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of the club rooms and waited for the passing of the hour. Informal and appropriate speeches were made, and the occasion fittingly observed. The programme prepared was: Bert Helms, pianist; the Recker Quartet, Nonpareil Banjo Trio; S. S. Schaefer, basso solo; R. H. Mohr, crayon artist and ventriloquist; Murray Bros., musical instruments; Recker Quartet, Nonpareil Banjo Trio; Greg Patti, the little comedian; Nonpareil Banjo Trio; Murray Bros., plantation songs and sleighbells; Recker Quartet.

A smoker was the Crescent Athletic Club's way of watching the birth of 1899. The smoker began at 10:30 and it lasted until well after midnight. Beginning at 11, the Hungarian Orchestra played in the "Swamp," and the announcement cards for the evening said that the music would continue "from 11 to ?" Just when the music ended is not known. New Year's Eve is always a great event at the Crescent Athletic Club, and many members who are rarely seen at the club house during the year made an extra effort last night to be on hand for the last night of the year.

The Montauk Club fittingly saw the old year out. At 9 o'clock the members and their friends gathered in the dining room and listened to a carefully selected programme arranged by the entertainment committee. On the programme were the following performers: The Metropolitan musical quartet, Edward Lattell, banjo; John Harrington, comedian and mimic; Edward Plate, prestidigitator; John T. Hannon, comedian; R. J. Webb, tenor; D. N. Maxon, baritone; Charles H. Duncan, vocal comedian; Greg Patti, comedian, and Benjamin Loewenthal, pianist. Just before midnight the members assembled in the dining room and awaited there the striking of the hour. Refreshments were served and the evening made as enjoyable as the committee could make it.

The Oxford Club arranged no programme for the evening, but the members of the club were present in greater numbers than usual to watch the coming of the year. The Oxford will keep open house on Monday. The Riding and Driving Club had no observance and the Lincoln Club of Flatbush had nothing.

The vaudeville programme at the Union League Club began at 9 o'clock and lasted until nearly 12. The performers used the stage in the assembly room and the members and their friends were present in large numbers. On the programme were Sadie Fox, James F. Hart, Louie Lester, Daisy Golden, Julia Raymind, Millie Allen, Cal Stewart and the Glen Island Tyrolean Troupe.

The announcement cards of the Stuyvesant Heights Republican Club bore the three expressive words, "Lunch, Punch, Music," and the entertainment at the club rooms consisted of those three things. The Levi P. Morton Club of Brooklyn celebrated at its club house, 373 Stuyvesant avenue, with music, a smoker and a good time generally. The Jefferson Club of the Sixteenth Assembly District also had its annual stag last evening. A good entertainment was provided, and the festivities lasted until after midnight.

Montague Council No. 136, Home Circle, called its entertainment last evening a watch night entertainment, and the programme which was arranged was startling in its novelties. At 8 P. M. and continuing until 10 P. M., progressive euchre was played. At 10 o'clock six little colored boys engaged in a ...e eating contest. At 10:30 music, vocal and ...trumental, was heard and at 11:15 there ... character dancing by skilled performers. ...11:45 Father Time and followers engaged ...olemn meditations, and at midnight all ... congratulations.

The Hanover stag commenced at 8:15 and the programme which was prepared lasted until after 11. The club members and their guests awaited the dawn of 1899 in the large smoking room and the vaudeville programme was presented in the same room. The performers were Carl Stewart, Yankee comedian; M. Bertie Barlow, comedian; Mike Cushman, black face vocalist; Charles Duncan, singer; Chris Green, musical artist; Duffy, Sawtelle and Duffy, comedy sketch, and Elsie Martin, soubrette. The Hanover Club's annual theater party will be held on the evening of January 11, at the Amphion, and Jeff De Angelis will be the entertainer.

The Columbian Club furnished its usual entertainment, namely, "A Beefsteak Dinner," at the club house last evening. Previous to the serving of the thumb bit, a programme was furnished as follows: Piano overture, selected; popular ballads, Fred Richter; musical melange, Murray Brothers; card manipulations, M. De Villiers; imitations, Louis Fialkowski; plantation melodies, Murray Brothers; ballads, Fred Richter; illusion, M. De Villiers; mimicry, Louis Fialkowski.

Following the service of the beefsteak, the talent of the club was brought into play and the usual run of songs and recitations, familiar to the members of the club was heard. One of the features of this part of the entertainment was P. J. Carlin's singing of "Down Where They Make the Gas." In line with that selection was Judge Courtney's "Regular Army, O," and "An Elephant on His Hands." Superintendent Dyer's recitations, "The Face on the Floor" and "He Threw Me in the Tiber" were enthusiastically received. The inimitable coon songs of Assistant Corporation Counsel William C. Courtney, who is always a host at these affairs, were a striking feature. Among the favorite numbers of his are "Mahoney's Fenian Cat," "McGinty's Horse" and others.

There was a goodly gathering of prominent Masons at the Aurora Grata Club last night to see the end of the year. During the evening an old fashioned clam chowder, with side dishes, was served and beginning at 11 o'clock there was an entertainment which lasted well into the new year. In addition to club talent and a string orchestra William Simonson gave some clever coster and coon songs and Elmer R. Ransome gave his sleight of hand act with a running accompaniment of good and witty stories. With the aid of the orchestra the Masons present ushered in the new year with the air "Auld Lang Syne," followed by "We'll get our money's worth" and other appropriate songs.

The officers and members of the different ...ommittees will be at home to-morrow at the ...ub house, where they will receive the club ...embers and their Masonic friends.

On the evening of January 12 the Brooklyn ...emocratic Club will give a dinner to the ...ongressmen-elect from Long Island. The ...inner will be at the Germania Club House, ...20 Schermerhorn street.

The entire congressional delegation has ac...pted the invitation of the club. The speak... of the evening will be United States Sena...r Lindsay of Kentucky, who will respond to ...e toast, "The Past, Present and Future of ...e Democratic Party." Mr. Edward M. ...epard will speak for the Brooklyn Demo...tic Club and it is expected that Perry Bel...nt will respond for the New York Demo...tic Club.

...IL WAGON DRIVER ARRESTED

...Charge of Stealing Several Registered Packages.

...n H. Kiley of 213 East Forty-third ..., Manhattan, a driver employed on mail ... No. 8, was arraigned before United ... Commissioner Shields late yesterday ...oon, charged with stealing mail from ...gon while on the way from the general ...ffice to Station A, at the corner of Broadway and Prince street. He was ...n $5,000 bail for examination. Kiley ...ested by Post Office Inspectors Harris ...nd Jacobs. The wagon left the gen...st Office at 5 o'clock yesterday morn... Kiley was ten minutes late in arriv... Station A. The door of the wagon, ...was of the single horse style, was ...pen and Kiley could not or would ... any explanation of how it happened. ...stigation showed that a registered ...ouch was missing and further in...eloped the fact that 105 packages, ...ere in the pouch when it left the Post Office, were missing. Kiley was ...der arrest, but refused to say any... to what had become of the missing ...ope of the missing mail had been ... up to the time the Post Office in... left the Post Office. How much ...s in the missing packages is not

...MINENT MEN INVITED.

...he invited guests to the next an...tion of the Palestine Commandery, ...emplar, are President McKinley, ...of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage, ...ong of the Navy, Governor-elect ...nd Rear Admiral Schley. All ...erested in Masonic work. The ...ll be given at the Waldorf-As...ry 19, Palestine Commandery be... of the big-hall giving organiza...e the Waldorf-Astoria for that ...e semi-centennial of the Pales... celebrated on the same night.

GRAND STREET BRIDGE MAY BE CONDEMNED.

War Department Acts Favorably on the Petition of Business Men for Its Removal.

PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 17.

Structure Said to Be an Obstruction to Navigation—City Officials to Oppose Changes.

The petition of the large and varied commercial interests in the vicinity of Newtown Creek for certain improvements on the present Grand street bridge, which is now termed a hindrance to navigation, has been acted favorably upon by the United States War Department and a hearing in regard to the proposed changes and the condemnation of the present structure will be held at the Army Building in Whitehall street, on January 17, before Major H. M. Adams, of the Engineer Corps. Notification to this effect has been served on the Department of Bridges of New York City and the individual petitioners, among whom are numbered practically all the more important business interests in the vicinity of that bridge. These men are confident that the hearing will result in the condemnation of the present structure by the Secretary of War and the city officials will be given the alternative of tearing the structure down altogether and leaving that portion of the creek without any connecting structure, or else the construction of a new bridge that will meet their views and as proposed by the War Department's recommendation, will be built.

The officials of the Department of Bridges do not hesitate to condemn the present structure, but owing to the impossibility of securing an appropriation for a new bridge, they claim it is better to permit the existing bridge to stand until funds are available. The business men, on the other hand, say that the commercial interests concerned are so much more important that they would prefer the present bridge out of the way, with the consequent clear passage for navigation, and if this was done, it is added, public clamor from the residents and business interests in that vicinity would soon make it imperative that the city should provide adequate means of transit at that important section of the creek. As it now stands, the matter is in the hands of the War Department, and if the forthcoming hearing results in a victory for the business interests, as the men concerned are confident, the present structure will be condemned and the city officials will have to face the alternative of building a new bridge or destroying the only means of communication at this point.

The present status of the controversy between the commercial interests that line Newtown Creek and the Department of Bridges, is clearly a victory for the former as they have succeeded in securing the favorable action of the War Department on their petition. In the notification sent out by that department of the United States government it is stated: "Whereas the Secretary of War has good reason to believe that the bridge over the east branch of Newtown Creek, at Grand street, Brooklyn, is an unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the said Newtown Creek, on account of the location of its piers and abutments and the narrowness of the draw openings; it is proposed to require the following changes to be made in the said bridge by April 1, 1900, to wit: The reconstruction of the bridge, with a width of forty feet, so as to make the west abutment not more than five feet beyond the harbor line, with a clear width of draw opening of not less than seventy-five feet, measured on the line of the bridge, and with the west abutment as far north and the east abutment as far south as the limits of the width of Grand street will permit."

The local Department of Bridges is preparing its side of the case to be heard before the Army Engineer, Major Adams, on January 17, and the Newtown Creek men are also preparing a mass of evidence in the shape of maps and drawings, and affidavits from merchants and ship owners, who declare that the bridge is an injury to their interests. The business men will be represented by former Corporation Counsel Joseph A. Burr and if the above changes, as proposed by the War Department, are carried out as a result of the hearing, the business men will have won their fight. Naturally they would rather have a new bridge than the tearing down of this one and leaving this section of the creek unspanned. But they feel that the present structure must go and after this is accomplished it will be time to turn their attention toward securing a new structure on the lines proposed by the War Department. The Bridge Department engineers, informally, do not hesitate to admit the weakness of their case so far as the obstruction to navigation offered by the present structure is concerned. Their argument is that the existing structure is much better than no bridge at all, and it is impossible at this time to secure funds for the construction of a new bridge.

The history of the present controversy may be traced back nearly ten years when the business men on Newtown Creek started the agitation for the improvement of those waters and this year, with material assistance from Congressman Charles G. Bennett saw the successful result of their labors with the deepening of the channel to 18 feet, at mean low water, and 125 feet wide, at the cost of a Congressional appropriation of about $275,000. This work was done last spring and as the channel was deepened it became necessary to strengthen the foundations of the Grand street bridge, which was done by the local department putting in sheet piling, which had the effect of narrowing the draw opening by six feet, or from 57 to 51 feet. The draw opening, because of its narrowness, has always been a source of trouble to the shipping that passes through the creek and this is aggravated by the physical condition of the stream at that point.

At Grand street the stream takes an abrupt turn to the west and vessels passing through the draw are obliged to run their bows close to the wharves on the south. At this point is situated a pier, termed White's dock, which is only 61 feet from the bridge line, and for this reason it has been impossible for vessels of over 125 feet in length to get through the draw. As most of the vessels used exceed this length, the narrowing of the channel means a serious obstacle to the commercial interests on the creek and hence the petition for the condemnation of the bridge. It is said that the government has offered $7,000 for White's dock, which is within the bulkhead line established by the federal as well as the state governments, but this offer has been refused. It might also be added that the commerce of this section of the creek above Grand street is in excess of $3,000,000 annually and the valuation of the wharf property and the property adjacent amounts to many millions.

Some of the petitioners on Newtown Creek and whose application for relief from the injury inflicted upon their interests by the present Grand street bridge, are Otto E. Reimer & Co., the E. V. Crandall Company, Moller & Co., Louis Bossert & Son, S. V. W. Sammis, John Greene, Theodore R. Chapman, Frederick Kries, Nanuna & Pell, H. C. Johnson, William Knappman & Co., E. D. Newman, Hommel & Haradon, C. H. Reynolds & Sons, H. F. Burroughs & Co., S. Tuttle's Son & Co., Alden Sampson & Sons, Hardy, Voorhees & Co., and Cross, Austin & Ireland Lumber Company. The following lumber commission merchants have also signed the petition and will be represented at the coming hearing: J. N. Sutton, F. E. Morse, Coney, Eckstein & Co., H. B. Murch & Co., Simpson, Clapp & Co., Stetler, Cutler & Redman, R. R. Sizer & Co., Wiley, Harkey & Co., Chase, Talbot & Co., Alfred Searing, the T. F. Booth Lumber Company, and Hoyman & Puddington.

In addition to Congressman Bennett, Congressman Howe has been working to secure favorable action by the War Department on the petition. United States Senators Frye and Hale of Maine, in behalf of the lumber merchants of that state, have also taken a keen interest in the matter and have aided the Brooklyn business men at Washington. The Manufacturers' Association of Brooklyn has also petitioned the different members of Congress to use their influence in behalf of removing and improving the present Grand street bridge facilities. Vice President Davis of the Cross, Austin & Ireland Lumber Company, who has been active in presenting the case of the Newtown business men, said yesterday that he was confident that the present action of the War Department would result in favorable action being taken in regard to the Grand street bridge and in line with the wishes of the commercial interests on the creek.

Commissioner of Bridges Shea could not be found yesterday by an Eagle reporter, but Chief Engineer Probasco of that department said the notification of the hearing before the War Department engineer had been received. He said he was not entirely familiar with the conditions in regard to the Grand street bridge, as it was in charge of another engineer. Chief Engineer Probasco added that the Department of Bridges would certainly be represented at the hearing before Major Adams and would present its side of the case and give reasons why the proposed changes as laid down in the notification of the War Department should not be carried out at this time. "At any rate," he added, "they can only condemn the bridge. They cannot make us build another." Mr. Probasco was not prepared to discuss the merits of the case as to whether the bridge was an obstruction to navigation or not. All he would say was that he believed the whole trouble was caused by White's dock, which, if removed, would give plenty of room for navigation.

THE ARRESTS OF A YEAR.

In Brooklyn 35,220 Persons Were Brought to the Various Stations by the Police.

The police of this borough made 35,220 arrests during 1898. There are no further figures at the office in local headquarters, for the police here did not follow the usual custom and make up yearly reports on the number of arrests, the sexes and social conditions of the persons arrested or any of the data that has made the reports of work done by the local police authorities so interesting in past years. There is a reason for this. To begin with, an order had been received from police headquarters in Mulberry street to tabulate the statistics for the borough of Brooklyn. In past years this was done in each station, but in the absence of special orders this year and in the general change of routine this was not attempted. There is no clerical force at the Brooklyn office to do such work had it been ordered, and as a matter of fact the men in headquarters in Manhattan have all the records of arrest in Brooklyn sent over there daily. There are so many clerks in the Mulberry street office that the local officers did not think it was necessary to volunteer for the work. The result of all this is that the people of Brooklyn will not be gratified with a report of what has been done by the local force last year unless some clerk in Manhattan is set to work to make up the necessary data.

There are no reports, so an Eagle reporter was told, from Queens or Richmond boroughs. The Eagle yesterday afternoon contained a record of the work done in Manhattan and the Bronx, but no attention had been paid to the services of the police in the other boroughs of the greater city. It appears that the boroughs other than Manhattan and the Bronx are simply side stations in the estimation of the Mulberry street authorities. Of course, if an annual report is prepared, the figures showing the work done by the police in Brooklyn may be considered. But at present there is no available record on which to base an annual report in Brooklyn.

THE COURT CALENDARS.

Supreme Court, special term for motions, January 3, Samuel T. Maddox, J. Motional calendar called at 10 o'clock.

Supreme Court, appellate division, Second Judicial Department, Brooklyn, January 3: William W. Goodrich, presiding justice; Edgar M. Cullen, Willard Bartlett, Edward W. Hatch, John Woodward, justices. Non enumerated day calendar—Nos. 8, Clark vs. New York Sanitary Utilization Company; 2, matter of McCormick; 1, Deutermann vs. Pollock; 3, Boyd vs. Jackson; 4, matter of Bodine; 5, Deutermann vs. Pollock; 6, Jaroncey vs. Bard; 7, Earwicker vs. Dillon; 9, Arents vs. Long Island Railroad; 10, Spangehl vs. Spangehl; 11, Paine Lumber Company vs. Galbraith; 12, Joyce vs. Van Wart; 13, White vs. Mather; 14, Mather vs. Mather; 15, Morris vs. Mather; 16, Drake vs. New York Mine Company; 17, Baker vs. Baker; 18, Smith vs. trustees, etc., Brookhaven; 19, matter of bridge; 20, Mafns vs. Knorr.

Supreme Court, special term, trials, day calendar, January 3, William J. Gaynor, J.—Demurrers, No. 955, Kleeam vs. Brennerman. General calendar, 954, Corbin vs. the Casino Land Company; 951, Rourke vs. Giveen; 626, Robinson vs. Salony; 903, Kent vs. Dunn; 917, Wighton vs. Kenny; 769, Eagle Savings and Loan Company vs. Samuels; 168, Duggan vs. Murphy. The following causes if marked ready will be held for the day. Causes will not be set down for days upon the call. 956, W. A. Gaines & Co. vs. Nelson; 957, W. A. Gaines & Co. vs. Hoagland; 958, W. A. Gaines & Co. vs. Overlander; 959, W. A. Gaines & Co. vs. Lutsen; 960, W. A. Gaines & Co. vs. Wrieden; 961, W. A. Gaines & Co. vs. McVaigh; 962, Max Blaschko vs. East River and Atlantic Ocean Railroad Company and others; 963, Kerrigan vs. Heyer; 964, Congregation Agudes, Achim Anshel Babneck vs. Abraham Lait; 965, Vincenzo Trezza and others vs. Dicandia; 966, Cohen vs. Cohen; 967, Schenck vs. Bardes and others; 968, W. A. Gaines & Co. vs. Reilly; 969, Terriault vs. Smith and others; 970, Bickel vs. L. P. Kent and others; 971, Bickel vs. W. H. Kent and others; 972, Christian vs. Burckle; 973, Spaeth vs. Casey; 974, Sigmund vs. Guttman; 975, Nicholson vs. Cinque; 976, Nicholson vs. Cinque; 977, Friend vs. City of Brooklyn.

Supreme Court, trial term, day calendar, January 3, Part I, Dickey, J.; Part II, Keogh, J.; Part III, Marean, J.; Part IV, Jenks, J.—Nos. 7,056, Lonsdale vs. Lonsdale; 6,395, Lahey vs. Nassau Railroad; 5,118, McCarroll vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 5,366, Fulton Grain Company vs. Anglim; 4,955, Rogers vs. Bayha; 2,156, Ryder vs. Fick; 6,954, Cattereon vs. Nassau Railroad; 3,352, St. Louis Car Company vs. Atlantic Avenue Railroad; 7,254, Ludwig vs. Long Island Railroad; 6,300, Leyinsky vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 3,272, Woodward vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 1,677, Werner vs. Atlantic Avenue Railroad; 3,182, Gaffney vs. Gerhard; 2,223, Cushmaker vs. Nassau Railroad; 4,610, Smith vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 4,464, Desmond Dunne Company vs. Baker; 1,906, Carter vs. Minden et al; 1,391, Senior vs. City of Brooklyn; 2,333, Day vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 6,833, Barkhardt vs. Nassau Railroad; 6,001, Rommeney vs. City of New York et al; 4,527, Weber vs. N. A. Brewing Company; 5,193, Hamilton vs. Story; 3,828, McKenna vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 2,873, Devine vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 4,281, Hoffman vs. Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad Company; 337, Strehl vs. Long Island Railroad; 4,714, Osthelmer vs. Nassau Railroad; 3,617, King vs. Harrison et al; 7,169, Gillespie vs. Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company; 321, McCanna vs. Brooklyn City Railroad; 1,759, Holliday vs. Third Avenue Railroad; 6,226, Swanson vs. City of New York; 3,705, Joyce vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 1,888, Schenck vs. Vernon et al; 5,799, McKay vs. New York City and Hudson River Railroad; 1,777, Baird vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 1,096, Kirke et al vs. Hanley.

The following causes, if marked ready, will be held for the day; causes will not be set down for days upon the call: Nos. 2,890, Flack vs. Nassau Railroad; 6,291, Peckett vs. Bergen Beach Company; 3,237, Rush vs. Moquin et al; 5,312, Meat vs. Nassau Railroad; 5,135, Robson vs. Nassau Railroad; 7,089, Strain vs. Schleiemacher; 7,477, Coombs vs. McGovern; 7,256, Meeneling vs. Fischer; 6,303, Collins vs. Nassau Railroad; 4,978, Baranowitz vs. Eastern Brewing Company; 3,880, Cullum vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 4,080, Bradford vs. Self; 5,057 to 5,061, Gough vs. Graham and five other defendants; 3,119, Clark vs. Manhattan Railroad; 3,337, Picoretti vs. Piel; 595, Miles vs. City of Brooklyn; 1,656, Kane vs. Berlin & Jones Envelope Company; 5,375, Patton vs. Atlantic Coast Company; 3,228, Cody vs. Kelly; 3,292, Jennings vs. Walsh; 2,544, Fallon vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 5,050, Mahnken vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 5,112, McFadden vs. Long Island Railroad; 1,024, Walsh vs. New York Stamping Company; 4,721, Binimovitz vs. Blaisdell; 1,950, Duffy vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 4,663, Dick vs. Nassau Railroad; 4,634, Bragdon vs. Nassau Railroad; 3,775, Black vs. Staten Island Electric Company; 1,865, Harris vs. Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad; 798, Lightall vs. Meyer; 3,385, Carbin vs. Third Avenue Railroad; 4,459, Broeman vs. Wieser; 5,352, Larkin vs. Washington Mills Company; 4,021, Dailey vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 4,493, Joyce vs. Brooklyn Heights Railroad; 4,257, Carey vs. Nassau Railroad. Highest number reached on regular call, 5,367.

Surrogate's calendar for Tuesday—The wills of Elizabeth Gore, Susan C. De Wolf, Harriet W. Seaman, Mary A. White, Frederick Westphal, Isabella Andrews, Samuel F. Brown, John H. Studley, Mary Taylor, Christian F. Hagan, Annie L. Lenagh, John Connelly, Thomas F. Ward, Bernard Isaacs and Emma Grundner (motion). The accounting in estate Annie M. Kelly, John C. Knox and William Frohwetter. The estate William H. Pigot and William Miller. The guardianship Thomas Early.

TERESA DALY ARRESTED.

Teresa Daly of 48 Smith street, who has not been on friendly terms with her brother-in-law, George Meek, jr., a saloon keeper, Friday night threw a paving stone through one of the windows of the store. That is the charge that Meeks made against his sister-in-law in the Adams street court next morning. She said that she had no recollection of the occurrence and she was held for examination. She provided bail for her appearance.

LOOKING FOR FERNELL.

The police are looking for James Fernell, 62 years old, who is wanted on a serious charge, the complainant being the mother of Lizzie Collins, 13 years old.

WIDEN FULTON STREET, SUGGESTS MR. KENNEDY.

This, He Says, Would Be Better Than an Extension of Flatbush Avenue

AND WOULD COST LITTLE MORE.

In This Way the Termini of Both Bridges Could Best Be Reached.

Elijah R. Kennedy, formerly president of the Shore Road Commission, does not believe in the Flatbush avenue extension scheme. He believes that that method for relieving the traffic on Fulton street would be an unnatural, unprofitable and foolish one, as it would, he thinks, greatly depreciate the value of the property on Brooklyn's principal thoroughfare and unfairly injure the business of the great retail houses that have established the greatest stores of their kind in the world there. His idea is that Fulton street should be widened, and he believes it not only practicable, but simple, and much more likely to result in the good of the borough than any other scheme.

"Municipal improvements," he said yesterday to an Eagle reporter, "ought to be adapted to the obvious desires of the people, and not the people adapted to municipal improvements. If the people wish to go through Fulton street, and that has been very decidedly shown, then it would be an enormous waste of money to try to force them to go through some other street simply because Fulton street is now very much crowded. And it would be a great injustice to the merchants who have built some of the grandest retail stores in the world, all along Fulton street, for the city now to pack up the traffic of Fulton street and cart it off somewhere else.

"Taking these things into consideration, therefore, I say that in considering means of getting the people to Manhattan and back, it is wise to disregard every project to endeavor to create a rival to Fulton street as a thoroughfare. Invention should be put to work to devise means of improving Fulton street and to make it adequate for the traffic that desires to use it. That old thoroughfare is now a two story street. It could be made a three story street, with the present elevated road above the surface cars and a subway beneath. My observation is, however, that people prefer to travel in the air rather than in a sewer. The idea I have is that Fulton street should be widened. Beginning at the point where Flatbush avenue comes into the street I would pare off the fronts of all buildings on the north side of Fulton street down to Washington street. Then, as a continuation on that side of Washington street would encounter the Post Office, and as I understand we have no right to condemn that property, I should clear away the other side, removing the entire block of buildings on the triangle formed by Washington, Johnson and Fulton streets. The extension toward the river would then depend upon the site of the new bridge terminal in this borough.

"And on that point I believe that the new bridge should be very near to the old one, as that is where the traffic is and where the people desire to go. The next bridge should not be built for mere picturesqueness, nor located at a distance from the old bridge merely for the sake of distance. The fact is that the present bridge does not meet the needs of the traffic which wants to go that way. If the old bridge cannot be widened, the next bridge ought to be built very near to it.

"Now, the improvement I propose would, of course, cost money. Yet, taking everything into consideration, it is a question whether it would cost much more than the proposed extension of Flatbush avenue, for the advance in adjoining real estate would meet the difference, in all probability, almost immediately. After you have paid your cost you have got something. Extend Flatbush avenue and you have nothing but a passageway for the railroads. Fulton street must be widened to such an extent that four tracks and room beside for the carriages that will be attracted there may be amply accommodated.

"This accomplished, you will have something that the borough totally lacks, and that is an agreeable communication between the Heights section and the recreation spots of the city. I would plant trees on the two sides of the widened street. People come back from Paris and London full of admiration for their wide and pleasant business streets, but they do not seem to apply the results of their observations by insisting upon just such pleasant business thoroughfares in their own city. Such benefit would accrue to the property owners in the near vicinity, it seems to me, that some portion of the cost of the improvement ought to be assessed upon the contiguous property, but as Fulton street is the great thoroughfare of the borough of Brooklyn the entire borough ought to be called upon to pay back all the cost of such an improvement."

WOULD NOT FACE THE NEW YEAR

John Burge Shot Himself in the Mouth Rather Than Live Another Twelve Months.

John Burge, aged 22 years, newsdealer, who boarded with Louis Balzle, another newsdealer, at 1,702 Fulton street, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting himself in the mouth in his room. The cause of the suicide is unknown, for as far as his friends know there was no reason for the act. It seemed to have been premeditated.

Burge borrowed 25 cents from Balzle early yesterday afternoon. He frankly said that he wanted the money to buy cartridges for his revolver, and added that he desired to celebrate the incoming of the new year by firing a salute with the weapon. Balzle had his own opinion concerning the propriety of shooting off firearms to celebrate the new year, but he gave him the money and the young man bought the cartridges. Later he had a talk with Mrs. Balzle. He did not seem to be particularly despondent, and he surprised her when he said that he was tired of living and did not mean to pass another year as he had the last one.

"I do not think I care to see any more new years, anyway," he declared.

The woman did not think he was in earnest and he went away without any remonstrance of a serious character from her.

Soon after he had left her he shot himself in the mouth. An ambulance was sent for, but when Dr. Fitzgerald reached the place Burge was dead. Coroner Delap will hold an inquest.

GEORGE H. BROUWER BANKRUPT.

Voluntary Petition Filed in U. S. Supreme Court Yesterday.

Among the voluntary petitions in bankruptcy filed in the clerk's office of the United States District Court yesterday was one by George H. Brouwer of 99 Decatur street, Brooklyn, and George W. McGown of 110 St. Nicholas avenue, formerly in business as stock brokers in Wall street, but who dissolved partnership in January, 1894. Their joint liabilities are $411,868.57, of which $155,605.87 is due to creditors holding securities. The nominal assets are $10,204.77. The personal liabilities of Brouwer are $61,742.29 and of McGown, $2,654.76. Mr. Brouwer formerly lived in Sea Cliff, L. I., and is well known in Brooklyn.

BROOKS HELD FOR TRIAL.

It Is Claimed That He Has Used Mails to Defraud.

G. B. Brooks, president of the Brazilian Art Manufacturing Company, with offices at 28 Duane street, Manhattan, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal McAvinney and arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields on complaint of Post Office Inspectors Frank A. O'Brien and E. S. Leland, who charge Brooks with using the mails to defraud. The sworn complaint alleges that Brooks advertised extensively throughout the country for men and women to do profitable work at home. It was announced in these advertisements that $6 to $15 a week could be easily made, that no experience was necessary, and that full particulars and work would be furnished on application. Edward Williams of 4,347 Vesta avenue, St. Louis, Mo., claims that he sent Brooks several dollars for an outfit with which to make pictures, and that when he returned them Brooks refused to pay him, claiming that the pictures were not up to the standard.

It is claimed by the officers of the Post Office Inspector's Department that the company represented by Brooks has received money from thousands of men and women throughout the country, many of whom are persons of small means. It is also claimed that a number of other persons are engaged in like schemes, and a determined effort will be made to suppress the business. Brooks was held in $1,500 bail for examination.

MC CONNELL MAY BE INSANE.

Retired Indian Fighter Taken to Bellevue After Trying to Get Change for a Million.

A man about 55 years old entered the West Twenty-third Street Ferry house in Manhattan last night in an excited state of mind. He rushed up to the ticket agent and demanded change for a million dollars. The agent tried to induce the man to remain there until the police could be summoned, as it was apparent that the man was violently insane. In spite of the efforts of the agent, however, the stranger rushed into the ferry house and frantically demanded of the passengers change for a million. No one volunteered to accede, but to appease him one of the passengers began to count out some change, but before he reached the million mark a policeman arrived. It was with some difficulty that the insane man was taken to the insane ward in Bellevue Hospital. There it was discovered that his name was John McConnell, and that his probable address was 1,193 Gates avenue, Brooklyn. An effort was made to communicate with his family.

At 1,193 Gates avenue, which is at the corner of Evergreen avenue, an Eagle reporter discovered that a man named John McConnell had lived in the top flat with his family until Monday last. He was a retired cavalryman, for thirty years in the service and a noted Indian fighter, having fought under Buffalo Bill, under Merritt and under General Miles. For several years he has been living on an income of three-quarters pay. Last week he received a telegram, according to the family who live on the floor below, telling him he had been appointed as a quartermaster sergeant and was to report at Savannah for duty. His transportation was inclosed. It was understood in the flat that he left for Savannah last Monday.

A man who lives in the flat below and who requested that his name be not used said to the reporter:

"I would not be at all surprised if this was the man who was taken to Bellevue Hospital. He was very intelligent until a short time ago, when he began to act queerly. He was well known in the Regular Army and had quite a history, having been one of the men who went to rescue Custer with Buffalo Bill. He received a good pension, but the inactive life he led played on him and lately he had begun to repeat his stories over and over again. He acted like an imbecile at times and I am not surprised if he was crazy."

The man's wife said: "Mr. O'Connell, who was a sergeant in the regular Army, received a telegram the other day telling him to go to Savannah. He would not read it and showed it to me asking me if I had received one like it. I read it to him and he would not believe it was an order for him to go to Savannah and he acted very strange about it. On Monday his wife went out with him and she afterward said she had seen him on board the train for Savannah. She has gone to her mother's and will move out on Monday from here."

Down in the drug store, under the flats, the reporter was told that Sergeant McConnell had shown signs of losing his mind and it was believed there that he had not started for Savannah at all and that the telegram was simply a ruse to take him to some soldiers' institution where he could be taken care of. No word has been received from him since he left the flat on Monday.

JULIA ARTHUR NOT COMING.

Julia Arthur yesterday canceled her engagement to play at the Montauk the week of January 9, on account of sickness. William H. Crane will take her place.

THE WEATHER.

INDICATIONS TILL 8 P. M. TO-MORROW.

Washington, D. C., December 31—For Eastern New York, generally fair, preceded by snow on the coast; colder; the unseasonably cold weather will continue till Tuesday, north to northwest winds.

The following is the record of the thermometer as kept at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle office:

2 A. M. yesterday	54	3 P. M.	40
4 A. M.	51	5 P. M.	36
6 A. M.	48	7 P. M.	30
8 A. M.	46	9 P. M.	22
10 A. M.	44	11 P. M.	21
12 M.	40	1 A. M.	20
2 P. M.	40		

The sun will rise to-morrow at 7:25 A. M. and set at 4:44 P. M.

HIGH WATER.

Following is the official announcement of the time and duration of high water at New York and Sandy Hook for to-morrow, January 2:

	A. M. Time H. M.	A. M. Height Feet.	P. M. Time H. M.	P. M. Height Feet.	Dura'n of Rise. H. M.	Dura'n of Fall. H. M.
New York	11:00	4.3	11:42	4.8	5:34	6:31
Sandy Hook	10:40	4.4	11:19	4.3	6:09	6:37

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS.

ARRIVED SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Ss Christine, from Shields.
Ss Ardanrose, from Macoris, etc.
Ss Seneca, from Manzanillo, etc.
Ss Abydos, from Matanzas, etc.
Ss Algonquin, from Jacksonville.
Ss Britannic, from Liverpool.
Ss Irawaddy, from Trinidad.
Ss Patria, from Hamburg.
Ss Sirius, from Rio Janeiro.

SAILED.

Ss Olinda, for Matanzas, etc.
Ss General Whitney, for New Orleans.
Ss Pretoria, for Hamburg.
Ss Georgian Prince, for Dover.
Ss Etruria, for Liverpool.
Ss Lackawanna, for Avonmouth.
Ss Manitou, for London.
Ss La Normandie, for Havre.
Ss Europe, for London.
Ss Spaarndam, for Rotterdam.
Ss Cyprian Prince, for Pernambuco, etc.
Ss Aller, for Naples, etc.
Ss British Prince, for Santos.
Ss Adria, for Antwerp.
Ss Oriol, for Cape Town, etc.
Ss Anchoria, for Glasgow.
Ss British Empire, for Antwerp.
Ss Philadelphia, for La Guayra, etc.
Ss City of Washington, for Havana.
Ss Girdleness, for Queenstown.
Ss Adirondack, for Kingston, etc.
Ss Leona, for Galveston.
Ss Norwegian, for Glasgow.

ARRIVED AT FOREIGN PORTS.

Ss Energie, from New York, pd. Portland Bill.
Ss Georgios I, from New York, pd. Lizard.
Ss Italia, from New York, pd. Lizard.
Ss Addington, from New York, Christiania.
Ss Borneo, from New York, Christiania.
Ss Deike Rickmers, from N. Y., Swinemunde.
Ss Vienna, from New York, Trieste.
Ss Kenmore, from New York, Shanghai.
Ss Adana, from New York, Melbourne.
Ss Indrani, from New York, Kobe.
Ss Asphodel, for New York, St. Michaels.
Ss Palatia, from New York, Hamburg.
Ss Pennsylvania, from New York, Hamburg.
Ss Tauric, from New York, Liverpool.
Ss Lucania, from New York, Liverpool.
Ss Pathan, from New York, Yokohama.
Ss Corinthia, from New York, pd. Gibraltar.
Ss Dalecarlia, from New York, Pernambuco.
Ss La Campine, from New York, Antwerp.
Ss La Bretagne, from New York, pd. Lizard.

SAILED FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Ss Germanic, for New York, Queenstown.
Ss Hawkes Bay, for New York, London.
Ss Ems, for New York, Naples.
Ss Island, for New York, Copenhagen.
Ss Pocahontas, for New York, Trieste.
Ss Vega, for New York, Lisbon.
Ss Dona Maria, for New York, Oporto.
Ss Alsatia, for New York, Genoa.
Ss Clematis, for New York, St. Michaels.
Ss Martello, for New York, pd. Beachy Head.
Ss Croft, for New York, Dundee.
Ss Furnessia, for New York, Moville.
Ss Strathairley, for New York, London.
Ss La Champagne, for New York, Havre.
Ss Condor, for New York, Manila.
Ss Thomas Melville, for New York, Palermo.
Ss Catania, for New York, Hamburg.
Ss Weimar, for New York, Bremen.
Ss Umbria, for New York, Liverpool.
Ss Cymric, for New York, Queenstown.

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MR. SOMERS' RECO...

A Fine Educational Schem... Public Library Authorit... pose to Carry Out.

A meeting of the executive committee a... sites committee of the Brooklyn Public L...brary was held yesterday afternoon at th... Library Building on Bedford avenue. At th... last meeting of the Board of Trustees the ex...ecutive and sites committees received pow... to select sites for branches for the Public Library in different parts of the city.

At the meeting yesterday, at which ex-Mayor David A. Boody presided, Mr. Somers, chairman of the sites committee, reported in favor of four branch libraries, one in the Eastern District, to be known as the Northern Branch; one in the Twenty-sixth Ward, to be known as the Eastern Branch; one in South Brooklyn, to be known as the Southern Branch, and one in the central part of the city, near the present location, to be known as the Central Branch.

The committee was unable to report definitely in regard to the Eastern District Branch, but it was generally agreed that the location should be somewhere in the vicinity of Broadway and South Eighth street. The committee has under advisement several pieces of property in that neighborhood and will report definitely next week in regard to the matter.

The report of the committee about the building in the Twenty-sixth Ward, at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Fulton street, was approved. This building is a large double store and is said to be admirably located for the library.

The committee also reported in favor of a store, corner of Forty-eighth street and Fourth avenue. This report was approved.

It is expected that branch libraries in these buildings will be started immediately.

In reference to the Central Library, several pieces of property were considered and the committee was given further time in which to make a report. It was agreed, however, that the location should be in the vicinity of Bedford avenue and Fulton street.

The Board of Education has already made plans for changes in the school building now occupied by the library, and notice has been served that the library must vacate the building by February 1.

The trustees of the library are enthusiastic in the work, and are determined to push the matter of branch libraries as speedily as possible and to have the Public Library movement well under way in a very few weeks. Mayor Van Wyck has the appointment of several members to fill vacancies.

ADAMS POISONING CASE.

Captain McCluskey said at police headquarters last night that there were no new developments in the Adams poisoning case. He added that he could say no more, as anything he might say would tend to defeat the ends of justice. "The case is still under investigation," said the Captain, "and that is all I can say."

STABBED IN A FIGHT.

Louis Amstibowsky, 37 years of age, of 87 Chrystie street, Manhattan, during an altercation with Joseph Petzold, 28 years of age, of 139 Mulberry street, yesterday afternoon, in front of 1 Forsyth street, was stabbed in the right side with a penknife by Petzold and received an ugly wound, from which it is thought he will die.

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