MOTHER KISSES A JUDGE'S FEET.

Aged Mrs. Block Pleads in Vain for Her Doomed Son.

He is Sentenced to Life Imprisonment as an Habitual Criminal.

When Judge Aspinall Consigns Him to Living Death His Wife Faints in Court.

PROTESTS INNOCENCE TO THE LAST.

The Man Might Have Escaped with a Light Sentence if He Had Pleaded Guilty—The Law Inexorable.

There was a pathetic scene in the County Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, when Judge Aspinall sentenced John Block to prison for life as an habitual criminal. Block took the sentence lightly, but his wife, who carried a baby in her arms, screamed and fell to the floor in a faint.

Just before the Judge ascended the bench to pronounce sentence, the prisoner's aged mother, his wife and three children begged him to be merciful. When he explained that he was compelled to impose a life sentence their shrieks filled the Court House. Old Mrs. Block fell to the floor, kissed his shoes, and implored him not to imprison her son for life. The women were led away hysterical.

Block's crime was burglary. He is the first person in Brooklyn to be sentenced as an habitual criminal. He confessed burglaries at No. 11 Moore street and at No. 81 McKibbin street, and was first indicted for burglary in the third degree. During the trial it was developed that he had previously been convicted of petit larceny and that the alleged burglaries were committed in the night time. He was then indicted for burglary in the first degree, and the jury found him guilty.

His counsel, George Alexander, made a strong plea for Block. The regularity of the proceedings was not questioned, but counsel said he was certain that the jury would not have convicted Block if it had known that he might receive a life sentence. Mr. Alexander declared that the District-Attorney was willing to have the verdict set aside on condition that Block would plead guilty to burglary and grand larceny in the second degree, and as second offences.

"The defendant," counsel said, "will not plead to crime in any degree, he has assured me, and has never wavered from the statement that he is innocent. In the event of his sentence to-day I give notice of my intention to apply to the Supreme Court for a certificate of reasonable doubt."

"Under the law I have no discretion in the case," said Judge Aspinall. "I have deferred sentence for a week, so that no injustice should be done to the prisoner. Nothing now remains for me but to pronounce judgment. Block, you are sentenced to State's prison for the rest of your natural life."

The prisoner was taken back to Raymond Street Jail, where he was afterward allowed to see his wife and children.

Mother and Wife Plead for John Block.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment in Brooklyn yesterday as an habitual criminal. Before court opened Block's aged mother knelt before Judge Aspinall, kissed his feet and begged him not to send her son to prison for life. The Judge declared that he had no alternative, and a little later imposed the awful penalty. When the wife heard it in court she shrieked and fainted away, her babe in her arms.

OTHER HEAVY SENTENCES.

Judge Aspinall Declares the Fact of a Criminal Being of Good Family Doesn't Count.

Isaac Fisher, a colored man who is a professional thief, was sentenced by Justice Aspinall under the habitual criminal law. He had burglarized a cigar store. He was sentenced to eighteen years' imprisonment, ten years for burglary and eight for grand larceny.

George Bowers, an ex-convict, who broke into a house and stole $19 worth of clothing, was sentenced to nineteen years' imprisonment. He has served two terms in prison.

When Edward A. Weed, a young forger, was arraigned for sentence, his counsel said in his behalf that he belonged to an excellent family.

"That does not count in this court," replied Judge Aspinall; "a criminal of good ancestry stands no better chance here than a criminal who comes from the slums. Crime is crime, and a criminal is a criminal. A crime committed by a man of good ancestry is as dangerous to society as that committed by any other sort of a man."

Weed was then sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

Thomas Anderson, a burglar, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. "Thank you," he said to the Court, as he turned toward the prison pen.

SHE MUST KEEP THE PEACE.

Mrs. Lawrence Placed Under Bonds for Threatening Her Daughter's Employer.

Mrs. Lena Lawrence, a trained nurse, was arrested yesterday for making threats against Mrs. Wood, the wife of Dr. Scott Wood, of No. 172 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn. Mrs. Wood gave employment to Mrs. Lawrence's daughter, Lena, about a year ago, and this led to trouble. A few weeks ago Mrs. Lawrence called at Dr. Wood's house and said she intended to take her daughter to her home, No. 639 Atlantic avenue. Mrs. Wood said she did not intend to interfere. [illegible] called again and Dr. Wood [illegible] threatened to disfigure his wife [illegible] children with vitriol. Frequently after [illegible] she passed his house and abused [illegible] gates.

The prisoner was arraigned in the Butler Street Court, and Mrs. Wood testified against her. She said Mrs. Lawrence beated her own daughter frequently. Mrs. Lawrence said Mrs. Wood had refused to permit her to see her daughter. She denied using vile language. Justice Tighe placed her under bonds to keep the peace.

CUTS IN OCEAN PARKWAY.

Commissioner Woodruff Listens to Complaints of Horsemen.

Two influential delegations called on Park Commissioner Woodruff yesterday. One, led by C. W. Schleuchner, represented the Riding and Driving Club, and the other delegation, headed by John F. Cornell, represented the interests of the Liverymen's Association.

They informed Mr. Woodruff that the Ocean Parkway was in a wretched condition, filled with holes and ruts that made it unpleasant and even dangerous. They asked immediate repair as the only means of saving the drive-way. In reply Commissioner Woodruff admitted that the road was in a bad condition, but he was [illegible] do anything toward repairing it when the Park Department [illegible] $9,000 to spend for that purpose.

HIT TWICE BY TROLLEY.

Little Yetta Fell into the Fender, Rebounded to the Track, and the Car Passed Partly Over Her.

Eight-year-old Yetta Dreyfuss, of No. 170 Allen street, had a narrow escape last evening from being mangled by a trolley car. She went to visit her uncle, Max Saul, who lives at No. 202 Franklin street, Brooklyn, yesterday morning, and during the afternoon made the acquaintance of several other children in the neighborhood. She was running across the street in the evening, when the fender of Greenpoint and Myrtle avenue car No. 4407 struck her.

She fell into the fender, rebounded and landed on the tracks directly in front of the car. This time the fender passed over the girl's body, and it looked as if the wheels would grind out her life.

The motorman, Frank Byrne, of No. 54 Clay street, managed to bring the car to a standstill just in time to prevent another tragedy. The child was bruised about the body, however, and after being attended by an ambulance surgeon from the Eastern District Hospital, she was taken to the [illegible] The motorman of the car and the conductor were arrested and locked up.

THEY WANTED CLAYTON.

Brooklyn Police Inspector Sent Back to Coney Island, Where He Has Admiring Friends.

Mayor Wurster had Police Inspector E. P. Clayton transferred to the Coney Island District yesterday. He succeeds Inspector Thomas Murphy, transferred to the Williamsburg District. The change naturally excited comment.

Inspector Clayton was until a month ago captain of the Coney Island Precinct. Mayor Wurster instructed Police Commissioner Welles to raise him to the rank of Inspector, and the order was obeyed.

Coney Island business men declared that Captain Clayton was the nicest policeman they ever met. When the captain was promoted to the rank of inspector his Coney Island friends presented him with a gold and diamond badge, which cost about $900. Some of the business men who were not asked to contribute to the badge fund got up a subscription of their own and gave the inspector a $500 watch.

It is believed that McKane's old friends induced the powers that be to transfer Inspector Clayton back to the Coney Island district.

MURPHY GIVES HIMSELF UP.

Bilsville Pool Room Proprietor Released on $2,000 Bail.

Patrick J. Murphy, the alleged p[illegible] of one of the pool rooms [illegible] Bilsville and City, who s[illegible] when Anthony [illegible] raided the places [illegible] escaping over [illegible] buildings, and for w[illegible] gram issued a warrant [illegible] him. [illegible] it to Deputy Sheriff McDougall, of Queens county, yesterday. He was arraigned before Justice Ingram, at the Second Precinct Station House, and released in $2,500 bail.

Thomas Brown, another alleged pool seller, was arrested at the Aqueduct race track yesterday, charged with having been interested in one of the Bilsville rooms. He also gave bail.

Family Must Suffer for His Crime.

Nicholas Dawson, the ex-fireman who abducted Lottie Simpson, thirteen years old, was sent to the penitentiary in Brooklyn yesterday, for two years and six months. His counsel, former Congressman Daniel O'Reilly, urged Judge Aspinall to extend mercy to the prisoner, not for his sake, but for that of his destitute wife and four children.

LAWYER WILSON ACCUSED OF THEFT.

Well-Known Politician Arrested on a Charge of Swindling a Young Woman.

Said to Have Induced Her to Give Up $1,400, for Which She Got Worthless Checks.

HE WAS HARD PRESSED FOR FUNDS

She Called Twice at the Bank and Each Time the Cashier Refused to Honor the Checks—Wilson Was Once Public Prosecutor.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 17.—William R. Wilson, a lawyer, of this city, with an office over the First National Bank, was arrested late last night by Police Captain Long at his home, on a charge of grand larceny preferred by Miss Mary L. Betts, of Plainfield. Wilson was Prosecutor of the Pleas for Union County, and was succeeded by the present incumbent, F. C. Marsh, an intimate friend of United States Senator James Smith, Jr., and a well-known Democratic politician.

Miss Betts accuses Wilson of appropriating to his own use $1,400 in cash. On Wednesday last Miss Betts, accompanied by Lauritz Ussing, of Easton, Pa., called at Wilson's office. Mr. Ussing came to pay Miss Betts $3,000 on a mortgage due the young lady from her grandmother's estate, of which she is the heir, and asked Wilson to act as attorney. Ussing had a certified check for $1,600 and $1,400 in cash, which he handed to Wilson. Wilson then gave the check and money to Miss Betts.

Mr. Wilson, it is said, has been hard pressed for some time, and had pressing obligations. He told Miss Betts, it is alleged, that so much cash was dangerous for a pretty young woman like herself to carry around, and suggested that she give him the money and take his personal check for it. She did so and received [illegible] check.

Wednesday morning Miss [illegible] came from [illegible] with the check and presented it [illegible] National State Bank. The cashier [illegible] was no good. Miss Betts nearly [illegible] but she hurried to Wilson's office. [illegible] according to the young woman's story. [illegible] that a note of his, which he had [illegible] cotton, and fallen due that day, and that the bank had applied the $1,400 to meet it, but that the check would be all right tomorrow.

Wednesday night Miss Betts went to call on a Mr. Patterson, of Plainfield, to tell him all about the occurrence, and while she was there Mr. Wilson also called on Mr. Patterson. The latter asked Wilson if he intended to settle the matter and how much money he had in bank at that time. Wilson said he had about $950. Mr. Patterson told him to give Miss Betts a check for that amount and another for the balance, payable in the next day or two. He consented, and yesterday Miss Betts presented the two checks at the bank.

"Mr. Wilson hasn't a dollar on deposit here," said the teller.

A complaint against Wilson and his arrest followed. He was released on $1,000 bail.

Wilson formerly owned the New Jersey Herald, an evening newspaper here. He refuses to talk. He was much agitated and endeavored to have the story hushed up.

ROBERT WAS UNGALLANT.

Slapped His Pretty Cousin's Face, Was Arrested, and Then Learned That She Was a Wife.

Mary Caulfield, attractive and eighteen years old, living with a married sister at No. 199 Roebling street, Williamsburg, yesterday caused the arraignment of her cousin, Robert Caulfield, in the Ewen Street Police Court, where she charged him with slapping her face. Caulfield is a bookkeeper, and lives at No. 507 Lorimer street. Until a few days ago Miss Caulfield resided there.

Caulfield admitted the charge, and said that he had slapped his cousin's face because she was inclined to be wayward. Miss Caulfield was told by the Magistrate to return to her cousin's home, but she refused to do so, saying that she was now the wife of her sailor sweetheart. Caulfield was greatly astonished at this. The young woman would not reveal the name of her husband, and said she was going to housekeeping in a few days. The case was dismissed.

LANCERS IN DANGER.

Newark's Crack Republican Military Organization May Go to Pieces—Officer Suspended for Insubordination.

Newark, N. J., July 17.—Captain Jesse R. Salmon, who commands Company D. of the Frelinghuysen Lancers, the crack Republican uniformed organization of this city, was suspended this afternoon for alleged insubordination at Asbury Park.

Captain Salmon had a part of his company march at the head of the parade of Republican clubs, after Acting Major Vreeland had revoked the order for the Lancers to appear in the parade.

Acting Adjutant Seymour Roe made the charge against Captain Salmon to-day. He alleged that the captain used profane language and was otherwise disrespectful to his superior officer. He sent Adjutant Jefferson to Acting Major Vreeland with the charges, and the latter suspended Captain Salmon pending action by the Board of Officers. The Board may order a court-martial, and if this be done, the result may be the disruption of this fine Republican uniformed organization, for both Vreeland and Salmon have friends among the officers and privates.

The Lancers is a political organization, but strict military rules are observed, and when on parade men and officers are supposed to be under as rigid discipline as soldiers of the regular army.

There has been trouble in the Lancers ever since the election of Major Fish. Vreeland was a candidate for the position and Salmon helped to defeat him.

SHE WON THE "OMELETTE" RACE.

Young Women Contest in Novel Games at a Sunday School Outing.

New Brunswick, N. J., July 17.—Many young women took prominent parts in the athletic games at Bornton Beach yesterday, on the occasion of the annual excursion of the First Baptist Sunday School. The most exciting event was the "omelet race," in which each young woman entered ran with an egg in a spoon and tried to get back to the starting point in the quickest time. Most of the competitors dropped the egg, thus debarring them. Miss Emily McMullen was the winner. The winners came great applause.

Then there was the clothespin race, the prize being a dime and a quarter. The quickest to grab the greatest number of clothespins from a line and reach a certain spot where the bell [illegible] considerable merriment [illegible] this race. There were other contests for women, varying from the threading of a needle to the eating of a pie.

Politician Sued for Divorce.

Mrs. Juanita Curran, wife of John Curran, a Brooklyn politician, is suing for a limited divorce in the Supreme Court. She says her husband beat and revile[illegible] her in his saloon, and also that he [illegible] the best patron of the place. Her counsel [illegible] asked for $50 weekly [illegible] and $300 counsel fees. Decision w[illegible] reserved.

POOR T[illegible] BE THE[illegible]

If Transfers Were Stopped [illegible] Would Be Deprived [illegible] Their Sunday Outings.

It Is Generally Admitted That President Johnson Can Carry Out His Threat.

HOW TROLLEY CARS ARE CROWDED.

Owing to the Cheap-Fare System Fully 200,000 People Ride Over the Nassau Lines in One Day—One-Half Use Transfer Tickets.

There is great interest in Brooklyn over the threat of Albert L. Johnson, president of the Nassau Electric Railroad Company, to stop running Sunday transfers on his road if the public don't stop complaining of his cars. At least that's what the threat amounts to, though the specific form of President Johnson's ultimatum is that if, as a result of complaints, the city should bring any action against him, he will follow such action immediately by refusing to issue any Sunday transfers.

To understand what this means it is only necessary to glance at the enormous territory covered by the Nassau road. As is well known, the road carries passengers to Coney Island, Manhattan Beach or Canarsie for five cents. Since inaugurating the five cent fare the company has profited enormously, and as a consequence, all the steam roads are protesting. The Nassau folks reply by saying they are compelled to carry passengers on one line, within the city limits, for five cents, and these seaside places are in the city. Now the direct lines running to these places are so few that if the five cent fares were confined to these alone, the company would make no money. But when they transfer passengers the enormous number of persons who crowd into the cars make the business tremendously profitable.

President Johnson was seen yesterday. He said:

"The whole thing is a matter of self-defence with us. Now just look at this chart. See what an enormous territory we cover. We carried to the seaside resorts last Sunday 200,000 persons. About half of these were transfers. We carry on week days an average of 25,000 transfers, one-half of the entire number of passengers we handle. This fact shows whether our cheap fare system is popular.

"Now we can't prevent the overcrowding. We ran every car we had last Sunday, and do so whenever demanded. We can't keep persons from crowding into the cars, though we can keep them off the steps to a certain extent. We have to get the police to help us in this, however, and last Sunday eighty disturbers were arrested.

"The trouble in all this overcrowding comes from the transfer stations. Passengers waiting to get on a passing car wont try to hang on, generally, where there's no room, but the minute one car stops for a whole car load of transfer passengers, there is a headlong rush. A conductor and gripman can't stop them. We don't want them, because they in so many cases evade paying their fare that we don't make money. The only possible thing to do in such cases is to refuse to take them without an extra fare. This would diminish the number of passengers. We can't charge 10 cents for a ride on a continuous line, because we are forbidden to do this inside the city limits. But there is no law [illegible] is said on the subject in our franchise, and it is purely a matter of our own discretion. We volunteered the transfer system, and we can stop it when we get ready, and that's what we shall have to do on Sundays in self-defence, if we are prosecuted."

A number of persons were interviewed on the subject. The Corporation Counsel refused to give an opinion, but the general opinion was that President Johnson could, if he chose, get even with his critics in the way he threatens, though it would be rather a petty performance. Such an action would stir up great strife and hard feeling against the road and its officials.

FIREMAN BADLY BURNED.

Several of His Comrades Overcome by the Heat at a Fierce Fire in Williamsburg.

The Amberine Varnish Works, situated at Nos. 178-184 North Eleventh street, Williamsburg, were totally destroyed by fire shortly after noon yesterday. Two explosions preceded the blaze, and in a few minutes the entire building was in flames. The building was a one-story brick, covering an area of 100x100. There were several large tanks filled with varnish and thousands of cans, which fed the flames. So intense was the heat that several of the firemen were overcome by it and were revived by Ambulance Surgeon Fleck, of St. Catharine's Hospital.

When the explosions occurred there was no one in the building, the thirty hands employed being at dinner.

Fireman Carroll, of No. 6 truck, was so badly burned that he had to be removed to St. Catharine's Hospital. Carroll stood on the roof of an extension of the coopers-age across the street, playing a stream of water, when the wind shifted, driving the flames toward him. Before he could get away he had been burned about the face, hands and legs. It is also feared he inhaled some of the flames.

Firemen Madigan, Chattanay and Reikenberg, of Engine Company 38, were overcome by the heat, and Fireman Adams, of No. 13 engine was slightly cut about the head and bruised about the body by falling from a small shed. So intense was the heat that while the firemen were playing streams on the burning buildings, others were compelled to keep them drenched with water to prevent them from collapsing or having their clothing set on fire.

When the fire broke out, John Pritchard, thirteen years old, who lives on North [illegible] street, was passing and ran into the office and rescued a valuable St. Bernard dog belonging to the firm.

The damage will reach $30,000, fully insured. The owners of the works are H. J. Romberg, [illegible] Emanuel and Julius Hannen.

PASTOR WILLIAMS MISSING.

Left on a Business Trip to [illegible] Four Days Ago.

Long Branch, N. J., July 17.—Rev. [illegible] Williams, pastor of this city [illegible] Church of this city, left on a business trip to New York on Monday morning, and has not returned, and his friends officials [illegible] Deacon Richard Williams to hunt for the missing man.

Mr. Williams, who is forty-four years old, came here from Mahanoy City, Pa., and was very popular. Mr. Williams expected to return home Monday night. Failing to put in an appearance, his wife concluded that he had missed his train, and [illegible] morning train on Tuesday would certainly bring him. Not a word has been heard from Mr. Williams since his departure, and it is feared that he has met with foul deed with Mr. Williams travelling [illegible] Moody and Sankey, both in this country and abroad.

New [illegible] away among the thick foliage of a short [illegible] opposite the [illegible] sylvania Railroad station at Robbins[illegible] a cosy little house. In this house is a colony of Chinese boys. They are sons of well-to-do citizens of the Celestial Kingdom. There are thirty in all and their ages range from ten to eighteen years. They are cultured and many of them highly educated, so far as Chinese education goes.

The boys are attending a Summer school under the care of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. The tuition they receive is a combination of English language and Christian doctrine. They were brought from the Quantung Province, in China, by the Rev. Huie Kin, a native missionary. He has a wife, who superintends the household duties of the Summer school, and three pretty children—Irving, aged seven years, Louise, aged three, and Alice, aged one. None of the three children can talk Chinese, as they were brought up in this country.

Mr. Kin's charges sailed from China on May 13, arriving at San Francisco June 16. Their friends in the Flowery Kingdom were willing and anxious that they should go. At 1 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon the colony took possession.

Besides the Rev. Mr. Kin there are two instructors. One is Miss M. E. Rogers, of New York City, who has charge of the conversational and gardening departments. The other is an educated Chinaman, Sam Han by name. Mr. Han superintends the culinary instruction of the boys. They are taught cooking and housework in addition to their regular studies.

The little Misses Kin, with their nurse, were disporting themselves in a hammock to-day. Master Irving was marching about with a large dragon flag of China mounted upon his shoulder. In the dwelling Miss Rogers was leading and the pupils were evidently trying, in broken English, to follow her singing of a familiar hymn. Then came a recital of a prayer or the creed, and in a moment the boys were tripping out of doors.

Miss Rogers said of her pupils: "Some are in training for mission work, while others will become Christian business men. They will stay here until Fall, when they are to enter the grammar school of the Presbyterian Board, in New York City. We have no definite programme for the day, but to-day the boys rose at 5 and worked with me in the garden, pulling weeds, etc., until 8. At 9 o'clock we had breakfast, followed by morning prayers. Then they divided off into divisions. One squad went to work in the dormitories, another cleared up the dinner dishes while the third were on duty in the kitchen. About 11 o'clock class work was begun.

"Then the boys worked in the garden again until 3 p. m., learning to raise vegetables for our table. Dinner was set at 4, prayers followed, and now they are recreating. I shall call them in later to rehearse their lessons to see how much they remember.

"They still have Chinese viands, but little by little we shall teach them to eat American dishes. For recreation they fly kites, and they like croquet. I think they would take to baseball."

CITY HALL DEFECTIVE.

Much Bad Work on Jersey City's $1,000,000 Structure—Contractor and Architect Pass the Lie.

The City Hall Commissioners of Jersey City, Emil Datz, George R. Hough and P. D. Dickinson made a long deferred inspection of the City Hall Building yesterday. The building cost $1,000,000. The inspection lasted three hours, and the tiled roof, of which much complaint has been made, was thoroughly examined. The wind blew hard at times and the Commissioners were glad when they got down from the perilous heights.

[illegible] noticeable. This led to a discussion, the commissioners saying that those along the upper edge of the roof should be relaid. Contractor Killman, who accompanied the commissioners, said that the work had been carefully done. Then Architect Broome remarked that he had not been consulted. During the discussion, Contractor Killman and the architect passed the lie. Architect Broome took down Contractor Killman's remarks, and says he will sue the latter.

The commissioners found many other defects during their inspection, and there may be a big row over the work.

PURITANS IN WESTFIELD.

Agitating for the Suppression of Merrymaking on Prayer Meeting Nights.

Westfield, N. J., July 17.—The Sunday Observance League now wants to enforce Wednesday evening observance. Wednesday evenings the Protestant churches hold their midweek prayer meetings. On that occasion the league desires a strict observance of all of the proprieties. It does not suggest that the places of business be closed that evening, but it earnestly requests that there shall be no entertainments, balls, parties, concerts, exhibitions or other festivities of any kind.

On last Wednesday night the crisis came. The Lincoln Drum and Fife Corps gave a serenade to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dennis, a newly married couple. During the prayer service the sound of the music came in at the open windows and the shrill notes of the fifes and the noise of the drums drowned the singing and prayers. The leaguers who were present were indignant, and when on their way home from church they met the corps, marching through the streets, playing a lively air, the indignation grew. Last evening it was decided to show the public that such pranks were to be frowned on, and the Wednesday night observance will be agitated.

Worldly people laugh and say there will be nothing left of the league if it continues its agitation to such lengths.

HE VOTED THE TELEGRAM

Keoghan, Whose Ludicrous Political Blunder Necessitated a New Election, is Dead.

Bloomfield, N. J., July 17.—Owen Keoghan, seventy-five years of age, died here last night. He was widely known on account of a ludicrous political blunder he committed five years ago, which made the election of a committeeman in the Third Ward a tie between E. A. Rayner, a Democrat, and T. Winsor Langstroth, a Republican.

On election day Keoghan was given a message to take to the telegraph office. On the way to accomplish his errand he stopped to vote, and by mistake voted the message.

On discovering his error Keoghan returned to the polling booth, and told the election officers what he had done, but as he had voted nothing could be done for him.

Keoghan had intended to vote for Rayner, and had he done so, another election, which had to be called, would have been rendered unnecessary.

THIS GIRL STOLE A WHEEL

Only Fourteen Years Old, but She Got Away with a Bicycle.

Orange, N. J., July 17.—Twelve-year-old Mabel Brockelman, of Park street, East Orange, left her bicycle standing in front of the Orange Post Office at 3:20 p. m. to-day, and when she came out of the office the wheel was gone.

The little girl ran crying to the police station and reported the case. It was learned that the wheel had been stolen by a girl fourteen years old, who walked half a block with it, then mounting rode rapidly toward Newark. This is the first case of a girl bicycle thief reported here. The wheel is new.

Ex-Senator Blair to Speak.

Ex-United States Senator Henry W. Blair, of New Hampshire, will deliver an address at Prohibition Park, S. I., to-morrow at 3 p. m., on the subject, "The Turning Point in the Battle." The meeting will be under the auspices of the National Prohibition Park Company.

Unusually Large [illegible] Prices, and Enormous [illegible] Made in Two Large T[illegible]

FIERCE COMPETITION AMONG SELLERS.

Philanthropist Causes a Row in Elizabeth by Selling at Cost to the Poor, and Local Dealers Retaliate.

There is a fish war in New Jersey and in several towns fish sold yesterday as low as one cent a pound. The catches have been unusually heavy this year, and as a consequence low prices have ruled but not until yesterday was there a real war among the dealers. It is expected that the low [illegible] will last for some time.

It is said the war will be extended [illegible] New York unless the catches are [illegible] lished.

There was a fish war a[illegible] in Paterson yesterday. A New [illegible] was selling all varieties from the [illegible] of a freight car at four cents per p[illegible]

Five local dealers attempted to d[illegible] stranger out of business by selling at [illegible] cents from wagons near the car. [illegible] intruder soon observed his trade decrease, and countered by selling at one cent [illegible] pound. The local dealers were unable [illegible] compete at this figure and the New Yor[illegible] held sway until sold out.

This will probably be the last case of th[illegible] kind here, as the City Council is preparing an ordinance to protect Paterson fishmongers from such competition. Ther[illegible] immense crowd of purchasers a[illegible] tors during the sale.

The war also extended to Eli[illegible] For some time a car has appe[illegible] Friday direct from the Jersey fis[illegible] with fine, fresh fish, which are [illegible] cents a pound. The car is sent [illegible] philanthropic individual, who sell[illegible] at just enough to pay expenses to [illegible] of different cities.

The car appeared yesterday mo[illegible] a track near Broadway, and five [illegible] later another car was side-track[illegible] a sign displayed offering the fish [illegible] tained at 3 cents a pound. This c[illegible] sent there by the local dealers, who t[illegible] by this means to drive the intruder [illegible] The latter, however, put his price do[illegible] 2 cents. The other met the cut a[illegible] sales were enormous. Later the boy[illegible] ers cut the price to 1 cent a pou[illegible] now the local dealers are fighti[illegible] other.

At Bayonne and all Staten Isla[illegible] the price of fish is unusually low.

PERILS OF A CONSTA[illegible]

Beaten by a Couple When He [illegible] Foreclose a Mortgage.

Belleville, N. J., July 17.—Offus[illegible] constable of Orange, had a lively [illegible] ence in this place yesterday a[illegible] when he was attacked by Edwa[illegible] ley and the latter's wife and po[illegible] him. Mason finally managed to make his escape without his coat, which was torn from his body by the couple.

The constable filed the house to fore[illegible] close a mortgage for a [illegible] firm from which the couple had purchased some furniture, and it was then that the [illegible] set upon him.

Mason at once went before Justi[illegible] nell and swore out a warrant [illegible] and battery against the couple. [illegible] pany with Constable Deighan, [illegible] returned to the house, and found [illegible] barricaded. The officers found one [illegible] windows open, however, and they [illegible] through it.

Mrs. Ashley was in the house, [illegible] husband could not be found. [illegible] stables then removed the goods, [illegible] further interference.

FOURTEENTH IS ALL R[illegible]

Banner Ward of the Democracy Will R[illegible] a Majority for Bryan.

The Fourteenth Ward of Brooklyn [illegible] long been known as the banner ward [illegible] Democracy in the Eastern District. [illegible] the past four years there has been a [illegible] ficiency in the old-time majority of the ward, but, owing to the obnoxious Bak[illegible] law, and other petty grievances, it is believed Bryan and Sewall will receive [illegible] largest majority of votes that any [illegible] dential candidate has received in our [illegible] the City of Churches in [illegible] years.

The sentiment of the members of the various clubs is strongly for Bryan and Sewall. A prominent resident of the ward said: "We have suffered for a long time from Republican misrule and the goldbugs of Wall Street. It is now time that true Democrats should assert themselves and give their hearty support to the cause of silver."

Some of the famous politicians and literary lights of the City of Churches were born in this ward, the majority of whom were of humble origin.

WOMEN FOR CLEAN STREETS.

They Begin a Crusade That Has Good R[illegible] sults, and Will Keep It Up.

Bound Brook, N. J., July 1[illegible] of the borough have be[illegible] neglected of late that the [illegible] of the town have organ[illegible] Brook Health Protective Association, [illegible] propose to see to it that the streets are [illegible] clean.

Some of the most prominent women of [illegible] borough have become identified with [illegible] movement, and they recently found an [illegible] disease imposing a fine of $2 on all citi[illegible] who permitted refuse to gather or grass [illegible] weeds to grow in front of their homes. [illegible] tices were therefore sent out to all owners [illegible] who had neglected the streets in front of their residences, and to-day there was a real old-fashioned cleaning up. The women propose to go still further, and beautify the streets, as well as keep them clean. Various plans for doing this will be discussed before any scheme for carrying out the idea is adopted.

Jewellers' Convention Adjourns.

Atlantic City, July 17.—The convention of the National Retail Jewellers' Association adjourned last evening. The following officers were elected: President, Richard O'Neill, of Lincoln, Neb.; vice-president, O. O. Stillman, of New Brunswick, N. J.; secretary, F. A. Hamilo, of York, Neb.; and treasurer, Asa Collier, of Plainfield, N. J. A new constitution, placing the association on a more thorough business basis, was adopted. Detroit was decided on as the place for the next convention.

Dismissed Policemen Go to Court.

David Bennett and John Murray, probationary policemen, were recently dismissed from the Brooklyn force on the ground that their captains had reported them unfavorably. It was said that Bennett insulted Kilsworth Finn, and Dennis Dunnes, of Coney Island. Yesterday their counsel, Frank McCloskey, secured from Justice Goreborne an order commanding Commissioner Welles to show cause why he should not reinstate the men.