

# EVERY ONE WITHIN A MONTH.

## Democratic Primaries Will Be Held Early in February.

### RE-ENROLMENT PROMISED

#### All Democrats to Be Given a Chance to Join Associations.

#### NEW ELECTION DISTRICT LINES.

#### The Redistricting Is Nearly Completed, and the Democratic Organization Will Be Given Advance Information on the Changes.

Bernard J. York, the chief lieutenant of Lester Hugh McLaughlin, of Brooklyn, has received assurances which enable him to state that a new Democratic General Committee will be organized in the city by the end of February. The best that had hitherto been expected was that the new committee could not be elected until well on in the Spring. Mr. York also made the statement that before the primaries are held to elect committee arrangements will be made to have a complete enrollment of all the Democrats who have enough interest in their party to place their names on the election district books.

The books are always open for enrollment, but many have claimed that they have been deprived of the right of enrolling by the failure of the election district officers to attend to their duty. The new scheme will be put in operation in order that there may be no cause for complaint.

The organization in Kings is now without a regularly elected General Committee. The rules require that primaries must be held in December for the election of committee-men, and that the new committee must organize on January 10. This was not done because the election districts of Brooklyn are to be reorganized, and after the reorganization there would have to be another General Committee elected. The old committee has, consequently, held over, but its authority has been questioned, and it looked as if the organization was in something of a dilemma, and that things could not be straightened out until after the new election district lines should be promulgated in July.

Mr. York said yesterday that he had solved the problem by arranging with the members of the Election Board to get advance information on the election districts as they will be formed.

There will probably be no official promulgation of the new lines until July," he said, "but the districts will be laid out by the first of February. When they are laid out we will be given the information, and then we can go on and have our primaries and have a general committee in good working order by the time the election districts are actually formed. My assurance is that I can say that the new General Committee will be elected by the second week in February at the latest."

The plan under which the new enrollment will be made has not been determined upon. In districts that are changed, it will be necessary to have a new set of enrollment books and this will give an opportunity to all Democrats to have their names entered. It will also give the election district officers an opportunity to exclude names of men who are not now entitled to enrollment.

In districts that are not changed, arrangements will be made to have the books opened at convenient points and to have election district officers at hand to consider all applications. It is understood that Mr. McLaughlin is determined that there shall be no cause for complaint about enrollment. All who are entitled to election district officers have the right to appeal to the General Committee.

## TURNED THE TABLES ON HIM.

### Mrs. Otto Has Her Husband Arrested for Abandonment.

Three weeks ago Paul Otto, of No. 277 Floyd street, Williamsburgh, married his cousin, Alice Otto, who lived with her parents at No. 17 Belvidere street. The parents of the young bride were opposed to the union, and when Alice's father learned that they had been married he forbade his nephew to ever enter his house again.

Otto installed his bride in a flat he furnished at No. 277 Floyd street. The young couple did not live happily, and ten days ago Mrs. Otto left her husband. The latter, believing that his wife had returned to her parents, armed himself with a revolver and went to his father-in-law's house. He was told that his wife was not there, and was refused admission.

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## SERRO WANTS DAMAGES.

### Did Not Steal the Diamond, Yet He Was Dosed with Emetics and Thrust Into Jail.

Antonio Serro, a bright, well educated young man, the son of a wealthy merchant in Messina, Italy, came to New York last Fall to establish a branch of his father's business. He went to live with his uncle in Cumberland street, Brooklyn.

He was walking along Park row, past the jewelry store of Bernard Guetter on November 28, on his way to visit his cousin at his store, No. 335 Third avenue, New York. He suddenly remembered that he had lost a stone out of one of his rings that had been a present from his mother when she left Messina. He stopped in the store to see what it would cost to have it replaced.

Guetter was behind the counter and showed him several stones. He told him that it would cost \$50 to have the diamond replaced. Young Serro thought this was too much and started to leave the store. The dealer, he says, called him back and showed him several rings and asked stones. These rings the young man returned.

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## INCURRED THE GANG'S ENMITY.

### Thomas Hunt's Wife Believes That He Fell a Victim to Their Blows.

### DYING IN THE STREET.

#### Skull Fractured in Several Places and He Expired Before a Doctor Could Be Called.

#### MAY PROVE TO BE A MURDER.

#### Brooklyn Police Are Working on the Case—Neighborhood Is Said to Be the Resort of Disreputable Characters.

Thomas Hunt, a freight handler in the Long Island Railroad yards at Vesta and Atlantic avenues, Brooklyn, discovered the body of a man lying on East New York avenue, near the tracks of the Canarsie & Rockaway Beach Railroad yesterday morning. The body was found face downward.

Thinking the man was either drunk or unconscious, Hunt attempted to turn the body over and was horrified to find that the clothing was saturated with blood. He lighted a match, and found that the man was Thomas Hunt, a bartender, employed in a saloon at Vesta and Atlantic avenues, with a few blocks away.

With Edward Doty, of No. 1478 Bushwick avenue, Hunt placed the man on the railroad platform and hastened for a policeman, who summoned an ambulance. When the surgeon arrived the man was dead. The cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage.

Dr. Valentine, coroner Nason's assistant, made an examination of the body. Besides a deep cut over the left eye, he discovered a depression of the skull over the frontal bone, and one over the left temple. The left side of the face was contused and there were marks on the chin and lower part of the jaw.

Dr. Valentine said yesterday that any of the injuries might result from a fall, but owing to their number and extent he was not so positive that they had been sustained in that manner.

Smith lived with his wife and baby at No. 56 Wyona street. His wife said that a crowd of disreputable characters frequented the vicinity of Manhattan crossing, near which her husband's body was found. He had incurred the enmity of the gang, she said, and once he told her that she had threatened to "do him." She denied the report that her husband was an epileptic.

Howard Reid, the proprietor of the Hoffman house, at Vesta and Atlantic avenues, in which the dead man was employed, says that Smith was a thoroughly sober and reliable man.

The flagman of the Long Island Railroad, who was stationed within one hundred feet of where Smith was found, says he heard no sounds of a scuffle while he was on duty.

Big Shake-up Coming. Brooklyn Police Officials Expect a General Transfer by the First of Next Month.

The Brooklyn police are trembling on the verge of what, it is said, will be one of the biggest shake-ups in the history of the department. Captains and sergeants are uneasy, and are keeping their eyes upon Headquarters. The shake-up is to come on Feb. 1.

The fact that Commissioner Welles intends to make a general transfer is known to most of the officers on the force, but is regarded as a state secret. There are many who would like to know what the changes will be, but the Commissioner remains a sphinx on the subject.

The removal of two sergeants from the Fort Hamilton precinct—one to Parkville and the other to the lower Fulton street precinct—the other day is said to be but the preface to a general reorganization.

Commissioner Welles has been keeping his subordinates uneasy ever since he became a member of the Mayor's cabinet. Previously the police captains were seldom transferred from one precinct to another.

Mr. Welles changed all that. One day he shifted a dozen captains from their berths, to the intense surprise of all and the disgust of some. Since, shake-ups have been frequent. The Commissioner never gives any reason except the vague one: "For the good of the service."

Perry Belmont to Talk on Cuba. Boston, Jan. 21.—Mr. Perry Belmont, of New York, will be a guest of the Massachusetts Reform Club to-morrow night. In his speech he will pay special attention to Cuba and Spain.

## HUNTED A HIGHWAYMAN.

### Armed Staten Islanders Searched for the Footpad Who Tried to Rob Mrs. Hall, of Princes Bay.

This residents of Pleasant Plains, and of Princes Bay, S. I., a mile away, have been thrown into a fever of excitement by a brutal assault upon a woman at the latter place on Wednesday evening, followed by an exciting hunt for the assailant by a company of men armed with shotguns and revolvers.

The victim of the assault was Mrs. Susan Hall, wife of Abram Hall, a well-to-do oysterman, who lives on Princes Bay road, near the railroad station. She left her home unescorted early in the evening to attend a surprise party at the home of a neighbor in Bay View avenue, taking the railroad track. She had gone two-thirds of the distance and was wearing the house of Richard McDonald when she heard some one running along the track behind her. As she stopped and stepped to one side to permit the man to pass, she received the blow, and half stunned, she staggered across the track, and fell into the gutter and against the embankment. She quickly recovered herself, shouted vigorously for help and started toward Wood's grocery store, from the windows of which lights were shining.

A dozen men in the store heard Mrs. Hall's cries. A moment later she entered and fell into the arms of her husband, who was in the store, and fainted.

As soon as she told her story the men got a lantern, a shot gun and a couple of revolvers, and headed by Abram Androvetto and Mr. Hall, a party of six started in pursuit. The highwayman's tracks were followed for over a mile to a point where the Amboy road crosses the tracks, and there they ended. The fellow had taken to the highway and his trail was lost. The search was continued for several hours, but the robber had made good his escape.

## LIKE HEATHEN RITES.

### Pastor Newell Angers Plainfield Paganites by Criticizing Their Funeral Ceremonies.

A row has been stirred up in Hope Chapel, Plainfield, N. J., by remarks that Rev. G. Kennedy Newell addressed to the members of Iona Council, Degree of Paganites, an auxiliary of the Red Men, last

When the time came for reading the regular church notices Mr. Newell said that one matter had been weighing on his mind for the past week, and he had lain awake nights thinking about it. Of late he had been called to officiate at funerals conducted under the auspices of certain secret orders, in which ceremonies were followed out that were not in keeping with a Christian spirit. Relatives of the deceased persons were entitled to have whatever form of obsequies they desired, but the ones in which he had participated recently were not such that he could conscientiously concur in. He closed by saying he would not officiate at any more services where these forms were gone through with.

Now the women members of the order and the church are up in arms about the pastor's remarks, and insist that an apology is due them. The matter was considered by the lodge last night, and it is understood that a committee was appointed to get Mr. Newell to qualify his words.

## DOGS RAIDED HEN HOUSES.

### Having Killed All the Cats in Hillsdale They Are After the Chickens.

Within the past few weeks all the cats in Hillsdale have been killed by a couple of dogs, and now the enemies are riding the hen houses. On Monday night L. B. Van Wageningen and Gilbert Bell lost a lot of choice fowls, and on Tuesday night Calvin Gardiner's hen house was attacked and three fowls stolen. Gardiner's hired man shot at the dogs but missed them.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Weissman fired her revolver three times at what she thought was a white dog, but next morning she found that she had been practising on a white-washed stone.

Those who are mourning the loss of their cats are W. W. Butts, Calvin Gardiner, Underwood Voorhis, G. C. Davies, Henry P. Ehrle, James Monfort, John F. Winters and a number of others, some of whom say they would not have taken \$100 for their cats.

## CORONER SAYS IT'S SUICIDE.

### Hoboken Police Positive Mrs. Hoffman Was Murdered.

The results of the autopsy in the case of Mrs. Wilhelmina Hoffman, who was found dead in her bed in Union Hill, West Hoboken, strengthened the opinion of the coroner that she committed suicide. The police, however, believe that the son of the woman, or the boarder, John Engelbrecht, committed the deed.

Sergeant Usner is amazed because John Broben, an assistant to the coroner, and the first man to enter the house after the death of the woman had discovered, instead of being used as a witness, has been put on the jury which will serve at the inquest next week.

Girl Shirtmakers Weaken at Last. The strike among the shirtmakers employed by Henry Rosenbaum, of Rahway, N. J., was carried on stubbornly by both sides yesterday morning, until all but six of the girls acknowledged defeat and returned to work. The strike, as told in yesterday's Journal, was declared because Rosenbaum would not allow the girls to attend a friend's wedding.

Laundress to Make Comfortable Place. Jessica N. H. Jan. 21.—Patrick Driscoll and J. McAnulty, two of the prisoners who escaped from the Belknap County Jail last night, came back to jail this morning and surrendered. They returned to escape the severe snowstorm.

## DIVORCED COUPLE TO WED AGAIN?

### More Peculiar Developments in the Queer Fell-McGee Case.

### HE WANTS TO TRY AGAIN.

#### Husband Now Admits That He Was Cognizant of the Divorce Proceedings.

#### GREET EACH OTHER WARMLY.

#### They Have a Friendly Conference at Their Home and Another Wedding May All Depend Upon Mrs. McGee.

There were more peculiar developments yesterday in the peculiar divorce case of Mrs. Nannie Estelle McGee, who secured a decree of divorce from her husband, John J. Fell, of Orange, on the ground that she married Fell two days before she secured her divorce from her former husband.

For a divorced couple the two greeted each other very warmly when they met yesterday. The day before, when Fell could not find his wife, as he still persists in calling her, he said he believed she must be mentally unbalanced, and he expressed the opinion that she had gone to South America. Yesterday his wife turned up in her Orange home at No. 54 Essex street. She was received at the door by Mr. Fell, and the two kissed each other

warmly, and not a word of rebuke passed Mrs. McGee's lips for the many remarkable statements Fell had made regarding her. They had luncheon together, after which Mrs. McGee left for New York. It is said Mrs. McGee is anxious that they be married again. He said yesterday it all depended upon Mrs. McGee whether another ceremony was performed. He intimated that he was anxious to get his wife back.

Fell also admitted yesterday that he had made a mistake when he said that he was unaware of divorce proceedings having been begun by his wife. Steps to secure the divorce had been taken, with his knowledge and consent a year or more ago. This was a friendly proceeding and done merely to secure a separation that they might again be married legally.

Fell's counsel, Frank McDermitt, said that the divorce was secured with Fell's approval. It seems that when Mrs. McGee's divorce suit was pending against her former husband, McGee, she received a letter from her counsel saying that the divorce would be granted on a certain date. She therefore fixed the date of her marriage to Fell two weeks later, but her lawyer failed her, and it was two days after her marriage to Fell that the divorce decree was obtained.

Mrs. McGee, when seen, said that she had never intended going to South America. She had been absent from Orange several days, but had only gone to Red Bank and Matawan to secure some insurance on her furniture. She declared that the reason for the divorce was that her husband was a Catholic and when he became ill a year ago and could not receive absolution from the church on account of his marriage to her, they agreed to secure the divorce.

The court records in Newark show that Fell was properly served in person with a subpoena in the case June 12 last.

Brooklyn News Briefs. Property owners at Canarsie have been securing the State Land Commission title to the lands under water in Jamaica Bay, and the title out to the bulkhead line are all filled in and the whole water front improved.

Charles A. Moore, who returned to Brooklyn yesterday from Canton, Ohio, where he had seen President-elect McKinley, said last night that his visit had no reference to the claims of Brooklyn leaders to positions in the Cabinet.

Chalmers Jesse D. Frost, of the Republican General Committee, yesterday announced the appointment of the various standing committees for 1897. There are five members of the Organization Committee, and four of these owe allegiance to Leader Jacob Worth. All ward contests are referred to this committee.

Mrs. Anna A. Keating, of No. 806 Fulton street, applied to Mayor Wurster yesterday to have the evening schools continued throughout the year. She had been attending School No. 25, in Schermerhorn street. The Mayor told her that with the appointment of the members of the Board of Education his authority over the schools ceased, and that he could do nothing for her.

Anson Spurrer, of the New Utrecht ward, was yesterday appointed member of the Board of Assessors by Mayor Wurster. Mr. Spurrer is a Republican and an architect and builder. His term will expire in September, 1899. The salary is \$3,500 per annum.

Felix S. Byrne, a son of Daniel Byrne, of No. 310 Clinton street, has been appointed as an alternate to the West Point Military Academy. He is eighteen years old and a clever football player.

## BRIBES AND THREATS.

### Three Italians Arrested Charged with Attempting to Compound Joseph Vivo's Felony.

Prosecutor Winfield, of Hudson County, N. J., has caused the arrest of Gaetano Vangelastro and Michael Avella, of Hoboken, upon a charge of attempting to compound a felony. Their arrest was due to statements made by Francesco Vital, of No. 516 Monroe street, a friend of Genaro Gerone, who on January 10 was stabbed by Joseph Vivo, at St. Mary's Hospital. Gerone told Vital that several friends of Vivo had visited him daily and offered to pay him \$500 and get a ticket to Italy if he would agree not to prosecute Vivo. Gerone, who witnessed the stabbing, says that on Tuesday Vangelastro and Avella threatened to kill him if he testified against Vivo. He told Prosecutor Winfield, who caused the men's arrest.

Vivo, who was out on bail, was rearrested yesterday, and also placed in jail. He was joined there by Michael Pesaro, also charged with being implicated in the effort to get Gerone out of the country, and other arrests will be made.

## TRUE TO THIEF LOVER.

### Fifteen-Year-Old Marie Gregorio Protests Her Innocence, but Protects Michello.

Fifteen-year-old Marie Gregorio, confined in the Union County Jail, at Elizabeth, charged yesterday that the first name of the lover for whom she is willing to suffer is Michello, and that he is an expressman in Newark. It is believed that this statement is untrue.

She says she went to see her white her employer, Mrs. Giuseppe Gagliardo, was absent from home and induced her to go and live with him in Newark. After they had arrived there he showed her the gold watch and chain and the two gold rings he had stolen. She told him Mrs. Gagliardo had always been a good friend of hers and asked him to return the jewelry. He refused to return them and they were

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Frank Lieb, a brother of the girl, says the parents of Kelly know where he is, but they decline to divulge the secret. Mr. Lieb does not think there was any opposition on the part of Kelly's parents.

## FIREMEN DODGE BULLETS.

### Blaze in a Gun Store Stirs Up Cartridges That Shout in All Directions and Bore Holes in Store Goods.

The firemen of engine No. 1, and the Newark Salvage Corps fought a fire in the gun store of Henry Max, at No. 846 Broad street, Newark, just before midnight, on Wednesday, in the midst of a fusillade from exploding cartridges that threatened to bore holes in more than one of the fire-fighters in the store, while the firemen expected to have to dodge before their labors were ended.

The blaze was caused by an overheated stove, which exploded a package of Brecocks. These stirred up some torpedoes, and then the cartridges got to work. It was three or four fourths of July rolled into one for a time.

The cartridges seemed determined, however, to confine their destructive work mainly to showcases, piles of sweaters, mainly to showcases, piles of sweaters, and other things, and these were found filled with holes after the firemen had shoved their ladders through the windows flying lead. The wind from several bicycles that were punctured is said to have fanned the flames.

This fire was put out just before it reached the gunpowder, which, by the way, Mr. Max kept under a beam, two cases of gun powder, which he did not necessarily to aid him in going skyward should he die, but because in case of fire he believed he could seize it handily and escape with it. At the time of the fire, however, Max was in a musty hall. His loss is \$7,000, with an insurance of \$3,000.

The whole interior was elaborately decorated and festooned with bunting in which "Old Glory" was most conspicuous. Arranged in strings on the girders and upright columns were over two thousand small fairy lamps that gave a pretty effect to the whole setting.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the carnival was set in motion by an overture by the orchestra, and soon the big sheet of ice was fairly packed with skaters in fancy dress.

"DAUGHTER OF THE LEAGUE." Ladies of Elberon, N. J., Made Arrangements to Adopt Ethel Mason.

## BRIDE READY, BUT GROOM CAME NOT.

### Guests Were There to Witness Pretty Millie Lieb's Humiliation.

### KELLY DID NOT APPEAR.

#### The Couple Had Quarrelled, but She Thought Mr. Kelly Would Surely Relent.

#### HE HAD PURCHASED A HOUSE.

#### Young Man Disappeared from Elizabeth, and It Is Said That He, as Well as Millie, Is Broken Hearted.

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## CIGARETTES TEMPTED THEM.

### Boy Burglars Tell Why They Broke Into Trauger's Store.

Lambertville, N. J., Jan. 21.—Trauger's 5 and 20 cent store was entered and robbed on Sunday, January 3, of a considerable quantity of cigars and cigarettes. Chief of Police Morse decided it was the work of boys, and to-day he arrested nine-year-old Jimmy Tevlin and eleven-year-old Willie Parrish.

The lads broke down and confessed, saying they wanted cigarettes and had no money. They effected an entrance by durgling forcing a year window with broad day High School. Justice Lyman will give them a hearing to-morrow morning.

## PARROT HAD ITS REVENGE.

### Bit and Tore Its Owner, Who Gave It a Red Pepper for Fun.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 21.—In a spirit of playfulness to-day, William Harvey, a beach front business man, gave his parrot a large red pepper, and with a number of his friends, enjoyed the bird's discomfiture. About an hour later, when Mr. Harvey took the bird from its cage, it attacked him and, before he could defend himself, bit a hole through his ear and badly tore his neck with its sharp claws.

The parrot never manifested savage traits before, and Harvey believes that its attack upon him was made in revenge for the red pepper juice.

A physician sewed up the wound in his ear.

## Pacific Avenue Bridge Condemned.