SENATE PASSED THE ELECTION BILL.

Big Petition Favoring the Jersey Racetrack Bill Placed on the Clerk's Desk.

OTHER MONSTERS COMING

Local Grangers Throughout the State Favor the Reduction of Salaries.

PENSION BILL RECOMMITTED.

Sunset Election Bill Passed After a Defence of It by Assemblyman Van Winckle—Bills Signed by the Governor.

Trenton, N. J., March 15.—The fact that the Legislature is within sight of general adjournment brought an unusually large crowd of people here, many of them prominent politicians from all parts of the State, interested in pending legislation.

Judge J. Frank Fort, Mayor Seymour and Carl Lentz, were busy in the Senate all evening watching the progress of the election bill which consolidates the municipal and State elections, so that they will be held the second Tuesday in November in Newark and Jersey City. The bill came up in the Senate at 9 o'clock, and the discussion was led by Senator Ketcham, Republican, from Newark. After considerable debate, the bill passed.

Assemblyman Armbruster, the introducer of the Race Track bill, placed on the clerk's desk to-night a monster petition bearing nearly 4,000 names favoring the passage of the bill. The caption is regularly printed, and he says this is only a forerunner of the petitions that are to follow. Similar sheets are to be circulated all over the State and he says that next week petitions signed by 20,000 people in the State will be placed on file.

The Governor to-night signed the bill which provides for a more speedy payment of the Police and Fire Departments in Newark and Jersey City, and the bill which releases the title of real estate in Orange which is the property of W. H. Townsend.

Assemblyman Wilde, of Burlington, presented a large batch of petitions from members of the local granges throughout the State favoring the bill for the reduction of the salaries of State officials, which measure will be considered on Wednesday morning as a special order.

When the pension bill came up in the Senate on final passage, Senator Vorhees opposed the passage because he wanted to make some statements, so the bill was recommitted for a hearing to-morrow at noon.

The House devoted most of its time to the consideration of bills on second reading. When the sunset election bill came up, Assemblyman Van Winckle, of Monmouth, the introducer, made a speech in its defence, and it was passed by a vote of 41 to 19.

CONSTABLE SUES LAWYER.

Bellevue Club's Troubles on Staten Island in 1894 Have an Airing Before Judge Smith.

Louis W. Stotesbury, of Shaw, Baldwin & Stotesbury, lawyers, of this city, was defendant yesterday in a suit for $2,000 damages brought by Luke Sykes, which was called for trial in the Richmond County Supreme Court, Judge Wilmot M. Smith presiding. Mr. Stotesbury has three other similar suits pending against him.

Sykes, who was a special constable, is suing Lawyer Stotesbury for false arrest. Mr. Stotesbury and a number of other prominent New Yorkers, were members of the Bellevue Club, and in the Summer of 1894 lived in the Cunard mansion, on Grymes Hill, Stapleton, a boarding house kept by Miss Taylor. On August 6 Constable Jack Redmond, Luke Sykes and others visited the mansion armed with attachments secured by several New York firms that held claims against Miss Taylor. When told that Miss Taylor was no longer in possession, and that there was no personal property in the house belonging to her, they levied upon the personal property of the boarders, and camped out on the veranda of the mansion for a week, intolerably annoying the male and female boarders.

Lively scenes between the constables and the members of the Bellevue Club resulted in arrests and counter arrests. Lawyer Stotesbury, on behalf of the other inmates in the house, caused the constables' arrest for malicious trespass, but the cases were finally dismissed.

The witnesses on the stand yesterday rehearsed the stories of the annoyances caused by the constables and denied that the arrests were the result of malice. Erastus Wiman, agent of the Cunard property, also testified on behalf of the defendants. The case will be given to the jury to-day.

F. A. MAGOWAN MUST DIVIDE.

General Electric Company Gets Stock Claimed by Its Agent.

Trenton, N. J., March 15.—Vice-Chancellor Stevens to-day filed a decree in the case of the General Electric Company against Frank Z. McGuire and others. Some years ago Frank A. Magowan met Frank Z. Maguire, an agent of the Edison Company, who wanted to establish a plant of the Edison Company in Trenton. Magowan soon had a franchise, and he subsequently forced the Trenton Electric Company to consolidate with his company or stand competition. In the consolidation, without Magowan's company stringing a wire or erecting a pole, Magowan came out with $150,000 of the stock of the local consolidated companies.

McGuire declared he was to receive half of the stock, and the Edison Company, subsequently becoming part of the General Electric Company, brought suit to recover the $75,000 stock claimed by their agent.

The Vice-Chancellor holds that the General Electric Company is entitled to four-tenths of the $150,000 stock, and William Hayes, who was one of the incorporators of the local company, to two-tenths.

X-RAY SAVES A BOY'S EYE.

Bullet Was Located by an Edison Expert and Removed by a Surgeon.

Dr. M. O. F. Dolphin, of Harrison, yesterday afternoon successfully removed from the orbit of the left eye of four-year-old Willie Patterson, a bullet which had lodged there since March 4. The bullet had been located by the aid of the X-rays at the Edison works in Harrison, earlier in the day by Professor W. H. Meadowcroft. Dr. Dolphin saw it plainly through the fluoroscope. Willie was then taken to his home at No. 232 Grant avenue, East Newark, where the bullet was later extracted.

The boy was the victim of an accidental shooting in his own yard on inauguration day. Thirteen-year-old Johnnie Campbell, a neighbor, who had become imbued with patriotism over the inauguration, was celebrating with a revolver, and Willie accidentally got in the range of one of the bullets.

WOMAN STRIKES LAWYER.

Mrs. Rathe Took Exception at Something Said Concerning Her Sister and Created a Commotion.

During the arguing of the question of the ownership of two houses, before Vice-Chancellor Pitney, in Jersey City, yesterday, an excited woman caused considerable commotion in the courtroom by striking one of the lawyers a sharp blow on the back. Before she could deliver further blows she was escorted from the courtroom by order of the Vice-Chancellor.

The case, which involves the ownership of two houses, one at Erie and Twelfth streets, the other at No. 109 Bright street, Jersey City, has been before the court about a year. During one of the hearings Vice-Chancellor Pitney declared certain receipts marked on a mortgage on the property to be forgeries.

Yesterday Mrs. Sarah Fleming made application for the appointment of a receiver for the property, pending a decision as to the ownership. The estate of Bridget Flannigan, deceased, holds one mortgage on the property. Allan L. McDermott, as administrator, holds another. The property is claimed by Mrs. Julia Rathe, Catherine O'Neill and Peter Lawless. The Vice-Chancellor appointed ex-Sheriff Cornelius J. Cronan as receiver.

It was while Lawyer Joseph Anderson, who represented Mr. McDermott, was presenting his case that the commotion occurred. Something he said about Mrs. Flannigan angered Mrs. Rathe. Standing up to the lawyer she struck him sharply on the back, excitedly exclaiming:

"She was my sister, I'd have you know."

Then, as she was about to administer another blow the Vice-Chancellor sharply ordered a court officer to remove her from the room. The case then proceeded.

GRIPPE LEADS TO SUICIDE.

Former Freeholder Waker, of New Brunswick, Shoots Himself While in Delirium.

Delirious from a long attack of the grip, Joseph Waker, a meat dealer and well-known public man of New Brunswick, N. J., shot himself yesterday morning, and Mrs. Waker, who has been sick for some time, is prostrated by the shock. Waker was attacked by the grip six weeks ago. He was able to be about again last week for short walks. Yesterday morning Mrs. Waker left him about 9 o'clock to get him some medicine. Before she went he kissed her affectionately and asked how long she would be gone, as though she were about to start on a long journey.

When she returned about 10:30 o'clock Waker was not to be found. Sophia Peters, the servant, knew nothing about his whereabouts. They tried all the doors of the house and found that the bathroom door was locked. The girl brought Policeman Faulkner, who burst the door open and found Waker lying dead in the bath tub, which contained no water, with his face and chin covered with blood. He was fully dressed, excepting his coat. The revolver contained but one cartridge. His eyeglasses, that he had apparently put on so that he could see to properly load the revolver, were still in position. He had shot himself in the mouth, the bullet piercing the base of the brain and protruding from the back of his head.

Waker was born in Somerset County, just out of the limits of New Brunswick, sixty-three years ago. In 1875 he was elected a Freeholder of Somerset County. Upon the death of his father he assumed charge of a meat business in New Brunswick and conducted it until his death. He was vice-president of the Retail Merchants' Association, a member of the Board of Education from the Fourth Ward of New Brunswick, and was chairman of the Building Committee of that Board. He leaves a widow and two sons.

HALPIN FALLS FROM GRACE.

Singing Volunteer Gets Drunk and Disturbs an Armory Meeting.

John Halpin is drinking again. For years he travelled with Primrose & West as a minstrel. A year ago he joined the American Volunteers, his powerful voice helping to make him a welcome recruit. A month ago he went to New Brunswick, N. J., as a sergeant, with full charge of the singing.

On Sunday Halpin met a friend and broke his pledge. In the evening he went to the armory, and because he could not take his place on the platform drew a razor, and was causing a panic when Lieutenants Mantz and Schroeder ejected him. He is now in the county jail, and when he gets out he will not be allowed to rejoin the Volunteers.

BLOODMARKS ON THE BUGGY.

Mystery of a Vehicle Without an Owner Found in Hackensack.

Hackensack has another mystery. Yesterday morning James Green, of Sussex street, found a strange horse and sideboard buggy fast in the little bridge on the New Jersey and New York Railroad, which crosses a brook at that point. The horse showed signs of a long run. The buggy is made of natural wood and is of better than the ordinary quality. The dashboard and whiffletree are spattered with blood. It is feared the owner has met with foul play.

Saw Him, but Didn't See Him Saw.

"Rooster" Brown, a tramp well known in New Brunswick, N. J., applied at a house on Dennis street of that city yesterday for dinner. He was promised a meal if he would saw the lady of the house some wood. He agreed, but insisted upon having dinner first. He got it. Then he went to the woodpile. Shortly afterward the housekeeper went out to see how he was getting along. "Rooster" had vanished, and on the saw were written these words:

"Just tell them that you saw me, but you didn't see me saw."

The woman sent for Policeman Faulkner, and asked him to bring the man back.

"Do you want to send him to jail?" asked Faulkner.

"No; I want to give him another good meal as a reward for his genius," she replied.

"Rooster" was not to be found.

New Jersey News Notes.

Adolph Kitchemeister, a florist, of New Brunswick, N. J., was held up by members of the local Whyo gang, an organization of highwaymen, Sunday night on the Albany street bridge. A policeman approaching drove them away. The same night the Whyos stopped George Silzer, a young lawyer, but did not get anything from him.

Walter La Mott, of No. 10 Prospect street, Elizabeth, N. J., a teamster, in the employ of A. & F. Brown, of No. 25 Dey street, New York, was run over and badly injured yesterday by his truck. His team took fright and ran away in the freight yard of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, at Broad and Cross streets, Newark, and La Mott was knocked from his seat and the wheels passed lengthwise over his body. He is in a critical condition in St. Michael's Hospital, Newark.

Ah Tong and Ah Hoey, laundrymen, of New York, and six other Chinamen, of Newark, were held in $500 bail each for the Grand Jury yesterday. They will be used as witnesses against Willie Hong, charged with keeping the gambling house at No. 12 Fair street, Newark, that was raided Sunday.

Henry McCrone, one of the foremost landscape gardeners of the country, and for the past three years Superintendent of Public Parks, in Paterson, N. J., died at his home in that city on Sunday of Bright's disease. He was born at Twickenham Ferry, England, fifty years ago. He had full charge of the great flower shows of the New York Florist Club at Madison Square Garden and Grand Central Palace.

Captain Stephen C. Fordham, one of the best known men in Newark, died yesterday at St. Barnabas Hospital, whither he was taken to undergo an operation for appendicitis. As he showed symptoms of heart failure the operation was not performed. He was sixty-four years old and a veteran of the war of the rebellion, in which he gained distinction as a brave soldier. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon from the residence of his sister, No. 40 Ninth avenue, Newark.

During the building of a new safety vault in the Elizabeth City Hall many valuable old papers have been discovered. Yesterday the record book giving an account of the Council of Elizabeth Borough, which incorporated the borough January 11, 1790, was found.

Former Fire Chief Nat Asfalk, of Elizabeth, was attacked and beaten at midnight, Sunday, by a gang of drunken negroes on East Grand street. His hand was sprained in his efforts to defend himself. A policeman's arrival frightened the negroes away.

BURGLAR HUNT IN LITTLE FALLS, N. J.

Armed Citizens Gather in the Night and Search for Robbers.

CHLOROFORM AGAIN USED.

Man Was Applying the Drug to Dr. Keeler, When His Wife Gave the Alarm.

THE WHOLE TOWN RESPONDED.

Three Houses Had Been Entered and the Thieves, the Same That Visited Pompton Lakes on Sunday, Got Safely Away.

The same pair of midnight burglars and users of chloroform who, early Saturday morning, committed seven burglaries at Pompton Lakes, N. J., yesterday morning, repeated their daring operations in Little Falls, another suburb of Paterson. The alarm was finally given by a brave woman, who awoke as her invalid husband was about to be chloroformed, and soon the whole village was aroused.

Citizens armed with guns formed a posse and scoured the village and the country about for the thieves, but both escaped. The fellows are thought to be residents of Newark or Paterson, who make periodical excursions to neighboring villages unprotected by the police for purposes of robbery.

The home of Isaac Smith, of the New York Postal Telegraph Company, on Lincoln avenue, is thought to have been the first entered, although the robbers escaped without awakening any of the family. It was entered by removing the catch from one of the rear windows. All the rooms, including the sleeping apartments of the entire family, were ransacked, and the haul included three gold watches, a pair of jewelled sleeve buttons and $200 in money, besides many articles of minor value.

The house of Dr. Edgar A. Keeler, on Main avenue, was next visited. Dr. Keeler has for several years been an invalid, unable to rise from his couch, and his practice has been cared for by Dr. J. L. Synott. The thieves seemed cognizant of these facts, for, while one entered by a rear window and went to work, the other rang the bell at the front door and engaged Dr. Synott in conversation about an alleged sick man whom he wanted him to visit.

Mrs. Keeler sleeps in the same room as her sick husband, and when she awoke to find a man leaning over his couch she jumped out of bed and dashed at him with a scream that awoke her husband and caused the thief to flee. He ran to the rear of the house and escaped from the window by which he had entered.

Dr. Synott entered the house to ascertain the cause of the trouble, and when he again reached the street the two burglars had disappeared in the darkness. The burglar who entered the house was undoubtedly chloroforming the doctor when Mrs. Keeler saw him, for a strong odor of the drug pervaded the room after he had gone.

Dr. Synott at once aroused the neighbors and soon the whole village was awake, every house ablaze with light, and every male citizen upon the street with whatever firearms he could secure.

It was then that the family of Isaac Smith discovered that the burglars had visited them also, and shortly afterward it was ascertained that an attempt had also been made to rob the house of John Roome, station agent at Little Falls, on the Greenwood Lake Railroad, but the burglars had been put to flight by the barking of a house dog.

The posse, headed by John Brenner and Constable John Sherman, made a thorough search of the village, and then scoured the country about for the burglars, but were unsuccessful. The search was kept up from 1:30 o'clock, when D. Synott gave the alarm, until nearly daylight.

The villagers have little doubt that the pair, who are described as of medium height and fairly dressed, with low drawn slouch hats, are the same who visited Pompton Lake on Saturday morning, and are confident they came from either Newark or Paterson.

Mr. Smith, who was the heaviest loser, reported the matter to the police at Paterson, but they have little hope of capturing the thieves. It is feared that the excitement may seriously affect Dr. Keeler.

OFFICER'S FATHER A PAUPER.

Policeman Coughlin Must Explain Why He Neglected His Aged Parent.

One of the applicants for relief at the office of the Brooklyn Charities Commissioners yesterday morning was a decrepit old man, with a flowing white beard. He had just been discharged from the Kings County Almshouse, and asked Charities Commissioner Henry to recommit him. The applicant said he was Matthew Coughlin, and had come from the Twelfth Ward.

"I am partly paralyzed," the old man said, "and have been in the almshouse six years. My wife is dead, but I have a son in the Eleventh per cent."

The "Eleventh per cent" puzzled the Commissioner, who finally learned that the son was a policeman attached to the Eleventh Precinct, on Hamilton avenue. His name, the old man said, was Daniel Sylvester Coughlin. Coughlin's record was investigated, and it was found that he had been on the force since 1889, and is unmarried. He gets $1,100 a year, and will have a chance to-morrow at the invitation of Commissioner Henry to tell why he doesn't support his aged father.

SWEETHEART BRAVED THE SEA.

Pretty Theresa Koeppel Crossed the Ocean to Marry August Peringer.

Justice of the Peace Paulus, of Hoboken, yesterday married August Peringer and Theresa Koeppel. The groom is forty-three years old, and the bride a pretty nineteen-year-old blonde. Peringer lives at Second and Hudson streets. The marriage was the ending of an over-the-sea romance.

While in Europe two years ago Peringer met Miss Koeppel. Acquaintance quickly ripened into love. Miss Koeppel's parents, however, objected to her marrying, as she was only seventeen years old. So the couple promised to wait two years. In the meantime, Peringer, who is a civil engineer, came to this country and obtained a position with the Missouri Pacific Railroad. A few months ago he sent to Europe for his sweetheart. She reached Hoboken last Saturday, and yesterday they were married.

F. Evans, Hobart's Private Secretary.

Washington, March 15.—Vice-President Hobart has appointed Frederick Evans, Jr., of Newark, N. J., as his private secretary, and Harry Bastianelli, of New Jersey, as messenger. Mr. Evans is a newspaper man well-known in New Jersey. In August last he resigned the editorship of the Newark Daily Advertiser.

IN BROOKLYN THEATRES.

Sardou's "Spiritisme" at the Columbia, John Drew at the Montauk, and Other Attractions.

Sardou's "Spiritisme" was introduced to Brooklyn in the Columbia last night by Maurice Barrymore and a good company, in which Virginia Harned shines as a star. The play is in the style affected by the French dramatist, but lacks the depth and strength of his earlier efforts. The title comes from the fact that the principal character is a scientific student of the supernatural, who neglects his beautiful wife to converse with beings of another world. In the cast supporting Mr. Barrymore and Miss Harned are J. H. Gilmour, Theodore Roberts, W. F. Owen, Olive Oliver, Margaret Robinson, Blanche Burton and Louise Napier.

Park Theatre.

"The Isle of Gold; or, The Star-Spangled Dollar," did not impress one with its merit or musical qualities when it was presented for the first time in the metropolitan district last night in the Park Theatre, in Brooklyn. The lines were dead and the music dolorous. The fact that Laura Shorter, the pretty little woman at the head of the company, is a Brooklyn girl had much to do with the big house that witnessed the initial performance. Miss Shorter is a daughter of John U. Shorter, ex-Assistant District-Attorney. She has a sweet, sympathetic voice, lacking a trifle in power, but very pleasing just the same. Last night she was a trifle self-conscious and let her eyes wander too frequently toward a box in which half a dozen of her girl friends were sitting. William Broderick, E. M. Favor and Melville Stewart worked hard to make the opera go, but it lacked snap. The book is by Charles Alfred Byrne and the score by Herman Perlet. A mythical isle, ruled by King Croesus, is the theme, and the love affair of his daughter Genevra the theme.

Montauk Theatre.

John Drew presented "Rosemary" in the Montauk last night. The play is one of the prettiest seen in this city in years. The star's impersonation of Sir Jasper Thorndyke is one of the masterpieces of his career. Maud Adams is the leading lady. Others in the cast are Arthur Byron, Daniel Harkins, Harry Harwood, Geraldine Henderson, Frank E. Lamb, Mrs. Annie Adams, Mrs. Delos King and Ethel Barrymore.

Bijou Theatre.

Andrew Mack, a clever young singing comedian, presented "Myles Aroon," an excellent Irish play, in the Bijou last night. Mr. Mack is young and has much of the magnetism that made Scanlan's work so enjoyable. He was supported last night by a first-class company.

Empire Theatre.

Robie's Bohemian Burlesquers opened the week in the Empire last night. The company was composed of Harry Bryant, Billy Van, Nina Lowry, Veri Nebriga, Jere Mahony, Phil and Hatty Mills, the Hill Sisters, Edyth Ardell, Bertha Douglas, May Emmons, Lillian Wood, the Brothers La Moyne and a band of Georgia pickaninnies.

American Theatre.

"The Land of the Midnight Sun," a romantic drama, was the attraction in the American last evening. The piece is of the sensational order and was well staged. Edward Barbour, the author, takes a part in the cast, and a good company supports him.

Amphion Theatre.

Dan Daly's humorous lower limbs caused a great deal of laughter in the Amphion, where "The Lady Slavey" opened the week last night.

RESULT OF COMSTOCK'S RAID.

Twelve Men Fined in Long Island City for Pool Selling.

While the jurors, litigants and witnesses in cases on the calendar of the Queens County Court, at Long Island City, yesterday were eating their lunch, Justice Moore remained on the bench and disposed of indictments that charged twelve men with pool selling within the limits of that county. The indictments followed a raid in the county, planned and carried out last Summer by Anthony Comstock. The first counts in each indictment charged a felony, but the accused men were allowed to plead to the second counts, which charged only a misdemeanor.

Justice Moore, on the recommendation of District-Attorney William J. Youngs, discharged Edward Marks, one of the defendants. In each of the other cases the Judge imposed a fine.

He stated, however, that failure to pay would result in a year's imprisonment for each indictment. The men and the amounts each had to pay show on the court record as follows:

Patrick J. Murphy, three indictments, $500 fine on each; William Smith, one indictment, $300; Carley Bee, $300; Eole E. Pearsall, $500; Michael Blake, $300; Thomas Brown, $300; James Brown, $300; Richard E. Kane, $300; Charles Adams, $300; Henry Van Buren, $300; George Meyers, $300. The total amount of fines collected was $4,700.

Richard E. Kane is Alderman of the Second Ward of Long Island City. The indictment against him charged that he permitted pools to be sold in a building in which he keeps a saloon.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS A PRIEST.

Beginning of a Week's Celebration of Father O'Hare's Jubilee.

The Rev. P. F. O'Hare, rector of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Manhattan avenue and Milton street, Greenpoint, has been twenty-five years a priest, and the parishioners of his church began a week's celebration in honor of his silver jubilee last night. An entertainment of the girls, under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph, was held in the school building.

This afternoon the boys, in charge of the Franciscan Brothers, will give an entertainment at 3 o'clock and make a presentation to the pastor.

To-morrow evening the young women of the parish, under the auspices of the Sodality of the B. V. M., will congratulate Father O'Hare. It is expected that Bishop McDonnell will consecrate the new altar, a Thanksgiving offering from the members of the parish, the same day or on Thursday.

Father O'Hare will celebrate mass on Friday at the new altar, and on Saturday evening there will be a parade of the societies attached to the church, which will be joined by several other Catholic societies from neighboring churches. Mgr. Martinelli, the Papal Delegate at Washington, will be the guest of honor, and will ride by the pastor's side during the parade. Sunday will conclude the celebration.

AN ICY BATH FOR CONVERTS.

Nine Person Baptized in Oyster Bay During the Snow Storm.

Oyster Bay, L. I., March 15.—Notwithstanding the snow storb, nine persons were baptized in the bay here yesterday by Rev. E. S. Wrightman, pastor of the Baptist Church. They were Joseph B. Wright, the Misses Eugenie, Amelia and Alice Wright, Charles Oakley, Howard Walters and three boys from Syosset, named Scott. During the ceremony the people on shore sang "Happy Day" and other hymns.

After coming out of the water all were wrapped in blankets and driven to places where they could obtain dry clothing.

Hanged Herself in Her Cell.

Julia Condon Edwards, of Stockman street, West Orange, N. J., imbibed too freely Sunday night, and when locked up, cried bitterly for an hour. Officer Mellulk went to the cell later and found her hanging from the ceiling by two handkerchiefs that she had tied about her neck. She was cut down, and yesterday Justice Condict sent her to jail for ten days.

CIVIL SERVICE OR NO MORE SALARIES.

Bridge Tenders on Newtown Creek Barred from the Pay Roll.

MUST STAND EXAMINATION.

Kings and Queens Counties Both Insist That the Law Shall Be Observed.

TWENTY-SEVEN MEN INVOLVED.

Heretofore the Counties Shared the Expense, but as the Tenders Repudiate Civil Service They Get Exercise Only.

Because the men in charge of the bridges across Newtown Creek, between Kings and Queens counties, refuse to submit to civil service examinations, the alternative of working without pay confronts them. There are twenty-seven men employed swinging the five bridges, and none of these tenders has drawn any pay since January 1 of this year. Heretofore each county stood half the expense, but now both repudiate the warrants, on the ground that payment is in violation of the Civil Service law.

This stand is taken by the Board of Supervisors of Queens County and the Aldermen of Kings, on the strength of a decision by Judge Keogh, declaring the law compelling public employes to pass civil service examinations to be constitutional. Mayor Gleason, of Long Island City, says that no more tenders will be paid from his end of the bridges, and Alderman Wasmuth, of Brooklyn, chairman of the Bridge Committee, says the Corporation Counsel has notified the Comptroller that the cashing of bridge tenders' warrants cannot be legally done.

Meanwhile the twenty-seven men continue to swing the big iron bridges by hand and board themselves. The tenders realize that to make themselves eligible on pay-day they must pass an examination, but the idea is repugnant to them. In fact, two civil service spasms threaten. Both counties will insist on a list of questions, and it is a lucky bridge tender who survives both ordeals.

"We know on which end of a canal boat the rudder belongs, and how to open and close the draw," said one dejected employe, "but few of us can tell the highest peak in the Andes Mountains or name offhand the Presidents who died in office. From what I can learn both counties call for an examination, one at each end of the bridge, when one list of questions would probably swamp the entire crew of tenders. The lawyers say its illegal to draw pay, and yet the bridges must be tended. There were wild rumors of a strike on the creek, and a general tie-up of traffic, but that's all nonsense. To strike would do no good."

Some of the affected men claim that civil service does not apply to them, but the heads of the law departments in both counties insist that it does. Mayor Gleason says that should the men be paid and a taxpayer complain the county would be held responsible.

THINKS ALIMONY TOO HIGH.

Loader Says His Business Has Been Ruined, and He Can't Pay $8.

Joseph Loader, the Brooklyn furniture merchant whose wife, Annie, is suing him for a separation, asked to have the $8 weekly allmony reduced in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, before Justice Van Wyck. Loader claims that his business has been ruined.

"My client would have appealed before," said Mirabeau L. Towns, "but he is in a devilish tight place. His business has been ruined by the big department stores, and his young wife prevents him from attending to his store by hauling him into court."

"The affidavits of Mr. Loader," said Mr. Treadwell, counsel for the plaintiff, "say he deplores his folly, and he attempts to excuse himself because after his wife's death he was 'lonely and yearning.' He yearned so that he got himself into trouble with a woman named Rose, who sued him for breach of promise the day he married this plaintiff. He promised his present wife that he would provide handsomely for her. He told her he had real estate worth $50,000 then, but now he says he is poor."

"I will grant a stay on appeal," said Justice Van Wyck, "if the defendant will pay $125 counsel fee, $25 alimony and $4 a week pending the appeal."

NOT SING SING'S FUGITIVE.

Man Arrested in Williamsburg Is Not James Blaine, the Escaped Convict.

Charles Cassidy, the man who was arrested in Williamsburg on Saturday night for stealing a pocketbook containing 40 cents from Mrs. Louisa Kress, of No. 275 South First street, is not James Blaine, the fugitive convict of Sing Sing Prison. The police of Brooklyn were of the opinion that Cassidy was the missing prisoner, and they telephoned to that effect to Warden Sage. The latter sent Keeper Vaughn to the Lee Avenue Police Court, Williamsburg, yesterday morning and when Vaughn had Cassidy pointed out to him he said that the prisoner was not Blaine, nor did he bear any resemblance to the escaped prisoner.

Cassidy was afterward arraigned before Justice Goetting on the charge of larceny and was held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

WANTS HER AGED HUSBAND.

Mrs. Mee Claims That Mr. Mee's Daughter Is Keeping Him Away from Her.

Mrs. Ellen Mee, of No. 112 Wythe avenue, Williamsburg, went to the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday and complained that her husband, who is more than eighty-five years old, is being kept from her by his married daughter, Mrs. Kate Ryan, who lives at Wythe avenue and North Tenth street. Mrs. Mee is about fifty years old, and was married to Mee against the wishes of his daughter a few years ago. She is his second wife.

Soon after the marriage there was trouble between the couple and the old man returned to his married daughter. Mrs. Mee has vainly tried to see her husband. A summons against Mrs. Ryan was issued, which is returnable to-day.

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CAME BACK TO TESTIFY.

Saviano, a Witness in a Murder Trial, Arrested on an Old Charge by Federal Authorities.

Guitans Saviano, the chief witness in the trial for murder of Antonio Ancella, in the County Court, Brooklyn, was arrested in the District-Attorney's office yesterday while he was waiting to be called. He was arrested on an old warrant charging him with sending an improper postal card through the mails.

Luigi Ancella, a brother of the man on trial for murder, pointed out Saviano to Deputy Marshal Charles Koch. Koch arrested the man and it was some time before the District-Attorney's officers discovered they had lost a witness. They scurried around to the United States Court with a subpoena for the Deputy Marshal. District-Attorney Backus questioned Mr. Koch about his authority for arresting his witness.

Koch explained that Saviano was arrested for sending the card on October 2, 1895. He was then living at No. 357 North Second street. He was held in $500 bonds for the Federal Grand Jury. He jumped his bail, and the authorities have been searching for him ever since.

When Luigi Ancella heard that Saviano was to be a witness against his brother he told the United States authorities where their man could be found, and pointed him out to Deputy Marshal Koch. Saviano was locked up in default of $1,000 bail on the old charge, but will be called as a witness in the murder case.

Antonio Ancella was placed on trial for murder yesterday. It is charged that he was concerned in the death of Carmello Sesca and Louis De Presco, who were killed in a fight which took place on Union avenue on April 21, 1895. Annie Decker, a little Sunday-school girl, was shot in the leg, but she recovered.

The fight was the outcome of a feud between the Italians. A girl was at the bottom of the row.

John Ancella pleaded guilty to manslaughter and is now in prison.

After the row Antonio disappeared, and was not arrested until last December. All day yesterday was occupied in getting a jury.

TROUBLE OVER A WILL.

Set Aside on the Grounds of Fraud, and Now the Widow Is Accused of Perjury.

Mrs. Catherine Sutter, of Middle Village, is defendant in criminal proceedings in Jamaica, L. I., in which she is charged with perjury. The case involves the property of Henry Shumacher, a prosperous farmer of Middle Village, whose death under tragic circumstances on November 18, 1882, attracted widespread attention. Mrs. Sutter is the widow of Shumacher, having married John Sutter after her husband's death. Shumacher left a will, which in time came up in the Queens County Surrogate's Court and was admitted to probate.

At the time of Shumacher's death Bertha Bohmback, his daughter, was ill. She was then Mrs. Joerger, and lived with her husband at No. 126 [illegible]th avenue, New York. She did not hear of her father's death until two months after it had occurred. In the meanwhile the matter had come up in the Surrogate's Court. Mrs. Bohmback was visiting in Minnesota at the time. When she returned and learned of the probate of her father's will she at once began proceedings to reopen the matter.

After a careful investigation by Surrogate Weller, the will was set aside on the ground of fraud. The present proceedings were begun by John Bohmback, husband of Bertha Bohmback. The case will come up for a hearing before Justice B. Frank Wood in Jamaica on Friday.

Henry Shumacher, over whose money the trouble arose, was killed in a lonely place in some woods near Middle village. His body was discovered one morning lying by the roadside. It was at first supposed that he had been murdered, but as no evidence could be obtained against any one the authorities took no action.

DIDN'T FIGURE ON THE BARN.

A Sloop Two Men Built in It Is Too Big for the Door.

William H. C. Leverich and F. C. Sniffen, who live at No. 1044 Bushwick avenue, Williamsburg, have for some time been building a twenty-six-foot sloop in the barn in the rear of their home. The boat is now nearly completed, and the builders have realized for the first time that in order to move her to be launched it will be necessary to cut out one of the beams in the barn.

The craft has a ten-foot beam and is built of solid oak. She will be launched June 1 in Newtown Creek. The sloop will carry two jibs, topsail and mainsail. The mast will be thirty-five feet in height. She will be taken to Good Ground, L. I., as soon as launched.

ATTACKED HUSBAND IN COURT HOUSE.

Alleged Co-respondent in Whiting Suit Used His Fists.

LANDED ON THE JAW.

Taken Back Before Justice Maddox, Lectured and Fined $50.

MRS. WHITING WON HER CASE.

It Was Then That Shinn Followed Her Husband to the Corridor and Assaulted Him—Wife Called to Him to Stop.

George T. Shinn, who is the Brooklyn representative of the Dayton Bicycle Company, who was named as co-respondent in John Whiting's suit for absolute divorce, assaulted Whiting in the corridor of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, and was arrested for contempt. Later he was arraigned before Justice Maddox in a penitent mood, threw himself on the mercy of the Court and was let off with a fine of $50.

Shinn lives at the corner of Fifth avenue and Third street, Brooklyn. He is a large man, well groomed and wears a diamond and a silk hat. His appearance is that of a substantial business man.

When the case of Whiting against Whiting was called yesterday he sat with Mrs. Mary Whiting, the defendant. Whiting sat by his counsel, Alfred J. Heine. Whiting had alleged a number of things against his wife, but his witnesses failed to materialize. Mrs. Whiting, however, had some good witnesses to support a counter claim, and Justice Maddox decided promptly in her favor. Whiting left the court room with his counsel.

Shinn got up hastily and hurried across the court after them. Mrs. Whiting called him to come back in a tone that could be heard all over the room. She followed Shinn into the hall.

"Have you got enough now?" said Shinn to Whiting. "If not, take that," and he dealt him two powerful blows on the jaw. Lawyer Heine tired to separate the men, and Court Officer Doyle took Shinn by the collar.

"Don't do it, George!" Mrs. Whiting kept shouting to Shinn, as she stood watching the row. "Don't hurt him!"

The rumpus could be plainly heard inside.

"Bring that man here!" said His Honor, sternly, and Court Officer Doyle conducted Shinn before the bar. The officer explained, in a few words, what had taken place. Shinn was much excited.

"The officer did not see it at all," he exclaimed.

"You shall go to jail for contempt of court," said Justice Maddox, "until you furnish a bond of $2,000 for your appearance here Saturday." The prisoner was turned over to a deputy sheriff.

By 3 o'clock he had cooled down. His counsel, David May, told Justice Maddox that his client was willing to apologize and throw himself on the mercy of the court. May maintained that the assault had been committed in the presence of the court.

"Let the prisoner stand up," said Justice Maddox. "Shinn," he continued, "I am surprised that a man of your good appearance should be guilty of such gross misconduct. It has been claimed that this assault was not in the presence of the court. I saw you leave your seat and hasten after this plaintiff, with the apparent intention to assault him. I distinctly heard the defendant call to you to come back. If you had shown the proper spirit after the occurrence, I might have dealt leniently with you, but you contradicted the court officer and tried to make out that no such thing had taken place. I will take into consideration your plea, however. I will impose a fine of $50 and you will remain in the custody of the Sheriff until paid. Otherwise you must go to jail for fifty days."

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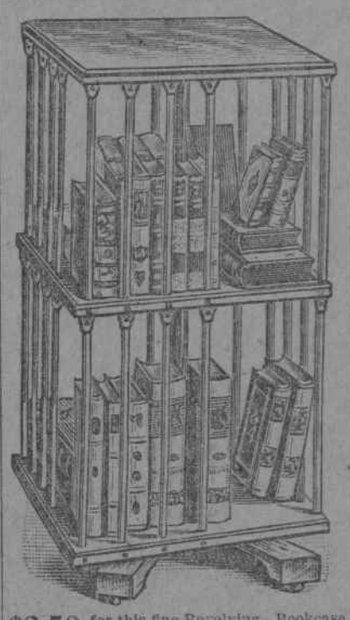

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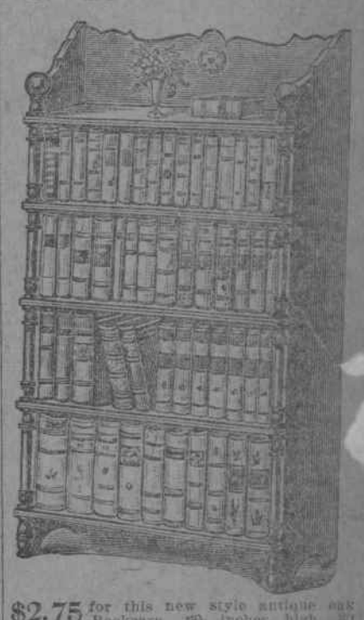

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