

## EVENTS IN BROOKLYN.

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### Summary of the Week's Local News.

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**MONDAY, February 26.**—A contribution in aid of the Western flood, amounting to \$540, was taken up in Plymouth Church yesterday.

—The Central Labor Union, of Brooklyn, met yesterday and appointed a committee to draft resolutions indorsing the action of John J. Clancy, member of the Board of Education, in agitating the subject of violations of the rules of the Board by his associate members. The resolutions will be presented at mass meetings that are to be held in the Eastern and Western Districts.

—The street railroad companies are combining to fight in the courts the silly ordinance against bobtail cars, which is to go into effect on May 1.

—Henry J. Hume, furniture dealer, of 286 Fulton street, made an assignment to-day to Jackson Orr, giving preference for \$13,600.

—At the meeting of the Common Council to-day, the President, Alderman Weir, called attention to the fact that the work of the committees was performed in the most slovenly manner, and that the members paid very little attention to their duties. He instanced the fact that after a meeting of the Railroad Committee had been advertised for the 16th inst., to give a hearing to those who desired the removal of advertising boards from the windows of the street cars, only two members were present no meeting was held.

—Mayor Low has requested ex-Judge B. F. Tracy to draft an amendment to the Rapid Transit Compensation bill in accordance with the views expressed by him (Tracy) at the public meeting held in January in the Common Council Chamber. The point sought to be attained is to further increase the rights of abutting owners in regard to compensation.

—Messrs. Jackson S. Schultz, George H. Andrews and William Laimbeer, of New York, have been appointed Commissioners to select a site for the new Federal building in this city. They will begin work as soon as the requisite instructions arrive from Washington.

—Ex-Mayor Howell has substituted George G. Herman for ex-Senator William H. Murtha in his (Howell's) Arrears bill. Mr. Murtha declined to serve, because he is opposed to the provision in the bill permitting the settlement of arrears of taxes on the basis of the payment of 75 per cent. of the principal.

—Henry S. Fickett & Co., builders at Third street and Gawanus Canal, made an assignment yesterday to William A. Collingwood, giving preferences for \$16,248. The liabilities are said to be large.

TUESDAY, February 27—The committee appointed by Mayor Low to take steps for the erection of a soldiers' monument in this city have voted to select the Prospect plaza as the site. It was announced that one person has guaranteed \$10,000 of the \$250,000, which the monument is to cost. A committee of three was appointed to confer with sculptors and architects.

—Judge Cullen, in the Supreme Court to-day, listened to arguments upon an application of D. S. Pillsbury, a preferred creditor of the Co-operative Dress Association, to compel the receiver to pay him \$1,200 before making a general distribution of the property. He reserved his decision.

—Counsel for the Crosstown Railroad Company served papers upon the city officials to-day in an action to enjoin the city from interfering with the running of bobtail cars by the company after May 1, as provided by the recent ordinances. The complaint alleges that the ordinance is void as extra municipal, and outside of the powers of the city, its Common Council and Mayor.

—Judge Moore to-day sentenced William Bass, the coachman who shot and severely wounded a boy who was trespassing about a year ago, to the Penitentiary for one year. Bass recently stole \$25 from a servant girl employed by his master, and after shooting himself in the hip concocted a story of being assaulted by burglars. His stratagem was discovered, but the girl refused to prosecute, and he was discharged, to be arrested, however, immediately on the charge above named.

—The contributions received by the Brooklyn Trust Company in aid of the sufferers by the Western floods amount to \$400 to date.

The second annual institute of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union began last evening in the Hanson place Baptist Church. The opening address was made by Dr. J. H. Vincent.

—At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Monday afternoon a resolution was adopted directing the Lamp and Gas Committee to report at the next meeting what bids, if any, had been received for lighting the streets and public buildings during the current year; also what action, if any, had been taken by the committee upon such bids. The matter of the extortionate prices paid to the gas companies was discussed, and the statement was made that Brooklyn is probably more severely a victim of the gas companies than any other city in the country.

—Considerable funds have been received by the charitably disposed people who are soliciting contributions for Dr. C. F. Reed, the physician who has been bedridden for eighteen years, and wholly helpless and sightless for ten years of that period.

**WEDNESDAY, February 28**—The discoloration of the Ridgewood water supplied the city is owing to the surface drainage into the ponds and streams which flow into the Hempstead reservoir and conduit. The frost in the ground prevents the filtration of this drainage through the ground.

—There were thirty-four deaths from pneumonia in Brooklyn last week. The deaths from all causes during the week numbered 262.

—The Kings County Grand Jury made a presentment in the Court of Sessions to-day in regard to the suicide of John Kenny, the convicted murderer, in Raymond street Jail. They condemn the management of the Jail in regard to the laxity in searching prisoners and visitors and recommend a change in the system. The presentment also stated that the keepers, Cowan and Gallagher, who were suspended, were not especially negligent and should not have been singled out for suspension.

—All the public schools of the city have adopted the safeguards against danger from panic and fire suggested by Commissioner of Buildings Gaylor.

—The store of Edward Crawford, at No. 186 Fourth street, E. D., was entered by thieves Tuesday night and several hundred dollars' worth of property was taken.

—A committee representing the Grand Army of the Republic held a conference to-day with the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections relative to the burial of deceased veterans. The Legislature a year ago passed an act making a public charge the cost of interment of such veterans as might die without resources. It was made the duty of the Commissioners in such cases to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$35, this being sufficient to insure interment in some place other than the Potter's Field. The Commissioners themselves were flooded with applications in a short time and had to refuse money until an investigation was made in each case to see if the family of deceased were unable to bury their dead. In one instance the relatives of a veteran who left considerable property demanded the \$35 of the Commissioners. No veteran has been buried in the Potter's Field since the law was passed.

THURSDAY, March 1—Messrs. Andrews, Laimbeer and Schultz, the Commissioners appointed by Secretary Folger to select a site for the new Federal Building in this city, sent a request to the Mayor to-day for the use of a room in the City Hall in which to meet on March 7 and 8 to receive offers for proposed sites and to hear any suggestions and arguments from citizens of Brooklyn. Mayor Low placed the Common Council Chamber at their disposal.

—Commodore Upshur, commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, has been informed by the Chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks that, as the General Maintenance appropriation had not been allowed by Congress, the employees would get no money for February. Commodore Upshur, in a circular to the employees, leaves it to them whether they shall continue to work and wait for their money or take their discharge.

—Mr. Neil Gilmour, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, visited several of the public schools to-day in company with Superintendent Patterson and Assistant Superintendent Maxwell.

—John Campbell, a compositor, was found lying on the sidewalk at Marcy avenue and McDonough street, early this morning by two policemen. He had a severe scalp wound which he had received in falling against the curbstone. It was evident that he had dropped down while on his way from his work in New York, and was dead when found. The cause was apoplexy.

—Mr. Stanton Beebe, one of the oldest and best known residents of the Heights, died this morning in the 87th year of his age. He was for many years engaged in the manufacture of watch cases in New York, and forty years ago retired on a competency. Mr. Beebe was one of the founders of the First Unitarian Society of the Church of the Saviour, and was identified with a number of important local enterprises.

FRIDAY, March 2—Mrs. Mary Furey, mother of ex-Street Commissioner Furey and Jurors Commissioner William A. Furey, died to-day, at the age of 77 years.