DETECTIVE ENDS HIS LIFE.

EDWARD L. M'WILLIAMS WILL BE SEEN AT THE ASTOR HOUSE NO MORE.

HE WAS TRIED FOR A BANK ROBBERY WHILE CHIEF OF POLICE IN JERSEY CITY.

Edward L. McWilliams, at one time Chief of Police of Jersey City, and for the last twenty-one years employed as detective at the Astor House, committed suicide by shooting himself yesterday afternoon at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, West Broadway and Chambers-st. He left no note of explanation, but it is thought that ill-health was the cause. He had been under the care of a physician for a long time, and this physician called at the Leonard-st. police station soon after a report of the case was made there, and said that McWilliams for several years had been a victim of cancer of the stomach.

"I think the agony the man suffered," added the physician, "drove him to seek death. He made an unsuccessful effort to put a bullet into his head about a year ago in my presence. I got the revolver away from him before he could hurt himself." The physician, it was learned, was Dr. W. W. Varick, president of the Board of Health of Jersey City, and a relative of the dead man.

Owing to his long connection with the Astor House, McWilliams was one of the best known hotel detectives in this country. He was on duty at the Astor House until about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and then went directly to the Cosmopolitan Hotel, where he was assigned to a room on the third floor, overlooking Chambers-st. Before going to the room he told the clerk he intended to take a nap.

ASKED TO BE CALLED AT 4 O'CLOCK.

"Be sure to wake me at 4 o'clock," he said. "If I fail to get up when the boy knocks on the door, have him enter the room to wake me." At 4 o'clock the day clerk sent one of the bellboys to awaken him. The boy knocked on the door, and failing to get a response to his knocks entered the room. As he opened the door he saw McWilliams lying on the bed with a bullet wound in his head. The bullet had entered the temple over the left eye and had come out over the right eye. In the man's hand was a new revolver. The boy at once told the clerk what he had seen, and the hotel physician was summoned.

After examining the body the physician said the man had been dead about an hour and a half. The bullet was found on the bed beside his head. A careful search of the clothing was made for some note explaining why he had committed suicide, but none was found. When McWilliams's body was discovered he was dressed as he was on entering his room, with the exception of his coat, which he had removed and placed on a chair. He had $20 in bills, some change and a number of jewels. The body was taken to the Leonard-st. police station, and later was removed to an undertaker's shop.

McWilliams was single and was about fifty-seven years old. When a young man he was made Chief of Police of Jersey City, and on leaving that office he secured employment as detective at the Astor House. He leaves a number of relatives, including a brother and two sisters. His brother is Jefferson McWilliams, president of the Manhattan Delivery Company, whose home is at No. 265 Central Park West. His sisters are Mrs. J. E. Scott, at present at Asbury Park, and Mrs. George Fields, of No. 21 Suydam-st., Jersey City.

The manager of the Astor House said last night that McWilliams was a faithful and efficient employe, and that he did not know what had led him to commit suicide.

TRIED FOR A BANK ROBBERY.

McWilliams was born in Jersey City on June 24, 1842, was educated at the public schools and learned the trade of mason and plasterer. In 1864 he was appointed a detective, and when the cities of Jersey City, Bergen and Hudson were consolidated in 1871 he was appointed Chief of Police, but resigned in October, 1872, under a cloud. He was attending the Republican National Convention, at Philadelphia, in June of that year, when Mrs. Beamer, who occupied the house, No. 3 Exchange Place, and rented furnished rooms, discovered that three of her lodgers who represented themselves to be artists worked at night and were absent during the day. Her curiosity was excited, and she made an investigation. A heavy bookcase that was placed against the wall was moved, and a large hole in the wall was revealed. The First National Bank adjoined, and an aperture had been made in the wall. She secretly concluded that the lodgers were bank thieves, and informed Hamilton Wallis, then president of the bank, who in turn informed Acting Chief of Police McHorney. That evening the lodgers were arrested. They proved to be three well known professional thieves—Proctor, Denning and Foley. They accused Chief McWilliams of being in collusion, and said that for the protection he guaranteed he was to have a share of the booty. They said that if he had remained in the city and protected them, as he should have done, that he would have received the notice of the discovery and have warned them to abandon the job, and they would have escaped arrest. McWilliams strenuously denounced the allegation, and declared it to be spite work of vicious men, and pointed to his absence from the city as proof of his innocence. He was indicted and tried. The first trial resulted in a disagreement, and the second in acquittal. He had been suspended as Chief of Police. After his acquittal he resigned, and was appointed detective at the Astor House. The three bank burglars were sent to State prison for fifteen years each. A few months later McWilliams was attacked in Cortlandt-st. by a man named Johnston, and McWilliams shot and mortally wounded him. He was exonerated by the Coroner's jury, as it was shown that Johnston, who was a friend of the three bank burglars, intended to kill McWilliams.

GOES TO PENITENTIARY FROM CHOICE.

LOTTERY LAW VIOLATOR TIRES OF TOMBS LIFE PENDING AN APPEAL.

William Loughlin, who was convicted recently of violating the Lottery laws and sentenced to two months in the Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, has given up his fight for a certificate of reasonable doubt. He appeared personally before Justice Beekman, in the Supreme Court, yesterday and said that he wished to discontinue all proceedings and serve his sentence. His request was granted, and an order directing Sheriff Grell to take Loughlin to prison was made out.

The application for a certificate of reasonable doubt was argued before Justice Bischoff some time ago. Pending a decision Loughlin was in the Tombs.

STEAMERS TO RUN ON THE DEAD SEA.

Washington, Aug. 7.—"The Dead Sea, which for thousands of years has been a forsaken solitude in the midst of a desert, on whose waves no rudder has been seen for centuries," says United States Consul Winter, at Annaberg, in a letter to the State Department, "is to have a line of motor boats in the future. Owing to the continued increase in traffic and the influx of tourists, a shorter route is to be found between Jerusalem and Kerek, the ancient capital of the Land of Moab. The first steamer, built at one of the Hamburg docks, is about 100 feet long, and already has begun the voyage to Palestine. An order has been given for the building of a second steamer. The one already built and on the way is named the Prodomos (that is, forerunner), and will carry thirty-four persons, together with freight of all kinds. The promoters of this new enterprise are the inmates of a Greek cloister in Jerusalem. The management of the line is entirely in German hands. The trade of Kerek with the desert is today of considerable importance. It is the main town of any commercial standing east of the Jordan and the Dead Sea. Its population consists of about 1,800 Christians and 6,000 Moslems. The merchants of Hebron are among the chief frequenters of the markets of Kerek."

THE SONOMA LAUNCHED.

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—The steamship Sonoma, built for the Oceanic Steamship Company, was launched at Cramps' shipyard at 10:35 a. m. to-day. The vessel was named by Miss Alice Von S. Samuels, daughter of William S. Samuels, inspector of Lloyds Agency in this city. When completed the Sonoma will engage in the transpacific trade between St. Francisco and Australia. With the exception of the St. Louis and the St. Paul, she is the largest merchantman ever built on the Delaware River. The dimensions of the vessel are: Length between perpendiculars, 400 feet; beam, 50 feet; load draught, 24 feet; displacement, 9,700 tons. The contract speed is 17 knots, and the ship is to accommodate 400 passengers. The Sonoma is one of the three ships that Cramps' have contracted to build for the Oceanic Line. The first of the three, the Sierra, was launched in May, and the last of the trio, the Ventura, will leave the ways in about a month.

BOLTS STRIKE BUILDINGS.

VIOLENT THUNDER AND LIGHTNING STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

A violent thunder storm swept over Westchester County yesterday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock. The storm was severest in Mount Vernon, New-Rochelle and the towns on Long Island Sound. The rain came down in sheets, and in some places there was a heavy shower of hailstones. Many of the stones that fell were as large as hickory nuts, and it is thought they did severe damage to crops. The storm was accompanied by terrific peals of thunder and lightning. Hundreds of trees were struck, and the highways were covered last night with broken branches and wreckage.

In New-Rochelle four buildings were struck and two were destroyed by fire. The first fire in New-Rochelle was at 2:15 o'clock, when a terrific bolt of lightning struck the large barns of Livingstone Disbrow, in North-st., beyond the Paine Monument. Mrs. Charles Disbrow, whose husband leases the barns from his father, was sitting at a window at the time and saw the flames burst out, but the storm was so severe that she could not get out to send an alarm. Charles Siebrecht, a florist, of this city, saw the barns burning and telephoned to the police. Nearly all of the New-Rochelle firemen were out of town on their annual excursion, but a crew was found for the chemical engine, which checked the flames and saved the large carriage house and homestead. The barns contained nearly two hundred tons of hay and farming implements and machinery, all of which are lost. The firemen worked until late in the afternoon trying to save the burning bales of hay. They had a difficult time saving the greenhouses of Watson B. Dickerman, which were near the burned barns.

About fifteen minutes after the Disbrow barns were struck another bolt set fire to a large cottage occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Atless. She was not at home at the time, and the cottage was in the keeping of two men who were painting and decorating it. When the storm came up they took refuge on the veranda. While they were sitting there a bolt of lightning struck the house and tore away the roof. The crash was so deafening that the men were knocked senseless and almost blinded. As soon as they recovered they ran to another house and sent in an alarm. The house and its entire contents were burned.

The other buildings struck in New-Rochelle were the City Bank and the homes of A. J. L. Bradley, a broker of this city, and of Arthur L. E. Plattman. The chimneys of the houses were torn off and the inmates severely shocked. The bolt that struck the bank set fire to the veranda in the rear, and also shocked some of the employes. Ex-Judge John J. Crennan and some of the other tennants put out the flames without calling on the fire department. The tin roof of a house in Anderson-st. was torn partially off.

A large Irish setter owned by Willie Shonnard, of New-Rochelle, was killed in a peculiar way during the storm. A large ball of fire passed along the trolley wires at Hudson Park. At the end of the line at the park entrance it descended an iron pole to which the wires are attached and went into the ground, tearing a deep hole. The dog struck his tail against the pole, which was still charged with electricity, and was killed instantly. The electricity also charged the rails, and several yachtsmen who were waiting for cars stepped on them and were shocked.

SAYS DUNLAP WAS HIS RUIN.

ALLEGED USURER ACCUSED OF EXPOSING A MAN WHEN HE COULD NO LONGER EXTORT MONEY.

Magistrate Pool, in the Jefferson Market Court, yesterday received a letter from another man who says he is a victim of the Local Credit Company, of No. 73 West Eleventh-st. John L. Dunlap, who is now awaiting a hearing on the charges of loaning money at usurious rates of interest, is the head of the company. The letter is dated August 6, and in part reads as follows:

When I read the papers last night I saw the article about Dunlap. Your Honor, I know you are just. I have been a salesman for twenty-five years in one house, and lost my place through him. I have a large family, and he exposed me to my firm. I have borrowed $20 of him and could never get through paying him. It cost me nearly six times the amount, and when I told him I was all clear he said he would expose me if I did not pay his notary, collecting and lawyers' fees. I was employed in the largest retail store in Broadway. He put shame on me and my children. Please excuse my quick writing, as I was too nervous when I saw the article. Any time you wish I will be there to prosecute this man. L. F. A.,

Fifth-ave. and One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st.

P. S.: As I have many good neighbors I will not give the number.

Magistrate Pool said he would try to find the writer of the letter and have him in court when Dunlap has a hearing to-day.

FRANK EHRET SEEKS DIVORCE.

HIS WIFE WAS PROMINENT ON THE STAGE AS ADA DARE.

Frank Ehret, son of George Ehret, the well known brewer, has brought a suit for divorce. The wife, from whom he desires to be free, was formerly prominent on the burlesque boards as Ada Dare. To some who frequented the Casino Theatre in 1896 she was perhaps better known, because of her style of acting, as "Bouncing Ada." The marriage was contracted in August, 1898. It was earnestly opposed by the father of the bridegroom, and was not made public until a month after the ceremony. Later the father became less stubbornly hostile, but he is said never to have forgiven his son fully.

The news of the marriage, however, did not come as an overwhelming surprise to the young man's intimate friends. They said that this episode was only in line with former adventures. Frank Ehret owned for years one of the most celebrated racing stables America ever saw.

The present divorce suit is the third in which his wife has figured. She first married a circus clown named "Tom" Dare. Divorced from him, she became the wife or Francis M. Roux. She was Mrs. Roux when married to Frank Ehret. She says she will fight the present suit, and has engaged Howe & Hummel as attorneys. She will ask for alimony at $10,000 a year and counsel fees. Ex-Judge A. J. Dittenhoefer represents Mr. Ehret.

GEORGE D. SWEETSER DEAD.

HE HELPED TO FOUND THE DRYGOODS FIRM OF SWEETSER, PEMBROOK & CO.

George D. Sweetser, of Sweetser, Pembrook & Co., died at 7:30 o'clock last night in his apartments at the Hotel Majestic, from a complication of diseases. He had been sick for about the last four months. Since the death of his wife, which occurred in November, 1897, he had lived alone in his apartments at the hotel. He was an unusually active man for his years.

Mr. Sweetser was born in Athol, Mass., on October 12, 1826. He, with J. Howard Sweetser and William A. Pembrook, founded the well known drygoods house of Sweetser, Pembrook & Co. He leaves a number of relatives. The funeral will be held at the Broadway Tabernacle at 2 p. m. to-morrow. The burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

CERTIFICATE FOR EX-GOVERNOR PECK.

George W. Peck, ex-Governor of Wisconsin, has received a renewed certificate of honorable withdrawal from Typographical Union No. 6. The former Governor is proud of the fact that he was once a member of the union. This was thirty years ago. In his letter to the union making application for his renewed certificate of honorable withdrawal he said: "I have been Governor of a State and have enjoyed other public honors, but I am proudest of the fact that I am a printer and a member of 'Big Six.'" Mr. Peck was invited to be toastmaster at the banquet at the Kirby House, in Milwaukee, next week at the close of the convention of the International Typographical Union, and he has accepted the invitation.

CAPTAIN GODDARD'S EXCURSION.

The fourth annual free excursion tendered by Captain F. Norton Goddard to the women and children of the Twenty-first Ward will take place on Tuesday, August 14. It is given under the auspices of the Civic Club, in East Thirty-fourth-st., and the steamboat and barges of the excursion will leave the pier at Thirty-first-st. and the East River at 9:30 a. m. It is announced that there will be no delay in starting, and that the people who go on the excursion will have two hours to spend at Grand View Grove, on Long Island Sound, and be returned to the city at 6:30 p. m. Tickets for the excursion have been issued freely, and several thousand women and children are expected to go. Milk and ice cream will be distributed on the barges.

A STRANDED WOMAN'S WOES

COMES FROM BUENOS AYRES, SPENDS ALL SHE HAS AND FALLS INTO RIVER.

A plainly but neatly dressed woman, with pure white hair and refined features, went to Superintendent Blair of the Society for Outdoor Poor at 3 p. m. yesterday and asked for aid. She said that she was Mrs. Mary Truman, of Buenos Ayres, and that she had been in New-York only a few weeks. Mrs. Truman said that she came to New-York, as she expected to get some money here, but was unable to get it, and had spent the last cent of the money that she brought with her. She was told that the last boat for the Island had gone, and that it was impossible to go there before this morning. The next best thing was done. A ticket for the City Lodging House, in First-ave., was given her, and she was told to return to-day.

Mrs. Truman went on the stringpiece at Twenty-sixth-st. to rest a few minutes, and while sitting there rolled into the water.

James Melville, of No. 208 East Twenty-fifth-st., who was working on a scow, saw her fall and jumped in after her. So did John Bradley, of No. 332 East Twenty-sixth-st., and Richard Seery, of No. 434 East Twenty-sixth-st. The three men dived repeatedly, and finally, after nearly five minutes, brought her to the surface. She was revived and taken to Bellevue Hospital, where, owing to her advanced age and exhaustion, it is thought doubtful if she will recover.

After she had been taken out of the ambulance the driver found a bundle of papers which contained among other papers:

Naturalization papers of John Truman, the woman's husband, dated County of Solano, Cal., 1867; a letter dated May 10, 1899, No. 36 Queen-st., Trinidad, Island of Trinidad, to the American Consul at Caracas, saying that the writer, Truman, had written to the Consul in the previous March about a claim he (Truman) had at Caracas, and that he had heard nothing more of the matter; the death certificate of John Truman, dated October 27, 1899, at Port Spain, Island of Trinidad;

A check book was found containing stubs of checks on the Colonial Bank, of Port of Spain, showing that Truman had paid out, from December 29, 1891, to October 26, 1892, $4,450 in amounts ranging from $200 to $1,000. The checks had been made payable to E. S. T. Vraz, and the stubs showed that the money was due for interest. A letter from the officials of the Colonial Bank to Truman showed that the bank had shipped to England for Truman, 7,228 Mexican dollars, and that Truman had lost by the deal $354.

The following letter, dated San Francisco, January 25, 1900, and written to Mrs. Mary Truman, was found:

I write you this letter in regard to that land I purchased from you and your husband, John Truman. The county records show that you sold to John Gleason all of the quarter section of land near Bryon Springs, in Contra Costa County, California, and the said land has been taken from me by the said John Gleason, through a decision of the Superior Court of said city, as the Court deems it a clear case of embezzlement. At that time I was unable to find you to have you in court at the time of the trial.

Now, if you will give back the purchase price of said land I will return you the deed for same without any further trouble, but if not I will get extradition papers taken out and have you brought back.

Now, I have written to the American Consul, A. Smith, and he will act or will have some one act for me, and you can say what you will do in regard to the above matter. Yours respectfully,

MRS. E. M. M'LOUGHLIN.

No. 336 Clement-st., San Francisco.

The papers are in the possession of the hospital authorities.

TO RELIEVE PIG IRON MARKET.

ALL BESSEMER FURNACES TO BE PUT OUT OF BLAST ON SEPTEMBER 1.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 7 (Special).—After September 1 all the Bessemer furnaces will be put out of blast. From what is now known, it appears that last week the Bessemer Asociation held a meeting in this city for the purpose of seeing what could be done to relieve the pig iron market. Bessemer iron has been put on the stock piles for the last two months, with not a new sale to relieve them. There have been large contracts, under which the furnaces have been working, and these are still in effect, and will not expire until September 1. Besides these contracts, little business has been done, and the production was in when the meeting was called in this city. It was attended by representatives of all the Bessemer furnaces, and the situation was gone into in detail, the conference lasting several hours. The desire was to avoid anything like an agreement, and yet to have all of the results of such a compact.

After a general discussion, therefore, it was agreed that the one thing that would put the market on the basis where it was wanted was to limit the production of Bessemer pig iron. This understanding having been reached, the representatives of the various furnaces were called upon, and each gave his individual opinion. One after the other announced that the furnaces which he represented had decided to go out of blast on September 1, and that the others might do as they pleased. When all of these representatives had placed themselves on record, it was found that only two of the furnaces which are now in blast had decided to keep up their work.

The Briar Hill and the Andrews Hitchcock furnaces have decided to continue work. Of these the former announces that it has two concerns with which it is connected using Bessemer iron, and must furnish it to them; the second gave notice of an intention to quit producing Bessemer iron, but to turn to the manufacture of foundry iron. While, therefore, these two will run as usual, their action will not in any way affect the amount of Bessemer iron that is being offered on the market or is to be offered. The sole aim in the restriction of production at this time is to stop the downward tendency of the prices of Bessemer iron. The price has broken now $8 or more on the ton, and yet there is no demand for the product.

MAY DISSOLVE STRUCTURAL STEEL POOL.

Pittsburg, Aug. 7.—"The Chronicle-Telegraph" says to-day that it is reported the American Steel and Wire Company has entered the structural steel market as a competitor with the concerns which comprise the structural steel or "beam pool." The Wire company is accused of having shaded the prices of the pool companies and taking contracts which the associated mills would have secured at an even price. The result is that there is a rumor the pool will be dissolved. The structural pool is composed of the Carnegie Company, Jones & Laughlin, Limited, of Pittsburg; the Pennsylvania Steel Company, Steelton, Penn.; the Passaic Rolling Mill Company, Passaic, N. J., and the Pencoyd Iron Works, of Philadelphia.

CHARGED WITH MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

FINDING OF A SWITCHMAN WITH BROKEN SKULL LEADS TO ARREST OF YOUNG BOAT BUILDER.

Louis Berger, fifty-nine years old, of No. 201 West Sixty-ninth-st., employed by the New-York Central Railroad as a switchman at Seventy-fourth-st. and the North River, was found lying unconscious beside the tracks at that place at 1 o'clock yesterday morning with a fractured skull. A trackwalker and Policeman Michael Dolan made the discovery. They thought Bergen must have fallen from a freight car. He was removed to Roosevelt Hospital and was still unconscious at a late hour last night.

Detectives Saver and Day, of the West Sixty-eighth-st. station, were assigned to work on the case, and last night they arrested Walter Dunn, twenty-five years old, who, with his father, David H. Dunn, of No. 448 West Fifty-fifth-st., builds small boats at Seventy-fourth-st. and the Hudson River.

The police charge Dunn with having murderously assaulted Berger. The detectives say they will show that Berger ordered Dunn out of a freight car and that Dunn ran in a rage to his boathouse and got an adz, with which he attacked Berger, crushing in his skull.

BOY CAUSES BROTHER'S DEATH.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILD'S HEAD CRUSHED BY A HEAVY TRUCK.

Willie Devine, four years old, of No. 87 First-st., was crushed to death yesterday afternoon by a heavy truck of the Street Cleaning Department in front of his home, in Brooklyn. His brother, Joseph, who is twelve years old, was the direct cause of his death. Joseph climbed the box of the wagon in the absence of the driver and started the horse. Willie was playing in the street next to the curb and was caught by the heavy wheel, and his skull was crushed between the wheel and the curb. The mother saw the accident and fainted when the dead body of her son was brought into the house.

Henry Meyer, forty-one years old, of No. 532 Rockaway-ave., the driver of the wagon, was locked up in the Butler-st. station for criminal negligence.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

SORE EYES AFTER PUBLIC BATH.

BELIEF THAT SEWAGE MAY AT TIMES REACH THE PLACE AT BRIDGE-ST.

More than one hundred cases of sore eyes have appeared among the boys and men who have been in the habit of using the public bath at Bridge-st., and it is believed that the bath is in some way unsanitary. Within the last week a large number of patients have applied to the Eye and Ear Infirmary in Livingston-st. for relief from sore eyes. They said their eyes began to trouble them after coming out of the Bridge-st. bath and that soon after a painful swelling would appear. In every case the trouble has been diagnosed as conjunctivitis, generally in its most acute form. Those who have come to the infirmary for treatment say that there are many others who are afflicted in the same way.

Mr. Getins, the superintendent of the bath, denies that the place is in an unsanitary condition. It is thoroughly cleansed each night with a big hose and great care is taken to keep every part in sanitary condition. Any person who is found to be suffering from a disease or malady of any kind is not permitted to go into the water.

There is a fifteen inch sewer that empties into the river about fifty yards north of the bath, and with certain conditions of wind and tide the sewage, it is believed, may reach the bath and cause various diseases among the bathers.

BURGLARS CONTINUE ACTIVE.

THREE ROBBERIES REPORTED YESTERDAY —FEW ARRESTS MADE.

The enterprising burglar has been busy in Brooklyn lately. In many instances facts have been concealed by the police because no arrests were made. Yesterday morning burglars entered the home of Walter Moore, No. 630 Flatbush-ave., and stole silverware valued at $200, $10 in cash and a woman's jacket. Mr. Moore, who is a Produce Exchange broker and vice-president of the Knickerbocker Field Club, was sleeping in the room next to the library, on the second floor, with the door wide open. The burglary was discovered at 6 a. m. by a servant. Policemen from the Grand-st. station found footmarks showing where the burglars had climbed up the porch to the library.

The home of Thomas M. Hewitt, No. 211 Lincoln Road, was entered by a burglar early yesterday morning. The man stole $4 from Mr. Hewitt's clothes and a gold bracelet and a watch from the bureau in the sleeping room. When the baby cried Mrs. Hewitt caught sight of the burglar escaping from the room.

Many burglaries have been committed recently in the Eastern District, and the police think they can fasten some of them on Edward Hammend, thirty years old, of No. 540 Driggs-ave.; Albert Wade, twenty-two years old, of Chicago, and Townsend Johnson, thirty-one years old, of No. 83 Division-ave., who were arrested on Monday night. It is said that Hammend has confessed that the three had been working in the Prospect Park Slope district, in which many burglaries have taken place in the last three months. The prisoners were held by Magistrate Kramer in the Lee-ave. police court yesterday on suspicion of robbery.

Johnson was arrested several years ago with his brother for setting fire to Palmer's cooperage, in Kent-ave., when James Deery, a night watchman, lost his life and several firemen were seriously injured. The brothers were sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment in Sing Sing, which was shortened to twelve years by good behavior. They separated on their release. Johnson has been arrested several times for different offences.

Abraham O'Brien, a lawyer, yesterday reported at the Ralph-ave. station that burglars had entered his home, No. 1,100 Greene-ave., on Monday night. His family is in the country and the house is vacant during his absence in the day. The burglars had entered the house by climbing over a fanlight of a door in the rear. Desks, bureaus, chiffonnieres and closets had all been ransacked. Mr. O'Brien cannot say exactly what has been taken. At the police station he was advised to say nothing about the robbery.

NAVY YARD TUG CAPTAINS IN UNIFORM.

AN INCIDENT OF REAR-ADMIRAL CROWNINSHIELD'S VISIT AND ITS RESULT.

The appearance at the Navy Yard yesterday of captains of the several Navy Yard tugs in blue uniforms, with brass buttons and white duck hats, whereas heretofore they have appeared in citizens' clothes, is said to be due to a little incident which offended a high Naval official. When Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, visited Manhattan several weeks ago the officers of the yard received notice that he would arrive in Jersey City at a stated time. They were ordered to send a tug to convey him to his destination, and Captain Weeks, of the tug Pawnee, was sent to Jersey City to meet him.

When Captain Weeks went to Jersey City he was in civilian clothes and after waiting half an hour there his attention was called by a sailor to a tall person, also in civilian clothes, walking up and down the pier in an apparently wrathful mood. When the captain approached him, learned that he was the Rear-Admiral, and informed him that the tug had been waiting half an hour. Rear-Admiral Crowninshield's displeasure is said to have increased. He was quickly taken to his destination, and on returning to Washington wrote a strong letter to Captain Wildes recommending that tug captains wear uniforms. The recommendation was approved by Secretary Long, and the men appeared in uniform yesterday.

It was said at the Navy Yard yesterday that it would be several weeks before any more marines were detached from the yard.

WORK ON RECORDS BUILDING.

PROBABILITY THAT WHOLE OF $500,000 PROVIDED FOR WILL BE SPENT.

Work will begin within a short time upon the $500,000 extension on the Records Building. The Legislature last March passed a bill, mandatory in character, calling for an appropriation of $500,000 for an addition to the building. The city government since that time has ignored the bill until recently. A protest was made by Commissioner Waldo of the Records Department that the Records Building in Manhattan was having much money appropriated for it, and the Buildings Department officials excused the delay in Brooklyn on the ground that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment declared it could not act until the Sinking Fund Committee passed upon the case.

Commissioner Waldo has been informed by Commissioner Kerwin that the building can begin as soon as the county officers decide what they want. It is thought that the Surrogate's private rooms and courtroom will be built in the new wing, and as a number of rooms are needed by Register Howe and storage rooms are required by the Records office, the whole appropriation will probably be spent.

CLEARED FROM CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

After a hearing before Magistrate Bristow yesterday, Poland M. Sackles, who was accused by Samuel Stokum of felonious assault, was discharged. Stokum, who was separated from his wife, called on the night of July 24 at a house in State-st., where his wife and son and Sackles lived. In a struggle the son threw down the father, whose skull was fractured. The latter accused Sackles of striking him with a blunt instrument, but could not prove his charge.

ORGANIZE TO SUPPORT BRYAN.

An organization of wage workers, known as the League of the Constitution, was formed in Columbus Hall, Court and State sts., on Sunday night, to support William J. Bryan. These officers were elected: President, Thomas J. O'Reilly; secretary, William Horan; treasurer, Alfred J. Boulton.

WOMAN DEAD, HUSBAND IN CUSTODY.

Mrs. Catherine Nelson, thirty-three years old, of No. 412 Warren-st., died yesterday in St. Peter's Hospital. It is alleged that her death was due to a beating by her husband, Charles Nelson, a laborer, thirty-nine years old. It is said the couple quarrelled on July 25, and that Nelson disappeared soon after. He was arrested on Staten Island and arraigned on a charge of assault, which will be changed to a charge of homicide.

COMPLAINT AGAINST LAWYERS DROPPED.

The case of E. T. Allen and Anthony Darmstadt, attorneys, who were accused of taking a $100 fee from Mary Spielos in the Special Sessions Court last week, was brought up in that court yesterday by District Attorney Merrill. The woman had confessed to stealing the money from Wyckoff Van Siclin. The Court held that the case would have to go to the Appellate Division, and the complaint was dismissed.

JERSEY JUSTICE IN A CASE OF EARS.

Elizabeth, Aug. 7 (Special).—A jury in the District Court here to-day found a verdict of $15 against Theodore Glasser, who was charged with boxing Frank Starck twice on the ears. Starck sued for $200. The alleged offence was committed at a clambake on July 17 at the Lorraine Hotel. The costs were added to the verdict, which made a bill of about $40 for Glasser to pay.

CLEANSING CONEY ISLAND.

NOTICES TO VACATE SERVED YESTERDAY ON THIRTY-ONE PROPRIETORS.

The inspectors of the Health Department are moving on the filth at Coney Island, and every day more of the resorts are falling under the ban. Yesterday notices to vacate were served on thirty-one proprietors, and the whole island was up in arms last night. Within the last week fifty-two notices have been served, and the Health Department inspectors have not yet finished their work. Nobody seems to know just who will be next.

CAPTURED AFTER LIVELY CHASE.

MAN WANTED BY POLICE ESCAPES AND IS RETAKEN.

After a lively chase James Ferguson, an ex-convict, forty years old, was captured yesterday by the police. A warrant for his arrest was issued recently by Magistrate Bristow at the Adams-st. police court on complaint of Joseph Sagor, a Myrtle-ave. jeweller, who had been robbed by a gang of which Ferguson is believed to be a member. He was caught by Detective Keelan at Hudson and Myrtle aves., but the detective was tripped by the prisoner, who escaped. The man was overtaken soon after.

In the Adams-st. court Ferguson was held for examination on August 14 and was locked up in the Raymond Street Jail.

TENEMENT HOUSES NEED ATTENTION.

CONDITIONS SAID TO BE WORSE THAN COMMISSION HAD EXPECTED.

Certain members of the Tenement House Commission, who have been discussing the findings of that body, say that the conditions in Brooklyn were much worse than had been expected. This is a general statement, as the Commission has made only one visit to this borough, and has not as yet gone into details. It had been generally supposed, however, that few of the tenement evils that have been notorious in Manhattan were to be found in Brooklyn. The Commission, however, has come to the conclusion that there are many things here which should be remedied.

As regards light, the conditions in Brooklyn are said to be superior to those in Manhattan, but in construction and sanitary arrangements there are many tenement houses said to be as bad. This arises from the fact that many of the buildings now used as tenement houses were originally constructed for private houses and have been remodelled. They are old, and no more repairs have been made than have been absolutely necessary. Members of the Commission do not think that the same laws can be made to apply to tenement houses in both Manhattan and Brooklyn, as the conditions in the two boroughs are so different.

OPPOSING LONG ISLAND ROAD.

RIDERS AND DRIVERS WANT STREETS OPENED THROUGH VESTA-AVE.

Many of the intersecting streets in Vesta-ave., through which the Long Island Railroad runs to Manhattan Beach, cannot be continued to the Boulevard by reason of an iron fence inclosing the railroad tracks. Many business men in the upper district who own horses have been working quietly to compel the road to remedy the defect.

It is contended by Surveyor Noyes F. Palmer that the Long Island Railroad, at the particular place in controversy, is in the eyes of the law, simply a squatter. The property of the Long Island Railroad is inclosed from Eastern Parkway down to New-Lots Road, in Vesta-ave., and Belmont-ave., Sutter-ave. and other asphalted streets would be popular drives and paths for horsemen and wheelmen, respectively, if the way were not barred at Vesta-ave. The roadbed grade is considerably above that of the street, and riders are obliged to make a long detour to reach their destination. It is said by citizens in the neighborhood that if demands by them for the destruction of the iron wire fence and the lowering of the roadbed grade to conform with that of the street are refused, they will invoke the aid of the Board of Public Improvements and the courts.

JACOB WORTH'S POCKETS PICKED.

Before ex-Senator Jacob Worth started for Saratoga yesterday afternoon it became known in Brooklyn that he had been the victim of pickpockets at the Brighton Beach racetrack on Saturday afternoon. He lost a watch, a heavy chain and a charm studded with diamonds. The watch was a present to Mr. Worth from the members of the New-York State Legislature when he was a member of that body. The theft was probably committed in the crowd at the ticket window.

Mr. Worth is congratulating himself that the diamond studded badge presented to him by the Kings County General Republican Committee, which he always wears on his vest, was not also taken.

APPEAL TO AID A YOUNG MAN.

The Brooklyn Bureau of Charities renews its appeal for $75 to get an artificial leg for a young man, twenty-nine years old, with a wife and child dependent upon him for support. The man should be able to earn a good living for himself and his family if he could be provided with this leg. Subscriptions should be sent to the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, No. 69 Schermerhorn-st.

WATCHMAN IN A FIGHT, MAY DIE.

Michael Kearney, of No. 494 Eighteenth-st., is in Seney Hospital suffering from a fractured skull and may die. He was hit over the head with a club at Seventh-st. and Ninth-ave. last night in a quarrel between himself and a stranger. Kearney, who is thirty-two years old, was a watchman for a new house at the place where he was assaulted. His assailant, Frank Armisco, whose address is not known, was locked up in the Fifth-ave. station.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETS.

At a regular meeting of the Democratic General Committee of Kings County last evening at the Jefferson Building, in Court Square, James D. Bell presiding, Commissioner John L. Shea, chairman of the Executive Committee, announced the following dates for the holding of primaries and conventions: Primaries, August 28; Congress conventions, October 8; Senate conventions, October 9, and Assembly conventions, October 10. Resolutions were adopted ratifying the nominations of Bryan and Stevenson and denouncing England as an enemy and jealous rival of the United States, also imperialism, trusts and monopolies. Following the lines of the resolutions speeches were made by Chairman Shea, Assistant District Attorney Littleton and ex-Assemblyman Otto Kempner.

LANDSCAPE GARDENER ACQUITTED.

John De Wolf, the landscape gardener for Prospect Park, charged with assaulting Leo Tracey, nephew of James H. Tracey, an undertaker, of No. 28 Bainbridge-st., was discharged yesterday by Magistrate Teale in the Gates-ave. court. The charge against De Wolf was that on July 8, while Leo was in bathing at the Ocean Boulevard, Coney Island, on Prospect Park property, Mr. De Wolf, acting in the capacity of a Park employe, used unnecessary violence to compel the boy to come out of the water.

NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

TO FILL VACANCY IN CONGRESS

UNEXPIRED AND FULL TERMS MAY BE FILLED AT THE SAME ELECTION.

While it has from the first seemed clear to a majority of the Republicans and Democrats of Hudson County that it would be both legal and proper to vote for a member of Congress to fill the unexpired term of the late William D. Daly and for the full term simultaneously and on the same ticket, there are a good many voters in the VIIth Congress District who still cling to the opinion that the unexpired term must be filled at a special election ordered by the Governor of New-Jersey, and that the member for the full term must be voted for on a distinct ticket.

The Tribune has so far been content to give the views of the contestants of both sides of this question, but, with the view of getting a competent legal opinion, a Tribune reporter called on Councilor William H. Corbin, a former member of the Assembly and counsel to the Senate investigating committee which uncovered several State House and other peculations a few years ago, in Jersey City yesterday. Mr. Corbin was prompt to express his opinion verbally, but at the request of the reporter he dictated it, after reference to the statutes, as follows:

Section 26 of the Election Law of 1872, passed by Congress, prescribes that a vacancy in the office of Representative shall be filled in the manner set forth by the law of the State.

The State of New-Jersey by act of 1898 (p. 360, Sec. 50) provides that where a vacancy shall happen in the office, it shall be the duty of the Governor to forthwith issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy, "unless the term for service for which the person whose office shall have become vacant shall expire within two months next after the happening of such vacancy."

The term for which Congressman Daly was elected will expire on March 4, 1901. It consequently is the duty of the Governor to issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Daly's death, the unexpired term being more than two months.

The Governor may in his writ provide that the special election to fill the vacancy shall take place on the first Tuesday of November next, and very likely he will do so. On that day by law there must also be another election for Congressman, to serve for the full term of two years from March 4, 1901, to March 4, 1903 (U. S. Gen. Stat., p. 5, Sec. 23). The New-Jersey election law provides for the casting of one ballot, and not more, at the general election in November, and therefore the name of the candidate for the full term and the name of the candidate for the unexpired term should both be put upon the same ballot. They are as separate as any other two officers on the ballot, and they present to the voter two distinct propositions, to wit: (1) Who shall represent the VIIth District in Congress for Mr. Daly's unexpired term? (2) Who shall represent the VIIth District in Congress for the next full term, beginning March 4, 1901?

The rumor that Robert Davis, the Democratic leader in the VIIth District, had expressed himself as being in favor of the nomination of Assemblyman James J. Murphy to succeed the late William D. Daly, has no more foundation than the rumors of the same tenor which have preceded it. Ex-Judge J. Herbert Potts, one of the leading Republicans of the district, said yesterday afternoon that an acceptable candidate would be named for the succession all in good time, and that the party would do its best to achieve success by deserving