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## UNIQUE BACHELOR BALL.

### MR. BELMONT GIVES NEWPORT SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT.

His Housewarming at Belmont One of the Most Brilliant and Original Affairs of the Season—Blooded Horses in Immaculate Stalls Part of the Show.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 3.—Oliver H. P. Belmont's new house, Belmont, was formally opened amid splendid musical entertainment for Newport, where each housewarming strives to be more magnificent than the last.

The illness of Mr. Belmont, which recently upset all Newport, is practically over, but he is still an ill man, and he won't do any more entertaining this season at least.

Belmont is the finest combination of a villa and stable to be found in America. The whole estate is a masterpiece of modern architecture, a public building that is a thing of beauty. It was built after designs by the late R. M. Hunt, and no heed was paid to expense.

The fittings and furnishings are fit for a castle. Rare old tapestries and hangings, statues of full bodied horses, with knights in armor astride, thousands of dollars' worth of paintings, etchings and engravings, all emblematic of race horses, coaching and of all kinds of racing of ancient and modern days are on the walls of the coach room, where the supper took place.

The Belmont colors and coat of arms are prominent. Down on the first floor and connected with the ballroom, where sounds of revelry were heard and where two bands of music were in attendance, was the stable. Here were the thoroughbred horses, only horses which could be owned by a Belmont. These were in handsome stalls, with sides in snow white tile.

### Blooded Horses on Dress Parade.

For the occasion the blooded animals were placed on dress parade. They were covered with pure white blankets, and with colors to match. Such a scene was never witnessed at a ball in America. The pretty women, in chic gowns, strolled through the brilliantly illuminated stables with as much freedom as they did in the ballroom.

It was by all odds the grandest entertainment ever given in Newport, at least, and without doubt it has never been duplicated in America. It was a scene of the century, and where birds of all kinds, monkeys and other attractions from Coney Island were on exhibition. With the bright full moon, the lights and music, the guests were totally unconscious that it was night. It was a weird but picturesque scene, with Belmont colors and Belmont coat of arms prominent.

On one side are jeweled windows, and on the other side a gallery. Near the main entrance to the room and on the second floor is a church organ, which pealed forth joyous strains as the guests arrived. On the sides frequent intervals are knights in armor, stout reminders of bygone days. Just below the organ were two mammoth horses of olden days—Arabian perhaps—and astride of which were bold warriors.

Between the horses, on a mammoth horse harness device, surmounted with a jockey cap of the Belmont colors, the favors, the like of which were never seen before, were displayed.

### Bachelor Ball Pure and Simple.

Understand that it was a bachelor ball pure and simple, and not one of Mr. Belmont's many "tricks of the fair sex" which were asked to reverse the guests, although many were anxious to add the all in every possible manner. In fact, the ball was led by two Boston gentlemen—Mr. G. D. Cushing and Mr. H. Bennett—and that, too, without ladies. Of course this was not pleasing to ladies, but it could not be helped. Mr. Belmont being original, if he errs or is eccentric in his ideas of a bachelor ball in the only combination dwelling here, and stable in America.

The elaborate and costly favors were distributed by Mr. Belmont's English "tiger," about 3 feet in height. The lad was dressed in high boots, moccasins with hat and coat and on his back were two wings to represent a modern eagle. Mr. Belmont's two Egyptian servants, dressed in true native costume with drawn swords, added the "tiger."

Two servants with many glasses and powdered hair brought forth paper hoops for one figure in the middle after the other had served the supper. Other original and antique favors in the form of included roses on holy horses, through paper hoops, and men were placed behind a sheet and placed their fingers on the screen. The ladies followed suit, and later they put on masks and found that danced with the men, they accordingly came in contact with, through the sheet device.

The men put on tissue paper bags, and the women were expected to and did pick them out, and when they did they were compelled to dance with them. There were also dancing figures to business, and the ladies as a grand finale, sent balls to the men. More elaborate favors, including four to hand whips, were never seen in Newport.

### Duke of Marlborough There.

The guests arrived, unexpectedly early, and when they entered the main entrance they saw a big stack of cards and a card sent to the host by a surprising friend. Among his recent letters, a card was present, including the Duke of Marlborough, all the attaches of the foreign embassy represented here and so, at least, the guests of honor included Lady Rachel and Lady Alfred Cynthia Quinn, daughters of Lord Dunsany, who was with their hostesses, Mrs. Herbert and Miss Grace Wilson.

Lord Dunsany was expected, but he could not have his presence, business in connection with Virginia. It was a great ball and a fitting christening to Belmont.

The brother of the host, Mr. Percy Belmont, was a very useful aid at the ball, and he relieved his ill brother of many pressing demands. The only drawback was the illness of the host and the inability of his only sister, Mrs. Samuel S. Rowland, to reach here as expected. Supper was served by Berger at half past 12 o'clock, and the evening followed.

Small gift chairs were provided for the 60 pairs who participated in the game, and while the leaders, Messrs. Cushing and Huntwell, were arranging the details the organ overhead was played.

## IN MEMORY OF SEDAN.

### The Kaiser Honors the German-American Survivors.

BREITEN, Sept. 3.—The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the fall of Sedan was continued. The sun shone brightly, and the weather was perfect. Immense crowds of sightseers thronged the streets. Emperor William reviewed the first regiment of the guards before the Sedan, and at the conclusion of the review personally decorated the standards of the troops with oak leaves.

The parade of troops and veterans on the Tempelhof field was attended with unbounded splendor. The American veterans were given the place of honor in the right wing, near the steeplehouse. The weather was very warm, and a haze hung over the scene.

The emperor drove to the parade ground in a carriage drawn by four horses ridden by postilions.

The carriage was preceded by a detachment of his majesty's own body guards. The emperor wore an ivory cream colored costume and a lace tunic and carried a sash of the same color. Her majesty's carriage was followed by one containing the emperor's children, and in the rear, a large, who was attended in a red Hussar uniform. He was attended by a glittering suit of general's, prince's, and foreign attachés.

And tremendous cheers the emperor entered the city at the head of his color company, passing through the Friedrichstrasse and Unter den Linden, where the children of the Berlin schools, numbering about 21,000, were formed in lines waiting the arrival of his majesty. Over 100,000 persons witnessed the procession, the windows and roofs of the buildings along the line of march being crowded with spectators and every available space being occupied.

The banquet last evening of the veterans at Friedrich, Baden, was brought to a sad termination. Justice Kloser had arison and was offering a toast to the people and the army when he was stricken with apoplexy and died almost instantly.

### MURDER OR SUICIDE?

#### Body of a Young Woman Found in a Shallow Creek.

LYONS, N. Y., Sept. 3.—The body of a woman was discovered lying face down under a log in a shallow creek, a small tributary of the Clyde river, by Lewis Stone, a colored boy. The body was taken to Underhill, N. Y., where it was identified as that of Miss Mary Reardon, daughter of George Reardon, a carpenter living near the hamlet of Maranda, seven miles southeast of this place.

The young lady was a little over 21 years of age, was in good health, had attended the Lyons Union school all last year and had been in the teacher's training class. She had visited Lyons on Saturday and was seen Sunday afternoon by neighbors also miles from here on her way to Lyons on foot, which would necessitate the passing of the stream within a few feet of where she was found. It is said that she attended services Sunday evening in the village.

Indications are evenly divided between suicide and foul play, with a fair preponderance in favor of suicide. The case is a mysterious one in every respect. Coroner De Hoffman is, Chase of Palmyra has inquired of a jury, which has adjourned until Wednesday afternoon.

### BASEBALL.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

At New York—0 2 0 0 2 0 1 0 — 2  
Cleveland..... 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 — 2  
At Brooklyn—  
Brooklyn..... 3 0 0 1 3 2 0 6 — 12  
Chicago..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 — 2  
At Boston—  
Cincinnati..... 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 — 2  
Boston..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 — 1  
At Philadelphia—  
Philadelphia..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 5 — 17  
Pittsburgh..... 1 0 0 3 0 1 0 2 — 17  
At Baltimore—  
St. Louis..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 — 2  
Baltimore..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0  
At Washington—  
Louisville..... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 — 4  
Washington..... 2 1 0 2 0 0 1 1 — 5

#### FAVORITE LEAGUE GAMES.

At Rochester—Rochester, 7; Providence, 1.  
At Syracuse—Syracuse, 11; Wilkes-Barre, 7.

### Boy Shot by His Comrade.

COLUMBIUS, O., Sept. 3.—Ray Schaefer, a 16-year-old boy, was fatally injured by the bullet of his comrade, the shooting was the result of a quarrel. McDermott, who was a stone and threatened to kill the boy, Schaefer drew a .32 caliber revolver and fired point blank at McDermott. McDermott will die. Schaefer gave himself up and is now in jail.

### Methodist Minister Suspended.

HARTFORD, O., Sept. 3.—The Methodist conference suspended for one year the Rev. W. R. Dudley, former chaplain of the Ohio penitentiary, for obtaining money under false pretenses.

### Colonel Breckinridge to Take the Stump.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 3.—Colonel W. P. Breckinridge announced that he will make his first political speech in the Democratic state convention on Sept. 21 at Wheelingtown, Grant county.

### American Social Science Association.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The American Social Science association began its general meeting here last evening.

### All Quiet at Ishpeming.

MARGARET, Mich., Sept. 3.—Three steam shovels are in operation in Ishpeming loading ore with nonunion men under protection of the state troops. All is quiet.

### Hockley Mills Resumed.

TRIO, Sept. 3.—Work was resumed today at the Kira Hockley mill in Lansingburg after a stoppage of two weeks.

### An Indian Claims Part of the Town.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 3.—R. R. Dunbar of Kansas City, a suburb of this city, acting for George Washington, a Shawnee Indian, has brought suit to recover 325 acres of choice residence and business property in the west end of this town.

## DR FRAKER FOUND ALIVE

### PLAYED DEAD FOR YEARS TO SWINDLE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

There Was a \$20,000 Reward, However, In His Arrest, and the Detectives Finally Traced Him to the Woods in Northern Minnesota.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 3.—Living in the wilds of northern Minnesota, 50 miles from a postoffice, with only a boy for a companion, Dr. George W. Fraker, who planned one of the most gigantic and successful insurance swindles of modern times, was captured by officers who have been on his track for the past two years. Up to Aug. 12 last there was a standing reward of \$20,000 for his arrest offered by the insurance companies.

In the latter part of 1893 Dr. George W. Fraker was attached to the St. Elmo hotel, the leading hotel in Traveler Springs, a famous health resort near Kansas City. Together with seven or eight companions, the doctor went fishing on the Missouri river one day, and after dark, while in the company of George Harry, James Triplet and Jake Crowley, a negro, he disappeared. These three parties afterward swore positively that they witnessed his drowning while rowing in a leaky boat.

Some three or four months previous to this he began loading up with life insurance, taking \$10,000 in the Kansas Mutual Life of Topeka, \$15,000 in the Hartford Life and Annuity, \$15,000 in the Providence Savings Life of New York and \$5,000 in the benevolent societies of that place, a total of \$55,000.

### Insurance Companies Had to Pay.

Forty thousand dollars of the insurance money was payable to his brother-in-law in trust for the children. Dr. Fraker, who practiced for eight years, was an active leader in Sunday school work, but held rather peculiar views on religious subjects.

After a thorough investigation all the companies except the Equitable refused to pay the claims, whereupon James E. Lincoln, the executor of the will, brought suit in the district court at Liberty, Mo., which was afterward transferred to the United States circuit court of Kansas City. Robert T. Herrick was appointed jointly to conduct the case for the companies and was assisted by eminent legal talent.

In the latter part of 1894, after an intensely sensational trial, lasting two weeks, the jury, acting under orders from the court, declared for the defense. A new trial was granted on technical points, and in February judgment was given for the full amount and a stay of execution granted for six months until Aug. 12, on that date the full amount was paid to the executor, and the companies withdrew their offer of \$20,000 reward.

Herrick obtained a clog in the latter part of 1894, which he has persistently followed ever since, until about a week ago he learned the whereabouts and assumed name of the doctor.

Thursday night he arrived in Tower, Minn., together with John Wilkinson, chief of police of Topeka, to assist in taking Fraker back. Herrick and Wilkinson learned that Dr. Fraker went to the name of Schnell and lived with a young man in a woodman's hut six miles from Tower, on the Itasca county road.

### Owned Up When Arrested.

About 12 miles from Tower, Deputy Philip, who was acquainted with Fraker under his alias as Schnell, saw Fraker's companion in a shanty near the woods. He was handcuffed and guarded, and about two miles further on Dr. Fraker, with a gun on his shoulder, was found. Suddenly Philip seized his arms, and Wilkinson put on the handcuffs.

When the warrant was read to him, he was thunderstruck, but admitted his identity at once. He readily agreed to accompany the officers to Missouri without writing for extradition papers.

In conversation he stated that he had expected his relatives to get a portion of the insurance money and himself \$20,000 also. He had been greatly benefited, he said, by the waters of a spring where he resided and had about made arrangements to buy the place. He would have spent \$20,000, he said, in improving it.

Fraker's hiding place was only a day's travel from the Canadian boundary. He had been there about six months, coming into town occasionally only for small and provisions. His supply of money was quite low and he evidently expected something. As his executor has not yet disintegrated the money, Mr. Herrick telegraphed to Kansas City to have suit instituted against him at once to recover the money.

Dr. Fraker was taken to Duluth in charge of Deputy Sheriff Philip and accompanied by Attorney Robert T. Herrick of Topeka. He was lodged in jail pending his removal to Topeka, which will take place as soon as the necessary formalities are observed.

### Songster Get at Dolgeville.

DOLGEVILLE, N. Y., Sept. 3.—The Songster here was much more successful even than the promoters of the affair had hoped for. Eighteen of the German singing societies from Albany and Buffalo came here to assist in making the occasion one long to be remembered.

### Fatal Accident at a New Building.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—James Morgan, 27 years old, of 406 Second avenue, was instantly killed, and Thomas Grace, 25 years old, of 359 East Seventy-sixth street, was painfully injured while at work on a building in course of construction at 127 Fourth avenue.

### Wrecked by the Trolley.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Sept. 3.—M. Meyer and his wife were out driving on Elizabeth avenue, when they were run into by trolley car No. 576. Both were thrown out of the wagon. Mrs. Meyer had her right arm broken and received other injuries. The buggy was wrecked.

### Bethlehem Armor Plate in Russia.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Sept. 3.—The Bethlehem Iron company was advised by cable of another successful armor plate test in Russia. The plate tested represented a lot of seven inch armor made by the company for the Russian battleships Senavir and Oushakoff.

## ROUTINE FIRE MATTERS.

### The Question of Sending Chief Snagg to the National Convention Continued.

At the meeting of the fire board last night Commissioner Hynes brought up the matter of rules and regulations for the Rose Hill Hose Co., No. 5, and moved that they be adopted, excepting the section conflicting with the general laws of the fire department, which Commissioner Hynes objected to at a previous meeting.

The motion was carried. The section referred to, and which was not approved, gave the foreman of the company the right to allow the members to bring liquor into the rooms. According to the general laws of the department this can be done only by the consent of the chief engineer.

Clerk Grady read a communication from the chairman of the committee of the International Association of Fire Engineers, urging the Waterbury department to be represented at the convention.

Mr. Hart said he thought it was the duty of the city to send its chief engineer to this convention and moved that Chief Snagg be authorized to represent the Waterbury fire department at the meeting and that the sum of \$100 be appropriated to defray his expenses.

Commissioner Hynes scratched his head, leaned back in his seat, yawned, and then walked across the room and whispered something in Mr. Hart's ear.

The latter assumed an upright position, put on a serious face, and said: "Well, Mr. Mayor, if there is no objection, I will withdraw that motion and let this matter go over until the next meeting, when perhaps all the members will be present." No one objected and there the matter rested.

A communication was received from Chief Snagg, extending an invitation to the board to attend the annual inspection and parade of the department on September 12. It was accepted and placed on file.

A petition from Mutual Hook & Ladder Co., asking that they be placed in the banks at its house, was referred to Chief Snagg with power to act.

The chief was authorized to have a new brake put on the aerial truck at an expense of \$10.

On motion of A. A. Irion, the court of common council recommended that a fire alarm box be placed at the corner of Ward and Round Hill streets.

Mr. Hart said he should like to vote for the petition, but the night the board could not afford to do the job this year.

Canadian-born Hynes, grow eloquent and wanted to know if the people in that section of the town were not entitled to some protection. At the close of his remarks he had converted Mr. Hart to his view of the situation and the motion went through with a rush. It will cost about \$100 to put a fire box at this point.

The pay roll, amounting to \$835 and the miscellaneous bills aggregating \$555.43, were approved.

## ARM TAKEN OFF.

### Freight Brakeman Falls From the Top of a Moving Car.

William Reynolds, a brakeman on the New England railroad, fell from a freight train which was passing through the East Hartford yards late last evening, and had his arm so badly crushed by the car wheel's that amputation of the shoulder was necessary. He also received a bad scalp wound on the back of the head and lies at the hospital in a critical condition.

The train was not going at a rapid rate at the time, but the wheel had been killed, for he told the house surgeon at the hospital that he was dragged under a car. He was able to shout for help, and when assistance came he was put on a train and carried to the New England station in Hartford, where the ambulance and the train and conveyed him to the hospital.

Reynolds' home is at 125 Franklin avenue, Port Jervis, N. Y., where he lives with his wife.

### Investigating Reformatory Methods.

The board of directors of the state reformatory visited the state prison yesterday and thoroughly inspected the institution from cellar to garret. All the members were present. President John J. Metcalf of Hartford, Major F. A. Spencer of this city, Secretary G. W. Swan of Norwich and Messrs. Hubbard of Meriden and E. M. Chapman of Pine Meadow. They will go to Concord, Mass., today to inspect the reformatory there, tomorrow will inspect the reformatory in Shelton at Shelton, Conn., and the day after tomorrow, at the reformatory at New Britain, where they learn what Rhode Island does in the reformatory line.

### HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

The dead Pennsylvania sire, St. Bel, is the only horse that ever had six of his get enter the list in one day.

The horses of Illinois number 1,539, 800 and are assessed at a total value of \$10,642,106—an average of \$6.96.

Vehicles of all kinds must now carry lights in New York after dark, and on the up town avenues the new rule vastly lessens the appearance.

The pacer Vitello, who reduced his record to 2:16 at Mystic park last spring ago, is of the former breeders. He is 10 years old and has raced many seasons.

The 2:30 list for 1895 thus far quite unbroken the 2:30 for the same season only five years back. As to trotting and pacing speed, what is the limit, and where are we at?

"Young Aiden" Goldsmith promises to be as great a driver as his father, the late James Goldsmith, or his uncle, John A. Blood will sell in the seat as well as the shafts.

Collins, 2:20 1/2, has been sold to go to Europe. The colt was timed a half in 1:04 at Detroit, quite fast enough to keep our friends over the water going to the watchmaker for repairs.

Norris Holcomb was the first man in the United States to introduce the "turned up" turns on a race track. He followed that when he obtained a horse in Ohio and the race track was turned up, and thereby experimented with the Hartford half mile track in 1867.—Horseman.

## MURDER, FIRST DEGREE.

### DETAILS OF THE KILLING OF MARCIANO PUGLIESE OF JACKSON STREET.

Acting Medical Examiner Graves Says the Wound Would Have Caused Death in Five Minutes—The Between Attorney Root and Medical Examiner Axtelle.

At 10 o'clock today the trial of Joseph Calo for the murder of Marciano Pugliese on the night of August 24, was begun in the city court. The complaint was read to Calo, charging him with murder in the first degree. He shook his head and said "No," when asked if guilty or not guilty.

Dr. Axtelle was not present and Dr. F. G. Graves, who performed the autopsy, took the stand. He said he was assistant acting medical examiner in the absence of Dr. Axtelle. He described the autopsy he had performed on Pugliese at the morgue of the Waterbury Furniture Co. He said that he performed most of the work and that Dr. Axtelle was present. The only mark of external violence was the wound at the junction of the collar and breast bones on the left side. It was one inch in length and was a clean cut incised wound. He shoved one finger the full length into the wound. He then described the removal of the organs. He found two quarts of blood filling up the chest cavity and over the heart. Death was caused by exhaustion from hemorrhage. It would be impossible for a man to be longer than five minutes with a wound like that and he would become unconscious in at least three minutes. Cross examined he said the weapon must have been four inches in length and he thought made by a two edged knife.

Officer Noonan said he was told on Bank street at 11:05 on the night of the affair, by two young men, that a murder had been committed on Jackson street. He and Officer Allen started for the scene, but were delayed by a freight car on the New England road. They found a dead man lying in the road in front of the door of the house. He made enquiries and then with several Italians made a search through Brooklyn for an Italian named Famigietti. He returned to the house at half past twelve. The dead man still laid there. He went into the house and found Calo in bed with a cut in the breast. He was groaning as if in pain. He went away shortly after Dr. Axtelle came. He returned again at 5 o'clock in the morning with Detective Egan. They met some Italians coming from the house, one of whom gave Detective Egan a knife. The blade and part of the handle had blood on it. The furniture in the house was broken and disarranged.

Dr. Axtelle, who came in at ten minutes to twelve, caused Prosecuting Attorney Webster to feel relieved, as he was a very important witness. He said that he found the man dead in front of the house and examined the wound. He found Calo in bed, probed his wound and found that there was no need of him lying there, and ordered the officers to take him to the station. Calo could understand every word said until the motion picture station, then he was dead to the world. He had on a wrapper, pants and drawers. To the best of his recollection the clothes were covered with blood, but so much blood could not come from the wound on his person.

Here a dispute arose between Judge Root and Dr. Axtelle on the clothing question. Dr. Axtelle wanted the clothing left on entirely, but the argument still continued below on the witness stand. Judge Root said it was a great advantage. Attorney Webster said that the case had better be adjourned and Judge Axtelle adjourned court until half past twelve.

When court re-opened at half past one the state wanted to put on Officer Root for the first witness. Judge Root objected on the grounds that he had not finished with Dr. Axtelle. He wanted to re-examine him, while his mind was fresh on his testimony. He wanted to hold to the rule. As Dr. Axtelle was not present it was mutually agreed that all his testimony this morning should be taken out, and if the state desired, he could be put on the stand before the trial was over.

Officer Allen gave practically the same testimony as Officer Noonan. He added, however, that Calo had on his trousers and drawers and had a piece of cloth under his arm, where the wound was. Dr. Axtelle, he said, removed Calo's clothes. He, Officer Allen, picked up Calo's clothes and brought them to the station.

The clothes, covered with blood, were exhibited in court, but there was no wrapper. There was, however, a colored shirt stained with blood. After the doctor had gone Calo's wife got other clothing and he dressed himself and was taken to the station. The bloody clothing was found in the bottom of a clothes basket with other clothes on top.

Sergeant Dodds said he was on duty when Calo was brought to the station. His hands were all blood, but he did not know who he was fighting with. He said the man that did the killing was a stranger; did not know where he belonged. Asked if it was Famigietti he said it was. The bundle of clothes was handed to the sergeant by either Officers Allen or Noonan. He examined the clothing and rolled it up again.

Detective Egan said that when he went over to Jackson street he found the dead man in the yard, went into the room where Calo was, asked Officer Allen to stay there until he returned, enquired outside for twenty minutes, then returned and questioned Calo. The latter denied having a fight or knowing anything about the killing of Pugliese. He said Calo was naked when he got there, that the pants and drawers lay on the edge of the bed. After Dr. Axtelle told him the man was all right he had Calo put his clothes on and took him to the station. On the way up he said to Calo: "It is very funny that you are out and another man is dead, and you don't know anything about it."

Calo then said that he was sitting on the steps and the dead man said to him: "Can you smash his face or any of his friends?"

Asked if he struck the dead man he said no. At the station he tried to deny that he said anything. Both arms were bloody clear to the elbow. The detective also pointed out in court, the man who gave him the knife.

## HALF THE TAX PAID.

### TOWN TREASURY DRAWN ON FOR \$1,214.11 THIS MORNING.

This Represents Half of the Special County Tax of Two-Tenths of a Mill Recently Laid.

The selectmen today drew an order for \$1,214.11, which represents one-half of the special county tax of two-tenths of a mill. It will be remembered that at a meeting of the senators and representatives of New Haven county, held on July 3, the following vote was passed:

"Resolved, that a county tax of two-tenths of a mill be laid on the grand list of each town on the list of 1894, one-half of said tax to become due and payable on the first day of September, 1895, and the remainder to become due and payable on the first day of September, 1896."

Waterbury's share, based on a grand list of \$12,141,068, was \$2,428.22. One half was paid to-day and the balance becomes due and payable on September 1, 1896.

## BITTEN BY A VICIOUS DOG.

### Moses C. Speir has an Exciting Experience on Ward Street.

Moses C. Speir of 92 Abbott avenue, foreman at the American Pin Co., had an exciting experience on Ward street last night. He was calling on a friend when he was attacked and badly bitten on the calf of the right leg by a vicious dog. Mr. Speir was walking on the sidewalk in blissful ignorance of approaching danger when the canine bounded from the street, and before he knew what was the matter the dog had torn his trousers and sunk its teeth into the flesh, inflicting a number of painful cuts from which the injured man bled profusely. After a scuffle with the dog, Mr. Speir succeeded in getting away from the enraged animal, and made his way to Nugent's South Main street pharmacy, where his wounds were cauterized by Druggist John F. Fallon.

## OPENING OF THE JACQUES.

### The Decorations of the New House a Complete Triumph.

It was not an unusual thing last night to hear applauses from every part of the town. In the center of the city the Jacques opera house was the scene of the opening of the new house. It was indeed a remarkable change and the thorough renovation was a complete surprise. People wondered whether they sat in a theater of New York or in their own Waterbury house. The first thing noticeable was the descent to the seats in the parquet. The old steps had been done away with and a heavily carpeted incline took their place.

The beautiful blue green plush curtain with its raised gold embroidery was admired by all. In the center of the picture was an ingenious piece of work, a show the letters "J. E. A. N." also in plush gold, surrounded with beauty the large gold letter "47."

The boxes, reduced to four on each side, were so cozy looking that there is no fear of their being left idle during the season. They were drawn out further in beautiful curves, with silver railings around them, plush draperies to shield the occupants if desired, and each having three electric lights. They presented a picture.

The house itself is decorated in pale green and gold, and the ceilings are arranged in white and gold. The arrangement of seats is better than formerly. Every seat is a good one.

The play last night, "The Girl I Left Behind Me," was a thrilling military drama. Every character was admirably portrayed. There was plenty of pathos, but enough of comedy interwoven to bring smiles when tears started to flow. It showed off to good effect the beautiful stage settings as described in last night's DEMOCRAT.

## CITY NEWS.

There was a successful sale of horses at F. E. Benham's North Main street stables this morning. Purchasers were as follows: J. H. Mulville, gray horse; M. A. Doolittle, bay mare; John Farnham, bay horse; pair of brown mares and bay horse, George Tracey; brown horse, T. F. Smith; pair of horses, one gray and one black, Beck Bros.; gray mare, Jacob Fieldt; black horse, Elmer Hitchcock; bay mare, Rogers & Hamilton; bay horse, M. J. Daly; bay horse, M. Israel; bay horse, M. J. Duggan; bay mares, W. M. Seigel; gray horse, E. D. Ketchum; black horse, Harry Payne; brown mare, J. D. Blackwell.

Dr. Barbour left his horse unhitched on Hawkins street this morning while he was making a call on a patient. Before he returned the four-year-old daughter of Leroy Washburn happened along and jumped into the carriage, took the reins in her hands, picked up the whip and gave the horse a lash and then the excitement commenced. The horse dashed out Pearl street across Brown street to Bishop and onto North Main street, the child standing upright in the carriage apparently enjoying the fun. In front of Benham's stable the horse was stopped without having done the slightest damage.

A man named Patrick Cahill created quite a sensation on West Main street this afternoon. He emitted a series of war whoops that were heard all over town, shouted "Murder," and then started in the direction of City hall, rushed in through the alley way at the Scovill house and soon emerged into Harrison avenue and darted along in the rear of the buildings towards Martu Brynes' stable. At this time a crowd of at least a hundred people, including two policemen were following in hot pursuit. The man darted in through the rear entrance of the N. C. Clifford's store and threw himself on his knees and piteously pleaded for mercy. After a few minutes he seemed to come to his senses and he was allowed to start for home.