AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

BICYCLE FARES REDUCED.

BRIDGE TRUSTEES MEET A POPULAR DEMAND.

ONE CENT EACH WAY TO BE CHARGED WHEELMEN—THE PLAZA QUESTION HELD OVER FOR A WEEK.

The Bridge Trustees did not tackle the Plaza problem yesterday afternoon, but they did endear themselves to bicycle-riders by adopting a resolution reducing the fare to one cent each way, and as good as said that when the Legislature meets a bill will be introduced permitting them to allow people on bicycles to cross free.

Superintendent Martin said to a Tribune reporter, after the meeting adjourned, that bicycle tickets would be printed within two or three days, and that as soon as they are ready they will be placed at the disposal of the public. The move is sure to prove a popular one, and was brought about by the agitation, long-continued, in The Tribune.

Present at the meeting were President Howell, Mayor Schieren, Controller Palmer and Messrs. Page, Henriques and Keeney. Mayor Schieren moved that tickets for bicycle-riders be sold at the rate of three for five cents. Mr. Page moved that the price be the same as for the railroad tickets—ten for twenty-five cents. Mr. Howell favored a one-cent fare, which was adopted.

J. Seaver Page brought up the Plaza subject and the presentment of the Kings County Grand Jury. Mr. Page handled the delicate subject with so much tact and manifest good nature that he avoided offending any one. He said:

I want to say that I have been in office as trustee some few months. When I entered this position I took great care and pains to examine into what had been done by the trustees, and I must say that I never saw more orderly arrangements than I found. I am surprised to find the press has attacked the Bridge terminal matter without giving thought to the fact that the utmost consideration was given this subject by the trustees. You are aware that the Grand Jury made a presentment against the trustees relative to this terminal. What they asked to be done was done at an early stage. This Board submitted the project to a board of recognized experts, consisting of Samuel Spencer, C. W. Buckholz and George W. Plympton, of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

These experts examined the subject with great care, and made a report to this Board of what they thought was desirable. Now, since we have approved the action of the best experts in the land, we are told the requirements are not adequate. We ask that the public give us a little time till the arrangements are complete. If the terminal is inadequate, then these three men are not expert enough to grasp the problem satisfactorily. The terminal is not completed by any means. We have stayed over here many nights and watched the traffic, and we realize that we have a hard subject to handle. It is a difficult matter to land 400 passengers every ninety seconds. If these passengers were all newspaper men, and knew exactly what to do, the problem would be solved; but some are plain, simple citizens, who meet their friends and who sometimes stop to chat.

When the terminal is completed there will be one large stairway to the elevated, and one, twelve feet wide, leading to Sands-st., which will relieve very much the complained-of congestion. We should be credited with doing the very best, with the aid of the best engineering talent obtainable, to meet what the public wants in the matter.

Mr. Page's address was received with approval from all sides.

A letter from President Rossiter, of the Brooklyn Heights Company, to the trustees, was read. In it he holds that his road is as much a public corporation as is the Bridge itself, and that its first consideration is to give the public convenient transportation facilities. He says in his letter relative to the point that the city, only a short time ago, bought a part of the Plaza from the railroad, that the company would buy it back again if that were possible. Then Mr. Rossiter refers to a report published by the Bridge Trustees in 1887 giving the report of the board of experts on terminal facilities. "The whole subject of this report," contiuues Mr. Rossiter, "was to the effect that the facilities of travel between upper New-York and Brooklyn were entirely inadequate, and that to reach Brooklyn took almost as long, and was much more uncomfortable, than to reach Philadelphia, ninety miles off. It further stated that everything that could possibly be done to bring the two cities nearer together, and make travel more attractive, safe and comfortable, should be done, even at a large expense, in order to develop not only the main portion of Brooklyn, but the upper wards and outlying districts, which in turn would benefit New-York in like manner. It emphasized at that time the necessity of closer and better connections with the surface railroads. If this were true in 1887, when the Bridge carried 28,000,000 passengers, it is certainly more so now, when the business is more than double."

Controller Palmer moved that consideration of the Terminal Committee's report be put over till Monday of next week at 2 o'clock, "out of deference to Mayor Strong and Controller Fitch, who are absent to-day," said Mr. Palmer. This was done, as was also the question of lighting the New-York terminal and the acceptance of any bid relative to an experimental equipment for switching cars on the Brooklyn side by electricity.

The secretary's traffic statement for October shows receipts of $107,553 46, as against $106,303 86 for the same month last year.

A PLUMBER'S DRUNKEN DEED.

TRIED TO SHOOT HIS WIFE, THEN KILLED HIMSELF IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS CHILDREN.

Mrs. Mary Gilligan, her mother-in-law and three small children were seated in their home, at No. 213 Berry-st., Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, when John Gilligan, the father of the children, staggered into the front parlor, shouting that he would work no longer. Mrs. Gilligan asked her husband to be quiet and not arouse the youngest child, which lay asleep in its cradle in another room. Gilligan drew a revolver and pointed it at his wife, who ran from the room, a bullet whizzing past her head. Mrs. Gilligan ran into the rear yard, and her husband turned the revolver and putting it against his right temple pulled the trigger and fell dead in front of his mother and children. Gilligan was a hard drinker, but had abstained from intoxicants for some time until a few weeks ago, when he attended a ball. Since then he had been drinking heavily. He was a plumber, and had a shop in the basement of his home.

THE WALSH-LOUGHRAN WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Annie Loughran, daughter of John Loughran, president of the Manufacturers' National Bank, Brooklyn, to Dr. J. E. Walsh, of South Brooklyn, will take place at 10:30 o'clock on the morning of November 20 in Mr. Loughran's house, No. 4 South Portland-ave., Brooklyn, where an altar of fine workmanship has been placed. Bishop McDonnell will celebrate a nuptial mass and perform the marriage ceremony.

Permission to place an altar in the Loughran house was secured about twenty years ago from Pope Pius IX by the late Rev. Dr. John I. Loughran, Mr. Loughran's son. The family of Miss Loughran determined to make use of the extraordinary privilege granted long ago, so the altar was built and consecrated.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. EDNA MARQUEST.

Mrs. Edna Marquest, who accused Vincent Bonaquara, of No. 9 Somers-st., Brooklyn, of robbing her by snatching her pocketbook on Saturday night, did not appear when the case was called in the Gates Avenue Police Court yesterday morning.

Mrs. Marquest went to John Droge's grocery store, No. 2,019 Fulton-st., about 8 o'clock yesterday morning and, after giving a small order, said she was going to court. She was excited, and exclaimed:

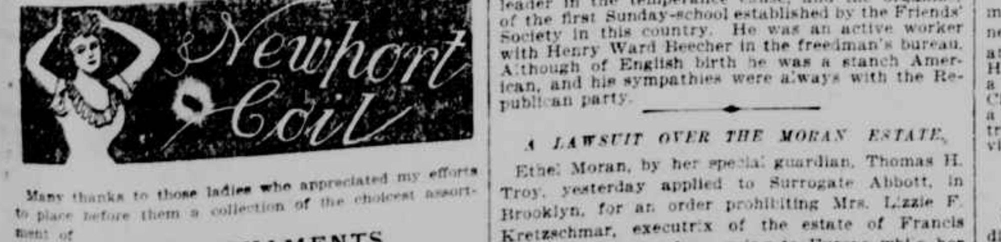
"I hate to go to court! It is a shame to compel any decent woman to go to such a place, where she would be stared at by drunken men."

Mr. Droge's efforts to calm her were unavailing. She began to argue with him, and rapidly became hysterical.

Suddenly she gave a loud cry and fell dead.

An ambulance surgeon who was called said he thought Mrs. Marquest's death was caused by heart disease. Coroner Creamer has ordered an autopsy.

Bonaquara was held in $1,000 ball for examination next Monday.



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THE WILL OF THE LATE JOSIAH H. LOW.

HIS GREAT FORTUNE DIVIDED AMONG RELATIVES AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The will of Josiah H. Low, of Brooklyn, who died on September 16 at Newport, was admitted to probate yesterday morning by Surrogate Abbott. The value of the estate is $1,025,000, of which $1,000,000 is in personal property and the remainder is in realty. These figures do not cover the entire value of the estate, it is believed, as Mr. Low owned much real property outside of New-York State, principally in the West and South.

The will, which is dated December 23, 1893, was witnessed by William A. White, John T. Frothingham and Frank Lyman. The executors are Samuel E. Huntington and Maximilian E. Sand, both sons-in-law of the testator.

The will leaves to Mary Huntington, a daughter, the Newport house and its contents, the stable at No. 6 Grace Court alley and its contents, together with the use of the town residence at No. 36 Remsen-st. for five years, after which time it will go to Alice Orne, another daughter, the wife of Maximilian E. Sand. The contents of the house, together with the silver, are to be divided between Mrs. Huntington and Mrs. Sand. The latter is also to receive a silver bowl presented to Mr. Low by his brother, Abiel Abbott Low, while a gold watch goes to Josiah O. Low, a grandson. Smaller pieces of jewelry are bequeathed to Ethelbert I. Low, Harry Sand, Ethelbert L. Sand and Frederick Huntington, grandchildren of the testator.

Other bequests are $5,000 each to Ellen L. Mills, a sister of Edward A. Low, brother of the testator; Charles P. Low, another brother, and Henry C. Low and Emma C. Low, children of S. Haskell Low. Kate Lomes, a niece, is to get $5,500; Mary Lomes, another niece, $2,500; Mary A. Porter, a cousin, $1,000; Josiah O. Low, son of Chauncey E. Low, $1,000; Josiah O. Low, $1,000; Josiah Low Blackwell, $1,000; Robert W., George I., Josiah L. and Frank O. Blackwell, $1,000 each; Ellen Mills Averill, $1,000; Mary A. Averill, $1,000; Charlotte A. Norwick, a nurse, $5,000; Mary Shaughnessy, maid to the testator's wife, $500; Richard Murray, a manservant, $500; Daniel E. Gullivan, gardener, $250. Each servant in the employ of the family for more than a year receives $100.

Samuel E. Huntington, Maximilian E. Sand, Mary Ide Hine, former wife of E. M. Low; Mary F. Low, widow of Chauncey F. Low, $25,000 each; $5,000 is left to the Polytechnic Institute.

The real property at Newport News, Va., is to be equally divided between Mrs. Sand and Mrs. Huntington. The executors are instructed to take charge of the coal lands of the testator in Minnesota and Nebraska, and all the other real property outside of this State, in which he was interested with A. A. Low, E. H. R. Lyman and others. The revenues therefrom are to go in equal parts to Mrs. Sand, Mrs. Huntington, the children of C. E. Low, and Ethelbert T. Low, son of E. M. Low.

The residuary estate is also to be divided in four parts, one of which is to go to Mrs. Sand, another to Mrs. Huntington, the third to be held in trust by the Brooklyn Trust Company for the children of Chauncey E. Low, and the fourth also to be held in trust for Ethelbert T. Low.

Mr. Low was born in Salem, Mass., on March 15, 1821. He was educated in Salem, and in 1836 he began as a clerk the successful business career in which he amassed his fortune. In 1845 he became a partner with his brother in the firm of A. A. Low & Brother.

Mr. Low was deeply interested in Brooklyn's charitable and educational institutions, and was one of the organizers of the Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute, in 1853. He was a trustee of the Brooklyn Trust Company, and a member of the Downtown Club, of New-York, and the Brooklyn Club.

COLD CARS IN THE ELEVATED TRAINS.

A COMPLAINT AGAINST BROOKLYN RAILROAD MANAGERS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Since my arrival from California a few months ago I have been observing several things. On general principles I am much opposed to kickers, but there are some things that can only be righted at the bar of public opinion. One of the most outrageous wrongs against the public is committed by the elevated road that runs from the Bridge to Cypress Hills, in Brooklyn.

Ten days ago there was a cold rain nearly all day. Hundreds of people with wet feet and clothing boarded these cars to go home. They were obliged to ride for half an hour in cars as cold as an icehouse. This week it is the same. Although the company has appliances for heating, no heat has been provided thus far. Women and children and invalids all fared alike. Are not those who pay their money entitled to ordinary comfort?

This same company provides no toilet-rooms. From all its Bridge trains it throws its Cypress Hills passengers off at Van Sicklen-ave., compelling them to take another train in order to reach the last three or four stations. It is unfair and unjust, and is done to save the company the expense of a little switch, and an extra train or two. Many people have moved away, and many more will move away unless this deplorable state of things is remedied. Frequent complaint has been made to the manager, but he is heedless, if not heartless.

What can people do under such circumstances? When a man has purchased a home near this line, it is a breach of trust for the company to give him such treatment. He can only do what I am trying to do—indict the company at the bar of public opinion.

I am sure you will confer a favor upon many Tribune readers if you will give your assistance in this matter. JOHN A. MERRILL.

Brooklyn, Nov. 11, 1895.

DEATH OF HENRY DICKINSON.

Henry Dickinson died on Saturday afternoon at his home, No. 786 De Kalb-ave., Brooklyn, after a long illness, from Bright's disease. He was born on December 25, 1814, in Lincolnshire, England, and was educated in a Friends' School at Ackworth, where he was a schoolmate of John Bright. Twenty years later he came to this country as agent of a Sheffield hardware firm, and opened the Western branch of the company in Indiana. Later he opened another branch in New-York City. In 1873 he became a partner in a banking firm at No. 2 Wall-st. Mr. Dickinson was a minister in the Society of Friends for forty years. When, on account of old age, he resigned his position as trustee of the society's funds, a testimonial to his valuable and conscientious services was entered in the society's records. Mr. Dickinson when in England was a leader in the temperance cause, and the organizer of the first Sunday-school established by the Friends' Society in this country. He was an active worker with Henry Ward Beecher in the freedman's bureau. Although of English birth he was a stanch American, and his sympathies were always with the Republican party.

A LAWSUIT OVER THE MORAN ESTATE.

Ethel Moran, by her special guardian, Thomas H. Troy, yesterday applied to Surrogate Abbott, in Brooklyn, for an order prohibiting Mrs. Lizzie F. Kretzschmar, executrix of the estate of Francis Alexander Moran, from going to Europe while her accounting before A. F. Jenks as referee is pending.

Ethel Moran is a daughter of Mr. Moran, who made a fortune as a contractor, and Mrs. Kretzschmar was his widow. He left to his widow and children the income of an estate valued at $150,000. In case the widow married again she was to receive the income on only $20,000. She married Dr. Paul H. Kretzschmar, and after his death his brother, Dr. William Kretzschmar. The children say there is a deficiency in the estate. Mrs. Kretzschmar denied this, and said she wanted to go to Europe to have a surgical operation performed. Mrs. Sarah Smith and Mrs. Edith Schriener, daughters of Mr. Moran, joined in the application. Decision was reserved.

BROOKLYN NEWS NOTES.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

George F. Elliott's term of office as president of the Law Enforcement Society expires to-day, and he says he is not a candidate for re-election. Four or five indictments for libel are pending against him because of the list of disorderly houses in Brooklyn which the society published some time ago. Mr. Elliott disclaims responsibility in the matter, and says that under no circumstances would he remain president.

Patrick Henry Flynn, president of the Nassau Electric Railroad, yesterday said that no attempt was being made by the company to secure a right of way in Surf-ave., Coney Island, for the operation of its cars. He added that if the Gravesend Railroad Company secured a right of way there perhaps the Nassau Electric Company would make an attempt to secure control of it.

Spencer Howard Van Auken, an acrobat, performing at the Fourteenth-st. Theatre in New-York, had an order of arrest issued against him by Justice Gaynor in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday, on the ground that he is about to leave the State. The complainant in the case is Van Auken's wife, Lizzie Van Auken, who is suing him for separation on the ground of abandonment. She says he gets a salary of $100 a week.

Warden Hayes, of the Kings County Penitentiary, yesterday told Dr. Orlando E. Bradford, the counterfeiter, who is just beginning to serve a six years' term there, that he would not be responsible for the safekeeping of the doctor's cash, deeds and jewelry, worth $40,000, which he had deposited with the Warden. A friend of the doctor will take charge of them.

The Brighton Beach Railroad has reduced its rates between Brooklyn and Sheepshead Bay from 20 to 15 cents for the round trip, and from 15 to 10 cents for a single trip. The change took effect yesterday. This action of the Brighton Beach Company was a result of the reduction in rates made by the Nassau Railroad Company.

Mrs. Ann White, of Bay Fourteenth-st., and John Higgins, of South Brooklyn, were married on Sunday evening at St. Finbar's Church at Bath Beach. The bride is a widow, sixty-nine years old, and the bridegroom is a widower of eighty years.

WORK FOR KINGS COUNTY CONVICTS.

The Board of Supervisors of Kings County held a meeting yesterday afternoon at which a communication from the State Commission of Prisons was read, requesting that the Supervisors take some action on the proposition to have the short-term convicts in the Penitentiary work on the roads in the county after January 1, 1897, after which time, the law says, they may not be employed at labor in competition with any trade or profession. The matter was not acted upon by the Supervisors, however, although it is said that they are impressed with the feasibility of the scheme. The majority of the short-term prisoners are now kept working in other ways, but the good roads promoters want their labor to be used in beautifying and repaving the county thoroughfares. They regard the communication referred to as a victory for them.

JOHN REDFERN'S INJURIES PROVED FATAL.

John Redfern, of No. 160 Prospect-ave., Brooklyn, whose right arm was wrenched from his body in a portable rubble mixer in Clark-st. last Saturday night, died on Sunday night in the Long Island College Hospital.

Coroner Kene will hold an inquest.

AUTHORIZING THE TAX LEVY.

At the meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Supervisors yesterday afternoon a series of resolutions was offered authorizing the various items of expense for the coming year that constitute the tax levy for 1896. The total amount of money to be raised is $15,461,160 14. The largest amounts in the list are: State tax, $1,701,634 14; county tax, $2,439,-036 32; instalments on the city debt, $334,081 01; interest on the public debt, $1,848,667 65; expenses of the city, $8,062,860 50; lighting streets in first twenty-eight wards and Thirtieth and Thirty-first wards, $645,000.

DEATH OF EZRA VAN NESS.

Ezra Van Ness, a retired mason, died Sunday in his house, No. 28 Wall-st., Brooklyn, in the ninetieth year of his age. Death was due to old age and decline.

Mr. Van Ness was born in Little Falls, N. J., and had lived in Brooklyn for over fifty years. He retired from business many years ago, and six years ago celebrated, with his wife, the golden anniversary of their wedding. Mrs. Van Ness has been dead two years.

DEATH OF MARY ELIZABETH HILL.

Mary Elizabeth Hill, the widow of John J. Hill, died on Sunday at the home of her son-in-law, James L. Morgan, jr., No. 7 Pierrepont-st., Brooklyn, from debility complicated with heart trouble.

Mrs. Hill was born in Albany on January 21, 1822. She was married to John J. Hill, a lawyer of that city, and a partner of General Gansevoort. She and her husband removed to Brooklyn in 1857, and had lived in the city ever since. She was a member of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, and was active in the good works of the parish. She took an interest in and was connected with a number of local charitable organizations, among these was the Church Charity Foundation, of which she was a manager. Her husband died in December, 1884. Three children survive her: Mrs. S. B. Chittenden, Mrs. J. L. Morgan, jr., and Mrs. F. A. Blossom.

Mrs. Hill had lived for nearly twenty years at No. 301 Hicks-st., and before her death she lived with a daughter at No. 212 Columbia Heights. In the latter part of September she returned from Sullivan County, suffering from illness, and was never in good health afterward. The funeral will be held in Christ Church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. B. Kinsolving, the rector. Burial will be in the Albany Cemetery, at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. The disposition of Mrs. Hill's estate is as yet unknown.

ALLEN C. DICKENS DEAD.

Allen C. Dickens died on Sunday at his home, at No. 25 Spencer Place, Brooklyn. He was born on September 28, 1825, at Utica, and when a young man came to New-York City. He had a long business career as a shipping merchant, and his office at the time of his death was at No. 107 South-st. He was always an active church worker, and was a member of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, of Brooklyn, of which he was at one time a trustee and treasurer. He was a liberal contributor to benevolent societies. The funeral services will be at 8 o'clock this evening at his home.

DEATH OF EZRA BENEDICT.

Ezra Benedict, of No. 114 Macon-st., Brooklyn, died on Sunday. He was born in New-Canaan, Conn., on November 20, 1814, and in 1839 he entered the shoe business in Glens Falls, N. Y. He soon became prominent in public affairs, and did much to build up the town. He held a number of public offices there, and was at different times town treasurer, president of the Board of Health, president of the Board of Trustees of the town, an Overseer of the Poor, and a trustees of the Presbyterian Church.

He was one of the original shareholders in the Glens Falls and Lake George Plank Road, and was at one time, its superintendent. In 1864 he lost much valuable property by a fire, and in 1869, he moved to Brooklyn, where he has since lived. He conducted a wholesale shoe business in New-York until about ten years ago. He owned a handsome house on Lake George, and passed his summers there.

In 1841 he married Miss Mary Strong Pixley, of Glen's Falls, who died in 1891. He was the father of five children—C. Edward Benedict, Mrs. E. J. Dickinson, Mrs. Robert Reid, and Miss Ida Benedict, of Brooklyn, and Mrs. George R. Weber, of New-York.

The funeral serivices will be held at 8 o'clock this evening, at his home, and the burial will be in Glen's Falls.

A MILLIONAIRE'S MENTAL TROUBLES.

ANDREW G. COFFIN, A WEALTHY BROOKLYNITE, TRIED BEFORE A LUNACY COMMISSION.

The mental condition of Andrew G. Coffin, a retired merchant, living at No. 321 Clinton-st., Brooklyn, was inquired into yesterday by a sheriff's jury before Commissioner Wernberg.

Mr. Coffin is senior partner of the drug firm of Coffin, Pennington & Co., of No. 73 John-st., New-York, and a special partner in the firm of Pennington & Co., of San Francisco. He owns real estate in Brooklyn, and is a stockholder in the American National Bank of New-York, the Electro-Silicon Company, the Fifth National Bank of New-York, the Manhattan Elevated Company, and other companies. His property is valued at over a million dollars. He is seventy-nine years old and his second wife, with whom he is now living, is nearly fifty years younger.

Mrs. Coffin applied for the appointment of a committee of his person and estate. She testified yesterday that her husband has shown unmistakable signs of loss of mental power. Isaac Sherwood Coffin, a son of the millionaire by his first wife, also declared that Mr. Coffin was not competent to have charge of his property. He surprised the jury by saying that he wanted to object to the cruel treatment to which his father was subjected at his home. He said that his father had several times complained of ill-treatment and had begged him to care for him.

Dr. Shaw, the insanity expert, declared that Mr. Coffin is suffering from senile dementia. He said that he had become violent on several occasions, but that he was generally harmless.

FALSE ALARMS TURNED IN.

PECULIAR CONDUCT OF MISCREANTS WHO BOTHER THE BROOKLYN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Officials of the Fire Department have been puzzled for some time by false alarms from the Eastern District of Brooklyn. No less than seven false calls have been sent in during the last month, two from the box at South Tenth-st. and Bedford-ave., one from South Ninth-st. and Driggs-ave., three from Berry and South Third sts., and the last from Bedford-ave. and South Fourth-st. The last alarm was sent in from a box on a corner which is well lighted, and William Walker, who conducts an oyster-house directly opposite the box, says he saw no person pass on that side of the street. Mr. Walker says he was standing in his doorway for fifteen minutes before the alarm was turned in, and is positive that no one went near the box. All of the alarms that have been turned in have been sent in with keys stolen from glass boxes in other parts of the city. The present Fire Commissioner and Mayor-elect Wurster has had his best men in the neighborhood where the alarms have been turned in. A peculiar part of the affair is that the "fire fiend," as he is now called, has turned in the seven alarms at precisely the same hour 12:45 p. m. If caught the person or persons who has cost the city so much money and the firemen and police so much rest will be dealt harshly with.

SOME OF BROOKLYN'S SMALL PARKS.

SUGGESTIVE COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE PRECEDING ONE.

Two of the small parks in Brooklyn which Commissioner Squier found upon his hands, so to say, when he took charge of the Department were Bushwick Park, in the old Eighteenth Ward, and the park in the Twelfth Ward, sometimes called "Coffey Park," after that eminent statesman, "the Hon. Mike" Coffey. These had been bought by Commissioner Brower, but little had been done in the way of improving them. As regards the Twelfth Ward Park, nothing had been done, and little has been done since. It is a big job to make a park out of the area in Red Hook purchased for park purposes. It is virtually an old ash heap, full of cans, hoops, old iron and the various sorts of material that get tossed together in such a place. An attempt has been made to grade the place, but it is a sorry business. After grading is completed it will cost thousands of dollars to cover the park with soil, which will have to be brought from a long distance, as there is none to be had in the neighborhood.

The work on Bushwick Park has advanced much more satisfactorily. The grading there is completed and the work of improvement is well under way. During the summer 400 trees were set out and they throve well, only four or five failing to flourish. The park has been inclosed with a fence, and in the spring it is expected that a shelter will be erected. One of the things which Commissioner Squier had to undo was the work of providing a pond or small lake in this park, which had been undertaken by his predecessor. As the park is only a few acres in extent, it was not deemed advisable to surrender any of the area for such a purpose, for the pond could only be a tiny affair and would probably be more of a nuisance than a benefit to the park and its environs.

This park is already popular with the people of the neighborhood, and is certain to be much used when completed. As far as its surroundings go, they were when it was purchased, and still are to a large extent, greatly like those of the proposed Lincoln Terrace, which has occasioned some of the sharp criticism recently directed against the Park Commissioner. It is worth while to note that for Bushwick Park, six acres in extent, $105,000 was paid, while Lincoln Terrace will contain fourteen acres and cost $120,000.

Commissioner Squier also draws an impressive contrast between the Twelfth Ward Park, three acres, which cost $141,250, and will require a large sum to complete it, and Cooper Park, in the Seventeenth Ward, which is a completed park as it stands, contains ten acres, and cost only $55,000.

MR. DOOLEY SEES A FOOTBALL GAME

IT ISN'T THE KIND HE USED TO PLAY, BUT HE DOESN'T WANT TO INTERFERE WITH EDUCATION.

From The Chicago Evening Post.

"Jawn," said Mr. Dooley, "whin I played futball 'twas spoort; now futball is war."

"How is that?" asked Mr. McKenna.

"Well, whin I was a lad th' way we played futball was this way: Twinty or thirty or wan hundhred min an' boys come together in a vacan' lot an' we had a round rubber ball that th' biggest man blowed up, an' so th' air wuddent r-run out iv it he stuffed chewed-up bread in th' hole. Thin a lad be th' name iv McGuire he says: 'Go ahead now,' an' I give her a kick an' put her over the fince. Thin they brought it back, th' little la-ads did, an' I kicked it on th' roof iv th' Brothers' school. Brother Alexis fetched it down, an' says he: 'Dooley, don't kick so hard,' he says. So I give it wan low kick with th' broad iv me fut an' kitched Hinnissy, who was a young man thin, in th' pit iv th' stomach, an' he kicked young Regan, an' Regan kicked Cassidy, an' Cassidy kicked O'Brien, an' O'Brien kicked Brother Alexis an' had to do th' stations iv th' cross, an' a boy be th' name iv Hoogan run off with th' ball.

"That was futball! But las' week young Clancy asked me f'r to go over to th' back iv th' dump an' see a game bechune th' Young Parnells an' th' Young Sarsfields. I took Hinnissy with me, may Gawd f'rgive me. He'd ne'er seen a game befure. Th' la-ads was there whin we come. I luked over th' field an' says I: 'What is this?' says I. 'What're they goin' to do?' I says. Hinnissy made no answer. Th' little Mulcahy kid was done up with wooden shields on his shin an' earmuffs on his ears an' a band around his head an' a carnycopy on his nose. He wore mattresses f'r pants an' he had a hair iv head like cow slaw. Th' others was like him. Ye cud iv tol' no wan iv thim fr'm th' other.

"Well, sir, a man blew a whistle an' with that little Mulcahy reached over an' give Tom O'Brien's son a punch in th' nose. O'Brien calls out, 'Look there, Mike Mulcahy, what ye'er boy's doin' to mine. I wan ye to stop him.' 'Stop nowan,' says Mulcahy acrost th' field. 'But if that rascally son iv ye'ers iver kicks that boy iv mine again,' he says, 'I'll have th' law on him,' says he. 'Look out f'r his feet, little Mike,' he says. 'Now, thin, land him.'

"Well, O'Brien wint right acrost th' field afther Mulcahy, an' th' last seen iv thim they was collar-an'-elbowin' down toward th' bridge. Just thin Hogan Cassidy threw his fut into little Malachi Dorney an' ol' man Cassidy wint over an' pulled Tom Dorney's nose. I took thim apart near th' river an' come back just as what th' lads call a scrimmage was on. Tommy O'Leary got holt iv th' ball an' started to run away with it whin little Duggan fetched him a puck on th' jaw an' brought him down. He'd no more thin done that whin Teddy Clancy nailed Duggan with a kick on th' back an' rolled him on top iv O'Leary an' fell on him. Thin all th' other lads fell on Duggan an' Clancy an' O'Leary, all but wan. That was Dinny Casey, an' he sthrayed around th' idge an' took a kick at any wan he saw, and particulay at Pete O'Shea.

"Pete O'Shea was Hinnissy's nivyew, an' th' first thing Hinnissy done whin he see his sisther's son gettin' th' worst iv it was to r-run acrost th' sthreet an' come back with an armful iv bricks. He can throw f'r an' old man, an' he fetched Casey with th' first brick. 'Stick it out,' he says to his nivyew. 'Stick it out,' he says. 'I'll clane all iv thim aff ye,' he says. An' sure he'd iv done it, but th' lad comes wrigglin' out iv th' pile smilin' an' says he: 'Uncle, lave go ye'er brickbats,' he says. 'What f'r?' says Hinnissy. 'Don't ye see they're all up barrin' Mulcahy,' says th' kid. '"Twas on'y a down,' he says. 'A what?' says Hinnissy. 'A down,' says th' lad. 'An' how manny more is there?' says Hinnissy. 'A hund[illegible] or more,' says th' lad. 'Well, thin,' says Hinnissy, 'I'm goin' home,' he says. 'If ye have an'y wurrud to lave ye'er mother,' he says, 'tell it to me.'

"I took him be th' ar-rm as we wint home an' says I, 'Hinnissy,' I says, 'ye made a fool iv ye'ersilf,' I says. 'How's that?' says he. 'How's that? Ye'er an illitherate man,' I says. 'I can read an' write,' he says, 'an' give ye th' wurruks iv Willum Carleton be heart. 'Thrue,' says I. 'But whin ye intherfered with that game did ye know that ye was stoppin' th' iducation iv th' youth iv th' land,' I says. 'I did not,' he says, sadly. 'An' now th' thought comes on me an' makes me heart gray with trouble,' he says. 'Whin I intherfered with that man that was poundin' Hoolihan with a baseball bat las' winter,' he says, 'did I keep annywan out iv a proper schoolin'?'

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