastor of the church. The reason given was that the spiritual and financial welfare of the church warranted the move, but the true reason for the pastor's retirement is said to be that he is fond of bicycle riding.

Soon after he was installed, a little over two years ago, Mr. Christiansen and his wife were seen riding bicycles. This created some comment among the old and staid members of the church, and they objected to the pastor making parish calls on a wheel. This caused a breach between the pastor and several members of the consistory and the congregation.

On May 30 the consistory held a special meeting, and it was informally decided that for the welfare of the church the pastor should resign. A committee later called upon Rev. Mr. Christiansen and intimated that his resignation would be accepted. The resignation was handed in June 15, to take effect September 1.

The meeting of the classis was for the purpose of taking action upon the matter, and the entire case was laid before that body. After some discussion the resignation was accepted and permission for dissolution granted.

BIG STORM IN SOUTH JERSEY.

Sea Isle City Deluged, and Lightning Strikes in Several Places.

Sea Isle City, N. J., July 16.—A very severe electrical storm passed over this city and its vicinity at 2 o'clock this morning. The black clouds that came from the Southwest were loaded with rain and fully an inch fell in half an hour. The heavens were lighted up by continuous electrical flashes for an hour or more.

Lightning struck the cottage of Bernard Quinn, but did little damage. The bolt continued over ground to a large stable fifty feet away, and set fire to it. The bucket brigade and volunteer fire department went to work to save the buildings surrounding the burning barn, and after a hard fight the danger that threatened a number of cottages was overcome.

A bolt of lightning also struck and shattered the flag pole at the Hotel Lincoln, and, passing through the roof, tore considerable plastering off in several sleeping rooms. No one was injured. The loss to Mr. Quinn's property is $500.

A severe electrical storm struck Cape May early this morning. Heavy thunder and rain accompanied it, and the storm continued for several hours. A house in Cold Spring was struck, but was not badly damaged. Trees in different parts of the city were demolished and several sma.. outbuildings wrecked.

FIREMEN ARE ON STRIKE.

Objectionable Town Marshal Not Removed and They Resign in a Body.

Newark, N. J., July 16.—The Fire Chief and the twenty-eight men composing the Fire Department of the town of Vailsburg, which lies between this city and South Orange, have gone an a strike because the Mayor has not removed Borough Marshal Brunner, against whom they have made charges.

The firemen on July 4 endeavored to get into the borough hall to decorate it. They had no key and gained entrance through a window. Marshal Brunner claimed the men had broken the lock and took it to the Mayor to prove this. This greatly incensed the firemen and they resigned in a body when the trial of Brunner was not set down for an early hearing. The residents are somewhat alarmed, fearing a disastrous conflagration should break out, but the Mayor is confident that the men would turn out in case of fire. He is considering the case against the Marshal, but will endeavor to bring about a peaceful ending to the dispute.

TROLLEY TOWN OF ON A COURT ORDER.

Manager Who Ignored Justice Osborne's Injunction Brought Up with a Round Turn.

Six Hundred Feet of Line That Had Been Laid Removed and Street Made Whole Again.

FINE OF $100 ALSO IMPOSED

Mr. Quigg Claimed He Was Not Aware of the New Injunction, and for That Reason Resumed the Work.

South Beach, S. I., July 16.—The efforts of the Staten Island Electric Railroad Company to complete its trolley road to this place, received a severe set back at the hands of Supreme Court Justice Osborne, yesterday, as the result of the blundering of some of the railroad company's officials.

To-day, by order of the court, all of the track laid on Saturday night was taken up, the poles and wires were removed and the street restored to its original condition. This leaves a gap of about 600 feet on Richmond avenue, at Arrochar, over which [illegible] to and from the beach must wal[illegible]

Careful inquiry made to-day s[illegible] the work done on Saturday night w[illegible] formed in the face of an injunction o[illegible] by Counsellor John Widdecomb, for [illegible] A. L. King. This injunction was [illegible] upon H. J. Quigg, the general manager [illegible] the company, about 10 o'clock Satur[illegible] morning. During the same morning an [illegible] junction covering the same block, and [illegible] tained in the name of Mrs. A. L. King, [illegible] dissolved. Mr. Quigg was notified of [illegible] fact and, it is said, was directed to pr[illegible] with the work.

The officers who gave this order cl[illegible] it was not made plain to them that [illegible] King had served a new injunc[illegible] Manager Quigg alleges that he [illegible] that all legal obstacles had been re[illegible]

Counsellor Widdecomb yesterday [illegible] the attention of Justice Osborne to [illegible] obedience of his order by the compa[illegible] the Justice issued the order stated [illegible] and imposed a fine of $100 on M[illegible] Quigg for contempt of court.

TRAMPS BEGGED FOR ME[illegible]

Demanded Money First, but Changed Tune When Henry Ceased Pounding [illegible]

Belleville, N. J., July 16.—Mr. an[illegible] Frank Henry, of this place, with their [illegible] fant child, were walking in the vicinity o[illegible] the White Bridge, which spans the Passaic River, at 10 o'clock last night when they were stopped by two tramps who demanded money for beer. They threatened to throw Mr. Henry in the river unless he gave them the money.

Mr. Henry, instead of complying, struck out right and left, and so vigorous was h[illegible] attack that the tramps begged for mere[illegible] It was only after considerable persuas[illegible] on the part of Mrs. Henry that her h[illegible] husband ceased to belabor the two [illegible] who were severely beaten.

Mrs. Henry was greatly ala[illegible] almost fainted during the encou[illegible] police were notified, but the tram[illegible]

HORNER IS GIVEN A W[illegible]

Must Keep Away from Uncle S[illegible] Mail Carrier or Take the Conseque[illegible]

Summit, N. J., July 15.—Mrs. Spring[illegible] the woman mail carrier between this [illegible] and New Providence, declares that [illegible] not satisfied with the way in whic[illegible] village Justice has disposed of the [illegible] against James Horner, Sr., whom [illegible] charged with slander.

The Justice placed Horner under bo[illegible] keep the peace for six months. Mrs. [illegible] stein wanted him 'shut up so he w[illegible] shet up." The Justice thought t[illegible] were sufficient, but he has adde[illegible] words of counsel and warning, to [illegible] that Horner may find himself b[illegible] United States Commissioner the [illegible] if he does not keep away from Un[illegible] woman servant.

MAYOR WANSER IN A RU[illegible]

He and His Wife and Two Frien[illegible] Out, but Are Uninjured.

Mayor Wanser, of Jersey City, [illegible] and Dr. and Mrs. John Nevin, [illegible] driving Wednesday night were [illegible] of a runaway accident.

While turning into Gates avenue to [illegible] the Old Bergen road the team of hor[illegible] tached to the surrey in which the[illegible] were riding crashed into a pile of [illegible] upon which no light was display[illegible] Nevin, who was driving, endeavored [illegible] the horses, but they suddenly [illegible] throwing all four occupants of the [illegible] out.

Then the