LOCAL MISCELLANY.

HIGHER PAY FOR WORK OBTAINED.

SUCCESS AND SATISFACTION OF THE PIANO MAKERS—STRIKES IN MANY OTHER TRADES.

The second week of the lockout of piano makers, which was ordered to make the Steinway men return to work, closed with the establishment of a satisfactory understanding between the Messrs. Steinway and their employés, and the advance of the wages of the men of Sohmer & Co., J. & C. Fischer, George Steck & Co., Kranich & Bach, W. E. Wheelock, James & Holstrom and Billings & Co. The lockout has left to Albert Weber and J. P. Hale the legacy of a strike by their men for an advance of 10 per cent. The Hale men had no communication yesterday with their employer, but will meet on Monday.

The employés of Mr. Weber met yesterday afternoon, and were addressed by a number of speakers, who talked of the advantages of unity of action among workmen, and ascribed the sweeping victory of the pianomakers solely to their union. The opinion of the men was unanimous that in future they must act as one man in making demands or resisting unsatisfactory regulations. The meeting adjourned for one week, with the understanding that the men should adhere to their demand for an advance of 10 per cent, and to their resolution to hold no communication with Mr. Weber except through the Executive Committee of the union. As is usual, in such cases, the Hale and Weber men have given notice that they are on a strike, and warned workmen not to take their places. George Steck & Co., who had before verbally promised an advance, yesterday repeated the promise in writing, and the men voted to go to work on Monday. Various sums of money were received by the Executive Committee yesterday, among them a gift of $125 from the Cloth-Cutter's Protective Association, and a gift of $80 from the Socialistic-Labor party. It has been decided, that, though the pianomakers of New-York are to parade on Monday with music, and escort the Steinway men in triumph to the factory, no banners with inscriptions will be allowed in the procession. It is expected that between 2,000 and 3,000 men will take part in the demonstration. Several manufacturers, when spoken to yesterday about the coming parade, appeared to regard it very good-naturedly, saying that they supposed it would please the men and hurt no one.

The cabinetmakers, carvers, turners, varnishers and machinists employed by Giebring & Hilbrandt, No. 59 Ann-st., have succeeded in a movement to have the working hours reduced to fifty-six in the week, without suffering a reduction of wages. The laborers employed in making improvements at the Navesink Park, near Red Bank, N. J., have struck for higher pay. The weavers of Chadwick & Goldrich, of Millstone, N. J., have struck for an advance of 10 per cent. It is stated that the firm will employ Chinese rather than grant the demand. The Musicians' Protective Union has fixed the rate to be asked at the hotels at Coney Island and Rockaway this season at $28 a week for all classes of musicians. An effort to fix the rate at $30 for first-class instruments and $28 for those of the second class was defeated.

The Central Committee of the Socialistic-Labor party has recommended to the workmen in New-York breweries to form a Union, the better to protect their interests. The amalgamated Trade and Labor Union, whose leaders have recently been active in efforts to extend the influence of the organization, announce a mass-meeting of workingmen at the Cooper Union, Tuesday evening next, to be addressed by Hendrick B. Wright, of Pennsylvania.

The striking cigarette makers of P. Lorillard & Co., it was stated yesterday, have determined upon aggressive action. They have decided to distribute 100,000 handbills in New-York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, upon which will be printed the regulations insisted upon by the firm and the resolutions rejecting those regulations. In addition, the various trade-marks used by the firm will be produced in fac-simile, and an appeal to workingmen not to use tobaccos so-marked will be made. The German fresco painters met last evening at No. 200 Third-ave., to make final arrangements to join in the general strike, which will begin on April 1, unless an advance of wages is granted by that date.

A barbers' union was formed in Union Hall, in Meserole-st., Brooklyn, Friday evening, the members agreeing to charge not less than 10 cents for shaving and 15 cents for cutting hair.

FLYING TO THE NORTH POLE.

A NEW FLYING MACHINE INVENTED BY MR. RITCHELL, OF BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—WHAT THE INVENTOR EXPECTS TO ACCOMPLISH.

An inventive Yankee, Mr. Ritchell, of Bridgeport, Conn., has conceived the idea of attempting to reach the North Pole by means of a flying machine. He has opened an office at No. 92 Chambers-st. in this city, with a view of bringing his project directly before the public. A full-rigged "machine," painted in gay colors and lacking nothing but the inflation of its balloon portion to make it complete, rested in the Professor's office yesterday. As explained by the inventor to a TRIBUNE reporter, the invention lies in a combination of forces—a balloon and a framework machine to aid in steering. The lifting power is afforded by a cylinder made of Scotch gingham, coated with India rubber, and capable of being inflated with 1,250 cubic feet of hydrogen gas. A rod of mandrel-drawn brass tubing is fitted along the under side of the balloon and is fastened to it by worsted bands. From this rod the machine is suspended by slender cords. The after portion of the framework is the base of a parallelogram of rods from which rise, lengthwise, curved rods eighteen inches high in the center and drawn together at the top. A single seat for the conductor is placed in the centre. His feet press against treadles, by which he is supposed to steer. There is a pair of handles, or levers, by means of which he regulates a three-bladed fan moving horizontally beneath the seat. This screw-like fan, "when revolving 2,000 times a minute," as the Professor explained, "would give an essential movement of great power. A similar contrivance placed vertically at the extremity of the machine will be called upon to make 2,800 revolutions a minute, and to thus furnish the driving power that must be used when air currents fail.

"Do you really think of starting for the North Pole on your machine?" the reporter inquired of the inventor.

"I certainly do. All I want is the backing of scientific men and capitalists in this city—sufficient to equip a large flying machine and take me to the northern limit of navigation, and I will cheerfully start. Ha, ha," enthusiastically, "I think the great problem of the age may now be solved."

"Will your machine stand rough weather?"

"No; but then you see, there is little or no rough weather in the extreme north. It is silently, intensely cold there. The main difficulty to overcome was that of locomotion, and I have overcome that. My balloon reduces the actual work of the conductor to a mere trifle. There is absolutely no danger. Wind or no wind, the thing can go. I'll bet $1,000 that I can travel five miles on exhibition, without carrying ballast or letting out gas. Publish that challenge to the world, and say that my machine has demonstrated the successful navigation of the air at any altitude yet attained by aerial ships."

"What would you do in case of a storm?"

"Get out of it, either by going up or down. Meteorologists have ascertained that the various layers or strata, so to speak, of the atmosphere are virtually so many different currents. You can nearly always strike the current you want. Should this be impossible, the mechanical motive power comes in handy. I can travel in wind of less velocity than six miles an hour with perfect safety; greater than that is a storm, you know, and must be treated accordingly."

"How long do you anticipate it will take you to reach the polar extremity of the earth?"

"About ten days, or 500 miles travel, from the point of disembarking. But I can alight at any convenient time and place. Provisions and clothing can be easily carried on the body of the machine. If the balloon be destroyed or exhausted in any way I am a lost man, but that is only one contingency; the risk is less than to any other Arctic voyager."

Mr. Ritchell will exhibit his apparatus within two weeks to a party of scientific men and citizens of this city.

WHY A WEST INDIAN COMMITTED SUICIDE.

A brief sensation was caused last December by the finding, at the Battery sea-wall, of a man's body with the hands tied on the back. But the suspicion of murder was soon dispelled by the discovery of plain evidence that the man had committed suicide. Sailors from the brig Ida, then in port, identified him as a passenger named Elder that had come on the brig from Barbados. The body was buried in the Potter's Field. An interest had been awakened in the young man's fate, however, who led to inquiries in his home, and these were answered yesterday from the Government Secretary's office in British Guiana. Elder was engaged as a clerk in a stationery store in Georgetown. The store was burned in 1879, and in a fit of desperation he emigrated to this country. Here, unable to obtain employment or to return to his native country, he committed suicide. The police have never been able to find out what became of his baggage, which the day before his death was carried away from his boarding house in Delancey-st. The young man's parents are dead. He was addicted to strong drink.

SIGNOR OPERTI'S ASSAILANT IN COURT.

Richard Dorney, the chief usher of Daly's Theatre, appeared at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday afternoon in answer to the summons issued by Justice Duffy, on the complaint of Signor Joseph Operti, the musical composer, who had alleged that in the theatre Dorney had treated him violently, and snatched from his hand his musical score of "Der See cadet." Justice Duffy advised a settlement.

"We have no desire," said the counsel, "to bring criminal proceedings against Dorney, for he was simply the agent of Mr. Daly, and acted under orders. All we desire is that that portion of the musical score which he took from Signor Operti shall be returned."

The score was finally sealed, and will be deposited with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, to be delivered on an order from a Justice of the Marine Court, where Signor Operti is now bringing action against Mr. Daly.

HUNGRY YOUNG WOMEN.

TWENTY-FIVE INMATES OF A BUSINESS WOMEN'S BOARDING HOUSE DEPART, NOT SATISFIED WITH THEIR FOOD.

Miss Sarah H. Leggett keeps a boarding-house at No. 60 Clinton-place, which is known as "Miss Leggett's Boarding-House for Business Women." Many persons have interested themselves in her plans and have done much to encourage and aid Miss Leggett in her work. The house has accommodations for about forty young women, most of whom are art students whose homes are in the West and other portions of the country, and who have come to this city to study their profession. The young women have been pleased with the accommodations afforded them by Miss Leggett, but they say they have never been satisfied with the food provided for them.

They recently talked much among themselves about the quality of the food, and finally determined to draw up a petition asking Miss Leggett to furnish more palatable and nourishing articles to eat. In the petition they stated that for breakfast on Friday of last week they were served with a stew "apparently made of liver and bacon," which, from the condition of the meat, we could not and did not eat; for dinner we were served with soup, which we inferred was made of the same, and which also we were unable to eat. On that evening a number of us left the dining-room and went to a restaurant for our dinner, as we had done on several occasions before." The women also claimed that the vegetables were not such as were calculated to maintain health at this season of the year, and that among the meats furnished there was not enough beef. They then asked Miss Leggett in pleasant language to correct these faults. On Wednesday the young women received a reply from Miss Leggett, in which she said that she was amazed at the impertinence and ingratitude shown in the letter. She informed them that she would not make the slightest change in the management of any department, and she was obliged to add that to insure the future harmony of her house, she would have to request each one who signed the petition to look for accommodations elsewhere. She said she wished each one of them abundant happiness and success, but her decision was final. Accordingly twenty-five women left the house in a body yesterday, and are now temporarily lodged in a number of houses in the neighborhood. They say that Miss Leggett's action was due to her hasty temper, and complain about the way she has treated them. They are all scattered, and their plans for the future are in a chaotic state.

DEFAULT OF THE PACIFIC MAIL.

REASONS ASSIGNED FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF THE SUBSIDY DUE THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY—AN UNSETTLED QUESTION OF DAMAGES.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has not yet paid the monthly subsidy due on Thursday last to the Panama Railroad Company. Under the terms of the contract with the railroad company a failure to pay the monthly payments on the company's debt worked a forfeiture of the contract, and gave to the Panama Company the possession of the vessels which are in the name of that company. It is understood that the strict letter of the contract will not be enforced by the railroad company until it shall have made formal demand for the deferred payment. On the part of the Pacific Mail it is claimed that the payment is refused on the ground that the interruption of travel on the isthmus in December last entitles the railroad company to a proportionate payment. A clause in the contract provided that in case of an interruption of travel the steamship company should pay only a divisional part of the monthly payment. The delay caused in December by floods resulted, it is claimed, in damages to the steamship company, which now withholds payment until the damage has been settled. The question has been left to arbitration, but the award has not yet been made. The steamship company is unwilling that the matter should remain longer unsettled, and therefore has refused to continue the regular payments on San Francisco business. It paid the amount due on other business, about $15,000, but refused to pay anything more until the question of damages was settled. It claims that the interruption extended over about six weeks, and that more than the amount due each month should be the measure of damages. The Panama Company, on the other hand, is unwilling to admit a damage amounting to more than a few thousand dollars, but at the same time will not enforce the penalties of the contract which involved a surrender of the Pacific Mail's vessels.

THE CLOSE OF LENT.

SERVICES ON HOLY SATURDAY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Holy Saturday, the last day of the Lenten season, was celebrated yesterday with special services in the Catholic churches. The altars were decorated with flowers, but the candles were not lighted until the middle of the services. A procession was first formed from the sacristy to the outside of the church where a new fire was struck from a flint, while the procession was returning the deacon, who carried a candle with three torches attached, stopped three times and lighted one of branches, saying, "Behold the light of Christ." The paschal candle was then blessed, and five grains of incense were fixed in the centre of it in the form of a cross. The triple candle was emblematic of the Trinity and the paschal candle represented the figure of the body of Christ. It was not lighted at the beginning of the service in order to represent Christ dead. The five grains of incense denoted the aromatic spices with which Christ was embalmed in the sepulchre. The lighting of the paschal candle was a representation of Christ rising from the dead. The blessing of the holy water followed, and at the end of the service the people were supplied with the blessed water to take to their homes. Some of the water was placed in the baptismal font and oil of catechumens and chrism were also poured in the font with appropriate prayers. In some churches, people were baptized after this ceremony. The Mass was afterward begun and at the "Gloria in Excelsis" the church was transformed from its sombre appearance. All the bells were rung, the coverings were removed from the pictures, and the veil in front of the altar was taken away displaying many lights and beautiful flowers.

BY STEAM TO JEROME PARK.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Jerome Park and Villa Site Improvement Company, yesterday afternoon, at the office, No. 25 East Twenty-sixth-st., it was resolved to recommend to the directors of the company that aid in the form of a bonus of $5,000 yearly be guaranteed to the company which is to be shortly organized to build a railroad from Crone's Dock to Jerome Park, and thence to the Harlem Railroad. Leonard Jerome, who presided, said that for nearly six years efforts to get this railroad constructed had been continued. The matter had been carried into court and victories had been won over those who opposed the scheme, without avail, but now at last, through the action of the Rapid Transit Commissioners, who on Friday established the lines, there was an excellent prospect that the railroad would be completed soon. In fact, the engineer and the contractor had promised that the railroad would be finished in time for the June races. The part of the road east of the Park will be built first. It will be about two miles in length. The other portion, six miles in length, will be constructed immediately thereafter. Mr. Jerome said he had heard the opinion expressed by those capable of judging correctly in the matter, that this railroad would quadruple the number of persons visiting the races. The company organized to build this railroad will be called the Jerome Park Railroad Company.

AN ANT-EATER IN NEW-YORK.

A tamanoo, or ant-bear, was received yesterday by Charles Reiche & Bro., at No. 55 Chatham-st., which, it is claimed, is the first of its species ever brought to this country. It is a female, and came from Para, Brazil, on the ship Tom Williams, Captain Edwards. While on the voyage she gave birth to a cub, but it died. The tamanoo in Reiche's possession is about six feet long from the tip of its snout to the tip of its tail, and about two and a-half feet in height. Its head is elongated, and it is covered with coarse, brown hair, which on the tail forms a very heavy plume. Its front feet have claws two or three inches in length, while its hind feet are like those of a bear. It has no teeth, but feeds by means of its tongue, which is nearly two feet in length. Owing to the peculiar shape of its claws, it is obliged to walk on the outer edge of its feet, which gives it a very awkward appearance. When sleeping it covers itself completely with its tail, and presents the appearance of a rough bundle of hay. Charles Reiche & Bro. intend to place it on exhibition at the Aquarium for two weeks, after which it is to be sent to the Berlin Zoological Gardens.

COST OF LIGHTING THE CITY.

Mayor Cooper, Controller Kelly and Commissioner Campbell yesterday opened proposals for furnishing the city with gas for the coming year. The following bids were received:

New-York Gaslight Company—For all street lamps south of Grand-st., $17 per annum for each lamp. Manhattan Gaslight Company—For all street lamps between Grand-st. and Thirty-fourth-st., $17 per lamp. New-York Mutual Gas Company—For all lamps on the line of its mains, $19 75 per lamp. Metropolitan Gas Company—For a portion of the lamps between Thirty-fourth-st. and Seventy-ninth-st., $19 50 per lamp. Harlem Gas Company—For all lamps between Seventy-ninth-st. and Harlem River, $17 70 per lamp. New-York and New-Jersey Globe Gaslight Company—For 2,000 lamps north of Seventy-ninth-st., to be lighted by naphtha, $16 per lamp. Yonkers Gas Company—For the lamps in Riverdale, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, $30 per lamp.

The awards will be made at the next meeting. Commissioner Campbell estimates that the city will have to pay about $60,000 more for lighting the streets for the coming year than for the past year.

DR. DIX'S PERSECUTOR.

OPINION OF HIS COUNSEL THAT WILLIAMSON IS IRRESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTS—GROUNDS OF HIS BELIEF.

The argument on the writs procured on Friday in behalf of Eugene F. Williamson did not take place before Justice Daniels yesterday morning, the District Attorney having received notice from his counsel that the writs had been withdrawn.

Algernon S. Sullivan, Williamson's counsel, said yesterday to a TRIBUNE reporter that he had been interested in behalf of Williamson through an intimate friend in Pittsburg, who had business relations with Williamson's family, and who had in response to their request, asked Mr. Sullivan to do what he could. "If I supposed," said Mr. Sullivan, "that there had been any responsible attempt to levy blackmail, I should not touch the case; but I do no so suppose. I do not, of course, excuse what has been done. An outrage has certainly been perpetrated, and the public have a right to demand that justice be done to the offender. And feeling that nothing should be done to antagonize this public sentiment, I advised Williamson not to avail himself of any technical flaw in his commitment, not only because he could hardly gain much, even if successful, but because it would be unwise to intensify the public feeling against him. It is right that the culprit in such a case should be punished; and the first feeling is that the man is now getting his deserts in the Tombs. But if his case should ever come to trial—and I hope it will not—I think I shall be able to justify a desire that the public should suspend their judgment of the man's responsibility for what he has done.

"I am assured by most respectable authorities that if not actually insane he is subject to such a degree of mental aberration and irregularity as amounts to a demented state. A trustworthy person writes me:

I have, among other things, a certificate signed by the superintendent of the National Rolling Mills at Keesport, Penn., and by Christian J. O'Connor, the accountant, and by William A. Iles, the managing clerk, that Eugene F. Williamson was in the employment of the National Tube Works Company for nine months, and that during that period his actions and conversation frequently caused others to imagine that his mind was unsound, and that his eccentricities bordered very closely upon mental aberration. But during that period they knew of nothing that caused suspicion of his honesty or his probity.

"He resigned the position himself, giving as a reason that something was wrong with his head, and he could not trust himself to attend to business.

"From another trustworthy source comes an offer of evidence to prove a complete aberration of mind, and a super-nervous temperament attended with uncontrolable passion, which was always followed by the most humble repentance. The writer says: "His eccentricities and queer acts are legion. No one ever knew him intimately without feeling that he was queer, foolish, and partially insane; and even those who met him seldom formed the same opinion."

"I made up my mind," continued Mr. Sullivan, "after a very brief conversation with him, that the poor fellow, whatever wrong act he had been guilty of in the past, and however responsible he might be for his own condition, was now certainly in a very pitiable condition. I told him that he must either be very confident of his innocence, or else a great fool for talking so freely as he had talked, and advised him to remain silent now on the subject of his present trouble."

For the crime with which he was charged in 1875 Williamson was committed to the Tombs on May 14 of that year, and remained there until May 20, when he was admitted to $500 bail, George Bruns becoming his bondsman. His residence at that time was at No. 123 East Thirty-fourth-st. He was never tried for the offence, because before the time came he had disappeared.

CONSEQUENCES OF A BAD REPUTATION.

AN EX-CONVICT WHO CAN NOT GIVE A SATISFACTORY ACCOUNT OF HIS MOVEMENTS ARRESTED FOR POSSIBLE COMPLICITY IN KEEPER DAILY'S DEATH.

Keeper Patrick Daily, of the Blackwell's Island Penitentiary, was found, on the morning after St. Patrick's Day, at the foot of a bluff near the foot of East Seventy-fifth-st., bruised and with broken bones. He died later in the Roosevelt Hospital. The story that while trying to find his way to his boat to return to the Island in the darkness he had fallen over the bluff, was not accepted by his relatives, who inclined to the opinion that some escaped prisoner or ex-convict, who might cherish feelings of revenge against him, had followed him from Jones's Woods, where he had attended the celebration, and pushed him over. The police, while giving preference to the theory of accident, have endeavored to trace the man's movements after he left the picnic.

Captain Gunner found that he had been drinking in a liquor store at Seventy-fifth-st. and First-ave. on the morning of his death, and that a harness-maker named Eugene Keefe, who has been convicted of killing a man, and bears a general bad reputation, had been there also. This man was arrested, and, failing to explain satisfactorily his movements after leaving the dram shop, was held. Yesterday Coroner Brady committed him to the House of Detention as a witness at the inquest, which is set down for next Friday. The police really have no evidence that he is in any way concerned in Daily's death.

THE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The sixth game of the billiard tournament for the benefit of the Irish Famine Fund, at O'Connor's Billiard Hall, in Union-square, was between Shaefer and Sexton, last evening. The audience was large, and considerable interest was manifested in the game. The betting, which was lively, was 3 to 2 in favor of Shaefer.

Schaefer won the bank, but he failed to count. In the fifth innings Schaefer, by some excellent playing, made 76 points. He followed this with a run of 114 shots in the tenth inning, and 107 shots in the twelfth, the score then standing, Schaefer, 345, to Sexton's 95. Sexton played badly, though he made a run of 105 shots in the sixteenth inning by some excellent round-the-table play. His rail play was weak, and he seemed sadly out of practice. On the nineteenth inning the score stood, Shaefer 351, Sexton, 215. Shaefer ran 171 in the twentieth inning, and, following this with 75, closed the game. The full score was as follows:

Shaefer—0, 0, 0, 0, 76, 20, 0, 1, 26, 114, 1, 107, 5, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 171, 75—600.

Sexton—0, 13, 2, 0, 5, 20, 0, 21, 0, 26, 0, 2, 6, 1, 0, 105, 6, 5, 3, 4—219.

Winner's average, 28⅔; loser's average, 10 19/20; largest runs, Schaefer, 107, 114 and 171; Sexton, 26 and 105; time of game, 1 hour 22 minutes. Referee, R. E. Wimouth.

The result of the tournament is: Heiser, games won 2, lost 1; Schaefer, won 2, lost 1; Sexton, won 1, lost 2; Carter, won 1, lost 2. The tie between Heiser and Schaefer for the first prize will be played on Monday evening.

THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

"What do you think of the amendment to the new charter, making the office of Controller appointive instead of elective?" Controller Kelly was asked yesterday by a reporter of THE TRIBUNE.

"I think it a good measure," he answered. "One reason why the Controller should be appointed is because if he were elected, just on the eve of an election a great pressure would be brought to bear on him to pay doubtful claims. Another reason is that no head of a Department should be elected. The office of Controller is one of the most responsible under the City Government. If a bad man were appointed the appointing power would have to bear the odium of his wrong acts."

"You have said that no head of a Department should be elected; what are your objections to this?"

"It was pretty thoroughly tried under the charter of 1849, and resulted in failure. Each Department was a government within itself, and acted independent of all others. The result was not beneficial to the public. Of course, I do not include the offices of Sheriff, County Clerk and Register. These are constitutional officers, and the Constitution directs that they be elective."

The retention of the Dock Department as a Department instead of making it a bureau in the Department of Public Works, was thought by many to be the best plan, because the interests at stake and the work to be performed in reconstructing the wharves along both rivers are too important to be confided to a bureau in a Department.

A pretty anecdote is told of a little girl to whom the unseen world is very real. "Where does God live, mamma?" she asked, one evening, after saying her prayers. "He lives in heaven, my dear, in the Celestial City, whose streets are paved with gold." "Oh, yes, I know that, mamma," she said, with great solemnity, "but what's his number?"—Harper's Young People.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel.—The Hon. William M. Evarts, Secretary of State; Chief-Judge Sanford E. Church, of the Court of Appeals, and J. H. Millard, of Omaha.....*New-York Hotel*—Congressman H. B. Wright, and the Hon. Tristam J. Coffer, of Pennsylvania.....*Grand Hotel*—Alexander R. Shepherd, of Washington.....*Hoffman House*—Ex-Senator John R. Mitchell, of Oregon, and J. Belcour, French Consul at Melbourne.....*St. James Hotel*—Senator Ira Davenport, of Bath, N. Y.....*Metropolitan Hotel*—The Hon. William Loughridge, of Iowa.

NEW-YORK CITY.

John D. Levendge, hardware merchant, of No. 2 Cortlandt-st., yesterday made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to Maurice B. Chalmers.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Telegraph Instrument Manufacturing Company was held at No. 40 Pine-st. yesterday, to extend their business.

Deaths last week, 543; births, 588; marriages, 121. The police arrested 1,223 persons. The Excise Board issued 117 licenses and collected fees amounting to $6,775.

The arrivals of immigrants at this port amounted last week to 8,837. The arrivals yesterday by four steamships were 1,490. At this season of the year these arrivals are unusually large.

Coroner Brady accepted bail to the amount of $2,500 yesterday for the appearance of Daniel Delaney, of No. 332 East Eleventh-st., for trial on the charge of killing Henry Campbell on last Sunday morning.

The transfer of the property at No. 42 Broad-st. and No. 38 New-st. from George W. McLean, trustee, to the Open Board of Brokers' Building Company, was recorded in the Register's office yesterday. The consideration was $75,000.

The leading coal companies will advance prices to-morrow 25 cents a ton on all sizes except stove. The advance has been made for the purpose of equalizing prices. There has been an active demand for other than domestic sizes.

Printed copies of the ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen forbidding the dropping of oil, grease and other substances from the elevated railroads, were issued to the employés yesterday by the Manhattan Railway Company.

A regular meeting of the West Side Association, of which Dwight H. Olmstead is president, was held at the rooms, No. 64 West Thirty-fourth-st., last evening, upon which occasion James W. Gerard read a paper on "Local Assessments and Riparian Rights."

A piece of timber falling from the Elevated Railroad track at Greenwich and Franklin-sts. yesterday, struck John F. Corrigan, age twenty years, on the head. His skull was injured and he was taken to the Chambers Street Hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain.

Lester Wallack, A. M. Palmer, and Sheridan Shook have united in petitioning the Board of Aldermen not to pass the ordinance providing for licensing ticket speculators. They say that it let alone the business will die out, but if legalized, recognition will be given to a trade only approved of by the wealthier class of people.

The new station on the Ninth Avenue Railroad at Twenty-third-st. will be opened to-day, and the use of the station at Twenty-first-st. will be discontinued. There was a rumor among the employés of the Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Company last night that the company would begin running half-hourly night trains within the next two weeks.

William H. Johnson, known among circus men as William Du Crow, a "hurricane hurdle rider" and a performer in "cloud swing acts," was a prisoner before Justice Smith, at the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday morning, on complaint of his wife, who charged that he had threatened her life. He was asked if he had used such language, when he said he told her that he would wipe the floor with her if she did not return some of his money. Justice Smith held him in $500 to keep the peace for twelve months.

BROOKLYN.

Elizabeth Noonan, age about two years, died at No. 262 Atlantic-ave. yesterday from burns. On Friday evening she set fire to her clothing while playing with a piece of lighted paper.

The Department of Fire and Buildings last week gave permission to the trustees of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church to erect a brick church, 87 feet by 100 feet in dimensions, at Sixth-ave. and Lincoln-place. Permits for erecting twenty-three other buildings were also granted.

Two officers of the Thirteenth Precinct saw a man dancing under a lamp post at Myrtle and Tompkins-aves. at 12:30 a. m. yesterday, and took him in custody as disorderly. Before reaching the police station, however, he was seized with a fit and died. His name was found to be John Orth, age thirty-eight, and he lived in Delmonico-place.

Judge Pratt yesterday appointed Thomas S. Moore, Dr. W. H. Dudley and Frederick W. Kent a commission to determine the mental condition of Leonard D. Hosford, No. 75 Hewes-st. Affidavits were made by Dr. C. Olcott and by Mrs. Hosford and her daughter, that Mr. Hosford is insane. He has been confined heretofore in the Bloomingdale Asylum.

The East River Gas Light Company recently obtained from the Supreme Court a mandamus directing the Board of Aldermen of Long Island City to pay the company for gas used by the city. The mandamus has not been obeyed, and yesterday Judge Pratt adjudged the Board to be in contempt of Court. The final order in the case will be settled in two days.

The report of Referee J. T. Mareau in reference to the Central-ave. sewer frauds was presented to Judge Pratt yesterday, in the Supreme Court, without argument. The substance of the report was published in THE TRIBUNE Friday. Mr. Mareau found that the assessment for the sewer had been increased fraudulently by over $195,000, and recommended that the assessment be reduced.

Lawrence Kelly, of No. 13 Emmett-st., a member of the "Smoky Hollow Gang," which recently committed a murderous assault on Officer Stone, of the Third Precinct, late Friday night got in a quarrel with Michael Brophy, a saloon-keeper, at No. 50 Atlantic-ave. Brophy ejected Kelly, who then threw a brick at Brophy's head, inflicting a very severe wound. Kelly, who was arrested, was released yesterday on $2,000 bail by Justice Ferry.

JERSEY CITY.

The body of an unknown woman, apparently about thirty years of age and badly decomposed, was found floating in the Hackensack River, near Jersey city, yesterday. There was nothing found which will lead to the identification of the remains.

NEWARK.

The case of Franz Lammens, convicted of complicity in the murder of John Melerhoefer at West Orange, came up again yesterday on appeal for a new trial before Judge Depue. Counsel for Lammens stated that further evidence had been found, and requested the Court to receive it. Permission was granted. The new testimony was chiefly to show that Lammens was not at the house at the time the murder is supposed to have been committed.

Dr. George W. Peipher, an aged gentleman of reserved and somewhat eccentric habits, was discovered dead on his bed in his room at No. 183 Walnut-st., yesterday afternoon. He had been missing for eight days, and his body was much decomposed. It is stated that he was a relative of the late Bishop Odenheimer. Recently he had been preparing a medical work for publication. His wife and children are dead, and he was alone in the world at the age of seventy-six. It is thought that death resulted from apoplexy.

NEW-JERSEY.

PATERSON.—The Newark Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is holding its twenty-third annual session in the Market Street Church, at Paterson, yesterday elected the Rev. Solomon Parsons, of Newark, a delegate to the General Conference, making four in all. The Rev. James B. Faulks, of Orange, and the Rev. William Taulson, the Presiding Elder of the Jersey City District, were elected reserve delegates to the same body.

LONG ISLAND.

MASPETH.—Mr. and Mrs. William Furman, of Maspeth, and Mr. and Mrs. Ludlum Fredrick, of Jamaica, celebrated their golden weddings on Wednesday evening last.

BROOKHAVEN.—The Prohibitionists of the Town of Brookhaven met yesterday and nominated Henry T. Robins for Commissioner of Excise. There is to be a desperate struggle to elect him.

WESTHAMPTON.—The Rev. Mr. Hebbard, now of the Methodist Church at Westhampton, has been preaching continually for forty-three years, and in that time has never missed being in his pulpit on a Sunday, from sickness or any other cause.

NEW-LOTS.—One hundred alleged delinquent liquor dealers were arraigned before the New-Lots Excise Board on Friday night. The proceedings were of an exciting character. The prosecution having failed, the complaints in each case were dismissed. The complaints were made by the Christian Brotherhood.

HEMPSTEAD.—Mrs. Emma Andrews, a widow, living alone at Smithville, in the town of Hempstead, was discovered recently sitting in her house in a deep, trance-like sleep, from which, by ordinary means, it was found impossible to arouse her. Medical aid had to be procured to restore her to consciousness. The doctor said that had the discovery of her condition been delayed an hour longer she would have been dead.

HALF-HOLLOW.—Morris Bartow, a wood-chopper about sixty years of age, at Half-Hollow, on Friday afternoon, had cut a small tree which fell over and lodged in another tree near by. He then cut down the other tree, when both fell. Instead of running away, Bartow stepped under the falling tree first cut, which came down upon his neck and shoulders forcing him down upon his knees. As he fell he held to his axe, and the handle being raised his throat came down upon it, and the tree pressed so hard from above that he was choked to death before assistance reached him.

STATEN ISLAND.

MIDDLETOWN.—The Excise Board of Middletown is about to compel the dram-sellers of that town to place the word "inn" in large letters outside their shops.

MARINER'S HARBOR.—The yacht Fog, which was stolen last Fall from Wilcur F. Dissoway, of West Brighton, has been found in a shipyard at Mariner's Harbor, where persons were at work adding several feet to its length.

FORT HILL.—Thieves entered William Brown's premises on Fort Hill one night recently and succeeded in carrying away two bronze cannons each weighing 300 pounds.

PORT RICHMOND.—The people of Port Richmond are much agitated over the question whether or not they shall be made to pay for town roads outside the village limits. They have sent to the Legislature a petition asking for the passage of a relief bill, and a remonstrance has been forwarded by persons living outside the village limits.

NEW-BRIGHTON.—Some young men, among whom was John Dernback, at midnight on Friday night were acting in a disorderly manner on the streets of New-Brighton. They met Louis Vorsyth, a private watchman, who told them to stop their noise and go home. In a quarrel which followed Dernback was shot in the thigh by the watchman, who was arrested while patroling his beat. He was arraigned before Justice Taylor yesterday, and held to await the result of Dernback's injury.

HUDSON RIVER TOWNS.

IRVINGTON.—A workman employed on the farm of J. C. Fargo, at Irvington, recently found three skeletons, supposed to be those of Revolutionary soldiers.

PELHAM MANOR.—Many new buildings are in the course of erection at Pelham Manor, the owners being encouraged by the prospect of rapid transit communication with this city.

WEST CHESTER.—At a meeting of the Union Republicans of West Chester, the following nominations for town officers were made: For Supervisor, James Henderson, jr.; Town Clerk, Michael A. Leddy; Justice of the Peace, Thomas Wilson; Receiver of Taxes, Peter Briggs; Assessor, J. J. Mallet; Commissioner of Highways, Andrew Wilkinson; Town Auditors, Levi B. Mace and George W. Frost.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

TODAY.

Sun rises.....5:51 | Sun sets.....6:20 | Clock fast, 4m. 56s.
Moon rises.....9:17 | Moon sets.....1:25 | Moon's age, days, 18

HIGH WATER TO-DAY—A. M.

Sandy Hook...8:51 | Gov. Island...9:20 | Hell Gate.....11:09

HIGH WATER TO-DAY—P. M.

Sandy Hook...9:19 | Gov. Island...9:53 | Hell Gate.....11:42

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....MARCH 27.

ARRIVED.

Str Adriatic (Brt), Jennings, Liverpool March 16 and Queenstown 17, to R J Cortis.

Str Scheldam (Dutch), Chevalier, Rotterdam March. 6 to Funch, Edye & Co.

Str Galatea (Brt), Allison, Bristol March 9, to W D Morgan.

Str Genesale (Brt), Doherty, Newport, Eng, 23 days, with scrap iron to order; vessel to Bowring & Archibald.

Str Morro Castle, Reed, Cienfuegos 6 days, to Ward & Co.

Str Richmond, Stevens, West Point, Va, to Old Dominion Ss Co.

Str Kicanoro, Rioux, Portland, to J F Ames.

Ship Donald McKay (Ger), Helder, Bremen 41 days, with empty barrels to order; vessel to Hermann Koop & Co.

Bark Vittorine (Nor), Olsen, Lisbon, via Delaware Breakwater, 63 days, in ballast to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Inga (Swed), Hakansson, Rochefort 62 days, in ballast to order.

Bark Agder (Nor), Tobiasen, Belfast 66 days, in ballast to Beckmann, Oerlich & Co.

Bark Zulma, Petersen, St Iago de Cuba 20 days, with sugar to Joe Rivera & Co; vessel to Swan & Son.

Bark Sarah (of Portland), Dewey, Cardenas 13 days, with sugar, etc, to order; vessel to Miller & Houghton.

Brig Dirigo, Coffin, Cardenas 13 days, with sugar to order; vessel to Miller & Houghton.

Brig Silas N Martin, Parker, Wilmington, N C, 8 days, with lumber to F H Smith & Co.

Brig L W Armstrong, Merryman, New-Haven.

Brig Ann Elizabeth, Dean, Boston.

Schr James M Riley, Dickson, Cardenas with sugar to order; vessel to Hecht, Son & Co.

Schr southern Home, Thomas, Pernambuco 40 days, with sugar to Phelps, Stokes & Co; vessel to Pendleton & Co.

Schr Cimbri (Brt), Broadstock, Port Spain 30 days, with asphalt to A D Straus; vessel to Geo F Bailey.

Schr Isabella (Brt), King, St Kitts 21 days, with sugar to F G Challener; vessel to master.

WIND—Sunset—At Sandy Hook, light, S SE; thick for rain. At City Island, heavy, E; thick and raining.

CLEARED.

Str Republic (Brt), Irving, Liverpool via Queenstown, R J Cortis; England (Brt), Thompson, Liverpool, F W J Hurst; Belgia (Brt), Smal, Glasgow, Henderson Bros; Oder (Ger), Lüst, Bremen via Southampton, Oelrichs & Co; Belgenland (Belg), Jansen, Antwerp, Peter Wright & Sons; Arian (Brt), Glasgow, Marcadho, etc, Pim, Forwood & Co; Niagara, Baker, Havana, J E Ward & Co; New Orleans, Halsey, New-Orleans, Clark & Seaman; City of Atlanta, Woodhull, Charleston, S C, J W Quintard & Co; Hatteras, Bonz, West Point, Va, Old Dominion Ss Co; Rio Grande, Pennington, Galve