NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

THE NORTH PARMA POSTMASTERSHIP.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Ex-Congressman Van Voorhis, of Rochester, says that the First Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. Hatton, has been playing fast and loose with the North Parma Post Office about long enough, and one reason of the ex-Congressman's visit here at this time is to have the matter settled. Mr. Van Voorhis says the facts in the case are as follows: Last fall the postmaster at North Parma, Monroe County, N. Y., resigned his office, which pays about $400 a year, and recommended that Samuel Holman be appointed his successor. Mr. Hatton directed that the appointment be made, but, his attention being called to a large petition in favor of the appointment of Charles E. Spring, an ex-Union soldier, Mr. Hatton cancelled the direction in favor of Holman and ordered that Spring be appointed, which was done in January. About two months ago a bond was sent to Spring to be executed; that was done and the bond was duly approved.

In the meantime, ex-Senator Platt, ex-Congressman Davy and "Clint" Wheeler had written to the Post Office Department demanding the appointment of Holman. Spring's commission was thereupon withheld and Holman was appointed about a month ago, but has not yet received his commission. Spring is at the head of the Grand Army Post at Parma and his military record is unusually good. He was wounded while in the service and carries lead in his body to this day.

The ex-Congressman intends to visit the President and the Postmaster-General to-morrow and lay the case before them and protest against the proposed action of Mr. Hatton.

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

THE WORK AT THE NAVAL OBSERVATORY DELAYED.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The work of the scientists at the Naval Observatory upon their calculations from the observations of the transit of Venus is being delayed by lack of funds to pay for printing the necessary blank forms. A great many such forms will be required, and the Navy Department will have no funds to meet the expense of printing them until the appropriation for the next fiscal year becomes available—after July 1. The records and photographs of all the distant stations have been received at the Naval Observatory. Those of Lieutenant Very, of the Patagonia station, were received a few days ago. The computations have only been begun. The first step will be to determine the exact geographical positions of the various stations. In the cases of points beyond telegraphic communication this can be determined only by deducting from chronometrical observations. The astronomers are about to begin measuring the photographs of the transit with a machine devised for that purpose. They have about 1,000 negatives taken by the parties sent out by the Observatory, and four large boxes of negatives taken at Princeton. In addition to these it is expected that a large number of negatives taken at the Lick Observatory in California will be sent here. Under the most favorable circumstances the calculations cannot be completed in less than four years, and it is possible that five or six years will elapse before the final result will be reached.

INSPECTION OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The April report of the special inspectors of foreign passenger steam vessels for the port of New-York shows that eighty-seven steamers were visited, ten only of which were granted certificates of inspection. Of those not receiving certificates some were steamers clearing without passengers and not requiring inspection. Those clearing with passengers but without certificates were cleared by permission of the Secretary of the Treasury, with the understanding that all deficiencies would be made good before the vessels could clear on a subsequent voyage.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The President to-day appointed William W. Henry to be Marshal of the United States for the District of Vermont; Jefferson P. Kidder to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for the Territory of Dakota; Benjamin T. Martin to be Melter and Refiner of the Assay Office at New-York City.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Major George L. Gillespie, Corps of Engineers, has been ordered to proceed from New-York to Sandy Hook, on business connected with works of improvement under his charge. First Lieutenant Henry L. Harris, 1st Artillery, will be relieved from duty at the United States Military Academy by the Superintendent of the Academy, and will join his battery. The resignation of Captain F. L. Shoemaker, 4th Cavalry, has been accepted by the President, to take effect June 30.

Surgeon Joseph B. Parker has been ordered to the Torpedo Station; Assistant Paymaster James S. Phillips has been detached from duty in the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing and placed on waiting orders; Surgeon William J. Simon from the Torpedo Station and placed on waiting orders.

A cable dispatch received at the Navy Department reports that the Swatara is at Aspinwall.

The Lancaster sailed from Havre April 17 for Antwerp. After a stay there of a few days she was to leave for Gravesend. The Juniata left Aden for Muscat, Arabia, April 3. The Alliance sailed from Key West to-day for Hamp on Roads. The Powhatan arrived at Key West on April 28, seven days from Aspinwall. All well on board.

The following naval boards have been appointed: Retiring Board—Rear-Admiral John L. Worden, U. S. N., President; Commodore S. R. Franklin, Captain D. B. Harmony, Medical Director F. M. Gunnell and Medical Inspector David Kindelberger. Examining Board—Commodore S. R. Franklin, president; Captain D. B. Harmony and Commander F. V. McNair.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 1, 1883.

WORK ON THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.—Work on the Washington Monument will be resumed on Monday. There is material enough ready to be laid to raise the structure thirty feet.

NO COMPLAINT FROM RELATIVES OF COLLINS.—Secretary Chandler says no complaints have been made to him by the relatives of the late Jeremiah Collins, of unfair treatment before the Court of Inquiry, and he is not aware that any effort is to be made by them to secure a pension as has been asserted.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC REUNION.—The President has accepted an invitation to take part in the reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, in Washington, on May 16. Several members of the Cabinet will also be present.

DORSEY'S ANSWER TO LILLEY'S SUIT.—Ex-Senator S. W. Dorsey has returned an answer to the suit of William Lilley for $10,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by him from personal assault by Dorsey on March 6. The answer is confined to a simple and broad denial of Lilley's allegations and an expression of the respondent's willingness to submit the case to the jury.

ON THE POST OFFICE BLACK-LIST.—An order was issued at the Post Office Department to-day declaring the C. Lester, alias E. Lester, of No. 22 New Church-st., New-York, is engaged in defrauding the public by false representations and promises, and forbidding the delivery to him of money orders or registered packages.

A RESIGNATION FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE.—F. L. Freeman, principal examiner in the Patent Office—in charge of electrical inventions—has resigned to engage in private business in this city.

A COMMITTEE TO OPEN PROPOSALS.—Secretary Folger has appointed C. E. Coon, W. D. O'Connor and J. L. Harley, of the Treasury Department, a committee to open proposals and examine the samples submitted therewith under an advertisement for earthenware and package seals for the use of the Treasury Department.

A SPECIAL AGENT SUSPENDED.—The Secretary of the Treasury has suspended Galen E. Green, special agent at Jackson, Tenn., pending the investigation of charges preferred against him of official misconduct.

REDEMPTION AND EXCHANGE OF BONDS.—The 120th call for bonds matured to-day. The redemptions under the call, including prepaid bonds, amount to about $11,500,000. The exchange of three-and-a-half per cent bonds into three per cents was resumed to-day. The amount of bonds surrendered for exchange to-day was about $7,000,000, which swells the total amount of exchanges to nearly $131,000,000.

THE TREASURY COUNT COMPLETED.—The committee appointed to examine the books, accounts and money of the United States Treasury completed its work to-day. The only discrepancy found was an excess of 3 cents in favor of Mr. Gilfillan, the retiring Treasurer. The committee was discharged with the thanks of the Secretary of the Treasury.

CAPTAIN EADS'S SUCCESSOR.—It is expected that the President will in a few days fill the vacancy on the Mississippi River Commission caused by the resignation of Captain James B. Eads. It is understood that the appointment lies between Captain Henry Flody, of St. Louis, and General S. W. Ferguson, of Mississippi.

INSTRUCTIONS TO GENERAL CROOK.—General Sherman yesterday sent instructions by telegraph to General Crook to the effect that no military movement must be made into or, within the territory of Mexico which is not authorized by the agreement between the two countries. The dispatch has been forwarded from Whipple Barracks to General Crook in the field.

JUDGE THOMAN AND KEIM'S APPOINTMENT.—Judge Thoman denies that he virtually urged the nomination of Mr. Keim as Chief Examiner of the Civil Service Commission, at the suggestion of Senator Pendleton.

MURCH AND THE HILL INVESTIGATION.—The Secretary of the Treasury has received from Mr. Murch a letter suggesting that Kenneth Raynor, solicitor of the Treasury, be appointed a member of the Hill Investigating Committee. Mr. Murch also desires to be represented by counsel before the committee.

THE CABINET AND CIVIL SERVICE RULES.—The Cabinet meeting to-day was devoted solely to the consideration of the Civil Service regulations. No conclusion was reached. A special meeting of the Cabinet will be held to-morrow, when it is expected the matter will be finally disposed of.

NOT THE NEW-YORK MURDERER.

RICHMOND, May 1.—Detective Lowler, of New-York, arrived here yesterday with a requisition for the man supposed to be Thomas Rogers, who is wanted in New-York for murder. Upon seeing the prisoner the detective declared that he was not the man he wanted.

DYNAMITE IRISHMEN DISCOURAGED.

The Irishmen of the extreme sort were very quiet yesterday. A TRIBUNE reporter visited some of them in the afternoon at their old haunts, but could learn very little. They tacitly admitted that to a certain extent they had seen their best days. The days to which they referred with pride were those of the explosion at the offices in Westminster. They were on the crest of the wave then and they even believed that they would sweep the Philadelphia Convention itself away before them. The convention has been held, and on all sides now the extremists confess their great disappointment. The doors at O'Donovan Rossa's office are closed. The mouths of all the leaders are closed. The disclosures made in the papers at the time of Lynch's and Gallagher's arrest have to a certain extent terrified the men whose names were published as having possible connection with the conspiracies.

It is even a matter of mutual recrimination as to how the newspapers got their information. The officers and members of the old Emerald Club, which met at Second-st. and the Bowery, are accusing each other of having given information to the reporters. John J. Breslin, of *The Irish Nation*, is reviling O'Donovan Rossa, and Rossa is making uncomplimentary remarks of Breslin. "Joe" Weldrick is still trying to find out who gave his name to the police, and is accusing some of his best friends. Ex-Coroner Burns, of Jersey City, is trembling on account of certain disclosures he chose to make, and which he afterward denied, and some of the fiercest dynamite men are turning lambs from politic considerations. Captain Tracey, who lost his position on account of his supposed extreme views and connection with the Emerald Club, is very angry. In fact the rank and file of the dynamite party in New-York are fighting against themselves. No meetings have been held by them yet. They are too much discouraged, as one of them remarked yesterday. But for strong representations made to them by one of their more sensible adherents on Friday night, they would have withdrawn from the Philadelphia Convention in a body to show their contempt for the machine which had control there. It was however represented to them that they would only exhibit their own weakness by so doing, and it was decided to remain. A rumor is current that a dynamite meeting will be held toward the end of the week, but at present, by their own admittance, it seems that they are too utterly discouraged among themselves to unite on any plan of action.

As for the old Land League clubs the work of reorganization is rapidly going on. They are changing their branches into branches of the New National League, and Patrick Egan and Thomas Brennan both arrived in the city on Monday to aid in hastening the work. Egan and Brennan will both stay in the city till the work is accomplished to a certain extent, after which Egan will continue his journey west, while Brennan will probably make a longer visit to mature his plans.

Dr. J. Campbell Quinn, president of the Twenty-first Ward branch of the National Leagues, declares that he is perfectly satisfied with the result of the convention, and that he has been, is and will be a firm supporter of Parnell.

Michael P. Boyton came to this city yesterday morning from Philadelphia. He arrived from Ireland on the second day of the convention. He will be remembered as that member of the Irish National Land League whose claims to be an American citizen under arrest in England without having had a trial attracted some attention in the papers two years ago. He was born in Ireland in 1846, but came to this country in his fourteenth year. In 1879 he returned to Ireland, became mixed up in the affairs of the League and was arrested with thirteen others. He was acquitted, however, with his fellow prisoners by a Dublin jury. Soon afterward he was arrested under the first Coercion act as "reasonably suspected" of "inciting divers persons to murder." It was on this charge that Boyton asserted his claims to American citizenship, which were passed on adversely by Secretary Blaine. Mr. Boyton is a man of medium height and stocky figure. He wears a full dark beard and mustache, and is of pleasant address. He intends to return soon to Ireland.

BASEBALL NEWS.

The residents of Harlem were awakened from their usual state of quiet and repose yesterday afternoon by seeing immense crowds of people coming up town on their way to the Polo Grounds to witness the opening of the League baseball championship season. The contestants were the New-York and Boston nines. The Second, Third and Sixth ave. elevated roads were taxed to their utmost between the hours of three and four to carry the people to the grounds. Although special trains were run, all the cars were overcrowded. It was estimated that over 15,000 people passed through the gates. Every available space was occupied, and many people were on the grounds who scarcely saw any of the players, much less the contest. General Grant was among those who watched the game with great interest. Many ladies were also present. The spectators were good natured, and evidently were there to enjoy themselves. They showed their disapproval two or three times, however, when the umpire did not see exactly as they wished him to see, and while Troy made some glaring errors. They, however, changed the hisses to cheers when Troy made an excellent running catch. The 7th Regiment Band was in the grand stand, and played lively music before and after the game.

Before the game began, there was considerable betting, the New-York team being the favorites at 100 to 80. After the first inning offers were freely made of 3 to 1 on the New-York men, with few takers. The home club had a good nine in the field, with Welch and Ewing as the battery. The Bostons could not hit efficiently the pitching of Welch, and during the game made only six hits off his delivery. Ewing caught in fine style, and his throwing to bases was sharp and accurate. Conway's first base play was excellent, as was also that of Morrill. The pitching of Mitchell was not very effective, the New-York team batting his delivery for thirteen single hits. Hines did good work behind the bat, as also did Burdock on second base. The same nines will play again to-day, with a change of outfielders on each side. The news of the defeat of the Metropolitans at Baltimore did not reach the grounds in time to be announced. Subjoined is a summary of the score:—

New-York.	R.	BH	PO	A.	E.	Boston.	R.	BH	PO	A.	E.
Ewing, c.	0	1	7	4	0	Gorman, l. f.	2	1	1	0	0
Connor, 1 b.	1	2	13	0	0	Morrill, 1 b.	0	0	15	0	0
Ward, c. f.	1	1	1	1	1	Whitney, p.	0	1	0	2	0
Gillespie, l. f.	1	2	1	0	0	Manton, 3 b.	1	1	0	1	0
Dorgan, r. f.	1	2	0	0	0	Wise, s. s.	0	0	1	3	1
Welch, p.	1	2	2	4	0	Burdock, 2 b.	0	1	4	2	1
Caskins, 2 b.	1	2	6	1	1	Hines, c.	2	2	4	9	3
Troy, s. s.	0	0	1	3	5	Hankinson, c. f.	0	1	2	0	0
Hankins, 3 b.	1	1	2	1	0	Richardson, r. f.	0	0	0	0	2
Total.	7	13	27	14	7	Total.	5	6	27	18	8

RUNS SCORED EACH INNING.

New-York	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0—7
Boston	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0—5

Runs earned—New-York, 3; Boston, 0. First base by errors—New-York, 2; Boston, 4. Left on bases—New-York, 7; Boston, 5. Total left on bases—New-York, 5; Boston, 5. Three-base hits—Connor. Two-base hit—Hankinson. Total base hit—New-York, 16; Boston, 6. Passed balls—Hines, 4. Umpire—S. M. Decker. Time of game—Two hours.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—The League championship season was opened here to-day in a game between the Providence and Philadelphia clubs. Providence won the game in the eighth inning by hard hitting. The following is the score:

Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Philadelphia	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3

BALTIMORE, May 1.—The first championship game of the American Association was played in the Orioles' field here to-day by the Metropolitans, of New-York, and Baltimore teams with the following result; eleven innings being played:

Metropolitans	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
Baltimore	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4

WILMINGTON, Del., May 1.—The Quickstep and Brooklyn Clubs of the Inter-State Association opened the championship season here to-day, with the following result:

Quickstep	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	3	9
Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	6

DETROIT, May 1.—The Chicago club defeated the Detroit club here to-day by a score of 7 to 4.

CLEVELAND, May 1.—The Clevelands defeated the Buffalo club here to-day by a score of 7 to 4.

THE RACQUET TOURNAMENT.

In the first-class handicap game of racquet yesterday between F. R. Halsey, at one hand, and C. W. Barnes, at the same handicap, the former won after a close and exciting contest. The total scores were as follows:

					Total.
F. R. Halsey	14	15	11	15	15—70
C. W. Barnes	17	11	15	8	4—55

THE BOSTON STREET SUPERINTENDENT

BOSTON, May 1.—The Board of Aldermen passed an order requiring the Superintendent of Streets to submit all his appointments to the Aldermen for confirmation. Alderman O'Brien took occasion to denounce the present incumbent, Mr. Merritt, as an incompetent man; and after adjournment the members of the board freely asserted that Charles Harris, formerly superintendent for many years, would be reinstated within a month.

TRACING STOLEN CITY PROPERTY.

BUFFALO, May 1.—The authorities claim to have knowledge of the location of 500 acres of land in Canada purchased by James S. Lyon, who was recently convicted of embezzlement with Joseph Bork, the defaulting city treasurer. The purchase, it is claimed, was made in the last year of the existence of the banking firm of Lyons, Bork & Co., and is said to be worth now over $50,000.

A MURDERER'S SENTENCE TO BE COMMUTED.

HARRISBURG, Penn., May 1.—The Board of Pardons last night decided to recommend the commutation of Israel Erb's sentence from hanging to imprisonment for life. He is the last of the murderers of the Kitzlers of Snyder County, and his case has been before the Board for over a year.

Mrs. Ramsbotham's Cookery Book.—She is making a collection of receipts. Hashed mutton and various beans when in season, she says, is an excellent dish.—[Punch.

DISSATISFIED WORKMEN.

THE STRIKE OF THE WEIGHERS.

COLLECTOR ROBERTSON PROMISES TO PRESENT THE CASE OF THE MEN TO THE DEPARTMENT—BUSINESS AT A STANDSTILL.

Business in the Weighers' Department of the Custom House is at a standstill. Every laborer employed in the department went on strike yesterday morning. Delegations representing the laborers waited upon Collector Robertson. They represented that they were employed so few hours that they could not average $10 a week; that the laborers in the Weighers' Department in Baltimore, Philadelphia and other collection districts were receiving 30 cents an hour, and that the city weighers are paying 40 cents an hour. Collector Robertson expressed sympathy with the laborers and asked if they would be satisfied with $2 a day, and they unhesitatingly said they would. The Collector then said that while he could not assure them of any increase in their pay he would communicate with the Treasury Department, stating all the facts, and would ask that their pay be at least place equal to that in other collection districts, or 30 cents an hour. After a consultation the men decided that they would not go to work until their demand was acceded to.

A TRIBUNE reporter called on Captain Bacon, the weighmaster of the Brooklyn District. Captain Bacon said that there were about 150 men employed by him, though the number was sometimes almost double that. There were no men at work yesterday and business was at a standstill. Captain Bacon said that if the men did not return to work to-day he would endeavor to fill their places.

One of the strikers informed a reporter that the men asked an advance of 15 cents an hour and would not go to work for less. They had seen the store laborers and longshoremen and they had promised not to interfere. The rate asked was the same as was paid when the work was done by the Custom House. The contractor had cut the rates down. The foreman of the East River District, to which Mr. Shirley is weighmaster, said that he thought that some of his men would go to work to-morrow. If they did not he thought that there would be no difficulty in getting new men.

The men on the Hudson River are the prime movers in the strike and are the most determined to carry it to a successful issue. They are very confident of success and laugh at the idea of new men taking their places. They say that the only men who could do the work properly are the longshoremen, and it is hardly likely that they would work for 25 cents an hour when they can make 40 and 50 cents an hour.

CIGARETTE-MAKERS ON STRIKE

The male cigarette-makers employed by the Kinney Tobacco Company went on strike yesterday morning for an advance in pay. Some of the girls also joined in the strike. There is considerable difference of opinion as to how many employes are on strike. A meeting of cigarette-makers was held in the West Side Germania Assembly Rooms, at West-st. and Seventh-ave. last night. A committee consisting of three girls and three men was appointed to wait on the firm and state their demands, and to act generally for the strikers.

THE CIGAR MAKERS' DEMANDS.

At the office of the Cigar-makers' Progressive Union it was reported on Monday that Howard Ives and Simes Brothers had agreed to pay $1 more a thousand after yesterday. The men employed by Plunkett, at No. 22 Bowery, received postal cards from him telling them to come to work on Monday at the advance. Jacoby & Frommer have agreed to give their tenement-house employes 75 cents a thousand more. They had already advanced the pay 25 cents. The men met yesterday and accepted the proposition.

About 200 workmen employed in the factory of Straiton & Storm assembled on Monday night to hear the deliberations of the Board of Arbitration which had met to consider the subject of an advance in the wages of the cigar makers. It was decided to advance the pay of the handworkers who make the finest cigars 7½ per cent, equal to about $1 10 a thousand, with the provision that if at the end of two weeks the men are not satisfied with this arrangement, the whole matter will be resubmitted to the Board of Arbitration. The mould-workers will receive an advance of 90 cents a thousand, to be divided in the ratio of 60 cents to the rollers and 30 cents to the bunch-makers.

Mr. Butler, of the Kinney Tobacco Company, denied that there is an extensive strike among the girls in that factory. He says that only the men are dissatisfied. The charges made in the meeting Saturday night that they had discharged eight men for participating in a previous meeting, he said, was false. They did not sell their poorly made cigarettes to their men. They only made them pay the tax on them, $1 75 a thousand. The Government did not allow them to give cigarettes away without being stamped.

CINCINNATI, O., May 1.—There will be no disturbance here among cigar-makers on account of the reduction of the tax on tobacco. Strikes for an advance have been made at Newark and Portsmouth, Ohio. The demands of the workmen at Wheeling, W. Va., Steubenville, O., and Urbana, O., have been complied with.

LYNCHBURG, Va., May 1.—The cigar manufactories are all closed to-day in consequence of the strike of the cigar-makers. The increased pay was agreed to, but the manufacturers resent the attempt of the Cigar-Makers' Union to regulate the employment of apprentices.

READING, Penn., May 1.—Twenty-five cigar-makers struck this afternoon for one dollar increase per one thousand cigars. Other strikes are probable.

TRENTON, May 1.—The members of the Cigar-Makers' Union of this city struck for an advance of one dollar per thousand cigars a few days since. To-day most of the employers acceded to the demand.

TROY, May 1.—Some cigar manufacturers have acceded to the demand for an increase of two dollars per thousand. The main manufacturers who have not granted the increase have closed their shops.

PITTSBURG, Penn., May 1.—The demand of the cigar-makers was conceded by 18 small manufacturers, and only the employes of four large establishments were ordered out by the Cigar-Makers' Union this morning.

ST. PAUL, May 1.—The cigar manufacturers yesterday granted an advance of one dollar per thousand.

LOUISVILLE, May 1.—No strike will occur here, as the cigar manufacturers have acceded to all the demands of their employes.

WILKESBARRE, PENN., May 1.—The cigar manufacturers here are all closed to-day. The strikers refused to accept an advance of 50 cents per thousand.

DETROIT, May 1.—Some of the cigar manufacturers here have conceded the advance, while others refuse, and 200 men are on strike.

BOSTON, May 1.—The anticipated strike among the cigar-makers of this city was been averted by the manufacturers acceding to the demand of their employes.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 1.—The union cigar-makers were on strike to-day. All were granted an advance of $1 per thousand.

MAY MEETING OF HORTICULTURISTS.

The most conspicuous plant at the Horticultural Exhibition yesterday afternoon was a tree fern standing in the centre of the hall and spreading its graceful fronds over a circumference of fifteen feet. It was a cibotium—of what variety it is impossible to tell until its seed capsules appear—and was raised from a Sandwich Island seed planted only five years ago by Mr. Roenbeck, of Bayonne, N. J. This was supported by many other choice specimens, among them half a dozen cycadeoidas of the rarest and most admired varieties. On the same table with the ferns was Hallock & Thorpe's group of seedling geraniums, which illustrated what cross-fertilization and selection have accomplished for these flowers. The highest perfection in size, form and habit was attained by the variety known as Mrs. Gordon, while Cullen Bryant showed the most brilliant color—a dazzling scarlet. Among Woolson & Co.'s hardy plants were most of the native flowers which make the woods and waysides beautiful in early spring—wood lilies, violets, bloodroot, marsh-marigolds and anemones, including an exquisite double white variety, together with phloxes and Apache's plume from Western States; cala hortus and a diminutive lady's slipper from California; lock cress, dog's tooth violet, spring Adonis and the choice hybrid Narcissus from Europe; snowy primroses from Siberia, and a rare Alcromeia, with more primroses from Japan, and many besides quite as worthy of mention.

A superb cattleya Mossiæ led a strong array of orchids of every shade and shape, from graceful to grotesque. The cut flowers were abundant and of the best quality, and a ground of unusually well-grown caleocarias, ranging in color through every tint of gold and bronze, were universally admired. The tables were more conveniently arranged than at any former monthly exhibition, and the large contributions to the display from such well-known amateur collections as those of Mrs. Morgan, James B. Colgate and Henry B. Hyde made an interesting feature of the occasion.

The chief prizes were awarded as follows: To Isaac Buchanan and Mrs. Morgan, for orchids; George Such, orchids and cut flowers; Woolson & Co., hardy herbaceous perennials; Hallock & Thorpe, geraniums, carnations and cut flowers; John Henderson, John Jones, W. C. Wilson and Henry B. Hyde, roses; and James B. Colgate, for cut flowers and roses.

THE LACE THIEF AND HIS ACCOMPLICES.

James J. Madden, of No. 38 Tenth-st., Hoboken, who was arrested on Monday by Central Office detectives on a charge of stealing laces worth about $23,000 from his employers, Muser Brothers, of No. 465 Broome-st., was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday. He waived examination and was held in $5,000 bail on one complaint charging him with the larceny, in August last, of six lace handkerchiefs, valued at $48. Adelaide Grodjenski, of No. 101 Sixth-ave., who it is alleged first received the stolen goods, her daughter, Fannie Lewis, of No. 117 Clinton-place, who is connected with her in business, and Madame Miller, of No. 148 Fifth-ave., who purchased the goods from Mrs. Grodjenski and then resold them through auction houses, were all in court. The first two were held in $1,500 bail each, and Mrs. Miller in $2,500 bail for trial.

FIGHTING ABOUT A WOMAN.

Simon Stern, who refuses to give his residence, escorted Mrs. Bradley, of No. 326 Second-ave., home from the Thalia Theatre on Monday night, and was met on the stoop by her husband, James. Mr. Stern says Mr. Bradley struck him and then thanked him for bringing the lady home. Mr. Bradley, however, states that he did not strike Mr. Stern but that Stern belabored him with a cane. At all events Mr. Stern was arrested and was held in $300 bail for examination on Thursday in the Yorkville Police Court. He says he did not know that the woman was married.

SITE FOR THE BROOKLYN BUILDING.

The Commissioners named to select a site for the Brooklyn Federal Building—George H. Andrews, Jackson S. Schultz and William Leimbeer, of this city—reported to Secretary Folger on Monday that they had decided, after careful examination of all the proposed sites, to recommend the one bounded by Washington-st., Myrtle-ave., and Adams-st., 400 feet north of the City Hall, and close to the junction of Fulton-st., Myrtle-ave., Court-st. and Washington-st., and including the premises now occupied as the Brooklyn Post Office. The advantages claimed for this site are that it is upon high ground; that more than a dozen street-car lines pass near it; that it is in the immediate neighborhood of the principal financial institutions, libraries, courts, halls of record and office buildings, and near the centre of the main retail trade of the city; that the streets leading to or near this property run from Wall, Fulton and Catharine Street Ferries and the Brooklyn Bridge, and the dimensions approximate those suggested by the Department as desirable to be obtained, being 241 feet 8 inches on Myrtle-ave., 210 feet and 1 inch on Washington-st., and 211 feet and 10 inches on Adams-st. The price named for the property is $500,000. It was assessed in 1882 at $300,000—70 per cent of the real value. In view of the limited amount appropriated, the Commissioners submit as a second choice, in the judgment of two of them, the site bounded by Fulton, Nassau, Liberty and Concord sts., which can be bought for $350,000, and as a site still less costly the triangular block bounded by Flatbush-ave. and Livingston and Nevins sts., which can be obtained for about $150,000.

FATHER McCARTHY'S ALLEGED OFFENCE.

Complaint was made before Police Justice Naeher in Brooklyn yesterday by the Rev. Florence McCarthy, pastor of St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church, at North Henry and Herbert sts., that on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cronin, of No. 565 Graham-ave., had disturbed the religious services in his church. Warrants for their arrest were issued. Their daughter Bridget, age eighteen, has been the organist in the church and was publicly dismissed by Father McCarthy a week ago. In the service of mass on Sunday morning Mrs. Cronin rose and said that the priest had insulted her daughter, and if he did it again she would shoot him. Father McCarthy denied the charge, and Mr. Cronin called him a liar. There was intense excitement, but the disturbing couple finally left the church. Miss Cronin said yesterday that the priest had insulted her in his house, and her mother added that in February her daughter called on Father McCarthy to get some tickets to sell for an entertainment. While there the priest kissed her forcibly. The girl did not tell of this until recently, and then they went to see Bishop Loughlin, who advised the girl to give up her place as organist. Father McCarthy denied yesterday that he had insulted the girl in any way and he should sue the Cronins for defamation of character, laying the damages at $26,000. Mr. and Mrs. Cronin were arrested and will be examined by Justice Naeher to-day.

A PRINCE TRAVELLING INCOGNITO.

"Count Sawa, of Japan," is a name on the guest's register of the Windsor Hotel. The guest is Prince Takenito, the son of the head of the Arisugawa family of Japan, and a prince of the Imperial household. He is at present travelling incognito in this country, and is accompanied by Captain Konrooka, of the Japanese navy. The Prince arrived from England on the steamship Servia on Monday morning, and was received by T. Sanesima, of the Japanese Legation at Washington. It is his intention to remain in this city only a few days, as he is on his way to his native country, where he will enter the Imperial navy as a lieutenant. Yesterday the Prince and his friends visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art and walked across the Brooklyn Bridge. Last evening the party attended performances at the Star, Union Square and Wallack's theatres. About four years ago, when Prince Takenito was sixteen years of age, he was adopted by the Emperor of Japan as his son, and one of the Imperial palaces was given him as a residence. In 1881 he was sent to the Royal Naval Academy at Greenwich, England, and has since that time been studying there. Last year he made a voyage to the China sea on board of the English warship Iron Duke.

JOSEPH D. LATHROP SENTENCED.

Joseph D. Lathrop, the defaulting clerk formerly employed by the Central Railroad of New-Jersey, was arraigned yesterday before Judge Gildersleeve in the Court of General Sessions. He was a nephew of the late ex-Judge Lathrop, receiver of the road, and was retained in his position under Receiver Little. He secured possession of over $10,000 belonging to the railroad, with which he escaped and went South, where he engaged in a business that proved most successful. His family is of the highest respectability and strong efforts were made to prevent his punishment. The officers of the railroad company made no effort to prosecute the case, though they did not put any obstacles in the way of the arrest of the young man. Lathrop pleaded guilty yesterday. The judges had been appealed to by the representatives of the company to be as lenient as possible with the young man and prominent business men made like requests. The judges after consultation decided that it would be unjust to show more clemency toward one who by his education and family influences should have been prevented from the commission of crime than toward uneducated men who stole much smaller sums. Judge Gildersleeve sentenced Lathrop to four years' imprisonment in the State Prison.

A MEMORIAL TO FITCH SHEPARD.

A drinking fountain of Carrara marble is to be presented to this city by Elliott F. Shepard. It has been finished in the plaster form by Larkin G. Mead, an American sculptor at Florence, and is intended by Mr. Shepard as a memorial of his father, the late Fitch Shepard. The sculptor is the discoverer of Mount Ararat, and it is a large recumbent statue, similar in treatment to the Nile group in Rome. The figure is represented as leaning against a cluster of rocks, while as a support to the other arm is a broken paddle-wheel caught in a snag. At the base are seen objects characteristic of the river, while negroes are seen at work loading and unloading cotton, tobacco and sugar-cane. A wreath crowns the head of the statue, and a dislocated leg is thrown across the base. The pedestal is twelve feet in length, and the weight of the marble is fourty-four tons.

DECORATION DAY PREFERRED.

A resolution was offered by Alderman Fitzpatrick, at the meeting of the board yesterday, requesting the trustees of the East River Bridge to change the day of opening from May 24 to May 30. He explained that the day selected was the birthday of the Queen of Great Britain, and for that reason was offensive to him and the Irish citizens generally. May 30 was Decoration Day, a day sacred to all who had lost relatives and friends in the war of the rebellion. There was a long discussion and a vast amount of bloviancing, which ended with the resolution being adopted unanimously.

THE HARROLD PERJURY CASE.

The examination in the case of the People and Jonathan Dee against John A. Walker, Quincy W. Hawkes and five other persons for perjury was continued at the Essex Market Police Court yesterday before Justice Patterson. Mr. Hawkes was called and examined by Counsellor Dey. He stated that he drank three times with Harrold on the day of the accident at Begley's liquor store, at Elizabeth-st., near Second-ave., where Harrold remained for three hours after 1 o'clock in the afternoon; he also drank with him at the same place on the following Saturday. The examination was not finished.

AN OLD OFFENDER IN COURT AGAIN.

Martin Allen, who has previously been arrested on various charges, was arraigned yesterday before Recorder Smyth on a charge of burglary. He appeared to be in feeble health, and was assisted by two of the court officers to his place at the bar. Many challenges were made by the defence to the jurors who were summoned, and the panel was exhausted. The case was then adjourned for the term. Allen was acquitted in the same court a few weeks ago on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

THE SUPPOSED MAIL ROBBERY.

No inquiries have been made at the Post Office concerning letters thought to have been lost at a robbery which is reported to have taken place on the mail route between Hartford and this city. There are usually many inquiries even where there is a slight delay, and always when letters are lost. The only evidence of the robbery appears to be that fragments of letters were found not far from Hartford.

A BUSINESS TO BE CONTINUED.

Joseph H. Richards and Joseph Addison Richards yesterday formed a copartnership under the firm name of Joseph H. Richards & Son, for the transaction of a general advertising agency business, and will continue the business lately carried on by Joseph H. Richards at No. 251 Broadway.

EXHIBITION BY INDIAN STUDENTS.

A special meeting of those interested in promoting the education and industrial training of Indian children was held at the hall of the Union League Club, in Fifth-ave., last evening. A party of twenty-two pupils from the Indian Industrial school, Carlisle, Penn., sat upon the platform. During the evening the boys and girls sang several songs, gave original recitations, drew maps upon the blackboard and gave other evidences of their ability. A brass band of twelve pieces played several selections. Captain Hiram Pratt, the principal of the school at Carlisle, said that during the year the school had been in operation the pupils had made wonderful progress. The most of them had not only learned to speak English but to write it also. The boys were taught blacksmithing, shoemaking, carpentry, and several other trades. The girls received instructions in housework, cooking and dress-making. Captain Pratt thought that the only solution of the Indian question was in educating the red men to take care of themselves.

The Indian students crossed the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday.

MR. MORSE SUED BY ONE OF HIS CHORUS.

Suit has been brought against Salmi Morse by Mira F. Marston for the sum of $90. Miss Marston was employed as one of the chorus in the late lamented "Passion," and her claim is for ten weeks' salary, minus $10 advanced to her by Mr. Morse on account of her salary. Mr. Morse's answer states that by his contracts he was not to pay any salaries until after the first public representation of the play. As there has been no public representation, he says that no salary is yet due, and further alleges that the $10 was a gift. He puts in his answer the following contract as evidence:

NEW-YORK, Nov. 23, 1882.

For and in consideration of the sum of $10 to be paid weekly, we severally agree and bind ourselves to attend the rehearsals and obey rules as required, to take part in the production of the "Passion" and fill various positions as may be assigned to us. This contract is to hold good during the run of the piece between the first representation and the three following months, and during good behavior.

(Signed) MIRA F. MARSTON.

Mr. Morse further stated that the gir