

STRIKES HAVE INTERFERED.

Many Building Operations Have Been Postponed.

IMPROVEMENTS IN NEW YORK

Millions Being Spent at Brooklyn Navy Yard and Remarkable Change Being Made—Getting Ready for the Tiger's Reign.

New York, Nov. 13.—New York has had trouble of its own in the matter of getting up new buildings because of the strikes from which the city has been suffering for the past several months. Despite all this, however, there are several improvements under way that will, within the next two or three years, add greatly to the magnificence and importance of the city. Fashionable apartment and tenement house operations have been the most pronounced feature of the building activity since the settlement of the strikes, but there are several elegant new office buildings in prospect, with a few palatial private residences in the fashionable districts and another theatre or two yet.

Across the bridge millions of dollars are being spent at the Brooklyn Navy yard and within the next few months a remarkable change in the appearance and efficiency of the yard will be noticed. Among the improvements will be a new dry dock which will cost \$1,200,000 and which is expected to be the largest and best equipped dry dock in the country for repairing battleships. Although the improvements will make possible the more rapid construction of ships and greatly facilitate repair work, the fact remains that the area of the yard is entirely too limited for the growing needs of the navy.

It is doubtful if there is a busier man in New York today than District Attorney William Travers Jerome. If plans which he has on foot carry, any impression that may have been formed that New York is to be a "wide open" town after January 1 when Tammany Hall takes possession of the city again may be removed immediately. That Mr. Jerome will be a thorn in the side of the Tiger administration in case of policy of a "liberal enforcement" of the laws is already apparent. Mr. Jerome asserts that he will keep after the gamblers and dives and further announces that a number of New York millionaires have confidentially pledged whatever financial support he may need for the success of his work.

After the horse show tonight society will run down to Lakewood for over Sunday. The season, which promises to be very lively at the fashionable resort, opens tonight and swaggers people from all parts of the country have been flocking there for the past few days. The New York contingent will be large and fashionable. One of Lakewood's attractions that appeals not only to New Yorkers, but to strangers as well, is its accessibility to New York. An hour and a half on the fast trains that one can attend the theatre or opera in Gotham, and yet he may have his own bed to sleep in with the balsam of the pines to invite his slumbers.

It has been a long time since so many cases of pneumonia have been reported at the various hospitals in this city. A very prominent physician informs your correspondent that the majority of such cases at this time of year may be traced directly to the poorly heated flats and apartments. Landlords and agents put off the heating of flats to the last day and the result is that many cases of pneumonia are developed. The residents of the west side seem to suffer most and it is expected that the board of health will be called upon to take action in the matter.

Long Beach, L. I., which it is reported that the United States government is thinking of purchasing for a submarine station is one of the prettiest spots around New York. It has many natural advantages, being located on Gardiners Bay where almost every year the warships are stationed for practice. It is about three miles in length.

Much interest has been aroused among New York militiamen over the possibility of the militia regiments of the United States being placed upon a basis of pay in a manner which would comply with that allowed by the United States government to men in the regular army. It is understood that a bill will be introduced at the next session of congress which will embrace the proposition to do this. The local guardsmen are unanimous in their approval of such a measure.

A keen observer of things feminine will notice that a great deal of brown is worn by fashionable women of Gotham. A member of the Four Hundred states that the color is affected out of compliment to Miss Alice Roosevelt, who has suddenly veered from her favorite blue to the new russet brown. Miss Roosevelt is very popular in New York society and her unassuming manner has

won for her many friends. Despite her strenuous life she has not taken on the look of the older girls of the smart set.

The opinion held by many that college students love fun and college games more than work is losing ground every year. Few people really know how hard many students work during the vacation months to earn their tuition for the next term. A report just issued by the Columbia students shows that during the summer vacation this year Columbia boys earned a total of \$51,401.69. This is an increase of over \$15,000 over last year.

After all the great fire which recently destroyed the Bowers section of Coney Island might prove a blessing. The flimsy wooden structures there were a menace to the public safety and had the fire occurred in the summer the loss would have been far greater. Some of the owners of the three hundred structures swept away have already begun new buildings on the old sites, all of which are to be constructed of fireproof material. A new corporation known as the "Wonderland Company" is planning an amusement palace to rival the famous "Luna Park" which became famous the world over last summer.

General Francis V. Greene, police commissioner, is being talked of as head of the committee that will supervise the construction of canals, provided for in the bill for that purpose and recently approved by popular vote in this city. It is not likely, however, that any steps will be taken in the near future to put into effect the canal enlargement. Indeed it is stated on good authority that no bonds will be issued or work done before the opening of the legislature in January. After that winter conditions would in any case delay work until next spring.

The discovery that the channels in New York harbor are being slowly but surely blocked by the tons of dirt and refuse that are being dumped into the water daily by scores of scows, is not pleasing to the shipping people and residents of New York. In the very path of vessels within a radius of three-fourths of a mile southeast and east of the Sandy Hook lightship, there are now only six to seven fathoms of water, where there used to be 11½ and 15 fathoms, as marked on the United States chart. The supervisor of the New York harbor, at the suggestion of the pilot commissioners, is making an investigation of the matter.

Etiquette by Precedent.
For example of how men may live and act according to precedent there can be no better reference than to the lord chamberlain's office in London. There in quiet rooms day after day men learned in state etiquette, court dress and royal functions reach down heavy volumes to see what was done on such and such an occasion. Beautiful pictures showing with minute exactness the details of the court costume under various circumstances are ready to their hands.

A Curious Clock.
In one of the chief watchmaking establishments in Zurich there is to be seen a remarkable curiosity in the way of watch or clock making. The timepiece is in the form of a ball, which moves imperceptibly down an inclined surface without rolling. The length of this inclined surface, which is sixteen inches long, is accomplished from top to bottom in twenty-four hours. Then the ball only needs lifting to the top again. This extraordinary timepiece has no spring and therefore needs no winding. The hands are kept in motion by the sliding along an inclined plane.—London Globe.

Before Marriage.
Fuddy—There would be fewer unhappy marriages in the world if men and women would try to find out each other's disposition during courtship instead of doing their best to deceive one another.
Duddy—Yes, I guess there would be, as you say, fewer unhappy marriages. In fact, there would be fewer marriages of any kind, I guess.—Boston Transcript.

In the Dark.
"So he kissed you, did he?"
"Yes."
"I'm astonished!"
"So was I. You see, he met me in a dark corner of the piazza, and—"
"Oh! In a dark corner! That explains it!"—Chicago Post.

All the gospel in the world can be boiled down into a single precept—Do right now. I have observed that the boy who starts in the morning with a determination to behave himself till bedtime usually gets through the day without a thrashing.—Charles Dudley Warner.

Poetry.
Weaver—Poetry is something that is born in some one. It cannot be acquired. The making of poetry is a gift.
Beaver—So is the disposing of it, so far as I have had any experience.

NAMING OF THE PLATTE RIVER.

A Bit of Early Nebraska History Written by a Pioneer that is of More than Ordinary Interest.

The following recently appeared in the Nebraska City Tribune, and will be of interest to the early settlers of this part of the state. Keats-kot-oo, was for many years a trader with the Pawnees and a frequent visitor to this section of the state:

"While speaking upon this Indian subject a little matter of history connected with this state and particularly with the Platte river comes to the mind. A Mrs. Platt, who still lives in Oberlin, Ohio, and who was one of the first white persons to be in this section of the country tells about it. In May, 1854, the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill by congress gave this country a little shaping and sizing up. Mrs. Platt had been here then a dozen years, being first located just across the Missouri river opposite where Nebraska City now is at a settlement called Gaston, which was her maiden name. Mrs. Platt says: "When Mr. Platt and I went to the Pawnee mission station by request of the missionaries of the American board who were laboring there, to act as teachers under government, and co-operate with them in their work, we found no such word as Nebraska in the geographical vocabulary of that section. We were on the Great American Desert, in that portion known as the Indian territory, and through it lazily rolled a broad, shallow stream, named by the French traders, La Platte, and called by the Pawnees, Keats-kot-oo, (Flat Water.) When our Indian friends wished to give Mr. Platt a name, and were told by the whites that his name accorded with that of the Frenchman's river, they called him Keats-kot-oo and the name lives in that region today. But south of the land claimed by the Pawnees laid that occupied by the Otoes, and towards its eastern boundary a stream went rolling and gurgling over its rocky bed with such a sad plaintive tone, it suggested to the poetical mind of the Indian that the waters were weeping, and the named the stream Nebrathka (Weeping Water)—hence the name of our state, Nebraska. That the sound of 'th' is in the original word, I was assured by the son of a missionary who lived among the Otoes some years and spoke their language fluently. But the language of those petty prairie tribes was not reduced to writing, and we who labored among them and spoke their tongue, could sympathize with Joaquin Miller, who deplored that the musical E-da-ho (accent on the second syllable) of his boyhood's love, was changed by the white man into the discordant I-da-ho (accent on the first syllable), when we found that the soft Pawnee (accent on the first syllable) was so spelled and accented as to be pronounced Paw-nee; when the sweet flowing O-ma-ha was changed to the long drawn out O-may-haw, and the charming Ut-ta-wa coarsened into Ot-ta-way. How can the mistakes be remedied?"

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