HILL IS IN DISGRACE.

Machine Politicians Condemn Him for Being Caught Bluffing.

Wild Over the Recent Appointments of Cleveland.

Anti-Snappers Jubilant and Ready for Vigorous Warfare.

The surrender of Senators Hill and Murphy in the matter of the confirmation of the Anti-Snapper nominees for Internal Revenue Collector W. A. Beach, of Syracuse, and Edward Grosse, of this city, and Louis D. Volz for Appraiser of Merchandise in Buffalo, is taken as evidence that the machine is weakening. The antis are jubilant and Tammany men are disgusted over the action of the senators.

Hill is no longer the political giant the displeased ones thought he was. Just so long as he successfully defied the Administration, at Washington, and ran things to suit himself in this State, he was a great man. Now, Senator Hill must pay the penalty like a man caught bluffing in a game of poker. He laid down his hand

It is not admitted by Senator Hill's friends that he is weak because he yielded. They say he withdrew his opposition in the interest of party unity. But a glance several years back shows to the Anti-Snappers that there was a time when the machine did not want harmony if it required the conciliation of the division of offices with the Anti-Snappers.

When Senator Hill left the Governor's chair there was not a Republican of any importance left in office. Every office was filled by a Democrat, 99 per cent. of whom were of the machine stripe.

The Anti-Snappers were regularly ignored. They were neither recognized in conventions, in party councils nor in the distribution of offices. Like good Democrats, however, they voted the Democratic ticket and thereby helped to keep the machine in power. Now they have a State organization of their own, and they have openly declared their intention to oppose the machine.

It was the boast a year or two ago of Senator Hill, his colleague, Senator Murphy, Lieut.-Gov. Sheehan, Richard Croker and Mayor Gilroy that they could get along without the "kickers." Then the "kickers" were not organized. There is danger now from organized opposition, hence the desire, it is said, to harmonize.

Those familiar with the situation say that Senators Hill and Murphy would not have made the same concessions two years ago. They didn't want harmony then. The machine got everything without harmony.

Anti-Snappers say that the harmony cry is merely raised to deceive them, but that they will not be caught by the trick. They have a chance to beat the machine and they vow they will.

LYMAN ALSO MAY HAVE TO GO

Is the Same Position as Shields by Holding Two Offices.

The publication in this morning's "World" of how United States Commissioner and United States Circuit Court Clerk John A. Shields's dual position will be affected under a law passed by Congress recently, has caused much comment among the Government officials in the Federal Building. They, however, seem to think that the law cannot be so interpreted as to deprive Mr. Shields of his Commissionership. Their contention is that the law applies to salaried positions, and not to those paid by fees.

Mr. Shields's remuneration as clerk is limited to $3,500. As a Commissioner he does not receive more than $1,000 per year.

"You can state that it is the opinion of as good lawyers as any in the State," said one of the officials this morning, "that the office of Clerk is not inconsistent with a Commissionership, and that one man can hold both offices."

Should, however, the Congressional act apply to Mr. Shields, then another United States Commissioner, Samuel H. Lyman, Clerk of the United States District Court, at a salary of $3,500 a year, will have to resign his Commissionership if he wants to remain Circuit Court Clerk.

United States Commissioner Thomas Alexander, who is doing Mr. Shields's work in the latter's absence on a vacation, does not come under the law if it is settled that a fee remuneration is a salaried position.

Besides being a United States Commissioner, he is also a Deputy United States Circuit Court Clerk, and his fee limit is less than the one prescribed by law.

Commissioner Alexander also believes that Mr. Shields is not obliged to resign.

None of the United States Judges in the city, and Commissioner Lyman is also on a vacation.

WILL MEET LEVI P. MORTON.

Politicians to Be Taken Down the Bay To-Morrow.

Levi P. Morton, who will arrive on the French line steamer La Normandie to-morrow morning, will be met down the bay by a party of friends and newspaper men. The steamer William E. Fletcher has been chartered by James Phillips, jr., who has invited a number of Republican politicians to be his guests.

Mr. Morton will be informed of the political situation in this State on his arrival, and he is expected to decide at once if he will take the Republican nomination for Governor. He is expected to accept, as he will be told that the outlook, from a Republican point of view, is particularly rosy this year.

Monroe County is pushing Mayor George W. Aldrich, of Rochester, to the front as a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. Binghamton's Mayor, George E. Green, is in the field for Governor, but would be satisfied with second place. Fassett, Butterfield, Saxton, Tracy, Choate and the rest of the candidates for Governor are seldom mentioned now. The talk continues about Morton. It seems to be understood that he will be the candidate, and that nobody else is "in it."

Thanks to Miss Wells.

(By Associated Press.)

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The Colored Men's Independent League of this place have adopted resolutions thanking Miss Ida P. Wells for her defense of the colored race in England, and especially for denouncing the lynching of negroes in the Southern States.

Nathan Straus Indorsed for Mayor.

At a special meeting of the Tomahawk Club, held at its club-house, Seventy-ninth street, near Madison avenue, the candidacy of Nathan Straus for the Mayoralty was indorsed. The meeting was largely attended.

Satisfactory Shell Test.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—There was a further test of the Taylor eight-inch cast-steel shell at Indian Head yesterday, this time with satisfactory results, the shell piercing the four-inch armor-plate, and being found broken up in the earth bank behind. This promises well, for the object of the designers of the shell was to secure a projectile combining in a measure the qualities of the armor-piercer and the ordinary percussion shell, so that it may enter the side of the ship attacked and yet be sure to explode almost immediately after the impact with destructive results. The experiment is likely to be pursued further in the future.

CANNOT SAVE NEPHEW JOHN.

Uncle Matthew Breen Fails to Keep His Relative in Office.

Attempt Made to Distort the New Law Concerning Aliens.

Is an axeman not an axeman? Not an axeman if the law stands in the way and you have an uncle with a political pull. That is the way that eminent legal authority Matthew P. Breen, counsel to the Department of Street Improvements at $5,000 a year, answers the question.

If Mr. Breen had the making of the laws, chapter 622 of the Laws of 1894 would probably not be on the statute books now. Chapter 622 provides that no alien laborer, mechanic or workingman shall be employed on public works of any kind. Mr. Breen had imported a nephew of his from Ireland who comes under the ban of this law. But if Mr. Breen can't make laws, he can construe and interpret them.

Nephew John J. Breen was luckier than most immigrants who land here. Uncle Matt took care of him at once and provided him with a job as axeman at $2.50 a day in the Department of Public Works. When Uncle Matt learned that John was marked for dismissal, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 622, he was not disturbed. Another equally learned authority on law had "What's a little thing like the constitution between friends?" Why then should Mr. Breen ruin his peace of mind over a mere act of the Legislature? Mr. Breen sat down and thought with himself, but for a momnt only. In that instant he declared that the law might be all right and all that sort of thing, but it did not refer to Nephew John.

That idea was admirably carried out by Mr. Breen, as will be seen by the documents on file in the Department of Public Works. Mr. Breen went to his friend Daly, the Commissioner of Public Works, who is paid $5,000 to know whether an axeman is a laborer, but Mr. Daly suddenly had his doubts and required a legal opinion to settle them. So he wrote to Corporation Counsel Clark for a decision. In his letter to Mr. Clark he said: "It is claimed the duties of an axeman place him outside of the classification of a mechanic."

Accompanying this document were seven letters from as many experts expressing the opinion that an axeman is not an axeman. Here is a sample of one of the letters:

> An axeman in this city performs, strictly speaking, no manual labor, and cannot be called a workingman or laborer. The name of axeman is not appropriate, as he really isn't an axeman. His duties are, in a mechanical sense, light. It is the lowest grade in the engineering force, and is, as it were, a preparatory school for promotion to the higher grades of the profession.
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> LOUIS A. RISSE.

Mr. Risse is the Engineer of the Department of Street Improvements. The same opinions were given by Chief Engineer Birdsall, of the Department of Public Works; S. C. Thompson, H. Farnum and F. Guttenberg, who are described as heads of bureaus; Louis Heck, Commissioner of the Department of Street Improvements, and M. A. Kellogg, Engineer of the Park Department.

This note, in Mr. Breen's handwriting and signed by him, accompanied the foregoing:

> "The inclosed expressions of opinion were obtained by me without my having disclosed the particular case in point, or without in any way attempting to shape the judgments of these gentlemen. The question was put to them in a perfectly fair way, that the answers given may be relied upon as their best judgment."

Mr. Breen, when he wrote that letter, probably did not think that it would appear odd that all this expert testimony which was obtained "without having disclosed the case in point," was written on letter heads of the Department of Street Improvements, and on the same typewriter, and that all the letters bore the impress of the same master mind. The language varied little. The other letters are merely a phaseology of that signed by Mr. Risse, and in some instances the language is identical.

But Mr. Breen had all his trouble for nothing. The assistant to whom the matter was referred by the Corporation Counsel decided that an axeman was just what his name implied in law and in fact, and that chapter 622 could not be circumvented by subterfuges.

KINGS FAVORS MORTON.

Brooklyn Republican Leaders Wire-pulling for the Primaries.

One of the busiest politicians in Brooklyn these days is Internal Revenue Collector Nathan. Mr. Nathan is a close friend of Thomas C. Platt, who is stopping at the Oriental Hotel.

For this reason machine politicians in Brooklyn drop into Mr. Nathan's office in the Federal building daily for the latest news on the candidate for Governor.

Mr. Nathan believes Morton would be acceptable to the Republicans of Kings County as a candidate for Governor. Among the anti-machine Republicans and Democrats, Supreme Court Justice William J. Gaynor is the most favored man for Gubernatorial honors.

As the time approaches for holding the Republican primaries in Brooklyn wires are being pulled in every direction by men who are afraid they will be "turned down" by the district plan.

The primaries will be held between the 7th and 10th of next month. The Executive Committee will meet on Sept. 4 to set the date of the primaries, and two days later the County Committee will meet to confirm the date set. The regular meeting of the County Committee was set for Sept. 11, but as this was too near the date of the State Convention it was changed to the 6th.

STRANDED STEAMER BURNED.

All Excursionists Safely Landed in Salem, Mass.

(By Associated Press.)

SALEM, Mass., Aug. 25.—The excursion steamer City of Portsmouth, of the Boston, Beverly and Salem line, went ashore on Little Aqua Vitae Rock in Salem harbor last night. There were 240 passengers on board at the time and they were all taken off without mishap or panic.

The steamer caught fire about 3 o'clock this morning and was burned to the water's edge. All those aboard got off safely.

CHILD'S LIFE CRUSHED OUT.

Little Josie Pera Run Over and Killed by a Truck.

Eleven-year-old Josie Pera, who lived with her parents at 224 East Fourteenth street, was instantly killed this morning on the pier at the foot of East Fourteenth street by a team of horses attached to a truck.

The little girl was picking up coal in a basket when the team and truck came up the pier. She tried to get out of the way, but stumbled and fell under the horses. The wheels of the truck passed over the child's body.

The driver, Patrick Strain, was arrested.

Health Commissioner Emery Sued.

Joseph Alt and his wife, Margaret, of 277 Jackson street, Brooklyn, have brought suit for $5,000 each against Health Commissioner Emery and Vaccinator Dr. Henry L. Selling for being quarantined forty-eight hours on March 23, when the health officers tried to compel vaccination for small-pox at their home.

Joined the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—The Dayton, O., Times, an original member of the United Press, has abandoned that organization and signed a ninety-year contract with the Associated Press. The Dayton, O., Evening News Ent also joined the Associated Press, and will receive its leased wire report, beginning next Monday.

ALL COULD HAVE ESCAPED.

Timely Warning Was Given of the Fire in the Franklin Mine.

The Thirty-seven Who Perished Tried to Extinguish the Flames.

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 25.—Preparations are being made to bury the thirty-seven miners killed in the Franklin mines yesterday. The town of Franklin is in mourning, and the disaster has horrified the community.

There were sixty-two men in the mine when a fire broke out. Twenty-five men made their escape in safety, but the remainder, who tried to help their companions to smother the flames, perished.

The fire started at 1.15 o'clock. Smoke was seen by some of the drivers on the sixth north level and notice was given to the men inside, who were working the different places.

Many of the men in the gangways rushed back to notify the miners further in, while others rushed out and reached the main shaft.

Breast 62 was soon burning fiercely, and before the miners knew it the fire had communicated to breasts 60 and 61. Several of those who lingered at breast 62 took warning and fled, but all who remained were overcome and asphyxiated.

It is evident that all the men had time to come out, for those who worked in the further breast reached the shaft in safety, while those who were nearest the shaft and consequently were removed from the danger perished.

Several men were badly bruised, and one colored man was taken out with a broken neck, their wounds indicating that they had thrown themselves against posts and timbers of the gangway in a wild and desperate endeavor to escape. But the majority of the bodies bear no marks at all, not even a scratch, and their features were in quiet repose, indicating that their death had been a speedy and painless one.

As soon as the alarm whistle sounded from the engine-house, people began to crowd around the mouth of the slope, and the cry "The mine is on fire!" quickly spread throughout the town.

Among the first to reach the scene was Supt. Ramsey. The first to volunteer was George Smalley, a negro, who, with two others, was lowered down the 1,100-foot slope to the sixth level. There he met men from the sixth level south, who were doing all they could to rescue men from the north end.

Others went down from the surface and found the body of the first man in the gangway about 1,000 feet in from the slope. The body was that of John O. Anderson, and was pulled to the top of the slope, and arrived on the surface was the first intimation that any one had been killed.

The fan keeping air in the mine had been stopped at the first indication of fire, but when the rescuers went to work the fan was started again.

M. D. Storey, one of the rescuers who went in from the surface, proceeded along the gangway after finding the first body. Then the first of the miners were found scattered along in a row. At one place eight men were lying together, and in another one man was found under a mule, five mules in all being dead. Storey says that the men were all lying in the middle of the gangway with their hair in the mud as if they had tried to bury their heads completely and thus escape the smoke and gas.

He could not believe they were dead, and turned them over so they could breathe. He was soon satisfied, however, that they were really dead.

John C. Storey, brother of M. D. Storey, was at work in the sixth level, south, when a boy named Chapman gave the alarm that breast 62 was on fire. Storey says he tried to escape via the Green River or auxiliary slope, but finding this impossible, he returned, making up his mind that he would go out via the May slope.

Reaching the May slope he met others from the sixth level south who were going on to the north level to do what they could to rescue their imprisoned comrades, and he joined them, working steadily for two and a half hours before coming to the surface. He thinks that every man in line with the deadly smoke was killed in two minutes.

As the bodies began to arrive at the surface of the mine slope, the excitement of the wives and mothers and, for that matter, the whole populace, became almost uncontrollable.

At 3 P. M. the last of the thirty-seven bodies was brought out, and then they began to quiet down. Many of them were completely prostrated with their violent grief.

The origin of the fire is supposed to be due to spontaneous combustion, caused by refuse and screenings at the bottom of the breast slacking and catching fire. It is suggested that possibly the fire had been burning for some time, and from a smouldering blaze it all at once became a burning fire.

The breast is about 300 feet high, and is now all on fire. The fire has also communicated to breasts 60 and 61 of the same level, and the fifth level is threatened. It is believed, with the active measures which will at once be taken that in three months the fire will have become completely extinguished.

ALL THREE WERE DROWNED.

Canoe Containing Two Men and a Boy Capsized.

(By Associated Press.)

WALTHAM, Mass., Aug. 25.—Benjamin Kershaw and Robert Thomas, middle-aged men, and Johnnie Kershaw, aged ten, were drowned in the Charles River here this forenoon by the overturning of a canoe.

The three were paddling up the river, and when near the Moody street bridge the men attempted to throw a large dog overboard.

In the effort the canoe was capsized and all went down. The boy was pulled out, but died soon after. The bodies of the men were recovered an hour later.

Kershaw leaves a widow and three children. Thomas leaves a widow.

SPONGE WORKS BURNED.

Fire Started Mysteriously Shortly After Midnight.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Aug. 25.—Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the Connelly Iron Sponge Works, at the foot of Fulton street, this city. An alarm was turned in, but the firemen were unable to save the building, which was two stories high and of frame. How the fire started is a mystery.

The works were engaged in the manufacture of sponges for refining gas and were 80 by 50 feet. The large shipyards of A. L. Moore & Son, which adjoin the sponge works, had a narrow escape. The loss to the sponge works is about $10,000.

BRIG MANSON ASHORE.

Comes to Grief Near Tarpaulin Cove in a Fog.

(By Associated Press.)

WOODS HOLL, Mass., Aug. 25.—The brig Manson, Capt. McGuire, from New York for England, with a cargo of petroleum, ran ashore during a fog about 4 o'clock this morning near Tarpaulin Cove. Assistance has been sent for.

Schooner Frank Herbert Ashore.

SANDY HOOK, Aug. 25.—The schooner Frank Herbert, inward bound, ran ashore on the Romer Shoal at 11 o'clock to-day. She was afterwards hauled off by the tug S. E. Babcock, and proceeded up the bay in tow.

Fell Downstairs While Visiting.

Thomas Corrigan, fifty-four years old, while visiting friends at 288 Henry street, this morning, fell down the stairs and fractured his skull. He was removed to Gouverneur Hospital. His residence is not known.

SPORTING MISCELLANY.

Jack McAuliffe, although denying that he has violated any dogma of his usual system of training, admits that his wind is defective. He acknowledges that he drinks, and says he always expects to, in training or out of training, but he understands himself better than does any one else, and never exceeds his limit. With all this comes a bitter tirade upon any one who has dared to print the actual facts regarding his recent public exhibitions of excesses. The statements made in "The Evening World" were printed in justice to the Seaside Athletic Club, its patrons and such persons as looked with favor upon McAuliffe's chances against Griffo in their ten-round bout at Coney Island next Monday night and who did not know but that his condition was of the highest order and that he was training faithfully.

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The light-weight is still confident of beating Griffo, and holds up the fact that he has more at stake than has the Australian to prove that he will give him the best argument of which he is capable. Griffo realizes that, with his opponent's skill and speed and a handicap of over ten pounds in weight, he has a great piece of work ahead of him. The other bouts should also be of great interest, and the advance sale of tickets indicates a large attendance.

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Billy Plimmer, the bantam champion, and Johnny Murphy, the famous feather-weight of Boston, were matched to battle for $2,500 a side last night. James Conroy, on behalf of Murphy, has posted $250, while Martin Dowling has put up the same amount for Plimmer. The principals and their backers meet at Johnny Eckhardt's, 38 Center street, on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, where articles of agreement will be signed and the balance of the stake money will be deposited with the stakeholder, who is to be selected at the same time.

The men have agreed to fight at 116 pounds at some place within six weeks. Conry is willing to let his man fight for the stake alone in the event of no club offering a purse for the fight, but under no circumstances will he agree to a limited round contest. He wants a finish fight or none at all. Plimmer's backer issued a challenge a short time ago offering to back Plimmer against any man in the world under 118 pounds.

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Plimmer arrived from England last night and was more then pleased when he heard his backer had arranged the match for him. He was somewhat put out in not being able to get on a fight with Dixon, but gladly took on the next best thing the pugilistic market could afford.

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An offer is alleged to have been made by the National Sporting Club, of London, of $3,000 for a fight between Frank P. Slavin and Peter Jackson or James J. Corbett, for the championship of the world. The Club takes the liberty of naming the stakeholder and would probably not be averse to selecting a referee. The National Sporting Club will handily get Corbett, but, according to statements made by Jackson at his meeting with the champion, this offer should be finding money for him.

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Now that the Governors of Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska have put themselves on record as refusing to permit prize-fighting within the limits of their jurisdiction, the Sioux City Athletic Club seems to have no possible chance of making good the offer of $25,000 and its attendant guarantee that the Corbett-Jackson fight could be pulled off.

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The entries for the fourteenth annual games of the Printers' Benevolent Association, to be held at Sulzer's Harlem River park on Saturday, Sept. 8, are being received in large numbers each day by Secretary John Wood, who says that the games this year will surpass all previous efforts by the Association. Valuable prizes will be awarded to the winners in each event. The entries close with John Wood, 495 Ninth avenue, this city, Sept. 1.

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At a meeting of the Athletic Committee of the National Athletic Club it was decided to add a two-mile bicycle race to the games, which are to be decided at Brookland Park, L. I., on Saturday, Sept. 8. The committee also decided to give a gold medal to the winner and a silver medal to second man in each event. The games will probably prove successful, as 168 entries have already been received by the Secretary.

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In nearly every club throughout this State the sad fate of Willie Day was being discussed last night. The New Jersey Athletic Club members especially feel the death of Day. He was idolized by every member of his club, and Secretary James E. Sullivan says the members will attend the funeral in a body. The New Jersey Athletic Club-house will be draped in mourning for a month in respect for the dead athlete. Day was to have been a participant in the two-mile scratch race against George Jarvis and George Orton, of the New York Athletic Club, at the New Jersey Athletic Club Olympiad, at Bergen Point, on Labor Day.

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The Good Roads Bicycle Tournament Committee has decided to accept handicap entries from Class A riders up to Monday night for Friday's events, and up to Tuesday night for Saturday's races. This the Committee has done owing to the fact that many riders are away on their vacation and will not return until Monday, and have had no chance to enter. Entries to Secretary Perritt, 23 Park Row, New York.

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The annual regatta of the New England Amateur Rowing Association will take place on Labor Day, over the Charles River course, Boston, and in order to induce contestants to compete the Association will furnish free transportation for all contestants to and from Boston. They can leave Saturday night, and can heva Sunday and Monday in Boston, and return in time for business Tuesday morning. Persons desiring to accompany contestants can obtain excursion tickets for the round trip for $6. Following is the list of events, the entries for which close Monday, Aug. 27, and should be addressed to James P. Fox, 322 Washington street, Boston, Mass.: Junior intermediate and senior singles, junior and senior double sculls, junior and senior four-oared shell, junior and senior four-oared working-boat, junior and senior eight-oared shell and war canoe of nine men.

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The race between a horse and Paul Crewe, amateur bicycle rider, from Holstein, Ia., to Battle Creek, a distance of fifteen miles, was won by the horse by one and a half minutes. Time—45m.

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The State Sportsman's Shooting Tournament, at Wopsenock, Pa., closed yesterday. The principal event, at fifteen live birds, was won by Robert Weich, of Philadelphia. Five men tied and he captured it in the shoot-off. He also got the Williamsport citizens' diamond badge. The meeting will be held next year in Philadelphia.

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The riders in the road race from Buffalo to Pittsburg passed through Erie last night in the following order: Dillon, 6 hours and 37 minutes from Buffalo, at 10.57 P. M.; Morrall, at 11.17; Williams, 11.15, keeping touch practically of Morrall; Simms, at 11.27; Wakefield, at 11.33; Wellin, of Erie, at 11.48. Mazer passed at 12.02 this morning. Wier followed at 12.07 and Thorp at 12.08. The roads are dusty and the weather superb for wheeling, and the riders looked fairly well at this stage.

Wellin, of Erie, arrived first at Newcastle, Pa., at 8.35, left at 8.45; Williams, of Pittsburg, arrived at 8.44, left at 8.45, gained 15 minutes from Greenville. Mignerney, of Buffalo, checked at 9.14; C. G. Merrill at 9.15 and Louis Grim at 9.16. Wakefield, of Pittsburg, arrived at 9.25 and left at 9.26.

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At Norwich City, Conn., Germont has practically won the croquet championship of the United States, with the record of seven games won and two lost. Burgess leads in the second division, six games to one, and Bryant in the third division, by a score of seven games straight.

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H. L. Jacobs.—Four points.

GOSSIP OF THE TURF.

The members of the Long Island Pony Hunt and Racing Association are congratulating themselves on the success of the meeting, which closed yesterday at the Parkway Driving Club track. The purses were small, not exceeding $150, and other expenses in proportion. The receipts must have been large, considering the attractions offered. An average of fifteen bookmakers were on the block for fifteen days at $75 per day, and the daily attendance was above the 2,000 mark for the entire meeting. At this rate the Association must have come out ahead, with a comfortable balance on the right side of the ledger.

In the early days of the meeting the riding of some of the stable boys who had mounts in some of the races was what the touts call "fierce." If the ponies weren't pulled, it was because the boys lacked the skill necessary to accomplish that end. The Stewards charitably let matters run along for a few days without interference on the ground that many of the horses were "green," and not a few of the boys were like the horses. Finally they took hold with no uncertain hand, and there was an immediate and decided improvement in the riding.

Strange to relate, the objectionable feature of the racing, and that of which the betting public most complained, was the peculiar running in the pony races, which were supposed to be the eminently respectable part of the programme. Mr. Hunn, the gentleman jockey, gave several exhibitions of how to lose a race without the aid of a whip, which on some tracks would have subjected him at least to a reprimand. On two occasions Pocahontas, with Mr. Hunn in the saddle, led into the stretch by a good safe margin, and apparently had the race won. She was caught at the eighth pole. The contending horse was whipped and spurred without mercy, and won on the post. While Mr. Hunn's opponent was making his hard fight for victory, the gentleman jockey sat stock still on Pocahontas, and, in the Murphy finish which he didn't make, lost races which may have been won had he eased a trifle on the mare's head or given her a single cut of the whip. Gentlemen jockeys are allowed seven pounds less. Hunn should have been allowed twenty.

The Stewards have before them for investigation a peculiarly run pony race, which may furnish an explanation of why the "respectable" end of the card was exhibited in dark colors.

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In the second race at Parkway yesterday Lamly and W. McDermott committed an apparently deliberate foul. Complaint was made and there was a powwow of half an hour's duration in the Stewards' stand, in which Lamly, McDermott, Tod Sloan and Horton and the Stewards participated. It all ended in nothing, however, and the numbers were hoisted as the horses finished.

From the press stand it looked like The Rat's race. From the backstretch to the head of the last turn he was leading on the rail and running easily. Lamly, on Longshanks, came with a rush and cut in directly in front of The Rat, while McDermott, on Maggie Richards, pinned Mim to close against the rail that Horton had to stop riding and drop back or take the horse over the fence. Horton had plenty of evidence to back up his claim of foul, but it was not allowed. Lamly and McDermott are both experienced jockeys. They would never attempt such tricks on one of the big tracks, but after witnessing the circus-riding of some of the stable boys they probably came to the conclusion that "anything goes at Parkway."

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Ballard was severely criticised a few days ago for his poor riding at Saratoga. According to one of the officials of the track Ballard was hardly to blame for he was very weak from the effects of reducing in a Turkish bath. In fact the boy was so anxious to get off weight that he stayed too long in the bath and fainted from exhaustion. Ballard, at his best, is not a star rider, but he is painstaking and a hard worker, and he felt hurt at the "roasting" he received.

Bill Brien cut loose another good thing at Jerome Park yesterday. It was the maiden two-year-old Siberia who ran a rattling good race at Saratoga a few days before Brien shipped his string to Jerome Park. This fact was evidently overlooked by the smart people yesterday.

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The State record for a half-mile track was lowered 1¾ seconds, at Cameron, Mo., yesterday, by Dr. J., by Allie West, dam Mambrino Forest, owned by Bates & Parker, of Bates City, Mo., making a mile in 2.13 1-2.

BASEBALL CHAT.

A capital chance presents itself to the Giants to-day to slip by the Orioles and intrench themselves in second place by the comfortable lead of five points. All that is necessary is for the Colonels from Kentucky to lose both games that are scheduled for to-day with the Giants and the dropping of a game to St. Louis by the Baltimores. This isn't much to look for from a New York view-point, but there's just the barest possibility that Baltimore will do nothing like losing to St. Louis, and under those circumstances the best New York can do is to reach within five points of the Orioles, provided we win both games this afternoon.

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Somebody has said there was a great game yesterday at the Polo Grounds. It may have been a game—of tag or "Hide the Leather"—but it wasn't a baseball contest. It requires two competing forces at least to make a contest. Only one side was in the game yesterday. The others were out chasing the ball pretty much all the time. And "the others" were the Louisville.

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Two games this afternoon at the Polo Grounds and a fine concert by the Catholic Protectory Band at 1 o'clock is a generous provision for one admission, even though the Louisville are the other fellows who will help to play the two games.

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It now appears that Col. Barnie, of the Louisville, offered Second Baseman Pfeffer to the New Yorks, and that he was refused. That indorses just what was said in this column yesterday, that there is nobody in the rank and file of the Louisville that the New Yorks would give a sou markee for.

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Capt. Ward strained a ligament in one of his legs in Thursday's game, and when he tried to gallop around yesterday he pulled up short lame and sore, and had to give way to Tot Murphy.

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Maybe the played-out Colonels will take a great grip on their nerves to-day if they get young Frank Donahue in the game. He is due to report for work with the Louisville to-day, and it is likely enough that he will pitch in one of the games. Donahue played with the New Yorks for a while last year, and this year he joined the Allentowns. When the break in the Pennsylvania League came Donahue joined the New Havens.

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The Allentown Club trouble, which was all caused by he only "Kel," will be discussed at length at a special meeting of the Eastern League at the Fifth Avenue Hotel Tusday nex.

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The percentages of the League Clubs to-day are:

Clubs.	W.	L.	P.C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P.C.
Boston	67	35	.657	Pittsburg	51	50	.505
Baltimore	63	36	.636	Chicago	47	55	.461
New York	64	38	.627	Cin'nati	44	61	.419
Philadelp'a	55	43	.547	St. Louis	42	61	.408
Cleveland	54	45	.545	Washington	35	69	.323
Brooklyn	52	48	.520	Louisville	32	69	.317

Vesuvius to Be a Torpedo Catcher.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The transformation of the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius into a torpedo catcher, delayed to profit by the experiments with the new dynamite guns at Sandy Hook, will at once proceed. Capt. Sampson, chief of the ordnance bureau, says he is satisfied that the dynamite guns there, mounted so training and elevating carriages, are all that the detectors claim, but has been confronted in his belief that they are not suitable for use on shipboard.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA IS BACK.

The Ex-Apostle of Dynamite Returns from the Emerald Isle.

Everything Is Flat Over There, He Says, and He Is Not Going Back.

Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, at one time the great apostle of dynamite, who went over to Ireland a few months ago, after an exile of more than a quarter of a century, is back again in this city. He arrived to-day on the steamship Umbria, and he has come to stay.

Rossa does not bring back with him many rosy recollections of his treatment at the capital city of the Emerald Isle. When Rossa arrived in Dublin he was lionized for a long time, and the more enthusiastic insisted on running him for office. At a meeting held in the famous Phoenix Park, which was attended by nearly 30,000 people, he was induced to run for the office of City Marshal. That office is in the gift of the Dublin corporation, a body somewhat similar the Board of Aldermen here.

The enthusiasm spread throughout the country, and the city corporations and Boards of Poor Law Guardians were induced to pass resolutions calling upon the Town Councillors of Dublin to appoint Rossa to the office. With few exceptions, all the Councilmen pledged themselves to do so, and as a result the popular clamor for an open vote on the question was allowed to die out.

But politics ruled the Dublin corporation just as it does the office-holders, elective or otherwise here and when the secret role on the City Marshalship was announced, Rossa was found to have received only three votes out of a total of nearly three score. A son of John Clancey, the present sheriff, of Dublin, got the plum.

Rossa was thinking of all these things when the Umbria arrived at Quarantine to-day. But he looked in good humor, even if his pockets were empty, for his lecturing tour across the Atlantic was not a howling success. Many of his admirers were on hand to greet him. They had been waiting on board the steamboat Blackbird from an early hour. Rossa travelled in the second cabin.

When interviewed at Quarantine he said he had been defeated for the City Marshalship of Dublin by an organized political band resembling Tammany Hall here. Everything in Ireland, he said, is very flat, and political interests are languishing.

Among the Umbria's other passenegrs were: Sir H. I. Ironsides, Prof. J. W. Bischoff, Judge James A. C. Bond, Alexander Callan, British Consul-General at Havana, Judge S. H. Hinsley, the Earl of Westmeath, and F. E. Spooner and family.

TRUST PLEDGES ITS WHISKEY.

Chicago Bankers in Charge of Goods in Bond.

New Yorkers to Loan Between Four and Five Millions.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—The Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, of this city, took possession to-day of $6,000,000 worth of whiskey of the Distillers and Cattle Feeding Company, the corporate name of the Whiskey Trust, in bond in Peoria and Pekin. This action was accomplished by placing custodians in charge of all goods in store in the two cities. Nothing was done with the product of the Trust in Chicago, as none of the whiskey here will be taken out now.

"We have done our part in the transaction," said John J. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, "and have taken possession of the whiskey under instructions from the Distillers' Company and the New York parties who have advanced the money. The amount loaned is between $4,500,000 and $5,000,000.

"I do not know the conditions of the loan. All our instructions came through one of the largest brokerage houses in New York City. There was no trust deed, the goods were assigned to us and the New York parties, and the Distillers Company are to agree on instructions to us as to how the goods are to be handled, the money paid back and all other details.

"The whiskey is simply held by us as trustees. The Distillers Company has until Monday afternoon to pay the tax, and arrangements were made for the putting up of the money at 2 o'clock this afternoon."

A rumor gained wide circulation during the day that the arrangements for the money had fallen through in New York. Concerning this, Mr. Mitchell said this afternoon:

"We heard the rumor and telegraphed to the people in New York about the matter, stating what was said on the street here. We have received no reply, and I assure you the money will be forthcoming. At any rate our custodians are still in charge, and Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Henckle, of our bank, left Peoria for Chicago at noon."

SUGAR PEOPLE LAUGH AT IT.

Do Not Believe that Carlisle Visited the Trust's Offices.

A long circumstantial story, published in a morning newspaper to-day, was to the effect that Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle made two visits to the offices of the American Sugar Refining Company, 117 Wall street, while he was in this city in the months of March and July last.

An "Evening World" reporter, who endeavored to verify the story to-day, was unable to find any one at the Sugar Trust's offices who would deny or confirm the story. Secretary John E. Searles, Henry O. Havemeyer and Theodore A. Havemeyer were all away from the building.

All the sugar people spoken to on the subject pooh-poohed the story.

President's Brother to Preach in Cleveland.

(By Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 25.—Rev. William N. Cleveland, of Chaumont, N. Y., a brother of President Cleveland, arrived here to-day on the steamer State of Ohio, from Buffalo. Mr. Cleveland will occupy the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning, and during his stay in the city will be the guest of his son, Charles M. Cleveland.

Robbed His Boarding Boss.

Abraham Goldstein, twenty-eight years old, of 76 Monroe street, was held for trial on a charge of grand larceny in the Essex Market Police Court to-day. He formerly boarded with Samuel Scheinman, at 319 Rivington street, and on Aug. 22, disappeared with the boarding-house keeper's gold watch and chain valued at $12. Goldstein was arrested last night. He denied the charge.

A Blending of Music and Fireworks

There will be a blending of music and fireworks this evening at Manhattan Beach in Pain's Open Air Theatre after the performance of Lalla Rookh. The music jubilee was so successful last week that another festival was inaugurated last Thursday, and Saturday night being the popular evening of the week, the fireworks programme has been arranged on a more liberal scale than any yet given this season.

His Reason.

(From the Cincinnati Tribune.)

Jimmy—W'y ain't you ridin' your bicycle

Tommy—De ole man went to de seashore and lookalong me tires for a life-preserver.

OUR THEATRES NEXT WEEK

Fannie Rice in Her New Play at the Bijou.

Sothern at the Lyceum—A New Melodrama.

The Bijou Theatre starts upon its new season to-night with Miss Fanny Rice, in a comedy-farce new to this city, entitled "Miss Innocence Abroad." The piece is an adaptation from the French, and was very well received in the West. Miss Rice's company will include George R. Edeson, Charles Coote, Frank Jones, Melville Stewart, William Henderson, Rose Beaudet, Carrie Birkle, Emily Wakeman, Beckie Haight, Gladys Greene and Nellie Jordan. "Miss Innocence Abroad" will give Miss Rice opportunities to sing, dance and introduce her various specialties.

E. H. Sothern, a young actor of whom New Yorkers are very fond, will begin his eighth annual season at the Lyceum Theatre Monday night. He will present a brand-new play, written expressly for him by Paul M. Potter, and entitled "The Victoria Cross." All the members of his carefully selected company will appear in the cast. The scenes of "The Victoria Cross" are laid in India, where Mr. Potter spent several years, and many of the events with which it deals are said to have actually occurred.

A very sensational melodrama called "The Crossroads of Life" opens the Star Theatre Monday night. It deals with scenes and incidents in New York life, and its scenery will show pictures of the life-saving station near Sandy Hook; a section of the Harlem tunnel on the New York Central Railroad; the interior of a fashionable New York club, and the steamship City of Rome at sea. Edmund Collier and Miss Helena Collier will play the leading roles. The engagement at the Star is for two weeks.

C. E. Callahan's comedy drama, "Coon Hollow," will have its first metropolitan production at the Fourteenth Street Theatre Monday night. The play was first produced in Illinois, May 10. It is said that some of the scenic effects will be very ingenious. In the cast will be C. E. Dudley, Roydon Erlynne, L. F. Morrison, George F. Hall, Lester Loneragan, George W. Nichols, William Bradley, Lewis Henry, Marie Hens