

BOY TELLS THE STORY OF ROBBERY. Ran Away from Home and Joined a Band of Highwaymen.

Journeyed from Philadelphia to Brooklyn, Where They Held Up Williams.

Minister's Son Gave Up His Money, but Begged to Retain His Ring.

'FARMER ED' CHIEF OF THE GANG.

Young Crawford Testified at the Trial, Was Thanked by the District Attorney, and Sent Home with His Father.

'Farmer Ed' Convicted.

Paul Crawford, fourteen years old, took the 9:30 train for his home in Philadelphia last night. He was the main witness in the county court, Brooklyn, yesterday, against 'Farmer Ed,' an eighteen-year-old highwayman, who was convicted.

'Farmer Ed' is one of the gang which held up Arthur Williams in Flatbush on Oct. 7 last. Thomas Howard and Frederick Diamond are now serving ten-year sentences in Sing Sing, and 'Farmer Ed' will probably get the same sentence on Monday.

Young Crawford is a son of Joseph W. Crawford, a wealthy spring bed manufacturer in Philadelphia. He is a very bright lad and full of animal spirits. He gave his parents considerable trouble at home, and finally ran away from school, sold his bicycle, and turned the proceeds over to this band of hoboes.

'Farmer Ed's' correct name is Franklin Pierce Hope. His father is a well-to-do truck farmer near Philadelphia. The boy used to bring the produce to the Philadelphia market. While he was loading about the Common young Crawford fell in with him, and was induced to leave his home and run away to see the world.

Young Crawford said on the witness stand yesterday that 'Farmer Ed' told him his right name was Edward Clover.

'He told me to take the name Paul Oliver,' said the lad, 'and I was to be known as his brother.'

Those two lads met in Philadelphia. Frederick Diamond and Thomas Howard, who are also about eighteen. They were Western desperadoes. They had picked up an adventurous lad, Emil Edert, in St. Louis. Edert was about the age of young Crawford.

The rest of the story is told in the words of young Crawford on the witness stand yesterday.

'We all got on a freight train to come to New York. 'Farmer Ed' told me he was the chief of his father's family, and I felt sorry for him. He and I traveled to come to Brooklyn and get work as an express wagon. He was to drive and I was going to handle the goods.

'On the way out in the train the boys saw an umbrella man in the rear of the train. He was carrying a bag of money up his hands, and they took sixty-five cents and a razor from him.

'We all hid under the streets of New York for a couple of days till our money was gone. Then the boys put up a scheme to come over to Flatbush and hold up some one. They left me and Emil on Flatbush avenue that night, near Prospect Park, and wouldn't let us go with them. I did not see the hold-up, but I saw the boys as afterward that they had done up fellow.

'He told us the fellow must have been a church member, as he asked them not to swear at him when they held him.

'Farmer Ed's' story on the witness stand yesterday was a paper on which 'Crawford' He, however, tried to show that the man of the blame was on Diamond and Howard.

He said they were familiar with Brooklyn and led the way to Linden Boulevard near Bay Avenue.

'We all jumped out and grabbed him. I said to him while the others went through him, I wanted to see a pistol to hold at my side, but I gave it back to him. He said I should take it with me, but I wouldn't. He said I should take it with me, but I wouldn't.

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CHANCE FOR SANTA CLAUS Here's a Starving Brooklyn Family Who Has No Hope of Christmas

Cheer

Karl Meyers declares that the approaching Christmas is devoid of all hope and cheer for him. He has been out of work for many months and there is nothing but starvation before him and his loved ones. He is unable to provide the necessities of life for his children, and during the last few weeks he has seen the awful inroads made by hunger and want upon the family that he has struggled so hard to keep from starving to death.

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JACK DANCED WITH HIS SWEETHEART.

How the Sailors of the New York Spent Their Last Day Ashore.

Gave a Jolly Ball and Supper at Saengerbund Hall in Brooklyn.

Boatswain Piped the Couples to Quarters and They Marched in Fine Style.

SHIP'S COOK SERVED EATABLES.

It Was Late When "Pipes Down" Was Sounded and the Gay Party Disbanded.

The blue jackets of the flagship New York gave the gala night last night. It was the last liberty they will have at this station for some time, and they were determined to enjoy it to the fullest extent, and this means a whole lot to the men of the sea. Several ways had been suggested, but it remained for a few of the men to propose a dance, at which their sweethearts might appear.

The proposition had no sooner been offered than it was accepted, and preparations were made to make the affair one to be remembered.

The men immediately formed a club under the name of the Flagship New York Social Club. The affair took place at Saengerbund Hall corner of Smith and Schermerhorn streets, Brooklyn. The ballroom was handsomely decorated with flags and potted plants. Many of the members of the ship band were in the orchestra.

The men wore their uniforms, while their wives and sweethearts appeared in dainty and colored gowns. The grand march was begun promptly at 8 o'clock, when the sound of the boatswain's whistle called the couples to quarters. They marched first in two's, then four's, and gradually increased until a company front of sixteen did not have reached. Then at the sound of the trumpet the march was dismissed and the dancers formed for the dances.

The blue jackets never do things by halves. Coxy pieces had been prepared for those who did not care to dance. They were not accepted, however, for Jack and his sweetheart love to dance. Refreshments were served and the cooks of the ship had been kept busy for the day, preparing dainties that were placed on the supper table.

Every ship in the service was tonight as busy as the flagship. The officers kept busy for the day, preparing dainties that were placed on the supper table.

ARGUING FOR BROKER WHITE.

Counsel Claims the Surrogate Can Only Remove Him on a Petition.

Justice Osborne, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, heard argument yesterday against the removal of broker Josiah J. White as administrator of his wife's estate. J. Edward Swanstrom, acting as a friend of the Surrogate's Court, asked to have Mr. White removed some time ago, on the ground that he was using the money of the estate for personal ends. It was also charged that he had persistently refused to file an accounting when so ordered.

Ex-Surrogate William Yeager, on behalf of Mr. White, secured an injunction restraining Surrogate Abbott from removing White. It was this question which was argued yesterday in the Supreme Court. The Surrogate has no jurisdiction to remove Mr. White, unless a petition is filed for that purpose, and Justice Osborne decided, Mr. White, who lives at No. 139 Columbia Heights, is under injunction for perjury in connection with the case.

WOMEN FAVOR WILSON'S BILL.

Think Members of Their Sex Shouldn't Wear High Hats in Theaters.

Dr. Lucy Hall Brown, of Brooklyn, favors the proposed Wilson law, which is aimed at women who wear towering high hats at places of amusement. She says: 'Any woman who will prevent one person from wearing the pleasure of another has my hearty approval.'

Mrs. Emma Pettigill, of the Board of Education, favors the bill. She said: 'If these are women who will go to a theater or any other place of public entertainment wearing hats so large that they will prevent any one else from an equal enjoyment of what there is to be seen, and will not take them off, then I think they should be compelled to. Confiscate the hats, do not do to others what you would not have them do to you in the case.'

EARL'S REMOVAL SUSTAINED.

Justice Dykman Holds That His Term Expires with His Superior's.

Justice Dykman, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, handed down a decision yesterday, in which he holds that Mortimer C. Earl is not entitled to his old position of clerk in the Ewen Street Police Court. Earl was removed when Justice Lemon went into office last Spring, and George H. England was appointed in his place.

Earl claimed that as he was a veteran and the Justice could not remove him, except for cause. Justice Dykman's opinion says that the term of Earl is the same as that of the Justice, and his employment expires with the term of his superior. Each Justice is entitled by the law to appoint his own clerk. The law as to veterans being non-removable does not apply to appointments for fixed terms.

RODDEN SHOULD BE A COP.

He Followed Two Men and Caused Their Arrest for Burglary.

George Homer, fifteen years old, of No. 504 7th street, Brooklyn, and William Curtis, twenty-three years old, living in a Bowery lodging house, New York, were arrested last night on a charge of larceny. Both men are colored.

While Mrs. Emma Mack, of No. 106 Montrose street, Williamsburg, was in the basement of her home yesterday afternoon, the two men gained an entrance and, after ransacking the rooms of the upper floors, carried off \$150 worth of jewelry and clothing.

SAYS SHE WAS A SLAVE.

Kate Burr, a Colored Girl, Declares She Was Farming Out and Her Mistress Collected Her Wages.

Kate Burr, a colored woman, twenty years old, has brought suit against Mrs. Ann M. Fisher, of No. 509 Duane street, Brooklyn, a dressmaker, and wife of James Fisher, a colored policeman of the Twenty-sixth Precinct, to recover \$120, money she alleges to have earned while being farmed out to various families for household duties by Mrs. Fisher.

The case is called for the 29th of this month, before Justice Van Wert, of the Second District Court, on Broadway. William R. Beck, of the firm of Beck, Morris & Lawyer, will appear for the girl when the case goes to trial.

The young woman alleges that at the age of fourteen she was turned over to Mrs. Fisher by her mother, after an agreement by the terms of which Mrs. Fisher was to practically run the girl's life, and she alleges, Mrs. Fisher had hired her out to various families at stated wages and always collected the earnings when they fell due. The money used for is the money the young woman claims to have earned by her own labor.

Mrs. Fisher, when seen at her home last night, said: 'This whole business is a perfect farce, and there is not a word of truth in the girl's allegations. Her mother entered into an agreement to adopt her, but about six years ago I got to know the girl as she was in the hands of the Pines and were very poor, and she didn't seem to have a very happy home, and was a bright girl. I desired to take her to my home and teach her to do some of the work. I don't owe her anything. After she had been with me about a year, she came back with a Mrs. Thompson, who she claims to be the same woman as Mrs. Hatman's. The following month she claims to have worked for Mrs. Cole for two months, and then for Mrs. Thompson. I have learned the business and set up for herself.

'As a matter of fact, all I ever collected was \$25 from Mrs. Thompson, and which time I have not set eyes on the girl. My husband and I have always thought her a fine girl, and she has been in the hands of her present employer for some time. I feel quite sure the suit will not amount to anything, as the girl and her mother are quite irragionable.'

She could not be found at her home last night, and her mother claimed not to know where she was. She was last seen at Belmont pending the trial of the case.

FIRE IN A TROLLEY DEPOT.

Three Cars Break Loose, Ten Are Destroyed and Eleven Saved.

The Broadway avenue depot of the Nassau Railroad, of Brooklyn, was partially destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The fire was discovered in a trolley car which had been housed for the night. It was caused by defective insulation. The flames spread rapidly.

In some unaccountable way three cars started to run, and they went down the street without notice or guide.

The three cars, which were without having the current entirely cut off, they were stopped, however, before they had gone far.

The employees managed to get eleven cars out, and these were saved. Ten which had not been moved were destroyed. The fire was nearly three years ago, since which time the cars were stored in the depot. The ten cars destroyed were valued at \$7,000. The building was valued at \$10,000, and \$5,000 worth of supplies was destroyed.

TABLETS TO MARK HEROISM.

Deeds of Brave Maryland Soldiers to Be Recognized in Brooklyn.

The Maryland Monument Committee of Brooklyn is looking for a convenient place to mark the places where Maryland troops fought in the historical battle of Long Island.

One tablet will be placed on the sidewalk on Third avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets, the spot where a brother Marylander, John J. Smith, was killed. The other tablet will be placed on the West side of the street, at Third and Fifth avenues. This house, which is in the hands of the Washington Monument Committee, will tell the story of their bravery and sacrifice.

TRACKS CLEARED OF SNOW.

Long Island Trains Started to Run on Schedule Time Yesterday.

The Long Island Railroad yesterday succeeded in raising the blockade on the road which was caused by the big storm, and the trains on their regular schedules again. At the Mineola station yesterday morning, the snow was cleared away, and the tracks were cleared of snow.

SHERRIFF DORT'S BIG BILL.

More Than \$34,000 for the Board of Prisoners During the Past Year.

Sheriff Henry Dort, of Long Island City, yesterday succeeded in getting the Queens County Board of Supervisors to audit another of his bills, amounting to \$34,435.50. Of this amount, \$32,229 represented the board of transcripts and small term prisoners committed to the jail by the various justices throughout the county.

LOST IN DISMAL SWAMP.

Unpleasant Experience of Two Hunters During the Recent Snowstorm.

Whiteside, L. L., Dec. 18.—Robert Townsend, of this place, and William S. Worth, of Winfield Junction, arrived home last evening after a memorable visit to a forest known as the Dismal Swamp, two miles west of Greenport.

The snow was blowing on Tuesday and started to beat rabbits. On Wednesday they continued the hunt, and noticing that the snow was beginning to drift, they started for the house of their friend Howard, a brother-in-law of Worth. They walked for two hours, but must have gone in a circle, for they found themselves in the same place they started from. They finally managed to reach the home of Mr. Howard in the evening, almost exhausted.

A DAY WITHOUT WATER.

College Point's Main Breaks and the Natives Have to Quench Their Thirst with Beer.

College Point, L. I., Dec. 18.—The village of College Point was without water all day morning, owing to a break in the water main of the College Point Water Works, and it was not until this afternoon that the residents were able to get a supply. The break occurred last night, but it was not felt until this morning. College Point is well supplied with breweries and beer, so that everybody didn't starve.

Some of the factories had to shut down because they could not get water to run the boilers. As soon as the break was discovered a gang of men set to work repairing it.

Two years ago a similar break occurred in the water main, and since that time the insurance rates have been high in the village. There is some property that agents will not take risks on, at any premium, owing to the fact that there are no standpipes in the village. During the famine this morning there was much fear that a fire would break out, but fortunately none occurred. If a fire had started it is probable that it would have proven a costly affair, before it could have been put out. A short time ago a proposition to erect standpipes was voted down by the residents, but it is not probable that it will be taken up again.

FATHER DENT DISCHARGED.

District Attorney Withdraws the Charge of Perjury Against the Priest.

The indictment for perjury against the Rev. Father Francis Dent was dismissed, on motion of District Attorney Becke, in Brooklyn, yesterday. Thus ends a remarkable trial.

Rev. Father Dent is a highly educated priest of the Roman Catholic Church. He is living now on Park avenue, Brooklyn. His long litigation against Bishop Ryan, Buffalo, since deceased, will be remembered.

The indictment for perjury was found October 13, 1895, in connection with his suit against the Bishop of the Order of St. Francis. Father Dent was expelled from this order in 1890. He sued for damages and for restoration. He conducted his own case with great skill. Opposed to him was George Biles. At a critical point in the trial Father Dent produced what purported to be a receipt from the records of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars at Rome. He swore it was genuine.

It was claimed afterward that the document was not what Father Dent represented it to be. The Bishop's secretary, John J. Courtney, brought from Rome a witness, Father Cesarini, has since died, and it is impossible to convict Father Dent.

LAST ACT AS COUNTY JUDGE.

Supreme Court Justice-elect Garretson Winds Up His Term in Queens County.

Supreme Court Justice-elect Garretson, of Long Island City, yesterday closed his career as County Judge when the December term of the Queens County Court adjourned for the present year. Justice Garretson's last act as County Judge was the sentencing of the following prisoners:

Philip Bender, grand larceny, three years and months in Sing Sing; Carl Nordhelm, larceny, Minna Hoffmeyer, larceny, Potter, of Jamaica, who shot his colored wife and pleaded guilty to assault in the case, three months in Sing Sing; Carl Nordhelm, larceny, Minna Hoffmeyer, larceny, Potter, of Jamaica, who shot his colored wife and pleaded guilty to assault in the case, three months in Sing Sing; Carl Nordhelm, larceny, Minna Hoffmeyer, larceny, Potter, of Jamaica, who shot his colored wife and pleaded guilty to assault in the case, three months in Sing Sing.

LIUTENANT KELLY ON DECK.

No Truth in the Report That He Has Been Relieved from the Texas.

The report, as published in some of the newspapers, that Lieutenant-Commander J. D. Kelly, executive officer of the battleship Albatross, had been relieved from duty and was at his home in Birch avenue, New York, where he was being treated for heart trouble, is untrue. Mr. Kelly is still attached to the ship, and is in the best of health. He has not been away from the ship since he went into commission, some time ago, after a few days' rest in the hospital at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

When the Texas was put out of commission, under the command of Lieutenant-Commander Kelly was sent to the receiving ship Franklin as the executive officer, and he remained there until the arrival of Lieutenant-Commander Charles H. Adams. He is also executive officer of the cruiser Albatross, which is under the command of Captain Barry Glass, who is in command of the battleship Texas.

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THE ARTILLERY CAME BACK.

And with It Was Sergeant Tobin, Whose Wife Says He Deserted Her.

Sergeant Hugh Tobin, of the Fifth United States Artillery, was before Judge Cowen, in the Fort Hamilton Court, yesterday morning, charged by his wife, Margaret, with desertion. The couple have been married seven years, and have two children. Mrs. Tobin says that four years after they were married the Fifth Artillery was ordered to Presidio, Cal., and that her husband had not contributed to the support of herself and children since that time.

About a month ago the Fifth Artillery was ordered to Fort Hamilton, New York. Tobin asked the Court for a day's postponement, and Judge Cowenover set the hearing down for this morning.

McKANE FRAUDS COMING TO LIGHT.

How the Former Chieftain Ruled His Gravesend Subjects.

Nearly \$3,000,000 Worth of Property Exempted from Taxation.

Favoritism Shown the Political and Personal Friends of the Coney Island Boss.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE BOOKS.

Those Opposed to McKane's Rule Highly Taxed and Punished in Other Ways. Some Forced to Sell Their Property and Get Out.

Lawyers and taxpayers who are interested