

TELEPHONE
YOUR WANT ADS
To the Daily Star

DAILY STAR



WEATHER FORECAST.
Rain to-night; warmer
to-morrow.

31st YEAR.—Established March 27th, 1876.

PUBLISHED IN KINGS COUNTY.
Office, 127 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn.

GREATER NEW YORK, TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1907.

PUBLISHED IN QUEENS COUNTY.
Office, 38-41 Borden Ave., L. I. City.

PRICE ONE CENT.

ASTORIANS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hallett Have a Notable Reunion To-Day at Their Home, at Which Members of Their Family and Well-Known Residents Will Extend Congratulations.

It is just fifty years ago this Tuesday that Mr. Charles Wesley Hallett and Miss Christina Crawford Ellison were married in the Seventeenth Street Methodist church, New York City, and the young husband took his bride to Astoria, where, together side by side, sharing life's burdens, comforting each other in the sorrows that are inevitable to poor humanity, and joining in that happiness which is sure to break like silver lines in a clouded sky, in all well ordered lives, their career has indeed been full of honor and sweet content to themselves, and of supreme usefulness to the entire community

which he now is enjoying as he fully deserves, in company with the estimable lady, who has been a true help-mate to him through the long years of their wedded life. Mr. Hallett has always enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and the people of the town with which he has been prominently identified. He has been a trustee of the Long Island City Savings Bank for many years. He served two terms as a member of the Common Council of old Long Island City and has also been a member of the Board of Water Commissioners. He is a member of Astoria Lodge No.



MR. AND MRS. C. W. HALLETT.

where to-day they celebrate their golden wedding. There will be a family reunion at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hallett at No. 95 Remsen street, Astoria, between 4 and 8 o'clock this Tuesday at which it is safe to predict that all the leading families and residents of Astoria and vicinity, who have known and admired the happy couple for years, will also be represented. Six children have blessed the happy union which was consecrated half a century ago. C. Wesley Hallett, Jr., Mrs. John Stead, nee Alletta M. Hallett; Fred T. Hallett, Walter E. Hallett, Miss Mary E. Evelyn Hallett, deceased, and Miss Christina Hallett, Mrs. Stead resides with her husband at Princeton, N. J., and Mr. Walter E. Hallett, who is also married, has a delightful home at Tremont. All the other members of the family live at Astoria.

Mr. Hallett's Career.

Mr. Charles W. Hallett, sr., is a descendant of one of the oldest families in Astoria. He was born in New York City July 16th, 1831, but his parents died when he was only eighteen months old and he was brought to Astoria by his grand-parents with whom he remained until their death. Mr. Hallett has been in business for many years at Fulton avenue, Astoria, and has succeeded, by careful, economic, but at the same time energetic business methods in amassing a competency

155, I. O. O. F., and of Advance Lodge, No. 635, F. & A. M. He is a staunch Republican in politics and is prominently identified with the Astoria Presbyterian church.

An Old Family.

Mr. Hallett can trace his family history back to the early colonies to the William Hallett, an Englishman, who which he lived, as from its original owner that section of what is Greater New York to-day was known as Hallett's Cove for 200 years. One hundred years after Hallett had here established a home, a descendant, Joseph Hallett, together with Joseph Blackwell, constructed a grist mill upon Sunswick Creek, which afterward was operated by Blackwell, then by Hendrick Suydam in Revolutionary days.

In 1868 William Hallett's estate was divided between his sons Samuel and William, the former receiving the lands south, the latter those north of Main street and Newtown avenue.

NEW CORPORATIONS FILED AT ALBANY

Albany, March 19. Special. The Urban Water Supply Company, of Mineola, Nassau County, has been incorporated with the Secretary of State with a capital of \$100,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The directors for the first year are as follows: E. C. Ellis, of Brooklyn, and M. D. Coleman, S. M. Gaines, J. M. Terry, E. B. LeVake and E. L. Simpson, of New York City. A certificate of incorporation, of the China Development Company, of Farmingdale, Nassau County, has been filed with the State Department. The capital stock is \$100,000, divided into shares of \$500 each, and the directors are: John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park; Samuel Knopf, of New York City; Oliver L. Jones, of Cold Spring Harbor; Peter H. Woodward, M. A. Schenck, Robert Gerbracht, Jr., of Brooklyn, and Clarence Lexow, of South Nyack. The John W. Magee Realty Company, of Richmond Hill, has been chartered by the State Department, with a capital of \$100,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The directors are as follows: Albert Voltz, Jr., John W.

Magee and Rita M. A. Robinson, of Richmond Hill; A. N. Johnson and S. D. Smith, of Freeport; Charles A. Evans and W. D. Llewellyn, of Jamaica, and G. F. Hudson, of New York City.

Wilhelmina Schulte, of Astoria, is one of the trustees of the Training School for Nurses of the Sydenham Hospital, of New York City, just chartered by the State Department.

Billiards.

A straight rail billiard tournament was started Monday night at the Sunswick Democratic Club, Debevoise avenue and Newtown avenue. There was a big crowd of spectators. Some good billiards were presented to the club. It is a handicap event with eight entries. The scratch men are G. Messerschmidt, John Wagner and J. Wertz at 125 each. The rest of the contestants are all scheduled at 100 points each, and comprise Messrs. F. and A. Kerr, Cain, Kramhois and Werther.

There were three games played on the opening night. The Kern brothers opened the ball and Amiel was defeated by ability. Then Amiel and Messerschmidt locked horns and the scratch man won out in good style, but the veteran, as he acknowledged himself, had a warm time during the game. At the end of the evening was between Amiel Kern and John Wagner. It was a close fight for a long time, but Kern finally went down to defeat for the third time during the evening. He says he will get square with the short stops.

ESTABLISHED 1864.
FREDERICK T. HALLETT,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND
ELMBALMER.
PARLORS, 125 and 121 FULTON AVE.,
ASTORIA, L. I. CITY.

ALBANY NEWS

At its session last night the Assembly passed the bill of Assemblyman DeGroot, amending the Greater New York charter relative to the collection of assessments for local improvements in the Borough of Queens.

ELMHURST EPWORTH LEAGUE ENTERTAINS

The Epworth League of the Elmhurst Methodist Episcopal church gave an entertainment Monday evening that proved of more than passing interest to the large company in attendance. The program was made up of quartets, recitations by Mr. Simpson, of Northport, and Miss Donella Call; bass solos by Mr. Layton Turner; soprano solos by Mrs. Fannie Simpson; instrumental duet by Mrs. A. E. Turner and Mr. Layton Turner. At the conclusion of the very interesting program refreshments were served.

LEADER HICKS IS TOASTED BY FRIENDS

Election Captains of the First Assembly District Enjoy a Beefsteak Dinner at Which He is Their Guest.

The election district captains of the regular Democracy of the First Assembly District met at Patrick J. McDonough's hall, 108 Third street, Long Island City, last Saturday night, and tendered a surprise to their leader, the Hon. James P. Hicks. The affair took the shape of a beefsteak supper and it was a grand and unequalled success. The guests of honor was indeed taken by surprise and it was a long time before he could recover himself sufficiently to express his appreciation of the good feeling manifested towards him.

After the "steak" was duly and properly attended to, speeches, songs and recitations were in order, and it was nearly midnight before an adjournment was taken to enable the festive party to attend the annual ball of the Connors Association which was being held the same evening at Astoria.

TRUCK IN A HOLE; CARS TIED UP.

Driver Guided Vehicle Over a Pit-Fall and Got Into a Nice Mess of Trouble for Himself and Trolley Company.

Trolley traffic was tied up for about a half hour this Tuesday morning on Jackson avenue when a truck loaded with heavy barrels of rosin fell into an excavation at Fourth street. The hole was made by men engaged in laying the telephone conduits and it had been plankled over and a temporary guard rail placed over it.

During the snow storm the driver, who comes from Manhattan, failed to notice the planking and the barrier that indicated danger and drove over the pitfall. There was a crash that aroused people all along that part of the avenue. The driver had a narrow escape from being buried beneath the tumbling barrels.

Part of the truck was on the east-bound track and consequently none of the out-bound cars that go upon that avenue could get by Fourth street until they were sent back to the foot of Borden avenue and switched over to the other track and then sent to the south, the latter those north of Main street and Newtown avenue.

In 1868 William Hallett's estate was divided between his sons Samuel and William, the former receiving the lands south, the latter those north of Main street and Newtown avenue.

Billiards.

A straight rail billiard tournament was started Monday night at the Sunswick Democratic Club, Debevoise avenue and Newtown avenue. There was a big crowd of spectators. Some good billiards were presented to the club. It is a handicap event with eight entries. The scratch men are G. Messerschmidt, John Wagner and J. Wertz at 125 each. The rest of the contestants are all scheduled at 100 points each, and comprise Messrs. F. and A. Kerr, Cain, Kramhois and Werther.

There were three games played on the opening night. The Kern brothers opened the ball and Amiel was defeated by ability. Then Amiel and Messerschmidt locked horns and the scratch man won out in good style, but the veteran, as he acknowledged himself, had a warm time during the game. At the end of the evening was between Amiel Kern and John Wagner. It was a close fight for a long time, but Kern finally went down to defeat for the third time during the evening. He says he will get square with the short stops.

ESTABLISHED 1864.
FREDERICK T. HALLETT,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND
ELMBALMER.
PARLORS, 125 and 121 FULTON AVE.,
ASTORIA, L. I. CITY.

DOES GAS KILL TREES?

An Interesting Question Raised at Flushing Meeting.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION WRESTLE WITH LOCAL PROBLEMS THAT NEED SOLUTION.

They Are Working Heartily for a New High School Building and an Immediate Trolley Connection With Whitestone.

The Flushing Association held its regular monthly meeting in the League Building, Flushing, Monday night, with Mr. G. Lindsey Peck, the president, presiding, and Mr. Leon S. Case, the secretary, reporting. There was a large attendance and much business was dispatched briskly. After the routine business was over the reports of committees was called for by the president. Mr. E. Platt Stratton reported on the bill now before the Legislature amending the charter to the effect of giving the city the right to condemn any amount of land and to take title to all that they might see fit whether they needed it all or not to construct streets. Mr. Stratton said he is on the ground that it gives the city too much power, and on motion it was referred to the committee on legislation to examine it thoroughly and to report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Parsons reported that the committee on the preservation of trees had done considerable work in having the trees in many sections of Flushing trimmed and overhauled. He asked if gas killed any trees. He answered, "I know that it affects them. It does it kill them?" He reiterated his question. "I can't tell," said Mr. Parsons. "I never performed a post mortem on them." Another member said that he had been present where they had dug up a dead tree whose roots were impregnated with gas and filth from a leaky main which had poisoned the roots and thereby killed them and likewise the tree. Mr. Parsons said that he wished the newspapers would take up the question of protecting the trees, for if the conditions that now exist are not checked there will be no trees in another decade. He said that any one could have his trees trimmed and attended to by notifying the Forestry Department that they needed attention.

COUNTY COURT STILL AT WORK

Prisoners Plead to the Indictments Found Against Them—The Vandal Who Despoiled Slocum Memorial.

The County Court is still kept busy. There was only a brief session on Monday owing to the fact that three prisoners unexpectedly pleaded to the indictments that had been found against them. John Van Pelt pleaded guilty to burglary and petty larceny. Paul Doercken pleaded guilty to similar charges. Vincenzo Di Filippo pleaded guilty to assault in second degree. Charles Weimer was tried on an indictment charging him with assault in the second degree. The prisoner was indicted for the alleged stabbing of George Forman on the 13th of January.

The case was given to the jury shortly before recess. George Dietrich, alias George Allen, pled guilty to burglary in the second degree. This is one of the men implicated in the stealing of the tablet from the Slocum memorial.

N. Y. AND L. I. TRACTION CO. REFUSED A FRANCHISE

The New York & Long Island Traction Company was refused a franchise on Monday for the Mineola, Roslyn & Port Washington Traction Company from the Board of Supervisors, to construct a line across Long Island from Mineola to the north side.

The Long Island Traction Company filed with the board an application for the franchise and a check of \$5,000 to show good faith. The Mineola Traction Company, which filed its application in January, claimed it was entitled to the franchise, as it had made its application first.

TO FIGHT MOSQUITOES ON JERSEY MEADOWS

Plans for mosquito extermination in Jersey City call for twenty miles of ditches on the Hackensack Meadows. The main trenches emptying into the Hackensack River will be thirty inches deep, varying from two to four feet in width. The lateral ditches will be ten inches wide. State Entomologist John B. Smith told the members of the Board of Health yesterday afternoon that the cost of the work will not exceed \$25,000, appropriated by the city. The ditches will be dug by a machine designed for the purpose. Mr. Smith explained that the mosquito larvae will be washed out by the tides and destroyed by fishes.

AN OLD AND WELL-TRIED REMEDY.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over SIXTY YEARS by MILLIONS of MOTHERS for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea, Sore Throat, Whooping Cough, and all other ailments of Infants and Children. It is sold everywhere. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Law, June 30th, 1906. Serial number 306.

Open daily except Mondays 9 to 6
Tuesdays and Thursdays until 8 p. m.
DR. L. G. BRIMMER,
SURGEON DENTIST.
25 JACKSON AVENUE,
LONG ISLAND CITY.

CLUBBED ON HEAD IN A BRAWL.

Joseph Brigfons, of 48 Clifton avenue, Laurel Hill, got into an argument with Michael Karowski and Michael Silkeveia, of Laurel Hill, and Joseph Moneski, of Maspeh, in the saloon at 56 Clifton avenue, Monday night, and when the smoke of battle had cleared away Brigfons was nursing a very sore head. The other three were arrested on the complaint that they used a club on the victim.

DR. GALLIVAN TO PRACTICE MEDICINE HERE

Dr. J. V. Gallivan, having finished his post-graduate course at St. John's Hospital, leaves this week for his home at Kingston, Ontario. He will probably be gone for a month; after that he expects to return to Long Island City to take up the private practice of medicine in this section.

WORK STARTS ON NEW COURT HOUSE

Gang of Men Commence Work This Tuesday Morning Amidst the Ruins of the Old Building.

There is no doubt now that in a few months the old County Court House will be restored. Contractor Willie had a large force of men at work this Tuesday morning amidst the ruins of the building which was almost completely destroyed by fire over two years ago and from the energy they displayed the contractor evidently does not intend to let the grass grow under the feet of the men while they are at work.

He states that he believes he will be able to complete the new Court House within four months, and he will do his level best to do so.

While there is much to change in the remains of the old building that have been standing an eyesore to the people of Queens since the fire, still much will be utilized for the new edifice. This will materially aid the contractor in his efforts to hasten the reconstruction of the new Court House.

ARREST FRANK LAFF FOR ANOTHER BURGLARY

Ex-Convict is Caught at North Beach, Hiding Behind the Bar of the Meridan Hotel—He is Said to be the Last of an Old Gang of Crooks.

An arrest which the police hope will aid them in clearing up the mystery of several recent robberies at North Beach and vicinity was made Monday by Special Officer William G. Herbert, of 442 Winthrop avenue. The prisoner is none other than Frank Laff, who is not as happy as his name would indicate.

Laff, it may be remembered, has a prison record and so has his brother, Mike, who is still doing time at Sing Sing on an eighteen-year sentence for robbing a house on Nott avenue, in 1900.

Just Out of Prison. Frank, who was arrested Monday, only recently completed serving out a term of five years and ten months for a burglary committed about six years ago when he stole a quantity of tools from Patrick Mara at Flushing. Laff says he is twenty-five years of age and lives at 108 Middleburg avenue.

He was caught Monday afternoon, according to Special Officer Herbert's complaint, hiding behind the bar in the Meridan Hotel on Old Bowers Bay Road. In his possession was a bag containing about \$30 worth of brass and iron plumbing fixtures and several pieces of lead pipe. Laff could not give a satisfactory explanation as to how he came by the stuff, but the dismantled condition of the cellar beneath the bar explained several things.

Herbert says that Monday afternoon he was patrolling his beat among the deserted hotels and other resorts of the place when he noticed that the door of

the cellar to the Meridan had been forced open. He distinctly remembered that the door was not in that condition when he last passed that way, not two hours before, so he at once made an investigation.

Laff was hiding. The cellar gave many signs of recent invasion and when he ascended to the main floor there were other evidences that robbers had been at work. Herbert had about made up his mind that he was too late to catch the thieves when he happened to peek behind the bar. Then he saw Laff, all huddled up, trying to make himself invisible.

At the point of a revolver, Laff submitted to arrest and accompanied Herbert to the Astoria station house. This Tuesday morning he was arraigned in the police court and held without bail for the action of the Grand Jury, the prisoner waiving examination. Later he was escorted to Brooklyn Police Headquarters and had his picture taken to adorn the collection in the Rogues' Gallery there.

Last of Old Gang.

The police say that Laff is about the last of the old gang of burglars and sneak thieves that operated in this section six or seven years ago. His brother, Mike, was the leader of the gang, which was made picturesque by the membership of Mary Nagle, Mike's presumed wife, who pleaded guilty to complicity in the Gibbons' robbery on Nott avenue and was given five years. She died not long ago at St. John's Hospital.

SUPREME COURT

In Part I of the Supreme Court at Flushing this Tuesday morning when the case of Mrs. Lucy M. Randolph against W. E. D. Stokes was called for trial, counsel for the defendant asked that the case be adjourned as one of the most important witnesses was absent. Justice Vermeir then set the case over until March 26th.

Frederick Seaman, of 410 Flushing avenue, Astoria, was Monday afternoon awarded in Part I a verdict for \$4,200 damages in his suit against J. Yarnum Mott, of Manhattan.

The jury in the case of William Blumfield against John Sullivan brought in a verdict for the defendant this Tuesday morning in Part I.

The case of Hahn vs. New York City Railway Company was on trial in Part I this Tuesday morning. In Part II the case of John Lindner against Henry Spitzlich and James Kelly, which was on trial Monday afternoon, was still on trial this Tuesday morning.

The day calendar for Wednesday is as follows: Liebel vs. Gally. Perri vs. Edits et al. Ongley vs. Colt. Monnell vs. Interborough R. T. Co. Heals vs. ad. vs. N. Y. & L. I. Traction Co. Mlewski vs. Chelsea Jute Mills. Graham vs. Brooklyn, Queens Co. and Sun. Kirley vs. Un. Eng. and Cont. Co. Fagan vs. N. Y. City Ry. Co. Blumberg vs. Brooklyn, Queens Co. and Sun. Hummel vs. same. Kolinsky vs. N. Y. and Queens Co. Ry. Klein vs. same. Talbot vs. N. Y. City Ry. Co. Ferrara vs. Consumers' Brewing Co. of N. Y. Jacobs vs. Asch and another. Hanson vs. Kellogg et al. Heals vs. ad. vs. N. Y. and Queens Elec. L. and P. Co. Jones vs. Dagon Cont. Co. H. E. T. Co. Tynko vs. City of New York. Seaman vs. N. Y. and L. I. Traction Co. Seaman vs. an infant, vs. L. I. R. R. Astel vs. Roberts. Koneel vs. City of N. Y. and S. P. Pearson. Markey vs. Soeldner. Surisen vs. Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co. Galbraith vs. B. H. R. R. Marks vs. Collins Building and Con. Co.

PROBABLY WENT TO BED SMOKING A PIPE

It appears that Hendrick Ginesmas, who was burned to death in the cabin of McWilliams' stake boat off Whitestone Landing, Saturday night, had probably lain down in his bunk and gone to sleep smoking a pipe. That he had not smoked is proven by the fact that although he was burned to crisp, one leg which had been partly protected from the fire, had a rubber boot on, but the remaining portion of his body were burned to a cinder. The real cause of the fire will never be known. The big stake boat would have been a total loss but for the timely appearance of Captain James McDonald, of the tugboat John McWilliams, who just turned into the East River from Long Island Sound with a light tow, as the fire burst out. He was about a quarter of a mile away, but putting on all speed he arrived in time to confine the fire to the cabin, which was damaged to the extent of \$60,000. The rest of the vessel was not touched. Ginesmas, who had no relatives in this country, was a German, and was well spoken of by the fellow workmen on McWilliams' coal pockets, Whitestone Landing. Mr. McWilliams, his employer, will delay the funeral expenses. The stake boat was towed to a dry dock on Monday for repairs.

DR. H. H. HUNT, SURGEON DENTIST.

250-252 Jackson Avenue, L. I. City.
Telephone: 1584 Green.
Residence: 255 Jamaica Ave., Astoria.
Telephone: 69 Astoria. July 1916

SPLENDID PROGRAM FOR ENTERTAINMENT

To be Given Under the Auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society at Trinity M. E. Church, Astoria, This Evening.

A fine entertainment will be given at the Trinity M. E. church, Astoria, this Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Among those who will participate are the Crescent Male Quartet, Mr. Carl H. Becker, elocutionist; Miss Matilda Gemunder, soprano; Mr. John L. Barrowman, baritone; Mr. George Callaway, violinist, and Miss Alma E. Randall, pianist. The complete program which will be presented is as follows:

Piano solo, Polonaise, A-major, Miss Alma E. Randall; Crescent Male Quartet, Selected, Mr. Henry Grieshaber, Mr. Henry Middleworth, Mr. Henry S. Starr, Mr. Frederick H. Patton; soprano solo, "At Twilight," Miss Matilda Gemunder; recitation, "The Prisoner's Plea," Mr. Carl H. Becker; violin solo, "Fantasia," Mr. George Callaway; baritone solo, Selected, Mr. John L. Barrowman; piano solo, "Folish Dance B-flat Minor," Miss Alma E. Randall; soprano solo, "My Lady's Bower," Miss Matilda Gemunder; violin solo, Melody in F, Mr. George Callaway; recitation, "The Crushed Tragedian," Mr. Carl H. Becker; baritone solo, Selected, Mr. John L. Barrowman; Crescent Male Quartet, Mr. Henry Grieshaber, Mr. Henry Middleworth, Mr. Henry S. Starr, Mr. Frederick H. Patton.

GAVE BIRTHDAY PARTY TO THEIR DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kane, of 117 Hunter avenue, gave a birthday party to their daughter Lillian on Saturday evening last. She received many handsome gifts from her numerous friends and beautiful favors were given to each of the guests. Supper was served at midnight.

Among those present were Miss M. Grennon, Miss K. Early, Miss J. Von Ohlen, Miss M. Von Ohlen, Miss A. Wood, Mrs. W. Kane, Mrs. T. J. Green, Miss K. Muller, Miss G. White, Miss G. Kane, Miss C. Kane, Miss L. Kane, Mr. M. Mack, Mr. P. Hughes, Mr. C. Romain, Mr. A. Metcher, Mr. W. Stewart, Mr. G. Andes, Mr. E. Healy, Mr. T. Wilson, Mr. G. Heermann, Mr. William Kane, and many others.

WILLIAM E. STEWART

Counselor-at-Law;
TEMPLE COURT,
250-252 Jackson Avenue, L. I. City.
Telephone: 1584 Green.
Residence: 255 Jamaica Ave., Astoria.
Telephone: 69 Astoria. July 1916