OLD ROCKAWAY'S CURIOUS HISTORY.

It is a Tale of Early Indian Grants, Shifting Sands and Endless Litigation.

A little over two hundred years ago the low lying neck of land, that portion of the south side of Long Island, known as Rockaway Neck, and the small point of beach to the chasers also formed a new turnpike company. Neck, and the small point of beach to the south and west and east of it, known as Rockaway Beach, was solely the habitat of the red man. The great bulk of the beach at that time extended out into the ocean in a southeasterly direction and there was little west of where the village of Far Rockaway now stands. For many years after the settlements of Jamaica and Hempstead had attained to a considerable size this tract of beach was considered of too little value to merit attention except for purposes of fish-

The earliest record concerning the property is an old Indian deed, drawn up October 6, 1685, and acknowledged October 8, two days atterward, whorein Tackpowsha of Madnaris Mock, Enown as ILIUIte Nock, chief of his intervence of the Nock Rockway of Rocksway; conveyed to John Palman rachem of the Rockaways of Rocksway, conveyed to John Palman rachem of the Rockaways of Rocksway, conveyed to John Palman rachem of the Rockaways of Rocksway, conveyed to John Palman for fail 2s, the whole of that tract of Rocksway Neck and beach extending from a line on the west known as Wells' line bisecting the territory at present occupied by the village of Far Rocksway, not far from the turnpike, to the point of the beach on the west, at the inlet of Jamane has short distance went of what is now known as Rocksway Park. Palmer had obtained in the Sept by the great American artist John Palman Logan, the vicesgenet of King James II. to purchase. 'S small parced of indiand and meadows' on the southern side of Long Lainty in the September previous to the dato of this deed a Rocksway Park. Palmer had obtained in the species of the house is a beautiful palming James II. to purchase. 'S small parced of indiand mand meadows' on the southern side of Long Lainty in the Cuerna Conjet, rather of Lord Rocksway. This -deed, which is recorded in the Queens county, called by the name of Rocksway. This-deed, which is recorded in the Queens county clerk's office, was accusted that the and mand meadows' on the sustens side of the most fashlonable restrict the submitted of the most fashlon

in which he ratified the Indian

around Jamaica bay and the marsh land.

beach somewhere about the year 1690, weatherboards being hewn out by him

his own ax. This house was remoted

in 1833 to make way for the Marine pavilion. This old house was added to from time to time as additions came to the families of the

sons until its appearance was similar to that

shown in the picture printed in these col-

The whole property remained tranquil in the possession of the Cornwell family until 1809, or for over 116 years after the death of Richard. Then the heirs of the four sons

partitioned the property by order of the court of common pleas of Queens county.

The whole tract was divided into two divis-

ions known as, First division, the western section of the beach, and Second division, the castern section. The first section was divid-

ed into sixteen plots and the second into fif-teen, all of them as nearly equal in value as

The allotments of plots were made as follows:

1, 6 and 14, William Cornwell; 2 and 7, John Cornwell; 3, John Cornaga; 4 and 5,

Thomas and Rachel Bannister; 8, Nathaniel Ryder for John Mott; 9, John Nostrand; 10,

fames Abrams; 11 and 15, Henry Mott; 12 and

tle value and as late as 1830 John L. Morton bought directly from the Cornwell heirs un-

der the 1809 partition suit tots No. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in the eastern division; also the

marsh land north of lots No. 14 and 15, all

At this time the extreme westerly point of the beach was 500 feet west of the present terminds of the New York and Rockaway

Beach rallroad. Since that time the beach

has steadly, year after year, received accre-

of dollars' worth of property has been added to it. These accretions naturally came to the

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First division:

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Dullt unpretentious affairs. Thompson's his-tory of Long Island, published in 1839, con-tains the following allusion to the new Marine

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Lieutenant Governor Dongan issued a pat- Hog Island has been formed, creating a bay ent to John Palmer on November 3, 1685, re-corded in the archives of the secretary of the John L. Norton died in 1848, and in 1868 his heirs sold to the Wave Crest Land company deed to Palmer; the consideration was a quit and to William Caffrey, Samuel L. B. Norton rent of five bushels of good winter wheat and Henry Mott and others the land lying in annually. The next record of the beach is a the front portion of Wave Crest and the vil-

deed, by which John Palmer and wife con-yeyed the whole of Rockaway Beach to Rich-ard Cornwell, by deed dated August 23, 1687; the consideration is defined as being "valua-ble." This deed was not recorded until Janu-15. The two sons of Sampel L. B. Norton-John L. and B. Franklin and George C. afterward sold the pieces where Edgmere now /it. It was upon this plot that the old United stands. Patrick Gleason also purchased about States block house was built and the boun-Richard Cornwell ded in 1892, bequeathing all his property at Rockaway to his four sons, William, Jacob, Thomas and John. This will forty acres from the same heirs. The companies mapped out their tracts, ran streets through the property and put up a number of from which to compute the division between is recorded in the surrogate's office of New York city, liber 5, page 45. This section of handsome cottages for wealthy New York lots 1 and 2 and for all the other boundaries people, and a number of lots were sold, with of the beach. the town of Hempstead was all called Rock-away at that time, taking its name from the tribe of Indians. The name of Far Rockaway was used to distinguish the beach from the section. Near Rockaway, now called East Rockaway, and Far Rockaway and is occupied by the cottages of ex-Mayor This land was afterward purchased by the was so called because in reaching it a detour Gilroy of New York, Franklin Lord, Elbert H. state of New York and acting under the auwas so called because in reaching it a detour of several miles had to be made to the east, The family records state that William had a son, Ribhard, and the latter had two sons, named respectively Benjamin and Richard. The original Richard built the first house on

tury in the time of our revolutionary ancestors, when the British forces occupied the present territory of Brooklyn, after the battle of Long Island, they set to work a number of their unemployed engineers and surveyors at making a complete map of the west end of Long Island. From that map it is learned that the old gut, or inlet to Jamaica bay, was more than half a mile east of the point of the inlet as it existed at the tides flowed into Jamaica bay through a broad deep and unobstructed channel, where a large portion of the present beach is covered with hills and valleys and trees and everents and the heavy seas formed first formed the shifting sands up into great ridges and tentered to the shifting sands up into great ridges and heavy seas formed first for shown the listent where the shifting sands up into great ridges and heavy seas formed first to the West.

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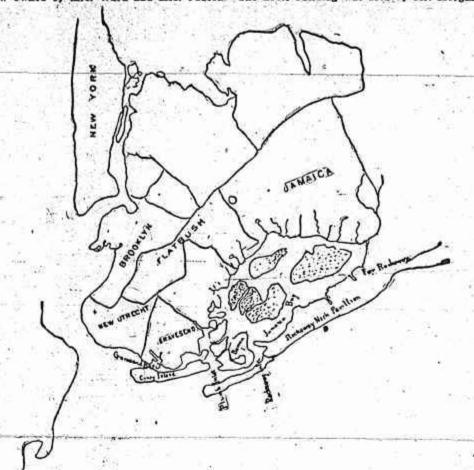
In 1853 Nellie Lewis and Abraham Hewited to the Sand Millocks, in some instances form 25 to 20 feet above the water. In older sections of the beach where the cedars would pold the sand until finally the great rilinges, and pounding the sand when the cedars would pold the sand until finally the great rilinges, and the property to John Carhart and James H. Puills and when, in after years, the sand was shifted by a powerful gate of wind from another configuration of the beach were the sailts would be blank and Pulls sold the larger portal Surman and Pulls sold the larger portal Surman and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 were only and stretches of land that in 1859 we time of the 1809 partition suit and the ocean tides flowed into Jamaica bay through a broad deep and unobstructed channel. 200 feet in width from bay to ocean, are now

half a mile across, In a westerly direction they have ex-tended year by year until to-day they havereached a point nearly south of Coney Island and over four miles west of the old inlet. In 1809 plot No. 4, which extended from lage of Far Rockaway, comprising part of lot the old gut to the new inlet, comprised No. 11 and the whole of lets Nos. 12, 13, 14 and about two hundred acres and was conveyed by Richard Cromwell to Nathaniel Ryder for \$200 and the marsh to the north went with it. It was upon this plot that the old United

dary of the United States land seems to be

the most definite boundary and a base line

restrictions as to the character and size of buildings to be erected, hone of the buildings to cost less than \$3,000 each. Much of this tract of land of about forty or fifty acres In 1814 Nathaniel Ryder conveyed to the territory is now in the incorporated limits comprising the westerly point of the beach of the villages of Far Rockaway and Arverne for the building of a block house thereon.



This deed was also recorded October 27, 1685, was afterward by him cut up into building in the office of the secretary of the province of New York, signed by J. Spragk, respectary of the council of New York. The Indian title of the council of New York. The Indian title was merely for occupancy.

At that time the ocean came up to the foot of the lawn in front of the hotel, and since then and stretches of land that in 1809 were only conveyed to John M. Johnson and James S. Benjamin and Uriah. Matilda died in 1872. Remsen both parcels, one bounded on the west by the United States land and on the east by Stringham and the other tract east of Stringham, Louis and Abram Hewlett also sold Remsen in 1855 the western portion of the tract, which was left to them by their ather, about three hundred acres, for \$485.50.

Thompson, who was at that time health officer of New York city. The main consideration named was a stipulation on the part of Dr. Thompson to build a railroad from East New Shortly after the death of Matilda Eldert

These heirs of Rothery Ryder and the other heirs of Nathaniel Ryder, the father of Rothery, claimed at this time all the western portion of the beach, west of Rockaway park, which had been added to the tract by the ocean while their father held the 200 acres, ather, about three hundred acres, for \$485.50. between the year 1809, when he purchased of Lots 25 feet by 100 feet are now selling for Cornwell, and 1830, when Jennings fore-Lors 25 feet by 100 feet are now selling for cornwell, and 1830, when Jennings fore-from \$2,500, to \$3,000 on this same track, only about forty years ago purchased by Remsen for \$1.85 an acre or 25 cents a lot.

February 1, 1858, James S. Remsen bought out Johnson's undivided half for \$20,000. In south of the New York state property, which 1863 Remsen conveyed all this track east of tract, according to the area described in the the United States tract excepting only a strip 1,150 feet in width stretching across the beach and known as Seaside park to Dr. Richard H. portion was to the south of the tract, and

Shortly after the death of Matilda Eldert York to Cavarsie and the maintenance of a George Durland of Jamaica bought out a num-steam ferry route between Canarsie and the ber of the smaller Nathanial Ryder heirs and foot of First street, Seaside landing. In ad-dition to this he was to pay the sum of \$3,000. Edward M. Shepard of Brooklyn was appoint-Gliroy of New York, Franklin Lord, Eibert H. state of New York and acting under the auBrinckerhoff and others. It is the handsomest thority of Governor Daniel Tompkins the old stern wheeler was purchased in Philatober 26, 1874, the premises were conveyed to section of Far Rockaway. The Norton heirs state commissioners paid \$100 for the land delphia for the ferry route. Sometimes she Alonzo B. Wright. Alonzo B. Wright.

mortgage for \$170,000.

Grauw, Smith's backer.

Benjamin Smith, on the 25th day of August,

1879, conveyed the tract to Henry Y. Attrill for \$200,000, who executed a purchase money

mortgage of \$180,000 to Colonel Aaron A. De-

DeWitt C. Littlejohn as executor of his

wife, as heretofore noted, claimed the title

of the western division from 3 to 16. The the title of the state and as to its claims upon his decision was amrmed by the court of apvillage of Arverne-by-the-Sea extends over these lands. The expense of these proceedings peals.

In 1879 the heirs of Alida M. Littlejohn confect on Surf avenue and running back 1,500

timber and shrubbery. The island up to seventy-five years ago was divided into two parts and an injet-divided the sections now known as Brighton and Manhattan beaches, near where the Marine rallway crosses. Men near where the Marine railway crosses. Men living until within a few years past have related how in their boyhood days they sailed through this inlet.

Coney Island was part of a tract of land-ceeds. which came under the original patent by the Dutch governor, Kieft, in 1650, to Lady Demany borah Moody, Sir Henry Moody, Sergeant Richard Baxter and James Hubbard and their associates_comprising the town of Gravesend. This patent was affirmed in 1670 by the English governor, Lovelace, and reaffirmed in glish governor, Lovelace, and reassumed in 1681 by Governor Dongan. Following the division of the main land into thirty-nine division of the main land into thirty-nine parcels among the original proprietors the middle portion of Coney Island, composing where at present Brighton beach, W. A. Engeman's and the race track, are now located, was divided into thirty-nine lots to go to the proprietors of the Mainland. The follows is a list of these owners: 1, Thomas Tilton; 2, Samuel Holmes; 3, John Lake; 4, William Compton; 5, Samuel Spicer; 6 James Hubbard: 7, John Tilton; 8, John Bowne; 9, John Griggs; 10, John Lake; 11, Barent Juriansen; 12, Obadiah Wilkins; 13, Samuel Holmes; 14, Ralph Cardell, 15, John Bowne: 16, Thomas De Lavell; 17, John Tilton, jr.; 18, John Cooke; 19, Nicholas Stilwell; 20, Peter Symson; 21, Richard Stilwell; 22, John Tilton, jr.; 23, Thomas De Lavell; 24, Samuel Spicer; 25, Barent Juriansen; 26, John Griggs; 27, Samuel Spicer; 28, Charles Bridges; 29, Thomas De Lavell; 30, John Lake; 31, Ann, Wilkins; 32, William Williamson; 33, John Emans; 34, Ralph Cardell; 35, John Poland; 36, John Applegate; 37, Samuel Holmes; 38, Samuel Spicer; 38, William Williamson; 31, John Emans; 34, Ralph Cardell; 35, John Poland; 36, John Applegate; 37, Samuel Holmes; 38, Samuel Spicer; 38, William Williamson;

of the watern division from 3 to 16. The village of Arrene-by-the-See, extends over the passes of the-spreacedings of the stand 16 of the watern division and control of the stand 15 of the stand 15 of the severe division and control of the stand 15 of th exclusive character of Manhattan Beach, de-spite its 5 cent trolley feeder. Meanwhile the public will watch the comedy of the fence with increasing interest as the season pro-

The present season witnesses the advent of many new features, while few or no entries are to be made on the oblivary list. The old time fakirs have all returned to resume the chase for nickels and dimes, and the familiar pandemonium of musical sounds issuing from the various and varying carrousels strike the eye and ear on every hand with undiminished force. A plot in front of the Sea Beach palace, 600 feet long and 100 feet wide, is occupied by the Streets of Cairo, a miniature presenta-tion of life in the Egyptian capital. Every-evening at 6 a native priest sounds the call to prayer in tones far from musical, while at all times a subject of the khedive mounted on a camel outside, pounds furiously upon a drum. The Boyton company's chutes, covering a space of 1,000 feet long and 50 feet wide, and an automatic race track on the old ifon pier, which will be equipped with wooden horses, going ten miles an hour and operated by compressed air will furnish a ride down the 700 foot streich and return.

The Sea Beach palace is crowded with a diversity of attractions as of yore. Every day from 2 to 11 or 12 P. M. a variety performance is given from an extended stage for all comers, while other parts of the building are oc-cupied by numerous side shows, the list in-



The First White Man's House Built on Rockaway Beach.

nd Manhattan beach both stand. Manhat-

Sutphin, county clerk of Queens county, who assisted him materially in his researches.

CONEY ISLAND OF TO-DAY

With the season of 1896 Coney Island enters upon a new era. Five cent fares are making it the resort of multitudes compared making it the resort of multitudes compared tion of mothers or nurses with children. Mr. Doyle, by the way, is one of the few surviving nestors of the West End who are counted thousand visitors in a single day was form-erly the high water mark, which was touched that he located at the beach, and a few years only on rare occasions. Now, however, 75,000 later secured, in conjunction with C. Stuben-—this was the total for last Sunday—is an ordinary figure, and a one day total of 100,000 of the old hotel at the Culver terminus. This does not call for special comment. Facts like these demonstrate the absurdity of the Mr. Doyle shares the general confidence that suggestion put forth in some quarters that the present season will be a record breaker, and Coney Island is declining as a seaside re- points to the spring foretaste of popularity Coney Island is declining as a seaside re-sort. Directly the opposite is the case, and railroad managers and seaside proprietors brings a rougher element, whose presence is and caterers are enthusiastically unanimous not desired at the beach, the vigorous policy in the opinion that this is to be the greatest of all seasons at the beaches. To convey an idea of the amount of the passenger traffic. to this tract as being a portion of the Dr. it is only necessary to say that there are

conveyed to the company, or Mr. Corbin as race track, is given up to a dancing pavilion, representative thereof, for \$2,000. At the time of this sale the island extended 700 feet resulted from the sandwich clause in the A tremendous boom to the bread trade has resulted from the sandwich clause in the further into the ocean than where Brighton Raines law, by which the sale of loaves has been greatly augmented. Precisely to what tan has been protected by its bulkheads and extent the average stomach can stand the jettles. It has made some new land at the sandwich accompaniment of a beer is a probexpense of the Brighton portion. The island lem in digestion still unsolved. Everyone in-has made some new land to the west. expense of the Brighton portion. The island lem in digestion still unsolved. Everyone inhas made some new land to the west.

The writer of this article acknowledges what has been paid for, but the majority would shrink from the task of giving every beer he drank a sandwich twin. Only last Sunday a visiting bicyclist, who was frequent-ly dry, took with him overy sandwich purchased, until he had accumulated half a peck of these evidences of thirst.

Along the West Brighton Beach, an extended line of bathing establishments, provided with every requisite of safety, furnish ample facilities for those desirous of taking a dip in the surf on the most crowded days. One of the features of this chain of water front attractions, the Doyle pavilion, is approached by a covered walk, and stands upon 1,800 piles. This solid, substantial structure is amply provided with seats designed for the accomm building was replaced nine years ago by the present larger and more pretentious structure. adopted by the police in the arrest of dis-orderly persons is having a pronounced and visibly wholesome effect. Even the Bowery, though it still retains that indescribable comwith the olfactory nerves will enable the uninitiated to appreciate, shows a disposition to brace up, and here and there three or four of the little concerns are being transformed into one, which is put to a more wholesome use than formerly.

The Iron steamboat management have found the 25 cent round trip fares profitable, so that quent liberal patrenage keep things lively at the new iron pler and in its vicinity.

The Bostock London imitation carrousels, which swell the number on the Observatory square to half a dozen, are groving a decided hit and attracting large crowds to the neigh-

borhood, greatly to the advantage of everyone interested in the locality.

George C. Tilyou, who began letting Coney Island property and privileges in 1880, has now branched out as an amusement promoter. and this season is expending \$102,000 in vari-ous enterprises calculated to produce a con-gestion of the seaside invasion in the vicinity of the strip abuting on the old iron pier. An electric plant, costing \$24,000, will give light and power to a Ferris wheel equipped with

ATLANTIC OCEAN. SKETCH OF ROCKAWAY BEACH AND MARSH, Showing the Division Made by the Cornwell Heirs, in the 1809 Partition and the Extensions Showing the Extent of the Beach in 1840 and Its Present Area.

it was possible to make them, and a division of the marsh land to the north went with the Plots 1, 8, and 16, William Cornwell; 2, Ru-liff Duryea, jr.; 3 and 13, Henry Mott; 4 and 14, who have erected handsome cottages thereon. Remington Vernam a New York lawyer. Alice Martin; 5, John Cornaga; 6 and 7, Thomas and Rachel Bannister; 9 and 15, John Cornwell; 10, Nathaniel Ryder for John Mott; 11,

great faith in its future since 1872 has from time to time bought from the Cornwell heirs or their auccessors lots 1 to 9 of the eastern division. Mr. Vernam has recently disposed of the greater portion of lots 1, 2, 3 and 9. Although the Norton helps sold lot No. 9 to Mr. Vernam, there is a dispute between Vernam and Norton as to the exact location of all the lots between 1 and 9. Norton claims that the boundaries of all the lots except his own have been moved over 400 feet to the eastward of their true lines.

Mr. Vernam had from time to time fenced

in all the lots of his property west of No. 9 and had commenced to fence in that lot in the spring of 1894 when Franklin Norton appeared on the scene and a dispute arose as to the boundary line between them. Norton tore down the fence and a small building Mr. Vernam had put on the premises, Mr. Vernam then ejected him from the premises by force and the matter went before Justice George W. Smith of Far Rockaway, who granted a war-rant of ejectment against Vernam, Mr. Verto it. These accretions naturally came to the owners of the extreme west point of the beach as the light moved to the west.

The shifting character of the beach has been the cause of numerous law suits as to boundary lines, and about January, 1878, in a proceeding as to title, Justice Harnard appointed three experienced surfeyors, Henry D. Myers of Poughkeepsic, Singleton Mitchell of North Hempstead and Ezra W. Conklin of Jamaica, a commission to locate the line of division between the lots. They met sevnam appealed to the county court, but Justice Garretson sustained the decision of the lower court without giving an opinion upon the question of boundaries and title, upon which the supreme court must decide. An order of affirmance was entered in the Queens county clerk's office, Saturday, May 23, 1896. General Benjamin F. Treey appeared for Vernam in the suit and Johnson & Lamb for Norton.

of Jamaica, a commission to locate the line of division between the lots. They met several times and male an actual survey, but finally disagreed and gave the matter up.

Finally all the pwners upon the beach agreed upon a certain boundary line between lots Nos. 1 and 2 of the first division of the purchaser upon examination found that Mr. Vernam's title was defective and Justice Wilmot. M. Smith upheld all the objections. Duryes, as a base line for determing the location of all the property on the beach. The differences that allose after that as to the boundaries arose from the different methods employed by the surveyors in making their east and west distances. Some declared that he recease was to vary to the true method was to run the line along the middle of the beach or at right angles wision and all of lot-1 of, the march except which was in the state of New York, who paid the that base line, and others along the Jamaica. The released the purchaser of his obligation of all the released the purchaser of his obligation of the property and ordered the referee, his own cost and expenses when requested to made on the property and directed the plainties of the same of surveyors. In the state of the property, however, the true method was to run the line along the ocean front, others ran a line through vision and all of lot-1 of, the march except which was signed by the state logislature which was signed by the state logislature which was signed by the state logislature which was signed by the state of New York, who paid the that portion purchased by Lewis Hammilia. the middle of the beach or at right angles vision and all of lot-1 of the marsh except to the base line, and others along the Jamajea bay side. Mr Norton was the first man to recognize the value of the beach as a popular suburban second responsible to the second and popular suburban second responsible to the second responsible t

still'claim all of lot No. 8 and of lots Nos. 10 and expended "\$30 for carriago hire, etc.; landed at the pier at the foot of First street veyed on August 15, 1879, the whole tract of and 11, except the portlons they have sold to the Lancaster company, which built the Edgmere hotel, and a few other parcels, which were purchased by wealthy private owners, who have erected handsome cottages thereon. When the state of the pier at the foot of First street veyed on August 15, 1879, the whole tract of and sometimes on the beach, if the tide or wind were too strong to make the other land-land w

atate Sea Fencibles, under the command of Captain Josiah Ingersoll, from December 29, Decatur:

Decatur:

Joalah Ingersoll, captain; Isaac Walte, lieutenant; Daniel Leger, gunner; George Bars, great gunner; John Arthur, John Brainer, Matthew Crake, Bilas Coleman, Henry Clason, William Dixon, John Francis, John Finnegan, John Gould, Joseph Gale, Joehua B. Hall, Jesse Lewis, Charles Loundes, Adoniah Manseleid, Patrick McGuire, John McGowan, William Phillips, Peter Patterson, Edward Roach, John Smith, Augustus Williams, John Williams, Joseph Ward and David Wileon, all seamen; Abraham Fowler, waiter to captain, and John Posier, waiter to instrument Hugh Sweeney, surgeon's maje, and Patrick London, doctor's waiter. Total, 21.

The old block house was pulled down in 1818 and part of the material was used in the erection of the village school house, at the village of Far Rockaway and the twenty-four pound gun was used as a corner post at the Intersection of two of the village streets. In 1866 the government gave Aaron A. De-Grauw the right to use and to occupy this property for \$1 per year payable the first day of May in each year until it should be wanted by the government, when the lesses was to va-cate the premises and remove all buildings at

and carrying by carts the gun over the beach.

The commissioners reported that a strong block house had been built at the entrance to the bay and a single twenty-four pounder mounted upon it and that this block house had been taken charge of by an adequate force of United States troops.

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It was stated in the report that this inlet was near the Brooklyn navy yard; that an enemy could land from small boats in Jamaica bay and that it was highly important that this section, which was also a refuge for coasting vessels, be protected.

The following is a list of names borne on the muster roll of a company of New York as his executor and trustee and the guardian of his children.

Soon after Dr. Thompson died Littlejohn, United States, stationed at the block house out of the funds of the estate to complete the agreement, conveyed this very valuable prop-erty to a dummy of his named Francis B. Dane, who afterward conveyed it to the wife of Littlejohn. The title remained in Mrs. Littlejohn undisturbed for many years, and after her death, in 1872, her children conveyed the present Rocksway park to H. Y. Attrill, who, with his associates, formed a corporation and built the great hotel, which proved a financial fallure. Littlejohn also, as administrator of his wife, sold other portions of the beach and received large rentals therefrom. In 1888 the

heirs of Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Judson, discovered that, by the fraudulent transfers of the guardian and trustee, they had been despoiled of the prorperty, and in an action brought by them against De Witt C. Littlejohn and his children, recovered judgment, establishing their claim and title to the entire property bought by Dr. Thompson in 1862 from Remsen. All of the unimproved portions of the beach lying between Holland's and Seaside and also the property west of Scande and known as Rockaway park by this judg-ment passed to Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Judson, who are the present owners.

Littlejohn, in an action brought while the ltle was in his wife, against Henry Y. Attrill. claimed that the entire western portion of the boach, running from the westerly boundary of Rockaway point to Barren laland inlet be-longed to his wife by accretion, for the reason that there was an old inlet that divided the beach for many years, which in the course of time had been filled up. Judge Gilbert decid-ed that there was no merit in that claim, and

View of Unimproved Section of Newer Made Portion of Beach Showing Sand twelve cars rising to a height of 140 feet and illuminated with 520 electric lights in a multiplicity of colors. Thompson's seemic railway Thompson purchase by execution. The court | twenty-one ways of getting to and from the tunnel 200 feet long and a second tunnel, in

of appeals decided against him. While the island, and West Brighten is tapped by thir which Dante's Interno is shown, the gro-case was pending he built two or three shan-ties on the beach and put armed men in them being invested in amusement enterprises this poe, as illustrated by Doré, being strikingly case was pending he built two or three shanteen of the whole number. More money is tesquely hideous conceptions of the Italian
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the 30th of January, 1880, a steamer conveyed put together. So numerous are the points
with breathless velocity. Ascents and dethe 30th of January, 1880, a steamer conveyed 200 men hired by Attrill. Smith, Wright and other defendants over to the beach, where they made an attack on the Littlejohn guarda and routed them without a battle. They tore down the buildings and fences and maintained a guard over the premises. Alfrederick S. Hatch of the banking firm of Fisk and Hatch, filed judgments of \$15,142 and of \$164,835.32 in the Queens county elerk's office at Jamalca on December 11, 1385, against Attrill. Collis P. Huntington, president of the Central Pacific Culver plaza fetch \$8,000 as against \$5,000. The long is the points of the trip. The promoters are banking on a control the season. Following the example of Manhattan and Brighton, regular concerts are to be given, beginning June 7, by a Seidl orchestra. The Bowery feels the the number of pleasure seekers is at its highest, play the example of Manhattan and Brighton, regular concerts are to be given, beginning June 7, by a Seidl orchestra. The Bowery feels the the number of previous results of rental section of the previous are the points of the trip. The promoters are banking on a pulled by seatiered, that even when its heavy business for the season. Following the example of Manhattan and Brighton, regular concerts are to be given, beginning June 7, by a Seidl orchestra. The Bowery feels the point, the island is not disagreeably crowded.

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