The Democratic Leader Says the Bill Cannot Repass the Lower House This Session, but Refuses to Give Reasons for the Statement - Warner Miller's Significant Change of Base-Anti-Consolidationists Are Jubilant.

(Special to the Eagle.) Albany, N. Y., April 17-Whatever may be the outcome of political deals yet to be made between the machine managers below to-day the sentiment is stronger here than ever before that the greater New York bill will never struggle to light through the opposition which has developed against it in the assembly. Men who carefully concealed from publie view a few days ago their hopes of defeating the bill are now outspoken in their convictions that it can never become a law during the present session. It was scheduled that the fight should come in the lower house yesterday. There came a sudden postponement, the rush of other business being the ex-

To-day it is hinted on good authority that the bill may never again be moved during the present session. This may be the view of the extremists, to be sure, but there is color for much of the positiveness contained in the

Leader Stanchfield of the minority was positive enough in his statement made to the Eagle correspondent this morning to confirm much of the floating and unstable sentiment.

"The bill will not be passed in the assembly," said Mr. Stanchfield, "you may quote me to that extent, for I know whereof I speak."

"Have the Tammany men found any stable footing." footing? Do they know where they stand themselves?" was asked

themselves?" was asked
"The bill will not be passed. That should be enough for you," was his reply.

It must be remembered, of course, that Mr. Stanchfield voted against consolidation the tast time the bill was passed in the assembly, and it may also be remarked that Mr. Stanchfield is a possible candidate for gubernatorial honors in the near future. But at the same time he is a man of keen observation and may be supposed to know just how the minority body over which he rules stands. The statement is the result of careful atudy of the sitment is the result of careful study of the sit-uation, and even the shadow of the chief executive chair of the state looming up in the fu-ture would not tempt him to make so positive

a statement without warrant.

There are other conditions which would appear to reinforce the confidence which the anti consolidationists express so freely to-day. The strong hostility which Benjamin B. Odell, jr., chairman of the executive committhe of the Republican state committee, and Warner Miller have so suddenly turned toward the repassage of the bill has warmed the hearts of the enemies of consolidation. It matters not that both men are after the same thing that inspires the hope of Mr. Stanchfield on the other side of the fence. Their influence is a factor of considerable proportions in the field.

proportions in the fight.

Actually they may be counted on to carry SEIZED LIQUORS AND CIGARS SOLD AT eight in all, and in addition the effect of their stand against greater New York must necessarily extend boyond mere political confines. The attitude of Mr. Miller may not create so much surprise as the leading string which bound aim to the Platt apron has been a long and mender one.

But Odell's change of front was not ex-pedted and his presence here last night left pedted and his presence here last night clears were disposed or. Since the polymer of inferior grade. They brought on an avertion of the property of the prope to do on the consolidation bill.

in all probability there will be a serious aplit to the anti-consolidation ranks. On the other hand, should the rumors of certain deals with the Republican machine as to the distribution of patronage be confirmed the screws would be put on and the Tammany vote will not go

But the opponents of the greater New York bill declare that, counting Tammany out of the question, they have votes enough to defeat the measure should it again come before the lower house. Very naturally they are not apt to seek to force the bill before the house should the consolidationists come to the con-clusion that it would be preferable to let the the two branches of the legislature.

to just where Chairman Nixon of the railroad committee of the assembly stands. He wields considerable influence among his fellow mem-bers, and, while he voted for the bill before, It is possible that his ballot will not go to the credit of the consolidationists. The Eagle correspondent asked Mr. Nixon point blank this morning just how he would vote. A smile and a shake of the head was the obly reply. After a pause he said:
"I will admit that the people in my district

are, as a rule, opposed to consolidation. Is

Republican leaders at present is not to caucus on the bill in any way. The original proposition to avoid making it a party measure is to be lived up to, providing no orders come from below to the contrary. Taken all in all, with the many gubernatorial candidates in the field and the attending multiplicity of wires of the situation on the greater New York measure, is at present as complicated and varied a theme as the mind of the average

The State Legislature Will Adjourn April 30.

Albany, N. Y., April 17-In a concurrent resolution adopted by both houses to-day the legislature decided to adjourn on April 30, From present indications there will be no

bill introduced this session reorganizing the board of trustees of the New York and Brooklyn bridge as suggested in the report of the assembly cities sub committee of last year. The report has been printed in these dispatches and the suggestion of the committee

was that the board of trustees should be cut to four and that the position of treasurer to the board be assumed by one of the trustees without compensation.

In the City of Brooklyn. The stated meetings are to be held on the second and fourth monthly of every month, and the annual meeting on the first Monday in April of each Two bilis have been drawn and placed in the bands of Leader O'Grady. But there have been so many changes suggested by those interested that as Mr. O'Grady declared today, he had gotten tired of the whole business and did not want to be mixed up with any of the sousbbles in Kings county.

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The controller is now a member of the The breach which exists between Mr. Palmer and his mayor, who is the appointing power, has created complications, it is said, which have prevented the introduction of the bill and owing to the near approach of the close of the session will doubtless prevent any

legislation whatever on the subject.

Senator Wieman said to-day that he might carry if possible, his bill extending the term of Randolph Fuller as inspector of public buildings over the disapproval of Mayor Wurster. He will feel the legislative pulse before putting the intention into actual prac-

transformed into a bower of roses this morning and when Mr. Fish took his reat at 10 o'clock he looked at the members through the clusters and baskets of exquisite roses which stood there as expressions of the congratula-tions of the lower house for the new year

troduction of a bill containing this amendment to existing laws:
"The commissioner of police shall have power and authority to appoint as detective sergeants from the force, irrespective of the grade, such members of said force as in his

Assembly Not Likely to Vote Upon
the Bill Again.

| Grade, such members of said force as in his judgment may be necessary, not to exceed in number those as provided for by the board of estimate of said city."

| Mr. McKeown objected to the introduction and Mr. Wilson was obliged to pocket it.
| The assembly cities committee to-day reported favorably the amendment to the new East river bitdge bill containing the compromise agreed upon by which the ferry company accepts a portion of another slip owned | MR. ROSSITER IS NOT ALARMED. pany accepts a portion of another slip owned by the city of New York in exchange for the section of the ferry allp property to be taken

for the new bridge pier. .These bills were also reported: Schmid's, providing for improving and opening Mont-rose avenue, from Bushwick place to the city line; McKeown's, providing for the re-moval of elevated railroad structure on Adams street, between High and Sands, and on Sands, between Adams and Washington streets, before November 18; Perkin's bill, giving the supreme court leave to grant the First Baptist church, on Pierrepont street, to sell land now owned by it in Evergreens cemetery; Livingston's, provid-ing for the appointment of a commission of jurors in Kings county, and making the term of the present commissioner expire on June 1; Schmid's, providing for the estab-lishment of shelter bouses at railroad transfer stations; Newman's, providing for the lowering of steam railroads on Gravesend shall's, providing for the improvement of Buffalo avenue and Eastern parkway; Wray's, exempting Park and Sterling places from railroads, also his bill exempting Greenwood avenue, also his bill exempting to permits to corporations to open the surface of streets and avenues, and Brush's bill relating to the Thirteenth regiment armory.

These bills were passed in the assembly: Brush's to use the surplus of all park appropriations for park improvements; Wray's, giving power to the surpress court to appoint confidential clerks; also his bill requiring the register of arrears to notify the morting the register of arrears to not force or the suprement of the sympathy and the goodwill of the men and women of this city. And it is because of that support in their time of trouble that the railing to the Brocklyn Heights Railroad company was in the throes of bankruptcy last year, Mr. C. L. Rossiter, the then new president of that company entered into an agreement between his company and certain members of District Assembly not discriminate against any labor organization."

ing the register of arrears to notify the mort-gage holders of tax sales, and also his bill transferring the powers of street and sewer commissioners of Flatbush to the city works

LAROUX SALE POSTPONED.

PUT OFF ONE WEEK BY SECRETARY CARLISLE'S ORDERS.

The sale of the Laroux jewels has been postponed for one week by order of the secretary of the treasury. The orders came this morning through the New York Custom house and United States District Attorney Bennett. Three weeks ago Marshal Attorney Bennett. Three weeks ago Marshal Hayden had an inventory of all the articles in his possession made, and advertised the auction to take place in his office on Wednesday, April 22. The date set for the sale now is April 29. Yesterday a rumor gained circulation that the Paris jewelers, who claim the jewels, were planning to recover them. The postponement of the sale gives additional color to this rumor. The New York customs authorities notified District Attorney Bennett of Secretary Carlisle's order and he in turn transmitted it to Marshal Hayden. The jewels have been catalogued in over four hundred separate lots. The experts from the custom house and a prominent jewelry firm who inventoried them put their value at something like \$12,000. It is expected that the sale will like \$12,000. It is expected that the sale will be largely attended and Marshal Hayden gives publicity to the fact of its postponement for the convenience of intending purchasers.

GOVERNMENT AUCTION SALE.

THE FEDERAL BUILDING. Chief Deputy Internal Ravenue Collector McKinny this morning sold at auction in the federal building a lot of unstamped cigars and spirits seized by the internal revenue deputies in various raids made during the last three months. About seven thousand it is a fact beyond dispute that to-day they are and five hundred gallons of spirits were pu ignorance of just what they are expected up for sale in the seizure room in the basement of the building. The government de mands that all seized spirits must be sold at not less than the regular revenue tax, \$1.10 per gallon. Some of the liquor put up to-day was very far below standard proof and no bidders were found for some of the lower grades. The sale, as a whole, was successful, the greater part of the liquor being sold at an advance over the tax rate. All that re-

> Collector Kelley. WANTS \$25,000 DAMAGES.

mains unsold will be destroyed by orders of

BRIDGET HEALEY'S SUIT'AGAINST THE

Before Judge Wilmot M. Smith and a jury was continued the hearing this morning in the supreme court in the suit of Bridget against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad com received by being struck by a trolley car of the Gates avenue line. Her alleged injuries constated of fractured ribs and broken bones in the left band. Her head was also cut and her sides blackened and bruised. The accident occurred on July 23, 1894.

MISS EDELIN'S COMPLAINT. Miss Hetty Edelin appeared in the Center street court. Now York, this morning as ference would have been held had not the complainant against George Richards, who Schwab trial prevented. He named to morrow claimed to live in this city. She had him morning at 10:30 o'clock as the hour for arrested at the South ferry last night as be was about to take a boat for Brooklyn. The complainant said that three years ago on arriving from Sweden she gave Richards \$500 to exchange for her and that he only turned over \$350 in American money to her. She did law. not seen him again until last night. Richards admitted exchanging the money, but denied that he kept \$150. He said he borrowed \$30 from her, but would pay that as soon as he obtained employment. The case was referred to the Yorkville court.

BROOKLYN UNDERWRITERS MEET. The Brocklyn Underwriters' association held its second meeting in the real estate building in Montague street yesterday and agreed upon a constitution and bylaws. Membership is limited to officers of local companies, managers of branch offices and regularly commissioned agents of fire insurance companies issuing policies therefor and doing business in the City of Brooklyn. The stated meetings are to be held on the second and fourth meeting on the first Monday in April of each

SUIT FOR A ST. BERNARD DOG. Giles G. Meinell brought suit in part IV of the supreme court this morning to recover

\$1,000 for the loss of a St. Bernard dog. He claims that the dog was worth even more than that sum. On April 15, 1894, he allowed John Horris to take the dog, as the latter desired the animal for companionship. Hor-rie had use and control of the dog for some time, agreeing to return the animal at a certain date. This he refused to do, accord-

FLIGHTY AND A VAGRANT. and Henry streets, was arraigned before Just- terday's Eagle William J. Conway was made to appear as a judgment debtor. Horace G. grancy. His statements wandered so decid- Laneing, Mr. Conway's counsel, pointed out-

The Labor Organization Says That the Railroad President Has Not Kept His Promises and Has Unjustly Discriminated Against Its Members-Mr. Rossiter Emphatically Denies These State-

The knights of labor have been actively at work for the last few months trying to stir up trouble among the employee of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad company. They have now ordered a boycott against the company. publication requested:

To the People of Brooklyn: the strike of the street railroad men in 1895, when avenue, with amendments provided; Mar-shall's, providing for the improvement of fair wages, nor have the railroad men forgotten or

> and he also agreed to re-employ the men who had struck, "providing that the qualifications and merits of the applicant will be satisfactory." On the part of the District Assembly it was agreed to use every endeavor to restore the company to public favor. The District Assembly performed its part of the contract, but not so the railroad company. Ever since August 8, 1895, when the contract was made, the company has, by the well duty to get his breakfast. members of our organization, and when they were found, they were summarily discharged. The length of service, honesty and ability have never been considered, and the men were thrown on the streets, without any excuse or reason for their

tion the conditions of labor on the lines operated by this company have been made so onerous that life has become unbearable for the employes. The line men are violating the ten hour haw of the state. The number of regular employee has been reduced and men have been placed on "extra lists" and is fourteen hours given an opportunity to earn 56 cents. The motormen have to pay dearly for any damage, either to fender, headothers or by themselves. Every man has to pur-chase a winter uniform, costing \$23, and another for summer, costing \$15, for which he has to pay out of his meager wages and which he cannot wear except in the company's service.

These are but few of the grievances of the men

that we have sought to key before President Rossi-ter. We have repeatedly endeavored to obtain a conference with bim in order that these grievance might be amicably settled, but without effect. statives have called at his office se eral times, but he has persistently refused to mee fore him some of these grievances, but he has ignored them and left the letter unanswered. upon helpless and innocent women and children.

will. We only ask you to patronise the lines of the Nassau R. R. company, which includes the entire Atlantic avenue system, the Coney Island Will you do that and ask your friends to do so

too? Yours, for peace,
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY No. 75, K. OF L. President Rossiter said he had no fear of a strike of the employes of the railroad and there had never been any discrimination in 72 Eighth street, this city. the employing of men and that any one who seemed inclined to work for the interests of the company and not for the interests of some labor organization had no difficulty in securing employment when there was a vacancy and the applicant was competent.

BACKUS AND THE LIQUOR DEALERS. HE WILL SURELY SEE THEM TO-MORROW FORENOON

at a recent mass meeting held under the auspices of the Kings County Liquor Dealers' association and which has several times ineffectually tried to meet District Attorney Backus at a conference concerning the new excise law tried late yesterday afternoon to see the district attorney, but he was engaged Mr. Backus said this morning that the cona conference with the dealers. Colonel Michell will also be present, as well as several repre-A formidable list of questions will be ready for the district attorney to-morrow, regarding the operation and application of the Raines

SOUTHARD'S CASE AGAINST BROOKLYN.

Long Island City, L. I., April 17-The suit of Edgar P. Southard of Rockville Center against the City of Brooklyn to recover damages to his property alleged to have been sustained on account of the leaky reservoir built by Contractor Freel for the City of Brooklyn near Milburn is being retried before ustice Keogh in the supreme court session in this city to-day. The amount of damages claimed by Southard is about \$2,500. When the case was tried before Southard was awarded \$850 damages by a jury, but the Brooklyn authorities carried the case to the appellate court and a new trial was ordered.

WENT FROM A WAKE TO PRISON. woman, who gave her residence as Pacific street and Rockaway avenue, pleaded guilty to being drunk before Justice Harriman this

"I went to a wake, your honor, last night, and I took a drop too much. When I got home I found I had lost my key and couldn't get in. And while I was trying to open my door the officer came along and arrested me in front of my own house." A few questions from his honor however, prought out the fact that the prisoner has been in the babit of having similar experi-She went to the penitentiary for three

MR. LANSING MAKES A CORRECTION. In the record of judgment published in yesgrancy. His statements wandered so decid-odly from any semblance to truth and his manner was so fighty that his honor sent him to jail for ten days, where he will be exam-to jail for ten days, where he will be exam-to jail for ten days, where he will be exam-to jail for ten days, where he will be exam-to jail for ten days, where he will be exam-to jail for ten days, where he will be exam-"I find the judgment is correctly entered tion.

FIVE CHILDREN PERISH.

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TO BOYCOTT THE HEIGHTS ROAD BURNED TO DEATH IN A TENEMENT

Turner's Falls, Mass., April 17-Five children were suffocated in a fire which started about 5 o'clock this morning in a three story building on L street in this village. The fire originated in the basement and before it was discovered had shot with lightning like rapidity up through a market which occupied the first floor, and the crackling flames and dense smoke soon awoke the sleeping families who occupied the second and

Blinded and nearly overcome by the smoke a man named Courmatine who lived on the upper floor, selzed two of his six small children and carried thom to a place of safety. Two more he then secured and carried them out, but the others perished. A young man, a cripple, barely escaped by going down a clothesline. The dead are: Josephine Courmatine, 12; Edward Courmatine, 10; Annie Du-This statement was issued to-day and its bols, 4: Lena Dubols, 7; Rosle Bonmier, 10.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Peoria, Ill., April 17-By the explosion of converter at the works of the American Olucose company this morning at 2:15 o'cuock John Hoey and a man named Burns were instantly killed. John Wilson, M. A. Connelly and John Dooley were badly injured. The fourth story of the works, in which the converter was located, was wrecked.

POLICEMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE. CONNORS SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD

Robert Connors, a policeman attached to the Richards screet station, tried to commit suicide at his residence, 128 President street, a little before 7 o'clock this morning. He had just gone home after a night tour of

"I got a bill in the drug store at Hamilton avenue and Luqueer street last night," he said to his wife, "because I was not feeling well, and I think it put me out of my head. I did not know what I was doing all night."
Connors kissed his children and went upstairs into the front room on the second floor. His wife thought his actions were peculiar and followed him upstairs.

MISS FOX'S MARRIAGE.

IT WAS CLANDESTINE AND HAS JUST BEEN MADE PUBLIC. (Special to the Eagle.)

Long Island City, L. I., April 17-Gossipers in this city are busy to-day clandestine marriage of Miss Madeline Fox, a school teacher, to John J. Murray of Kent street, Greenpoint. The marriage occurred on Rebruary 1 last but the most intimate the corporation and declare whether it is worthy friends of the young couple were not let into of their support and patronage.

You can help us. Will you? We believe you suspicion by continuing at her duties and prosuspicion by continuing at her duties and pre-siding over her class as usual in the primary department of the First ward public school until Monday last, when she failed to report and Brooklyn railroad (known as the Smith for duty. The secret leaked out to-day and i street line) and the elevated railroads of the is said that the bride has forwarded her rosig nation to the board of education, to take plac immediately. The ceremony was performe onsus' German Catholic church in Ken street, Greenpoint. The bride is a protty brunette, with large dark eyes and of slende a strike of the employes of the railroad and figure. The groom is an athletic young man thought that on the whole they were pretty of 28 years and is well known in the Sevenwell satisfied with their places. He said that teenth ward of Brooklyn. Miss Fox lives a

BISHOP MC DONNELL'S APPOINTMENT

FOREIGN AMBASSADORS PROTEST Constantinople, April 17-The foreign amment of a Musaulman as governor of Zeltoun, in the Schwab trial and could not see them. this being contrary to the agreement between the porte and the powers as a result of which the surrender of the insurgents of Zeitoun was brought about.

...The Turkish government has promised to instruct the Valls of Bitlis and Kharput to permit the distribution of fellet to the Ar-menians in accordance with the arrangements previously concluded between the ports and the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. John W. Riddle, and the British ambaseador Sir Philip Currie.

SKIRMISHES WITH DERVISHES. Suskim, April 17-In a second encounter, which has just taken place between a force of dervishes and a detachment of Egyptian cavalry, thirty dervishes and eighteen Egyp-

Tripoli, April 17—Advices received here from Tebu say that 3,000 to 4,000 Dervishes armed with Martini-Henry rifles, are advancing against Rabah, Sultan of Bornu, who has been oppressing the Mohammedans. Severe fighting has occurred between the Tunislans and the Tripolitans. Great ex-citement prevails on the frontier and the ribesmen in all directions are arming.

fork, charged with negligence and incomfore the governor's commissioner, W. H. Rob-ertson, Malcolm Grahm pleaded for an adjournment, saying that General Tracy, counsel for the defense, had been detained in the

Ranken case in this city, and could not be present. The trial was adjourned until the MEASLES IN LONG ISLAND CITY. (Special to the Engle.) Long Island City, L. I., April 17-An epi lemie of measles prevails among the school

children in the lower section of this city

and more than two hundred pupils on account

temporarily in the First ward school. SUDDEN DEATH OF A CHILD. The New York coroner's office was notided this morning of the sudden death of Henry W. Adelgein, 7 years old, which occurred this morning at the bome of his parents, 585 West Fifty-seventh street, New York. The coroner will make an investiga-

WANT WILLS MANDAMUSEL YOUNG PATTERSON NOT RESPONSIBLE

McKeever Bros. Make a Formal Application to Judge Osborne.

ILLEGAL ACTION IS ALLEGED.

The Difficulty Over the Street Cleaning Bids Which the City Works

Jers A. Wernberg applied to Justice Osborne in supreme court general term, to-day, for a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel City Works Commissioner Theodore B. at 131 North Third street this morning and Willis to award Edward J. McKeever and announced to Hannum's sisters the report on Willis to award Edward J. McKeever and Stephen W. McKeever, the brothers, contractors, the contract for cleaning Brooklyn's streets and removing the ashes. They claim that they complied with all the requirements of the advertisements, the specifications and the proposals, gave a check on a bank for the proposals, gave a check on a bank for \$10,000, and an undertaking on the sum required, \$100,000, with sureties who qualified in double the amount. The commissioner afterward said to a representative of the Mc-Keevers that he thought the amount of the undertaking was insufficient and was told that the relators would furnish any amount he desired up to \$500,000. Then he said that he doubted whether the firm could do the work for the price bid. Finally he threw out all the

Corporation Counsel Burr read the affi-daylt of Commissioner Willis. He deposed that after the publication of the proposals he discovered that insufficient sureties were asked, and he determined that the places asked, and he determined that the places where the ashes were to be deposited for the carts to take up should be specified, as well as the area of the ground where they were to be dumped. Therefore he decided to reject all the bids, and he did so. He had new specifications prepared containing the provisions suggested, with a bond in \$300,000. As to the relators, the McKeevers, he determined that their facilities were inadequate and threw out all the bids. He did this in good faith and in the interest of the public.

Jere Wernberg said that it did not seem Jere Wernberg said that it did not seem to him that the commissioner had voted in peculiar and followed him upstairs.

"Come and kiss me goodby," said Connors to the woman, at the same time displaying a .23 caliber revolver.

"I won't do it; stop your fooling," replied Mrs. Connors, who did not attribute a tragic purpose to her husband.

Without another word the policeman put the ptstol to his right temple and fired. The ball ploughed its way under the scalp, inflicting a wound which the doctors say is not serious. Connors was taken to the Long Island College hospital. He was suspended from duty by Captain Cullen when word reached the police station that he had attempted suicide.

To him that the commissioner had voted in good faith and with a sole desire to do his duty to the public. The relators had presented a detailed statement of their plant and dumping places. The commissioner said that, he would make an examination regarding their facilities for doing work for the city. The days later he threw out all the bids. The city charter of 1888 said that the commissioner had voted in good faith and with a sole desire to do his duty to the public. The relators had presented a detailed statement of their plant and dumping places. The commissioner had voted in good faith and with a sole desire to do his duty to the public. The relators had presented a detailed statement of their plant and dumping places. The commissioner said that, he would make an examination regarding their facilities for doing work for the city. The edgys later he threw out all the bids. The city charter of 1888 said that the commissioner had voted in good faith and with a sole desire to do his duty to the public. The relators had presented a detailed statement of their plant and dumping places. The commissioner said that, he would make an examination regarding their facilities for doing work for the city. The days later he threw out all the bids. The commissioner said that, he would make an examination regarding their facilities for doing work for the city. The days later he threw out all the bids. The commissioner said that, gave adequate security. If he found that the acceptance of either would not be in the interest of the city then he might reject all. That condition did not exist in this case. Mr. Wernberg cited cases from the books in sub-stantiation of his position.

Corporation Counsel Burr said that the relators had no standing in court as contractors, but only as bidders. The new conditions imposed by the commissioner were in all parts of the United States. Diaz is a naturalized American and of strong Cuban and in the last partition suit never having ben set aside as to the minor defendant, now Mrs. Braun, is conclusive on the question of her legitimacy. As soon as Mrs. Braun took this position the defendant now many standing it would be in a naturalized American and of strong Cuban and in the last partition suit tendered the relators had any standing it would be in iemurrer and not asking for a mandamus Lawyer Aimet F. Jenks, in reply to Mr. Burr, argued that Commissioner Willis had no right to amend the requisitions. The city works commissioner could not at the expense of taxpayers set up a sort of progressive kindergarten for his own instruction in the way of doing business. He was narrowed down by the provision of the law and he Decision was reserved.

MARINE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE. WENT INTO A SALOON WITH TWO WOM-

attached to the recruiting station at 109 West strete, New York, attempted to commit sul cide last night in the rear room of Lawrence B. Coles' saloon at 50 Flushing avenue. Fredcricks met two women on Flushing-avenue and invited them into Coles' saloon. The invitation was accepted and after they had all seated themselves at a table, Fredericks, who was under the influence of liquor, excused himself and went to the rear room. A few minutes later the proprietor heard a poise ed the room he found Fredericks lying on the floor bleeding from a gash in his throat. Coles notified the police and an ambulance was summoned. 'Fredericks' wound was dressed by Ambulance Surgeon McCollough of the Homeopathic hospital and he was removed to the hospital. The two women were taken into custody and held at the Twenty-first precinct

on a charge of vagrancy. They gave the names of Margaret McDermott and Lillian Gronin, both of 61 Hudson avenue. Fredericks, who was in civilian dress, was of a photograph in his pocket. His injuries are not serious. He used a new pocket knife. An officer has been detailed to watch him at the hospital and when he recovers sufficiently he will be tried. The women were held by Justice Haggerty in the Myrtle avenue court this morning.

Mary Bender, 15 years old, of 55 Cook street, was committed to the House of the him with the fire. Monaghan worked for Good Shepherd by Police Justice Goetting in the Lee avenue court this morning. Mary left har home three weeks ago and, according to her parents, she has been wandering about she had when she left home she spent going to th varioty theaters. Last night a policeman found Mary near the Vernon avenue police station and he locked her up on a charge

DETERMINED TO PROSECUTE YARGER. Long Island City, L. I., April 17-Chief William Delahanty and the members of the fire board of this city are determined to prosecute John Yaeger, the chemist of 5 Wooolser street, Astoria, who is alleged to have fired Green of the fire board lodged a complaint of arson against the prisoner to-day before Justfee Duffy in the East avenue police court.

PERCY-GRAY RACING LAW UPHELD. The judges of the New York appellate division to-day handed down decisions in three cases brought to test the Percy-Gray law. One case was that of the people ex rel of Joseph Sturgis against John Failon, former warden of the Tombs prison, and the other two cases were the people against Samuel D. Lawrence, president of the Morris Park Jockey club. The order of Justice Ingraham, upholding the constitutionality of the Percy-Gray law was affirmed by the court.

SAYS FREEL MUST BE PAID. Corporation Counsel Burr has advised Commissioner Willis that Mr. Freel must be paid the \$27,898 retained out of the contract price for work on section 2 of the aqueduct ex-Mr. Burr holds that if the city has any claim for clay taken by Freel from Smith's pond, it must bring an independent action; it cannot set up the amount as a counter

TO BE HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

Thomas V. Patterson of 157 Rodney street

FOR HANNUM'S DEATH.

son of ex-Assessor T. J. Patterson, who was arrested Wednesday afternoon on a charge of bomicide at theinstigation of John J. Clancey, a lawyer, at Bedford avenue and North Fourth street, will be honorably discharged some time this afternoon. It was claimed that young Patterson was responsible for the death of William A. Hannum, a coach driver, which occurred Wednesday morning at his home, 164 North Fourth street. Dr. Valen-tine, acting under the instructions of Coroner Nason, performed an autopsy on Hannum's Commissioner Rejected in a Lump
Reviewed by Lawyer Wernberg and
Corporation Counsel Burr—The Court
Decides to Reserve Its Decision.

Asso, periormed an autopsy on Hannum's
body yesterday afternoon and decided that
the man died from accute pneumonia and not
from the result of a blow or blows, as alleged.
Thomas J. Patterson, speaking of the result of the autopsy to-day, said that he felt
all along that this son would be exonerated and that the result was no surprise to bim. "I insisted upon a thorough investigation," said Mr. Patterson, "and the result of Dr. Valentine's investigations speaks for itself."

Coroner Nason called at the Hannum home

not necessary.

The body of young Hannum was buried in Cypress Hill's cometery this afternoon. The funeral was held in the South Third street Presbyterian church and the services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Wells.

DISAPPROVED BY WURSTER. THE BILL TO MAKE RANDOLPH FUL-

LER'S JOB LAST FOUR YEARS. Mayor Wurster has returned to Albany with is disapproval the bill to make the term of he inspector of the construction of county buildings four years. This place is held by Randolph Fuller, a Republican politician of the Twentieth ward, who was appointed to it last fall by the board of supervisors. The board has gone out of existence and the mayor holds it wrong to pass such a bill in view of the fact that the body which created the position has been abolished. He says the bill recog-nizes the power of the old board to keep in office a man it had appointed and who, the courts had decided, had no right to remain in office after it had ceased to exist. As a matter of fact, Mr. Fuller was appointed to super-iftend the construction of the extension to the court house, with the understanding that he should go out of office upon the completion of the work. The extension will be finished in a few months. The salary of the inspector was fixed at the rate of \$2,000 a year. Mr. Fuller is a political supporter of John A. Nichols and Erns Nathan. He held a place under Nathan when the latter was internal

BISHOP DIAZ ARRESTED.

HELD BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT

Washington, D. C., April 17—The state department has received a brief cablegram from Consul General Williams at Havana announcing the arrest of Protestant Bishop Alwoak in Cuba has been confided to procelyting for the church and deny participation in the rebellion on his part. The message from Con-sul General Williams contained no details. The case will be closely watched by the representatives of the United States, who will take the customary steps to protect the in-terests of an American citizen. The consul general will insist on a civil trial should the matter go to the length of a trial. It may be that his release can be obtained without the necessity of a trial, but on this poin nothing can be said in advance of an investigation which Mr. Williams will make into the circumstances leading up to and developed

DO NOT DESIRE THE UNION.

PRESBYTERIANS WILL NOT UNITE WITH THE NORTH REFORMED CHURCH.

Members of the Cumberland street Presbyterian church deny that there is any intention on the part of that organization to combine with the North Reformed church. At a conberland street congregation voted to merge their interests in those of the Lafayette avenue Presbyterian church, and Dr. Gregg's people are now, it is understood, considering the proposition. Definite action in the matter will probably be taken at the session presbytery to be held on Staten Island next Monday hight: G. A. Stimpson, a member of the Cumberland street church, said this morn ing: "We have never taken, nor do we intend to take, any action toward effecting a union with the North Reformed church."

JOHN MONAGHAN RELEASED. John Monaghan of 712 Evergreen avenue was taken into costody this morning by Captain Brown and Sergeant Conklin of the Twenty-first precinct on suspicion of being responsible for the fire caused at the North Portland avenue armory at midnight Wednes-day. He was taken to the fire marshal's office on Jay street, where he was closeted for some time with Marshal Brymer and Dis-trict Attorney Backus. He was then released. as no evidence could be obtained to connect Armorer McComber and slept in the building.

SANDFORD MEN DISMISSED.

(Special to the Eagle.) Long Island City, L. I., April 17-Mayor Glesson presided at a protracted session of the board of health last night at which the heads of three more hold over Sanfordites were decapitated. Health Officer Dr. Willam J. Burnett was removed and Dr. P. J. McKeewn appointed in his stead. Sanitary Inspector John J. Colton was also dismissed and Secretary to the Board Ferdinan Bat-terman. The dismissed Sandfordites will

this morning. The officer said the prisoner tried to stab him with a carving knife, and also attempted to jab a darning needle into Williamson claimed that the policeman had assaulted her in a brutal manner and denied that she sold any liquor to him. She was beld for trial.

FIGHT AT AN ARMORY MEETING. Louis Hanniman was tried this morning

before Justice Harriman for creating a dis: police court to-day. Lepine said that he was turbance at a meeting of the Salvation army in their barracks on Flushing avenue. It was claimed that he was noisy and finally started in to thrash Fred Eagle of 287 Jefferson street and succeeded in punching the latter in the head several times. Two members of the army described the circumstances of the fight and Hanniman was fined \$10.

WURSTER BEES THE PARKWAY. Mayor Wurster, accompanied by Park Commissioner Woodruff, took a ride over Ocean tions of the lower house for the new year marked by the day. It was the anniversary of the speaker's birth and members of all parties alike united in this beautiful and fragrant expressions of esteem. Kings county's sanity was resumed before Justibute stood close to the speaker's elbow on the deek. In addition to the flower two additional assessors to the mark many messages of congratulation.

During the morning Assembly man Wilson asked the consent of the assembly to the in-

## MRS.BRAUN'S RIGHTTOINHERIT

Affected by the Court's Decision in the Furman Estate Contest.

A MILLION DOLLARS INVOLVED.

The Heirs of William W. Furman Contend That Mrs. Braun, the Alleged Daughter of Victor Furman, Has No Interest in the Property, Which Includes Furman's Island and Real Estate on Newtown Creek.

(Special to the Eagle.)

Jamaica, L. I., April 17-A decision just handed down by Justice Wilmot M. Smith in the case of Braun vs. Furman, gives to the heirs of the Garret Furman estate, the surviving children of William H. Furman, the right to question the legitimacy of Mrs. Minnie W. Braun, nee Minnie W. Furman, an alleged daughter of the late Victor Furman, one

of the heirs of the estate.

The controversy concerns the distribution of an estate valued at a million of dollars, consisting of Furman's island and a large amount of other real estate located on New-

town creek.

Garret Furman died in 1840, leaving the use of his property to his only son, William H. Furman, and at his decease it was to descend to his children, Sheriff Garret Furman, Victor and a daughter. A partition suit was brought by the son, Garret, twenty years ago and it was concluded by a judgement of partition and sale. Minnie, the alleged daughter of Victor, was made a party to the suit as being the sole heir of Victor, who had died since the making of the will.

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The sult was brought at the suggestion of William H. Furman, the father of Garret and Victor, and the legitimacy of Minnie W. Furman was conceded in the suit and established by the decree. After the judgment was made and before the sale Garret, who is named as the plaintiff in the suit at his father; instead and added to the suit at his father; instead and added to the suit at his father; instead and added to the suit at his father; instead and and the suit at his father; instead and the suit at his father. father's instance, made a motion to discon-tinue on the ground that he had been de-ceived by his father and misled inbringing the

Upon the motion of the plaintiff an order was made by the supreme court on August 13, 1877, allowing a discontinuance of the proceedings on payment of costs, which order was consented to by all the adult defendants, but Philip S. Crook, then a lawyer of Brooklyn, opposed the application on behalf of Minnie W. Furman, then a minor, and considerable controversy arose as to the amount of costs to which such defendant was entitled. Finally the amount was fixed was entitled. Finally the amount was fixed by an order of the court but Mr. Crook soon after died and nothing further was done for nearly twenty years, when the infant, who had now become of age and married, brought in 1894, in conjunction with Mirabeau L. Towns of Brooklyn, to whom she had transfered one-half her interest in the estate, a second action to partition the property. The surviving children of William H. Furman, alleged uncles and aunts of Minnte full costs with interest to date, to the per-sonal representative of Mr. Crook, which was refused. They then made a motion before Justice Wilmot M. Smith at the January term of the supreme court in Queens county for an order declaring the old-or first partition suit discontinued as to all parties. Justice Smith reserved his decision at that time but rendered it this week as heretofore stated. In the meantime some of the property was taken under condemnation proceedings by the Manhattan Beach Railway company. Mrs. Braun made application for her share. Corporation Counsel Burr was appointed a referee in the matter of the distribution of the funds. He made a decision that as long as the judgment remained on record Mrs.

Braug must be considered a legal heir and
entitled to her share in the distribution of the proceeds of the funds obtained from the railroad company, and that decision was

The money is now in the hands of a trust company. In the partition suit Mirabeau L. Town appears to look after the interests of his half, amounting to \$75,000, of the portion alleged to be due Mrs. Braun. Messrs. Hen-ry Parsons and Townsend & Wandell and Henry A. Monfort appear for the surviving children of William H. Furman,

NO BALM FOR MISS MACKAY. SHE FAILS IN HER SUIT FOR \$3,000

FOR DAMAGES.

Miss Rose Mackay, one of fifty girls employed by Underwear Manufacturer Abraham L. Danzig, South Fifth avenue, New York city, brought suit against her employer to recover \$3,000 damages for alleged injuries and the trial came on before Justice Dickey and a jury yesterday afternoon in the su-preme court. Miss Mackay's skirt caught in the sewing machine machinery and she was severely hurt. On motion of Paul E. De Fere counsel for defendant, Justice Dickey this morning dismissed the suit on the ground that risk was obvious and if Miss Mackay had had her eyes about her she would have seen that there was danger. The failure of the defendant to box the shalting, as required by the laws of 1893 gave the plaintiff no greater right in court than the common law gave her. Exceptions are to be heard before the appellate court.

Lawyer Cropsey, for C. J. Patterson, attorney for plaintiff, argued against the dismissal of the suit. Justice Dickey said, smiling: "Mr. Patterson has made money enough this week to appeal this case." One of these verdicts for Mr. Patterson was for \$21,000 and the other for \$27,500. This is the tenth damage suit in succession that Mr. De Ferc has won for defendant.

MC CARTHY DISCHARGED. Michael McCarthy, a driver for the Brooklyn Biscuit company, was discharged from custody this morning, in the Myrtle avenue court, by terman. The dismissed Sandfordites will test the legality of their dismissals in the courts.

SAID THE WOMAN TRIED TO STAB HIM.

Patroliman McMullin charged Mrs. Mary Williamson, who runs a restaurant at 25 East Third street, New York, with violating the excise law in the Essex market court this morning. The officer said the prisoner the bill and the change. This he was unable to prove this morning. to prove this morning.

LEPINE'S CASE ADJOURNED. pine of the Third district civil court, who is charged with obstructing the sidewalk by Police Captain Rhodes of the Seventh pre-cinct, it being claimed by Captain Rhodes that Lepine dispossessed a family and left the household effects on the sidewalk con-trary to law, was called in the Ewen street not ready to go on and the case was ad-

policeman on the force, sent in a request to Commissioner Welles this morning to be re-tired on May 1. Harold was first appointed on January 8, 1851; resigned on June 22, 1857; was reappointed on November 5, 1860; was dismissed on April 16, 1881, and was reinstated on July 17, 1881. Harold, who is now in the Eighteenth precinct, has been incapacitated by illness of late.

