LOCAL MISCELLANY.

ABUSING HIS BROTHER'S WIFE.

THE RESULT OF A FORTY YEARS' QUARREL—MRS. BRISBANE SUES FOR DIVORCE.

George Brisbane, seventy-one years old, was arrested on Friday night by Detective Powers, of the Brooklyn Police Central Office, on a warrant issued by Justice Walsh, charging him with malicious annoyance, and he appeared in court yesterday morning. Brisbane lives in Batavia, Genesee County, but is at present visiting Charity Commissioner Brewster Kissam at No. 451 Marcy-ave. He is rich, and has retired from business. The offense charged was committed against the wife of his brother, Albert Brisbane, who lives at No. 247 Monroe-st. It was the result of a forty years, feud between the brothers, which arose originally from a dispute over the property left by their father, and in consequence of which they had many suits with each other. Albert is also a retired business man and in the enjoyment of wealth. He once wrote a book on "The Destiny of Man," and was a believer in the doctrines of Fourier. About ten years ago Albert married a widow, Mrs. C. E. Bates, and settled in Brooklyn.

It is now charged that for some time George Bisbane has been sending malicious and annoying letters to his brother's wife. The one on which Justice Walsh issued the warrant was written from Batavia, and addressed to "Mrs. C. E. Bates." It is a uniquely constructed, badly spelled production, plentifully sprinkled with sarcasm. While the writer calls her "My Darling" in one place, in another he applies a vile threat. "The idea of your calling yourself Mrs. Brisbane. I am going to show you both up," he writes, and again reminds her: "I know your husband, who kicked you down stairs." Vague threats against the peace and happiness of his sister-in-law follow. Mr. Brisbane boldly signed the letter with his own name. When Albert Brisbane read it, he consented to have the writer arrested. Immediately after his arrest, F. Van Vechten, of No. 115 Nassau-st., this city, counsel for Mrs. Brisbane, served papers on George Brisbane in a suit for $50,000 damages for slander, based on the letter in question and others, wherein he calls Mrs. Brisbane his brother's paramour, and his brother a bigamist.

When George Brisbane appeared in court, with Brewster Kissam, his counsel, he waived examination to go before the Grand Jury, and was held in $500 bail. The complainants were not in court, Counsellor Van Vechten appearing for them. George Brisbane says that Albert was first married to an Italian countess of wealth, but she obtained a divorce from him after a few years. He then, George says, contracted an intimacy with a Mrs. Durand, and lived with her for some years, and her name appeared on many deeds made out by Albert. George says that Mrs. Durand is his brother's wife in a legal sense, and that Mrs. Bates is not, and that he could not have married her without committing bigamy.

Mr. Kissam has brought suit in behalf of Mrs. Durand for divorce from Albert Brisbane. George Brisbane is a square-set, vigorous-looking man, apparently not over fifty years old, and is said to be worth $500,000.

REAL ESTATE STILL DULL.

MANY INQUIRIES FOR VACANT LOTS—SOME RECENT TRANSFERS.

Dulness continues to be the chief feature of the real estate market. Complaints are general among dealers and brokers of the absence of a spirited movement in the market. But while this is the case, prices remain firm, and no reason for discouragement as to the future can be seen, according to most operators. Last week, in fact, dealers testify, there was a larger inquiry for lots, particularly for those on the west side, than for weeks past. One prominent Pine-st. broker said yesterday that the inquiries at his office in regard to them were more numerous last week than they have been for any week since January 1, and that last month they were larger than any month heretofore. While inquiry develops no immediate activity in the market it shows that there is a buying element behind the market which sustains its strength and gives promise of some future improvement.

In speaking of the matter yesterday William Lalor said: "The market is dull but firm. No property can be offered a little below the general valuation placed upon it without finding many persons willing to take it. There is a large amount of capital that is ready to be applied to the picking up of property on any yielding from the present basis. There is nothing to warrant an expectation of aught but an advance. Prices for lots on the east side, between Fifth and Fourth aves. and Fifty-third and Seventy-ninth sts. have about reached the maximum. When lots in that part of the city bring $40,000 apiece, you want to put a peg in the price—it cannot go much higher. But there are many lots in certain neighborhoods that will command any price from the persons who want them and who do not want to go anywhere else. As to the west side I will say this: That if I had $500,000 I would put $300,000 of it—I want to keep within a conservative limit—in west-side lots. Bought to-day they will be more valuable to the owner a few years from now than if they had been presented to him twelve years ago."

There seems to be a strong tendency on the part of capital to seek investment in west-side unimproved property whenever concessions in prices are made by owners. In many cases, however, purchases have been retarded because the property sought could not be obtained in one parcel. All this, dealers say, proves that there is no danger of any decline in values in that part of the city. There are a few private sales to note in addition to those previously recorded in THE TRIBUNE. Helen R. Bishop has sold to John S. Kennedy for $120,000 an extra-sized lot in Fifth-ave., between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth sts. The northwestern corner of Twenty-first-st. and Lexington-ave. has been sold for $100,000, the price including the stable adjoining in Lexington-ave. Josiah Belden has sold the building now occupied by the Adams Express Company, at Broadway and Great Jones-st., for $185,000. The Eureka and Bijou apartment-houses, Nos. 353 to 361 East Sixty-nin h-st., have been bought from J. B. Smith for $120,000. John D. Crimmins has sold the property bounded by Thirty-ninth and Forty-first sts. and First-ave. and the East River to the Equitable Gas-Light Company for about $500,000. No. 69 East Fifty-sixth-st. has been sold to K. Haas for $50,000. Among the newest building improvements may be mentioned the seven-story apartment-house that P. A. Cassidy is now erecting at the northeast corner of Forty-ninth-st. and Third-ave.

In the Register's office there was recorded yesterday a deed by which the Medical College Laboratory, a recently incorporated body, acquired, for the nominal consideration of $10, property having a frontage of ninety-five feet on the south side of Twenty-sixth-st., 150 feet east of First-ave. The conveyance is made by John C. Draper, Alfred L. Loomis and others. The property is mortgaged for $90,000.

James B. Colt has leased the Osborn Apartment-House, which occupies five lots at the northeast corner of Fifty-second-st. and Fifth-ave., for a term of ten years and three months. The average rent is $64,500. This was formerly the house of Madame Restell.

THE ICHTHYOPHAGOUS CLUB DINNER.

The Executive Committee of the Ichthyophagous Club met in the office of E. G. Blackford in Fulton Market yesterday afternoon. Sealed proposals from several hotel proprietors, offering the use of their houses on the occasion of the annual dinner of the club, were read and discussed. The reading of the proposals required only a short time. No well-posted hotel proprietor is ignorant of the peculiarities of the Ichthyophagous Club. James H. Breslin, of the Manhattan Beach Hotel, was the only proprietor who had the courage to offer the use of his hotel the second time. "I'm inclined to think that we ought to go out of the State," said one of the committee, "at least to some place where we can begin our reputation afresh."

There was some discussion as to where the dinner ought to take place, but the committee finally adjourned without coming to any agreement. "In all probability," said Mr. Blackford, "the dinner will be eater at the Manhattan Beach Hotel about the middle of June." It is expected that the dinner this year will excel all previous efforts of the club. There will be the same unlimited supply as usual of dog-fish croquettes, fillets of porpoise, top sirloins of whale, sea-serpents, etc.

DISCUSSING METHODS OF TEACHING.

The Male Teachers' Association held a meeting yesterday in the building of the College of the City of New-York, and discussed the "Advisability of Definiteness in Memory Lessons." Mr. Gregory and Mr. Fairchild, of Grammar School No. 11, said that more definiteness as to the requirements in geography and history should be given the teachers that they might know how to prepare their pupils for their examinations. Mr. Gregory thought that fewer facts should be memorized and that all the schools should have the same list of cities, for instance, that it was necessary for the children to commit to memory. Instead of twenty-five cities in France and 200 in the United States, he said that he would reduce the number to ten in one country and 100 in the other. Mr. Smith, of Grammar School No. 20, expressed his views in favor of a system which should be elastic enough to allow the instructor the privilege of conforming his teaching to the children under his care. It was voted that a committee of five should be appointed to attend the State Teachers' Convention at Lake George, in July. The bill regulating teachers' salaries and their tenure of office, known as the Campbell bill, now before the Governor, was read.

INJURED BY A FALLING SAFE.

Three brick buildings on the northwest corner of Broadway and Nineteenth-st., owned by Robert and Ogden Goelet, are being demolished to make room for a large building for stores and flats. Only the walls and a few of the floors of the old structures now remain. Workmen in the employ of Munro & McCormick were tearing away the supports of the remaining floors at 4:30 p. m. yesterday when a large safe in the middle building fell. The safe was on the second floor. Three Italians were at work on that floor a few feet away from the safe. Another Italian was on the first floor, but he was in the rear of the building and he escaped unhurt. He had removed a prop under the safe, not knowing what it was intended for. The timbers of the second floor gave way with a crash beneath the safe, which fell to the first floor. A moment later the remaining part of the second floor went down with the three Italians. Angelo Varno, of No. 7 Christopher-st., had his right arm broken and received some severe bruises. Sovanus Locunda, of No. 52 Mulberry-st., was cut in the face and on the left hand. Luigi Assida, of No. 196 Mott-st., received a scalp wound. They were sent to the New-York Hospital, but only Varno remained there last evening. The other two went home.

When the safe fell one of Marvin's trucks was in sight of the building, and workmen ready to remove the safe were riding on the truck.

REVOLUTIONARY BONES AND BUTTONS.

MR. MARTINE'S INTEREST IN THE SUPPOSED REMAINS OF A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER.

Superintendent Walling caused several messages to be sent over the telegraph wire between Police Headquarters and the Carmansville Police Station yesterday and on Friday in relation to the supposed remains of a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Police Captain Steers sent a report to Mr. Walling on Thursday that the skull and thigh bones of a man had been found by workmen who were making an excavation at Tenth-ave. and One-hundred-and-forty-fifth-st., and that the bones had been sent to the Morgue. It was thought that the bones were those of a soldier who had been killed in the Revolutionary War. A paragraph stating the facts was published in THE TRIBUNE on Friday, and it attracted the attention of George O. Martine, of Sparkill, N. Y. Mr. Martine is a member of a firm having charge of the Reckland Cemetery, near Nyack. The cemetery association recently gave a large lot to the Order of Lafayette in this city, on condition that a monument should be erected and that the remains of Revolutionary soldiers should be buried there. Mr. Martine was in the city on Friday and went to the office of the cemetery association, at No. 69 Liberty-st. W. H. Whiton, the secretary, advised him to procure the bones mentioned in THE TRIBUNE and bury them in the plot given to the Order of Lafayette. At the Morgue Mr. Martin was told by an attendant that the bones, accompanied by some uniform buttons, had been received on Friday morning and had been sent to Potter's Field. The keeper of the Morgue, however, said that no such relics had been received within three weeks. Mr. Martine then went to Police Headquarters and saw Mr. Walling, who immediately sent a message to Captain Steers. An answer was received by the Superintendent to the effect that the bones and buttons had been sent to the Morgue on Thursday. Further questions and answers convinced Mr. Walling that Mr. Martine had been misinformed at the Morgue.

Visits were made by Mr. Martine yesterday to Police Headquarters, the Health Department and the office of Commissioners of Charities and Correction. Dr. Nagle, the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, gave him a permit for the removal of the bones, and a similar order was given at the office of the Charities Commission. Mr. Martine at length procured the bones at the Morgue, but there were no buttons in the package. Mr. White, the Morgue keeper, said he had misunderstood Mr. Martine on Friday. A package containing bones and military buttons was received last month, he said, but no buttons were with the bones received last week. With the parcel of bones under his arm, Mr. Martine went to Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon and consulted again with Mr. Walling. He said afterward that he had not been able to ascertain what had become of the buttons, but he was inclined to think that they had been kept as Revolutionary relics by persons who had no just claim to them. He did not wish to get the buttons for himself, but without seeing them he could not determine the character of the bones. It was probable, he thought, that the bones were those of a soldier who fell in the Revolutionary struggle, but it was desirable to know whether the soldier belonged to the British or the Americans. The relics found with the bones would decide that point. Mr. Martine carried the bones to Sparkill last evening.

MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Controller Campbell was present at the sitting of the Park Commissioners yesterday, during the opening of bids for work under the supervision of the Department. The contracts will be awarded to the lowest bidders in a few days. A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works stating that there would be no water for the ornamental fountains in the parks until a supply larger than that now afforded by the aqueduct should be obtained. The president, Mr. Ollnie, was authorized to make arrangements for the summer music at Central Park and the Battery. A petition was received, signed by Cyrus W. Field and other business men, asking that the "unsightly" iron fence inclosing the park at Bowling Green should be removed. It was laid over. The question of removing stumps from the parks came up. Commissioner Wales suggested that some of the "dynamite fiends" should be called on to make bids to blow out the stumps. He thought that this would be a worthy direction for their genius to take.

Alderman Smith appeared before the Board in regard to the proposed statue to Peter Cooper. The Commissioners agreed to give the use of the triangular square just south of Cooper Union for the statue, as requested. They were unanimous in the belief that the funds for the statue should be raised by popular subscriptions. A letter from Dr. L. H. Sayre, son-in-law of the late Dr. Charles H. Hall, was read, calling attention to the fact that it had been stipulated that the triangle should be named Stuyvesant Square, in the Stuyvesant deed of the property to Dr. Hall, who had deeded the ground to the city in 1852. Messrs. Wales and Crimmins were made the Executive Committee of the Board. General Viele said that he recognized that the Board was organized, and that he should support the president in all respects, "holding up his hands."

EXPELLED FROM THE COFFEE EXCHANGE.

Gustave A. Recknagel, of the firm Recknagel & Co., of No. 45 Beaver-st., and vice-president of the Coffee Exchange, was expelled from that body on Thursday last by the Governing Committee, for wilful violation of the rules and regulations of the Exchange, in refusing to answer the summons of the Complaint and Governing Committees to appear before them to answer charges of violating his contracts.

Mr. Recknagel is thirty-four years old, and is the "Co." of the firm, being a partner with his father, Carl L. Recknagel. The firm have stood high. Their brokers were William Scott & Sons, of No. 111 Wall-st. Mr. Scott said yesterday that Recknagel & Co. had been customers of theirs for one and one-half years and had dealt largely in option sales in the Exchange. The business had been transacted by Gustave, who had speculated rather extravagantly in Mr. Scott's opinion, and probably without the knowledge of his father, Scott & Sons placed implicit confidence in the firm. "Gustave made and lost a great deal," said Mr. Scott, "and when his heavy losses came, he backed out and left his brokers to settle. On February 15 we rendered an account for settlement, claiming a little over $32,000. Recknagel asked us to keep quiet and wait awhile. After six months we began pushing him, and he then offered to compromise at 33 cents on the dollar, and to give us unindorsed notes on long time. We thought this ridiculous, and refused the offers. Recknagel then represented that he had lost the money in gambling, whereupon we complained to the Governing Board, and they entered a complaint and summoned Recknagel to appear before them. As he paid no attention to this, he was expelled. We have placed the matter in the hands of our lawyers, with instructions to sue for the $32,000."

Gustave Recknagel said that he had placed his case in the hands of counsel and had nothing to say in the matter.

ROBBED BY A SERVANT'S LOVER.

Mrs. M. L. Waters, who formerly lived at No. 6 West Forty-third-st., was awakened early on the morning of January 4, 1883, by hearing some one turn the knob of her bed-room door. She started down stairs in her night attire to investigate the matter. At the parlor door she was confronted by a man who presented a pistol at her head, with the threat that he would shoot her if she gave the alarm. She screamed and fainted. The intruder escaped, leaving behind him bronzes, jewelry, etc., worth $2,000, which he had tied up in the piano cover preparatory to carrying them off. After this Mrs. Waters constantly missed articles of jewelry and money until her losses amounted to nearly $500. Detectives McGowan and Cuff were placed on the case, and succeeded a day or two ago in tracing a diamond ring stolen from Mrs. Waters to a pawn shop kept by Mr. Silberstein. From the description furnished of the person who pawned the jewel the detectives recognized J. Charles Bond of No. 218 West-Thirtieth-st., the lover of a colored servant girl, Ella Green, who was formerly in the employ of Mrs. Waters.

The girl was arrested late on Friday night at the house of her present employer, No. 54 West Twenty-eighth-st., and she confessed that she was the thief. She said Bond had by his threats forced her to steal for him. He in the meantime had been arrested for the larceny of billiard balls from Moretti's billiard room in Twenty-third-st. Mrs. Waters has never fully recovered from the fright of her encounter with the burglar, who is supposed to be Bond. She will sail for Europe on the Arizona in a few days, having sold her effects and prepared for the trip, in the hope of regaining her health.

A NEEDED INFIRMARY AT PATERSON.

Paterson, N. J., is to have an eye, ear and throat infirmary for indigent persons afflicted with diseases of those organs. It will be opened on Tuesday of this week. These classes of affections are unusually prevalent in a manufacturing city like Paterson. The dust of the fabrics in the silk mills causes throat troubles; the boiler-makers in the locomotive shops are afflicted with deafness, and chips and sparks frequently injure the sight of persons in the iron industries. The new institution will be under the patronage of a Board of Governors, who have incorporated the infirmary under the laws of New-Jersey. John Campbell is president. Among the governors are Peter Adams, Michael J. Morris, John Dunlop, Robert Barbour, John S. Cooke and Bird W. Spencer. The attending surgeon is Dr. Walter B. Johnson, of Paterson, for some time clinical assistant to Dr. C. R. Agnew, of this city. Drs. Agnew and O. D. Pomeroy, of this city, are consulting surgeons, and Drs. M. Moss, E. J. Moss and W. Blundell, of Paterson, consulting physicians. The institution has been fitted up and all the expenses paid by the Board of Governors.

GOOD PRICES FOR MR. HARRIS'S BOOKS.

The early English dramatic and poetic literature in the library of the late C. Fisk Harris, of Providence, R. I., has been sold at auction during the last week at Clinton Hall, by George A. Leavitt & Co. Mr. Harris and his wife were drowned in the summer of 1881 while crossing one of the Maine lakes in a canoe, accompanied by an inexperienced servant. He left no children, and his executors are now disposing of his library, which was a very valuable one, and which Mr. Harris had been years in collecting. For that portion of the library sold last week $18,000 was received. A duodecimo copy of Bartch's "Le Peintre Graveur," in twenty-one volumes, was sold for $52 50. The works of Beaumont and Fletcher, with notes and biographical memoirs by the Rev. Alexander Dyce, in eight volumes, brought $74 25. It was a very fine octuple edition in cloth, uncut. A folio edition of Jehan Bocace's "De la Généalogie des Dieux," translated into French and printed by Antoine Vevard in Paris in 1498, in Gothic letter, was sold for $175. The second edition of Sebastian Brant's "Stultifera Navis," printed in black letter by John Cawood at London in 1570 and containing many curious wood cuts, was sold for $120. A copy of Sir Egerton Brydges's "Censura Literaria," of the edition of 1815, brought $60. For a copy of the poems of Burns, printed by John Wilson at Kilmarnock in 1798, $310 was paid. This is a very rare book, and was bought by Mr. Harris at the Menzies sale for $155. Butler's "Hudibras," printed in 1744, and his "Genuine Remains," with notes by Tayer, printed in 1759, were sold together for $64, which was very cheap, as the editions are scarce and the plates are by Hogarth. Another copy of the valiant "Hudibras," of the edition of 1819, brought $72. One of the finest books sold was a copy of W. A. Chatt's "Treatis on Wood Engraving." It was a unique copy, extended from one volume to four by the insertion of wood-cuts. Many specimens of the work of American engravers were added. It brought $80.

A fine large copy of Dibdin's "Tour in France and Germany" was sold for $345. A "Tour in the Northern Counties of England and Scotland," by the same author, brought $140, and his "Bibliographical Decameron," $240. His "Reminiscences" brought $132. An early impression of the "Galerie du Palais Royal" was sold for $105. Richard Hakluyt's "Voyages," in Go hic black letter, with the voyage to Cadiz, which was suppressed by Good Queen Bess, neatly added in manuscript, was sold for $120. A collection of the eighty engravings of Hogarth, genuine impressions, as sold by Mrs. Hogarth immediately after the death of her husband, brought $125. One of the books sold was a beautiful copy of imitations of original drawings by Hans Holbein, published in London in 1792 at a cost of 36 guineas. It brought $120. The rarest book sold was probably the first folio edition of Shakespeare's works. The bard of Avon was put down in the catalogue as "Shakespeare, Mr. William," and several copies of the gentleman's works were sold for large prices. The first folio edition brought $1,200. The only other copy of this edition that has been sold of late years was bought by the baroness Burdett-Coutts for £792. The second folio brought $140, the third $205, and the fourth $155. The Halliwell folio brought $304. Very many of the other books brought large prices, many being sold for $100, $200 and $300 and over.

POPE LEO TO CARDINAL McCLOSKEY.

Cardinal McCloskey has received from Pope Leo XIII an autograph letter of which the following translation of the Latin original has been made by the Rev. John M. Farley, the Cardinal's secretary:

LEO XIII, POPE.

To Our Beloved Son John McCloskey, Cardinal-Priest of the Holy Roman Church, of the title of Santa Maria supra Minervam, Archbishop of New-York.

Beloved Son, Health and Apostolic Benediction. It was a source of the greatest joy to Us to receive a copy of the Fourth Diocesan Synod of New-York, held by You in your Metropolitan church in November last, containing also the statutes of the preceding Synods. We rejoice exceedingly, Beloved Son, to see that you have labored so successfully in the discharge of that duty of the pastoral office which the holy Council of Trent has so earnestly recommended to the attention of all the Prelates, and We are filled with the firm trust that your zeal and that of those who labor with You for the spread of the Catholic faith and worship, for the preservation of ecclesiastical discipline amongst clergy and laity, and for the salvation of souls, will be blessed with the richest fruits throughout your diocese. But this is only one of the evidences of your sacerdotal zeal and pastoral vigilance; your life is filled with shining examples, and We cannot permit this opportunity to pass without bestowing on some of them the well-merited measure of Our appreciation and Our love. We are aware, Beloved Son, with what care You study to imbue the youth of your Diocese, especially those destined for the service of the altar, with the sound teachings of the Angelic Doctor, drawn from the fountain head after the method recommended by Us. We know, too, with what unceasing fidelity You, together with your clergy and faithful ones, have striven to aid this Apostolic See in the dire needs into which the evil times and the malice of men have driven it. Wherefore we have longed to express to You Our deep sense of gratitude and affection, and through You to make known Our gratitude and love to all those devoted children of the Church, who, bound to Us by the bonds of filial piety, fail not, particularly in these days of trial, to second Our wishes, and to give evidence of their loyalty to this Apostolic Chair.

Whilst, therefore, We offer up fervent prayers that the faithful of your illustrious Diocese may learn to love God daily more and more, and that under your paternal guidance their merits may keep pace with their increasing numbers, We, at the same time, beg of God from Our heart to pour down on You an abundant increase of His graces, and that He may strengthen with a power from on high your co-laborers and your people, and may He graciously grant to all who sow in blessings that of blessings also they may reap. May Our Apostolic benediction, which We most lovingly in the Lord impart to you, Beloved Son, and to the clergy and people over whom You are placed, be the pledge of Divine grace as it is a token of Our special favor.

Given at St. Peter's, Rome, the 5th day of April, 1883, in the sixth year of Our Pontificate. LEO P. P., XIII.

THE PRESIDENCY OF TRINITY COLLEGE.

The Rev. George Williamson Smith, rector of the Church of the Redeemer (Protestant Episcopal) in Brooklyn, was offered the presidency of Trinity College, Hartford, a few weeks ago. Mr. Smith visited the college on Thursday and Friday, and made an examination of its affairs. Last evening he was seen by a TRIBUNE reporter in his study at the church, at Fourth-ave. and Pacific-st. "I have not yet decided to accept the position," said Mr. Smith. "I have just returned from Hartford and must say that my impressions of the college were very favorable. The new buildings situated about a mile from the city are now completed. They are constructed after the plan of the English University colleges, and are supplied with all modern improvements. It is the intention of our church to make Trinity a college for high culture and not a school for technical instruction. As the leading institution of our denomination, the trustees will spare in going to make it a representative American college. There are several vacancies in the faculty, which are to be filled before the beginning of the next collegiate year. I shall probably make my decision as to the presidency before July."

Mr. Smith was graduated from Hobart College in the class of 1857. He filled the chairs of mathematics and ethics in the Naval Academy at Annapolis from 1864 to 1868. He then went abroad and was for three years with the European Squadron. He resigned his position in the Navy in 1876.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE DESERTED.

The Mayor's office presented a strong contrast yesterday to its appearance on previous Saturdays during the session of the Legislature. Not a single legislator called on Mr. Edson during the day, and there were comparatively few other visitors. The Mayor will not go to Albany to confer with the Governor relative to the Aqueduct bill unless requested to go. His views have been given at length, and he has nothing further to add to what he has already made public. The heads of departments of the City Government and the Mayor held their usual meeting yesterday, but nothing of importance was done. It was resolved to continue the weekly meetings.

CIVIL NOTES.

Justice Lawrence yesterday, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, rendered a decision refusing a mandamus, directing the trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor to re-admit to that institution John W. Lewis, W. H. Garland and David Clancy, who were expelled some time ago on the charge of insubordinate and disorderly conduct. Justice Lawrence holds that the petitioners were merely beneficiaries of the institution, and that they were bound to obey its rules and regulations.

Surrogate Rollins yesterday granted letters of administration to Elizabeth Berge on the estate of of her husband, William Berge, the organist. The personal property is estimated at about $2,000.

The articles of incorporation of the Molecular District Telephone and Telegraph Company were filed yesterday. The company's lines are to run from New-York to Boston and other New England points. B. E. Strong, J. L. Hance, J. T. Van Wyck, C. P. Dixon, jr., and John I. Waterbury, are the incorporators. The capital stock is fixed at $700,000.

Henry Callaghan was taken recently before Justice Lawrence from the asylum on Ward's Island on a writ of habeas corpus sued out at the instance of his parents. It was asserted that he was now sane, and that it was safe for him to be at large. Justice Lawrence yesterday refused to allow Callaghan to be discharged. He said that lately so many acts of violence had been committed by lunatics at large that it was necessary that the public should have some guarantee against such acts in the future. The fact that Callaghan's parents were willing to take charge of him was not a sufficient guarantee.

OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

BASEBALL NEWS.

About 3,000 people visited the Polo Grounds yesterday, in spite of the cloudy and disagreeable weather, to witness the second game between the New-York and Providence League nines. The game was much better contested than that of the day before. Radbourne again pitched for the Providence team and did good work, his delivery being so effective that only four safe hits were made. He has pitched in every championship game that the Providence nine have played so far this season. Gilligan's catching behind the bat was almost perfect. Carroll and Irwin also did good fielding work. O'Neill's pitching was effective, but wild. Clapp caught in his old form behind the bat. Connor, Caskins and Gillespie also did good fielding. Ewing, much to the surprise of every one, played at short stop even worse than did Troy of the day before, and by his fumbling and wild throwing lost the game. A full summary of the score is as follows:

Providence.	r	bh	po	a	e	New-York	r	bh	po	a	e
Hines, cf.	0	1	1	0	0	Ewing, ss.	1	1	1	3	3
Start, 1b.	1	1	8	0	1	Connor, 1b.	0	1	8	0	0
Farrell, 2b.	1	0	2	3	1	Ward, cf.	0	0	1	0	0
Irwin, ss.	0	1	1	3	0	Gillespie, lf.	0	0	3	0	0
Cassidy, rf.	0	0	1	0	0	Caskins, 2b.	0	0	5	4	0
Radbourne, p.	1	1	0	1	0	Clapp, c.	0	0	5	2	0
Denny, 3b.	0	0	2	1	0	Welch, rf.	0	1	1	0	0
Gilligan, c.	0	0	8	0	0	Hankinson, 3b	0	1	2	2	1
Carroll, lf.	0	0	4	0	0	O'Neill, p.	0	0	1	2	4
Totals	3	4	27	8	2	Totals	1	4	27	13	8

RUNS SCORED EACH INNING.

Providence	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	—3
New-York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—1

Runs earned—Providence, 0; New-York, 1. First base by errors—Providence, 8; New-York, 1. Struck out—Radbourne, 7; O'Neill, 4. Total left on bases—Providence, 6; New-York, 4. Two-base hits—Welch and Hankinson. Total base hits—Providence, 4; New-York, 6. Double plays—Ewing, Connor, Caskins and Clapp. Wild pitches—O'Neill, 1. Passed balls—Clapp, 2. Umpire—A. F. Odlin. Time of game—One hour and forty-five minutes.

A number of amateur games were played in this vicinity yesterday, with results as follows: Bedford, 5; Prospect, 4; Star, 13; Commercial, 5; Dauntless, 14; Williamsburg Athletic Club, 5; Lefferts, 10; Imperials, 9; Polytechnic, 12; Public School No. 11, 7; Jaspers, 20; Staten Island, 5; Pastimes, 12; College of the City of New-York, 6; Active, 12; Chelsea, 9; Carroll, 20; Warren, 10.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 5.—The freshman nines from Yale and Princeton colleges played an interesting game of baseball here to-day. Yale won the toss and took the field, Mr. Kimball, '84, acting as umpire. The visitors were evidently in better training than their opponents. The Princetons were put out in quick succession. In the seventh inning the first and only run was made for the home club by Rowell, who took first on a base hit, and got to second and third on errors. At this point Reynolds made a base hit and let Rowell home. Yale scored one run in the first inning, two in the fourth, and three in the seventh, making the score—Yale 6 to Princeton 1, which remained unchanged to the finish. For Princeton, Beckham, G. Reynolds and Shaw did the best work, the latter playing a faultless game behind the bat. Stewart, Bremner and Lang for Yale played very effectively. The score by innings was as follows:

Yale	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	—6
Princeton	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—1

NEW-HAVEN, May 5.—A close game between Yale and Amherst at Hamilton Park to-day resulted in a victory for Yale by a score of 3 to 1. Amherst's run was made on errors. The playing on both sides was good. On the Amherst nine the most noticeable playing was done by Hunt, Williams and Harris. For Yale the best batting was that of Lerry, who in the fourth inning made a home run and brought in another. His fielding on second was also strong. Childs, on first, made a difficult catch in the first inning. Hopkins, who took third base for the first time, covered it creditably and will probably retain the position. Upon the whole, Yale's playing seems to have improved in the last two weeks. The base running is better. The batting also is somewhat better, though it is irregular and will continue to be the weak point of the nine. Below is the score by innings:

Yale	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	—3
Amherst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—1

CHICAGO, May 5.—The Detroit to-day defeated the Chicago Club by the following score:

Chicago	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—2
Detroit	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	—3

PHILADELPHIA, May 5.—The Boston again defeated the Philadelphia nine here to-day, as follows:

Boston	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	—6
Philadelphia	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	—3

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 5.—The home team here to-day turned the tables on the Cleveland nine, doing some heavy batting and playing an almost faultless fielding game. The score was as follows:

Buffalo	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	—8
Cleveland	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	—4

CINCINNATI, May 5.—One of the best played games of the season was played here to-day between the Eclipse nine of Louisville and the Cincinnati team. Eleven innings were played. The score was:

Cincinnati	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—2—4
Eclipse	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—2

PITTSBURG, May 5.—The Metropolitan nine, of New-York, and the Allegheny nine played here to-day. The Metropolitans seemed to lack discipline badly, and were easily defeated by the following score:

Allegheny	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	7	2	—13
Metropolitan	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	—3

COLUMBUS, O., May 5.—The Columbus and St. Louis clubs played here to-day with the following result:

St. Louis	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	—4
Columbus	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	—6

VARIABLE CONDITIONS AT CREEDMOOR.

The sixth of the competitors' matches, or third of the series, was shot yesterday at Creedmoor, under the direction of Colonel John Bodine. The ranges were 800, 900 and 1,000 yards. The wind and weather were very favorable to good shooting at the 800 yards range and were fair at the 900 yards, but owing to a change in the condition of both the light and wind at the 1,000-yard range the totals were much lower than they otherwise would have been. Only four of the competitors made qualifying scores. The following is a summary of the match.

Name.	800 yds.	900 yds.	1,000 yds.	Aggregate.
T. J. Dolan, 12th Regt.	31	31	25	87
A. R. Van Heusen, 12th Regt.	28	27	25	80
F. Stuart, 13th Regt.	32	23	25	80
G. F. Jeller, 16th rep. Co.	29	30	21	80
W. W. De Forrest, 7th Regt.	32	28	19	79
John Smith, 9th N. J. Regt.	25	28	25	78
J. H. Brown, 7th Regt.	27	25	25	77
G. Jones, 23d Regt.	27	26	22	75
W. M. Farrow, Newport Artillery.	29	21	21	71
E. R. Fitzwilliams	25	26	20	71
H. S. Bellamih, 65th Regt.	27	27	13	67
F. Thomas	28	27	10	65
J. L. Faulhaber, 12th Regt.	27	15	22	64
J. S. Shepherd, 23d Regt.	26	24	14	64

LACROSSE AT PROSPECT PARK.

An interesting game of lacrosse took place yesterday afternoon between the clubs of Harvard and the University of the City of New-York on the parade ground at Prospect Park, Brooklyn. The Harvard Club was placed as follows: Goal, J. H. B. Easton; point, J. E. Davis (captain); cover-point, C. J. Rueter; first defence, W. B. Noble; second defence, J. M. Goodale; third defence, J. B. Hyland; centre, H. M. Williams; first attack, C. C. Nichols; second attack, W. N. Roundy; third attack, J. Marquand; first home, E. I. K. Noyes; home, E. F. Woods; and umpire, George G. Boardman, of the Boston Lacrosse Club. The arrangement of the University Club was the following: Goal, F. I. Townsend; point, E. F. Pearce; cover-point, J. C. Gerndt; first defence, W. M. Kingsley, (captain); second defence, L. L. Tribus; third defence, H. B. Carpenter; centre, H. W. Skerry; first attack, F. E. Pratt; second attack, C. S. Haskell; third attack, C. H. Roberts; first home, F. M. Crossett; home, A. T. Skerry; and umpire, J. R. Flannery. The referee was E. P. Cottle, of Yale. The game was played by the rules of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

The ball was "faced" at 3:30 o'clock, the University having the advantage of the slight wind which was blowing. The Harvard men were much larger and in better training than those of the University Club, and it was evident from the start that they would win the game. In field tactics they were seen to be much better than their opponents, while in catching the ball and in checking, their superiority was marked. The University Club played with spirit and agility and soon made it plain to the Harvard men that they would not win without a sharp struggle. The first goal was won for Harv