# POLICE SHAKE UP ON STATEN ISLAND.

## Court of Appeals Declares the New Bill Constitutional.

## A REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

### That Party Gains Control of the Department After a Fight of Four Years.

### FORCE WILL BE REORGANIZED.

### Captain Blake, Who Has Been in Command Many Years, Will, it Is Said, Have to Give Way to Sergeant Cobb.

After a stubborn fight lasting four years the Republicans of Richmond County have succeeded in getting control of the Police Department, which in past years has had much weight in every election. The fight was won yesterday, when the Court of Appeals handed down their decision that the new bill was constitutional. This is the only bill for the Police Department that the Democratic party and its lawyers did not prove to contain fatal flaws.

The first bill was introduced by the late Assemblyman Conklin four years ago, but it died a natural death before reaching the Governer. Three years ago another bill was introduced, and was also killed. Last year the bi-partisan bill was pushed through the Assembly and signed by Governor Morton, but before the appointments were made, injunctions were served and finally the bill was declared unconstitutional, owing to the fact that it contained a clause that the Commissioners must belong to the Republican and Democratic parties, the courts deciding that the Commisisoners had a right to belong to any great party; that no particular organization could be debarred.

The present bill is of a bi-partisan nature and provides that one Commissioner shall be appointed who belongs to the national party in power and one to the party having the second largest number of votes at the last Federal election. This bill was passed early last Winter and was signed by Governor Black after he satisfied himself that it was constitutional. It named as the appointing Board the County Judge, Sheriff and District-Attorney.

The appointing Board was called together, but an injunction was served before the appointments were made. The injunction was issued on the ground that the Sheriff could not act on the appointing Board, as it was unconstitutional for him to hold any office except the Shrievalty.

General Wingate and John J. Kenney were the attorneys for the Democratic party, and District-Attorney George M. Pinney looked after the Republican interests. Mr. Pinney in his argument claimed that the Sheriff was not given a new office, but that extra duties were imposed upon him as a county official without compensation.

Judge Van Wyck issued the first stay, and the Appellate Division were unanimous in reversing his decision. This virtualy settled the case, but as there were vital points at stake, especially in the draft of the Greater New York charter, Mr. Pinney, to settle the case beyond dispute, consented that it go to the Court of Appeals, providing it was made a preferred case and immediately placed on the calendar. This was agreed to, the case was argued in Saratoga on Monday, and the decision was handed down yesterday.

The news that the bill was declared constitutional spread like wildfire on Staten Island, and none were more jubilant than a large number of the patrolmen who have found much fault with their past treatment.

Hugh McRoberts, the Republican leader, was bright with smiles as he said: "I told you so; the Republicans mean business, and are going to fight to the last."

The appointing board, which stands two to one in favor of the Republicans, will no doubt meet next Wednesday and appoint the two commissioners. The reorganization of the force will then begin. The provisions of the bill give the commission power to reduce all the officers to the ranks of patrolmen and reorganize the force. Captain Blake, who has been in command for some years, and some of the sergeants and roundsmen will find new duties. The general impression is that Sergeant Cobb, of West New Brighton, will replace Captain Blake, and the other appointments will also be made entirely on merit.

The present forces number sixty men, divided as follows: Captain, three sergeants, six roundsmen, forty-two patrolmen and a mounted squad of eight men.

There is little doubt that Charles W. Alexander, the Republican State Committeeman of Richmond County, will be the Republican Commissioner and chairman of the board. Joseph W. Tate, an independent Democrat, is slated for second Commissioner. Alexander is one of the old metropolitan policemen of New York City, is thoroughly conversant with police affairs and is well liked by the men in the department. Grant Crabtree, the present clerk to the board, is likely to remain, but Dr. John L. Feeney, Supervisor of Middletown and chairman of the Democratic General Committee, will be replaced by Dr. C. W. Townsend, of New Brighton, who is a strong organization man.

The Greater New York will wipe out the new Commissioners, but it is expected that the department will be put on an even footing with the present force in the city so that the change will not be noticeable when it is made.

## NEW BOARD OF TAX APPEALS.

### Appointed Yesterday by Mayor Hoos, of Jersey City, and Sworn In.

A new Board of Tax Appeals was appointed yesterday by Mayor Hoos, of Jersey City. The appointees were immediately sworn in and the old board surrendered office. The new Commissioners are Dr. Mortimer Lampson, Charles H. Dayton and John Mehl, all Democrats. Their appointment was urged by ex-Sheriff Robert Davis. The members of the retiring board were James Warner, John P. Landrine and Henry Pattberg.

Dr. Lampson served as a surgeon at the Chesapeake General Hospital and at Petersburg and other battles before Richmond during the Civil War. Mr. Dayton is twenty-nine years old and a newspaper reporter and editor of the Weekly Democrat, the official organ of ex-Sheriff Robert Davis. Commissioner Mehl is a pocketbook manufacturer at Webster avenue and Hutton street. The salaries are $1,000, and the terms two years.

The Board elected Alexander Schlesinger, editor of the New Jersey Staats Zeitung clerk at a salary of $600.

**Horse and Coal Case Decided.**

Before Justice Post and a jury at Bloomfield, N. J., yesterday, Lemuel Voorhees brought suit against Seymour P. Gilbert, a coal dealer, to recover the value of a horse. Voorhees claimed to have loaned Gilbert the horse if he would furnish him with his Winter's coal, while Gilbert says Voorhees gave him the horse for the coal. Voorhees then brought suit for $75. The jury allowed him $34, the difference between the respective values of the coal and the horse. Gilbert will appeal to a higher court.

## FULL DUTY ON LEAD.

### Importing Smelters to Have No Allowance for Other Metals in the Bullion.

A decison of great importance to importers and smelters of lead in this country was rendered by Judge Kirkpatrick in the United States District Court at Newark yesterday. It was in effect that what is known as "lead bullion" will have to pay duty for its full weight when imported. The "lead bullion" contains about 3 per cent of gold, silver and antimony, and the importers have claimed that allowance should be made for these materials, on which no duty is charged.

The case in which Judge Kirkpatrick rendered decision was the appeal of the Balbach Smelting & Refining Company, of Newark, from the ruling of the Collector of the Port, in requiring duty for the full weight of "lead bullion" imported. The Balbach Company imports large quantities of the bullion, and, had the decison been in its favor, would have saved $9,000 annually. As it is, the Government will be the gainer by several hundred thousands of dollars every year.

The matter has been in abeyance since the appeal, early in 1896, of the Guggenheim Smelting Company, of Perth Amboy, from the ruling of the Collector of that Port. The Guggenheim Company contended, as did the Balbach Company, that only that portion of the lead bullion which was pure lead should pay the duty of one cent a pound. The General Board of Appraisers decided in favor of the appellant, and then the Balbach Company filed its appeal. Judge Kirkpatrick, in denying the appeal, says:

"It is clear, because stated in express terms (in the law), that the duty shall be collected upon the crude metals, without any allowance for wastage incurred in the smelting and refining. The decision of the Board of General Appraisers, which holds that the duty shall be levied only upon the refined lead contained in the bullion, makes allowance for wastage, and is therefore contrary to the authorized regulation made by the Treasury Department, synopsis 10,583."

## TAPKAOW CLUB'S OPENING.

### Morristown Organization Occupies a Floor of the New Vogt Building.

Morristown, N. J., June 25.—The formal opening of the Tapkaow Club, of Morristown, N. J., was held last night. The club is composed of local business and professional men. Forty-three members signed the articles of incorporation last week, and ten have since been added. These, with 120 guests, made a notable gathering. The club occupies the second floor of the new Vogt building. A large front room is used for reception and reading. Then comes the card room and a large dining room. The rear room, 60x36, is a billiard and pool parlor, furnished with four tables. The club is erecting a building in the rear, in which bowling alleys, to cost $3,000, will be built.

The president, ex-Alderman David P. McClellan, presided last night. Speeches were made by many members and guests. The House Committee, Messrs. Alexander Bennell, Charles W. Ennis and Theo Schmalholz, were warmly congratulated upon the successful opening and the handsome manner in which the club rooms were furnished.

The club officers are: David P. McClellan, Alexander Bennell, Dr. B. D. Evans, Charles W. Ennis, Victor E. Boell, Edward Howell, Theodore Schmalholz, Stephen S. Day and Louis A. Vogt, Board of Governors; David P. McClellan, president; Alexander Bennell, vice-president; L. A. Vogt, secretary, and V. E. Boell, treasurer. The club is named after an Indian chief.

## DR. MULCAHEY'S FOES GUILTY.

### Mrs. Margaret Woods and Her Daughter Tried by Justice Lambert.

Mrs. Margaret Woods and her daughter, May Woods, were found guilty in the First Precinct Police Court, Newark, N. J., yesterday, of disorderly conduct. Sentence was suspended by Justice Lambert, upon request of Senator Daly, of Hoboken, who will make application to Supreme Court Judge Depue for a writ of certiorari to-day.

The women were arrested on the night of June 9 for creating a disturbance at the house of Dr. Denis D. Mulcahey, on Bank street, Newark. As told at the time, the younger woman claims to be Dr. Mulcahey's daughter. Her mother was the physician's housekeeper for a number of years.

Senator Daly yesterday asked that the case be dismissed. He declared that no such offence as disorderly conduct was recognized by the laws of New Jersey, and that no sworn complaint had been made against the women, but Justice Lambert decided to proceed with the examination.

## CUT OFF LIFE SAVER'S HEAD.

### Long Branch Express Kills Andrew Swanson at Seabright, N. J.

Andrew Swanson, a member of the Seabright (N. J.) Life Saving Station, was instantly killed there yesterday afternoon by the Long Branch express, which passed through Seabright shortly after 5 o'clock.

Swanson endeavored to crosse the track near what is known as the main crossing, although he was warned of the approach of the express by the flagman. His head was severed from the body in the presence of numerous cottagers. A number of women fainted at the sight.

Swanson was thirty-five years old and leaves a widow and four children.

## INVESTIGATING POLICE BOARD.

### Hudson County Officials Charged with Irregularities.

The Hudson County Grand Jury Thursday afternoon investigated the Police Board. The subjects of the investigation were the appointments of Patrolmen Abernethy, Vreeland and Lewis, the alleged use of passes granted by the Central Railroad and a report regarding the furnishing of supplies.

Patrolman Abernethy is a brother of President Hugh H. Abernethy, of the Police Board. It had been alleged that the three patrolmen had not lived in Jersey City when they were appointed. They contradicted this statement. Ex-Detective Michael Kilcauley testified concerning the story of railroad passes. It is said the jury has not finished the investigation.

Police Commissioner John P. Feeney, the only Democrat in the Board, was one of the witnesses. Commissioner Abernethy said the appointments were regular and that politics prompted the investigation.

## CARPENTER MOSHER ACCUSED.

### Mrs. Neumann, of Montclair, Charges Him with Swindling Her.

William P. Mosher, of Cedar Grove, N. J., is locked up at the police station in Montclair, N. J., upon a charge of defrauding Mrs. Neumann, of Upper Montclair, of $2,500. Mosher is a carpenter and contracted to build a house for the woman. After a short period he asked for an advance payment and Mrs. Neumann gave him a bond of $2,500, which Mosher converted into cash. He gave her another bond as security, which, it is alleged, is worthless.

In default of $2,500 bail the accused was committed to await the action of the Grand Jury. Mosher, it is also claimed, used the money for other purposes than were originally intended.

**Rosenthal Was His Own Detective.**

Camden, N. J., June 25.—Lewis Rothkugel was caught in Mercnantville to-day. He had been traced there by Charles A. Rosenthal, a real estate dealer, of No. 81 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, New York. Rosenthal, who was formerly the proprietor of a billiard parlor in New York, accused Rothkugel of having visited his place and stolen five diamond rings, a cornet and some pool balls. Rothkugel was locked up to await requisition papers.

# READY NOW FOR HIGHER STUDIES.

## Twenty-five Graduates Were Turned Out by Phillipsburg High School.

## ALMOST ALL YOUNG WOMEN

### Commencement Exercises Held in Many Other Scholastic Institutions.

The twenty-third annual commencement of the Phillipsburg (N. J.) High School was held Thursday and Friday evenings at Ortygia Hall. The class consisted of twenty-two young women and three young men.

The salutatory address by Mr. Stryker and the valedictory address by Miss Shimer were very fine.

The class of '97 was the largest ever graduated from the Phillipsburg High School. The highest honors were carried off by Mr. Skinner in the classical course and Mr. Stryker in the English course. Of the graduates Miss Shimer will attend Mt. Holyoke College, Misses Kothe and Eva Cullen the State Normal School, and Mr. Skinner the University of Pennsylvania.

The closing exercises of the Morristown Public Schools were held in the chapel of the Maple avenue building yesterday morning. On the rostrum were Principal W. L. R. Haven, State Superintendent Charles A. Baxter, of Plainfield; John D. Guerin, president, and Harrie A. Freeman, secretary; Dr. Stephen Pierson, and other members of the Board of Education, and the graduating class, composed of three boys and eleven girls, as follows: Mabel A. Arnold, May Katherine Baird, Grace Evelyn Boniface, Elizabeth W. Byram, Mabel B. Day, Hattie A. Fairchild, Madalene Hendershot, William R. Halliday, Frances Katz, Arthur Nelson Pavle, Nellie Kinnard Schureman, Estelle Walker, Lena T. Wise, Frank J. Youngblood.

Miss Walker is a colored girl, and the first one to graduate from the Morristown public schools. She delivered the "Class Prophecy," at the conclusion of which she was generously applauded.

At the conclusion of the exercises Principal Haven introduced State Superintendant Baxter, who presented, on behalf of the Board of Education, diplomas to the graduates.

The closing recital by the pupils of Seton Academy, on White street, Orange, N. J., was held in the lower assembly rooms of Columbus Hall, there. Rev. M. J. McDonald presided. The members of the senior grades, who were awarded prizes, were: Senior A class, gold medal, Miss Loretta McClos..ey; senior B class, gold medal, Miss Frances Everett and Miss Leta Dealy; senior C class, gold pin, Miss Margaret Jacobs. Special prizes were awarded for progress in literature and rhetorics to Misses Loretta McCloskey, Loretta Crowe and Irene Devine, and in elocution to Harry Dealy. A programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc., followed the distribution of awards.

The twenty-first annual commencement of the Caldwell, N. J., High School occurred last night at the First Presbyterian Church there. The graduates delivered their essays and addresses as follows: "Ideals," with salutatory, Miss Belle Harrison; essay, "Vibration," Marie Gould; "Futures," W. B. Smith; "Inventions," Edna Francisco, "The Mississippi," T. C. Provost, Jr.; "The Iliad," May Rickerich; "The Cuban Question," Maud De Camp; "The Monks and the Press," with valedictory, G. H. Harrison. Rev. Henry K. Denlinger, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, delivered the address to the graduates, while James L. Hays, chairman of the State Board of Educational, also made a few remarks. L. G. Lockward, chairman of the Board of Education, presented the graduates with their diplomas.

Union Free School No. 5, Mariner's Harbor, S. I., welcomed the public yesterday. The primary department had its reception at 2 p. m. in a crowded hall. The welcome song by the kindergarten department was loudly applauded. The butterfly drill, in which little girls, wearing yellow gauze wings and yellow sashes, danced, proved a great success. The flower drill was equally pleasing.

In the evening the grammar department had its reception, which included a gypsy festival, with a king, fortune teller, and numerous dancers. Then came choruses, readings and recitations, singing and instrumental music, a fan drill and a Japanese drill.

Only one pupil graduated this year, Miss Ella S. Jones.

## TUITE'S PRISONER IS HELD.

### Police Captain Daly's Doubts of the Policeman's Prowess Seem Unfounded.

In the Third Precinct Police Court, Newark, N. J., yesterday, Daniel Mackey was committed, in default of $1,000 bail, for the Grand Jury, charged with having assaulted and attempted to rob Mrs. Annie Burns, of No. 115 Van Buren street, about a week ago. Mackey was arrested by Patrolman Frank Tuite, a former newspaper man, who had just been appointed on the force. Captain Daly, of the Third Precinct, afterward expressed his belief in Mackey's innocence.

Mrs. Burns, who had previously identified Mackey as the highwayman, repeated the story of the robbery and assault, and Patrolman Tuite described his arrest of the prisoner. Their evidence was a practical repetition of the story already published.

Mackey, when placed upon the stand, said that after drinking with a friend named Quinlhan, they had started up Market street, where they met Mrs. Burns. They had spoken to her and she had replied. Mackey followed her alone, and when he caught up with her she hit him with an umbrella.

"Then, having no friends in the city," concluded the prisoner, "I started to run away, and got on the freight train. I jumped off, and went into the saloon and was arrested."

Quinlhan corroborated this story in part, and Judge Schalk decided to hold Mackey.

## MINSTREL SHOW IN A CHURCH.

### Jokes Were Carefully Supervised First by a Committee of the Congregation.

The young people of the Millstone, N. J., Reformed Church held a minstrel performance in the church Tuesday evening. Miss Isabella M. Ewen, of Brooklyn, sang soprano solos; bass solos were rendered by Joseph Bottstein, of New York; recitations by Miss Maud Virginia Carter; a character song "Little Alabama Coon," by Mrs. Sands Olcott.

The minstrel performance proper was given in black face. George Lester was interlocutor. The jokes had to be first supervised by a committee of church members, as the entertainment was in the church.

The novelty of the thing attracted a large audience from the surrounding country. The pastor of the church was among those present and he enjoyed the performance as much as anyone.

**For Having Nickel-in-Slot Mahinces.**

Recorder McDonough held for the Grand Jury yesterday several Hoboken saloon keepers, in whose places nickel-in-the-slot machines were captured by Deputy Sheriffs Thursday. They were charged with keeping disorderly houses.

# A LADY, A LOVER AND A BICYCLE.

## Stella Storms Chose Her Wheel in Preference to Her Sweetheart.

## THEN CHANGED HER MIND.

### Married Glover and Then Sued Her Father for the Restoration of Her Bicycle.

Stella Storms was called upon to choose between a bicycle and a lover. She chose the bicycle.

Then, availing herself of the time-honored privilege of her sex, she changed her mind and made the lover happy. But she herself was not completely happy, for she still loved the bicycle.

Hence it fell to the lot of Justice Van Wart, sitting yesterday in the Broadway Court, Williamsburg, to adjudicate one of the strangest suits ever brought into a civil court. Stella Glover—formerly Stella Storms—was suing her father for the bicycle she had learned to love so fondly, regardless of the fact that she had chosen the other alternative and married the man her father disliked, and ignoring the old adage, "You cannot have your cake and eat it."

The defendant was Samuel Storms, of Montclair, N. J., and the plaintiff's husband, Mortimer L. Glover, of No. 461 Chester street, Williamsburg, was in court to see whether or not his bride would get her bicycle back. Mrs. Stella Glover went on the stand and told the Judge coyly that her cruel papa would not let her have her wheel. The jury was beginning to direct severe glances at Mr. Storms, when he went on the stand and told his story in accents of righteous indignation.

"A year ago," he said, "my daughter was keeping company with this man Storms. I did not like him, and she knew it, but he must have infatuated her, for she would pay no attention to my protests.

"Well, the girl was simply crazy to ride a bicycle, and was continually pestering me to buy her one. I saw a chance, as I thought, to get rid of Glover, so I offered to make a bargain with her—a perfectly fair bargain.

"'If you will agree to have nothing more to do with this fellow Glover,' I said, 'I will make you a present of a bicycle.' She began to whimper about it, so I offered to add a watch to the bicycle. That was too much for her, so she agreed to my terms. I kept my side of the bargain, gentlemen, but how did she keep hers? Why, after she had learned to ride the bicycle so that she could scorch all over the country, she took up with Glover again. She never said a word to me, mind you. She never attempted to return the watch. She never said 'Father, take back the watch and the bicycle, and release me from my bargain.' No; she just went off and married Glover, taking the watch with her. I believe she'd have taken the bicycle, only she was afraid of being found out.

"And now she has the effrontery to come into court and demand that I should hand the wheel over to her!"

Lawyer Melville Smith, who appeared for Storms, made a fiery rhetorical plea for his client.

"Gentlemen," he said, "the ostensible bone of contention in this case is a bicycle, but I assure you that far weightier issues are involved. A bicycle, gentlemen, is a mere vehicle for locomotion, but in this case we are confronted with problems that lie at the very root of our social fabric and vitally concern the well-being of countless generations.

"Do not let this issue be obscured, gentlemen! Do not let the pneumatic-tired eloquence of my learned friend throw dust in your eyes. Do not let his high-geared sophistries lure you away from the asphalt path of righteous deliberation! Do not let him scorch through your finer sensibilities and smash your mental cyclometers of right and wrong!

"This is a case, gentlemen, that involves the sanctity of the family tie and the sacredness of parental authority. I feel that I can with safety leave it in your hands, for you are assuredly men of the very highest mental and moral gear."

The jury were deeply moved by this plea and hastened to return a verdict for the heart-broken father.

## MOTHER INJURED, CHILD SAFE.

### Mrs. Todd, in Avoiding One Train, Stepped in Front of Another.

Mrs. Mary Ford, twenty-eight years old, residing at Pleasant Plains, S. I., was struck by a train on the Amboy Division of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad yesterday morning, and seriously injured. Mrs. Ford, accompanied by her twelve-year-old daughter, was walking along the railroad track in the direction of Tottenville, where she intended to go shopping. As she approached the Church street crossing, she stepped from the eastbound track to avoid an approaching train, passed in front of a train that came thundering along on the westbound track and was struck by the cow-catcher and thrown fifty feet.

The daughter, who saw the train coming from behind, reached a place of safety and escaped uninjured, but was unable to warn her mother. The injured woman was removed to the S. R. Smith Infirmary, at New Brighton, where it was found that she had received a compound fracture of the right leg and internal injuries.

## IS COUNT PANCIATICHE SANE?

### Lunacy Commission Secured by His Wife to Meet July 1.

Countess Panciatiche, of Roselle, N. J., a few days ago made application through her counsel to Chancellor McGill to appoint a lunacy commission to investigate the sanity of her husband, Count Panciatiche, a wealthy Italian nobleman and land owner of Roselle. The commission appointed consists of Judge P. H. Gilhooly of Elizabeth; James Hope, of Roselle, and Dr. J. B. Harrison, of the Westfield Board of Health.

The commission will meet at the Court House in Elizabeth on Thursday, July 1 and take evidence.

**Richard Sprigg Is Dead.**

Richard Sprigg, seventy-six years old, for many years the superintendent of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, died late Thursday night at the residence of his son, W. O. Sprigg, at Livingston, S. I., who is the superintendent of the third division of the Southern Railroad. Mr. Sprigg was a native of Cumberland, Md., and had retired for many years.

**Hulse Winds Up Shrewsbury's Clock.**

John Hulse, the winder of the Shrewsbury (N. J.) town clock, decided not to stop winding the clock last evening, as his claim of $11 for back pay for doing the work will be paid. Hulse posted a notice saying that he would not wind the clock, which is in the steeple of Christ Episcopal Church, after midnight unless he received his pay. A. H. Borden, the postmaster, receiving contributions toward the fund to pay Hulse.

# WENT AGAINST DR. ENDICOTT.

## Wife Produces Strong Evidence in Her Suit for Divorce.

## TRAINED NURSES TESTIFY.

### Court Room Again Crowded by Leading Society People of Plainfield, N. J.

Some very damaging testimony against Dr. George W. Endicott, of Plainfield, N. J., whose wife is suing for divorce, was brought out yesterday during the progress of the trial in Chancery Court, at Newark. The court room was again crowded with members of Plainfield's Four Hundred.

Mrs. Agnes McDonald, who was a nurse in the Endicott household in 1891 and 1892, told of acting improperly with the defendant on two occasions. Mrs. Endicott was then recalled to deny that she had ever offered to bribe Mrs. McDonald to give testimony. She was succeeded by Mrs. J. Marsh Martin, at whose house in Plainfield Miss Nannie Woodhouse had rooms from the latter part of 1892 until the following Summer. Miss Woodhouse was a trained nurse in Dr. Endicott's employ.

Mrs. Martin testified that the Doctor had frequently visited Miss Woodhouse. When the calls were made in the daytime the door was closed, and when at night the shades were drawn. Miss Woodhouse always "fixed herself up" for the nightly visits, which would last until 10 or 10:30 o'clock. Mrs. Martin had frequently seen Dr. Endicott's carriage in front of the house of Mrs. Wadsworth, the co-respondent.

Maggie Whelan, who was a domestic in the Endicott household, testified that one night, when she had been locked out, she was admitted by Frances Ford, another servant, who wore Mrs. Endicott's pink wrapper. On another occasion the witness found Frances Ford, with whom she slept, lying in a stupor. On the bureau were a bottle and a note. She had read the note, but was not permitted to tell its contents. She showed the note to Dr. Endicott, who exclaimed: "You —— fool." Then he took measures to revive the girl.

In 1895, the witness said, she was discharged by Dr. Endicott, who said:

"I have no fault to find with you, but you know the reason."

The next witness was Freda Fricke, another domestic. She had previously given testimony, but it had been ruled out until Vice-Chancellor Stevens could decide whether or not it was admissible. He decided that it was, and the girl told her story during a running fire of objections from Craig Marsh, Dr. Endicott's counsel. She said she had been ordered by Dr. Endicott to move to the room he had formerly occupied on the ground floor. He went to Mrs. Endicott's former room on the same floor.

"I want you to be near the front door if I am called at night," the physician explained.

Gertrude Robinson, a seventeen-year-old girl, who had been the nurse of the son of Dr. and Mrs. Endicott from 1893 to 1896, was the next witness. She said she had upon one occasion heard Frances Ford say to Dr. Endicott:

"Remember, I am not through with you yet, old man. You are a coward, morally and physically."

The last witness of the day was Dr. Ellis W. Hedges, a prominent physician of Plainfield. He testified that, owing to the charges made against Dr. Endicott, ten physicians of Plainfield had determined to investigate the defendant's moral character. They had several meetings and had received evidence of Dr. Endicott's alleged relations with Miss Wells and Frances Ford.

Robert McCarter, counsel for Mrs. Endicott, tried to learn from the witness whether Dr. Endicott had not, at a meeting of the investigators, made a proposition, or acquiesced in one made to him, to retract statements made by him concerning his wife's alleged relations with Dr. Ard, providing further investigation was discontinued.

Mr. Marsh objected, and the objection was sustained. Court then adjourned till Tuesday.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS INDIGNANT

### Say a Newark Paper Published a False Report of Their Annual Dinner.

The members of the graduating class of the Newark, (N. J.) High School were very indignant yesterday over the account published in a local newspaper of their alleged doins at the annual dinner of the class. The account told how they had criticised their instructors and the members of the Board of Education, and in a written toast had introduced "the name of a certain young lady in a manner which might have beeen expected of the Seeley diners." It was added that reporters had been excluded from the dinner.

Thirty-five of the thirty-nine members of the class met at the high school yesterday and assured Principal Hovey that there was not a word of truth in the story. Then they went down to the newspaper office and had an emphatic denial published.

The boys say that, not only were reporters not excluded, but that representatives of the local papers were present throughout the feast. The first accounts of the dinner published contained no mention of the alleged misconduct of the boys.

## WIFE'S ILLNESS CRAZED HIM.

### John Renfert Commits Suicide With Carbolic Acid in Newark.

Crazed with grief over the continued illness of his wife John Renfert, forty-seven years old, of No. 48 Lang street, Newark, committed suicide yesterday by taking carbolic acid. He was removed to the City Hospital, but died an hour later.

Renfert had been very unhappy ever since his wife was taken sick several weeks ago. His melancholy increased as she did not get better, and he refused at times to talk even with his children. Yesterday morning he purchased ten cents' worth of carbolic acid from a drug store on Ferry street, and soon afterward was found lying unconscious on the floor of the kitchen.

The news of his death was kept from his wife, whose condition is critical.

**Flagmen Replace Automatic Bells.**

The Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad Company, having taken an object lesson from the Valley Stream disaster, has decided to place flagmen at the crossings at New Deep lane, Gifford's lane and the famous Crooks Crossing, near Ettlingville, which are now being guarded by the automatic bell system. It is the intention of the Rapid Transit Company, in time, to have flagmen at all of its crossings on the Amboy division.

**Stole Silverware in Staten Island.**

Harry Johnson and William Dougherty, who give their residence as New Jersey, are locked up at Stapleton, S. I., on the charge of having stolen silverware from Mrs. Abner, of No. 119 Richmond road, Staten Island, where they had gone to beg for something to eat. The stolen property was found in their possession.

## METROPOLITAN GETS IT.

### Prosperous Newark Insurance Company Absorbed by the New York Concern.

It was announced in Newark yesterday that the United States Industrial Insurance Company, of that city, had been purchased by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York. Officers of the Newark concern refused to discuss the transaction, but the agents of the company, in making their regular collection tours, indorsed the receipt books and policies with the words: "Assumed by the Metropolitan Insurance Company, of New York."

The United States Industrial Life Insurance Company was incorporated in 1888, with a capital of $100,000, which was increased at various times until by the last annual report it was $420,000. It apparently had a prosperous existence, though last year showed a diminution of the reserve. Its officers are: Dr. F. B. Mandeville, president; George F. Reeve, vice-president; C. A. Lighthope, treasurer; John O. H. Pitney, counsel; Walter S. Nichols, secretary.

Vice-President Fish, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company seen at the New York office of the company, said:

"By consent of the United States Industrial Insurance Company, the Metropolitan Company has engaged all the agents of the former concern and has taken over all its policies. The action was taken with the approval of the New York and New Jersey State Insurance Departments. The Metropolitan Company will keep the old policies of the other corporation in force, instead of issuing new policies. The only consideration for the deal "is that the United States Company is relieved of all liability on any of its policies."

## DOG SAVES FOUR LIVES.

### Waked Up George C. Connelly When the Flames Were Blazing About Him.

A fire, the cause of which is unknown, destroyed the Robin Hood Hotel, Concord, S. I., of which George C. Connelly was proprietor, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The hotel was an old land mark and was situated on the Richmond road. The damage will amount to $5,000.

On account of the heat Thursday night, Connelly slept in the billiard room. He was awakened by the barking of his dog, but went to sleep again. When the dog aroused him a second time the flames were burning about him. He rushed upstairs to where his wife and three young children were asleep and got them out of the house in their night clothing. An older son, George, who slept on the second floor, escaped by jumping from a window.

There was no engine within a mile of the fire; neither was there any water, and the flames burned themselves out.

## JUSTICE TRIES JUSTICE.

### Peculiar Outcome of a Suit to Recover Rent in New Brunswick, N. J.

Justice of the Peace Levi Walling was brought to trial before a brother justice, Charles W. Sedam, at New Brunswick, N. J., Thursday. The case was a suit brought by Mrs. Mary A. Powelson to recover a penalty of $25.

Mrs. Powelson claimed that Mrs. Elizabeth Sperling, who occupies a house belonging to Mrs. Powelson, owed her $13 rent. Mrs. Powelson placed the matter in Justice Walling's hands for collection. Mrs. Sperling claimed that she did not owe the money, but paid it under protest. Justice Walling held the money, not knowing whom to pay it to. Finally, upon advice of counsel, the Justice commenced a suit against Mrs. Sperling to decide whom the money belonged to. He claims that the suit was instituted at Mrs. Powelson's request, but she denies this. She appeared as plaintiff in the case, however, when it came before Justice Walling.

When Justice Walling heard the testimoy he decided in favor of Mrs. Sperling and turned the money over to her. Mrs. Powelson now claims that Walling, as her agent, had no right to consider the case. She is entitled to an penalty of $25 if Walling acted as agent and justice in the same transaction.

This was the first time in the history of Middlesex County that one justice was ever arraigned before another. Mr. Walling's counsel, Howard Reynolds, objected to the proceedings as irregular, but was overruled. Decision was reserved until Monday.

## TWO KILLED BY THE HEAT.

### Fatal Cases of Prostration in Jersey City and Wyckoff's Mills.

Timothy Burns, a prosperous farmer, about seventy years old, living in the southern part of Middlesex County, was found dead in the road Thursday night, near Wyckoff's mills. Coroner J. M. Lucas examined the body and said the heat killed the old man.

John B. Stratton, eighty-two years old, a retired merchant, of No. 65 Brinkerhoff street, Jersey City, was found dead in his bath room by his daughter Thursday night. Dr. George Wilkinson says the bath caused heart failure.

Edward Ferris, of Brooklyn, was overcome by the heat at Bloomfield, N. J., yesterday, but recovered sufficiently to take a train for his home.

At Orange the heat affected the brain of Joseph Mallick, of Bedford street, Newark. Mallick was found on Mount Pleasant avenue by Policeman Force. He had entirely undressed and only with difficulty was he persuaded to partially dress himself. Mallick when placed in a cell again removed his clothes, complaining that the sun was burning him.

The temperature at noon yesterday in Paterson, N. J., was 96 in the shade. Robert Gless, a letter carrier, was overcome and is in a serious condition.

## FISHERMAN HANEY MISSING.

### Officials Believe He Has Been Robbed and Murdered.

Sea Isle City, N. J., June 25.—The authorities of Salem County have for a week past been conducting a vigorous search for Harry Haney, a well-known Salem fisherman, who, it is believed, has been robbed and murdered. He disappeared very mysteriously Tuesday, June 15.

Haney, who is forty years old, has been fishing for a living in the waters adjacent to Salem for four years. He made a success of the last shad fishing season, and, as he was frugal and industrious, he is known to have accumulated a considerable sum of money. A day or two ago a friend visited his cabin and found all of the man's best clothes there, while upon the table was a beautiful meal, which was untouched.

The authorities believe Haney was murdered, robbed and his body sunk in Salem Creek or carried out to the Delaware River and thrown overboard. The creek will be thoroughly dragged.

**Frelinghuysen Lancers Scandal.**

A warrant was issued yesterday by Justice of the Peace Rapp, of Newark, N. J., for the arrest of Charles E. Clute, a member of the Frelinghuysen Lancers, the swell Republican organization of that city. Clute is charged with embezzlement in failing to account for $30 which he received as a member of the committee which arranged the inauguration excursion of the Lancers to Washington.

**Cuba Loses a Youthful Patriot.**

Eighteen-year-old Walter Cook was arrested by Policeman Collins in Bloomfield, N. J., yesterday, on complaint of his mother that he was getting ready to depart for Cuba to join the insurgents in their battle for independence. Cook changed his mind after being lectured by Police Justice Hall, and promised to stay at home.

# SHE WORSHIPS BY TELEPHONE.

## Aged Mrs. Margaret E. Forman, of Freehold, N. J., Who Cannot Go to Church.

## AFFLICTED WITH CANCER.

### Church Members Procured Her a Telephone and No Part of the Service Escapes Her.

Mrs. Margaret E. Forman, of Freehold, N. J., receives her religious instruction over the telephone. Mrs. Forman is very old and, as she has all her life been a member of the Freehold Presbyterian Church, it is doubtful if she needs further religious instruction. But it greatly gratifies her to listen by wire to the church services. And, as she sits with the telephone receiver to her ear, her expression is one of rapt devotion marred in no degree by the receiver.

Mrs. Forman is afflicted with cancer. For the last few months she has not been able to leave her house. Her regrets that she could not attend the church touched the members.

"Most of all I suffer because I cannot go to the services," mournfully said Mrs. Forman to the church members.

"We will bring the services to you," replied the members about a fortnight ago. And at their own expense they put up a telephone in the church and strung wires to Mrs. Forman's house. They strung wires from every room in the church, so that whatever is going on there the old lady is enabled to take a pious part in.

She sits at the 'phone in her house, and she listens to the preacher's sermon, brought to her through a telephone, nodding her aged head in approval of some particularly emphatic passage that strikes her. She hears the choir sing and in feeble voice joins it. It is the same at the services morning and evening. There has been one revival service at the church, and Mrs. Forman was much edified by the experiences related there. The meetings of the choir, too, entertain and edify her.

This arrangement has attracted much attention among the religious people at Freehold, but it has not increased the demand for telephones. It is entirely probable that the aged Mrs. Forman will yet take part in the revival services over the wire.

## END OF CENTURY DANGER.

### Brooklyn's Water Supply, If Not Increased Will Be Insufficient by 1900, Says Engineeer De Verona.

City Works Commissioner Willis and F. M. De Verona, chief engineer of water supply, of Brooklyn, are very much worried over the condition of the city water supply. Mr. De Verona sent an urgent request to the City Works Commissioner yesterday asking that all available cash be spent at once, to improve the system.

The weakest point in the whole system, Mr. De Verona says, is the pond at Hempstead. Steps should be taken at once, he says, to purify the Hempstead lake. Mr. De Verona says that the present supply will not be sufficient after 1900, and may give out before the last year of the century.

There is an urgent need for the development to its highest capacity of the present water shed.

Alderman Leich, chairman of the Committee on Water and Drainage, has called a committee meeting for Monday night. An effort will be made to have the committee recommend the expenditure of $100,000 to lay the by-pass pipe around Ridgewood reservoir.

Meanwhile, the fight between the Health Commissioner and the City Works Commissioner as to the cause of the pollution of the water goes merrily on.

Health Commissioner Emery insists that the ponds should be cleaned of weeds and grass, if the water would be free from contamination. City Works Commissioner Willis is just as positive that there would be no bad smell to the water if it was not allowed to lie in the sun in Ridgewood reservoir. For this reason he demands that the by-pass pipe around the reservoir shall be laid at once.

There is available now in the treasury about $409,633.33. This money is to be used at once, or $226,000 of it, in removing contamination at Hempstead reservoir and the balance applied as follows:

One 3,000 gallon engine for Mount Prospect pumping station..... $10,000.00
Connecting New Utrecht and Gravesend pumping stations..... 50,000.00
Temporary buildings for new driven well stations..... 5,000.00
Construction of new driven well station at Springfield to take place of the present pond supply..... 20,000.00
Balance to be applied to the driven well stations on account of the $400,000 asked for that purpose..... 88,053.33

## CYCLIST'S SKULL FRACTURED.

### Thrown Headlong by the Tire Being Wrenched from His Wheel.

James Murray, forty-five years of age, of No. 1895 Bergen street, received injuries yesterday by falling off his wheel which will probably end in his death.

Murray's skull is fractured and he is suffering from concussion of the brain. He is at St. Mary's Hospital, where