LOCAL MISCELLANY.

GIANNI BETTINI'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Miss Lidian Ayer, daughter of Mrs. Josephine M. Ayer, who was the wife of the late James C. Ayer, the pill manufacturer, of No. 1 West fifty-seventh-st., denied yesterday that Lieutenant Gianni Bettini, of the 3d Sayer Cavalry, who attempted suicide in front of the Ayer residence on Sunday night, had shot himself because she had declined to offer of marriage from him. Miss Ayer said to a TRIBUNE reporter: "So far as I know there is no truth in the story. I first met Signor Bettini at Fortress Monroe. He came on to this city at the time that we did, in April. Since then he has called here only three or four times and has been a comparative stranger. I never saw him when others were not present. Will you be kind enough to say that there is no truth in the statement that I rejected him? Signor Bettini has called upon others much more than upon myself—upon friends living next door, to us, for instance. I understand," said Miss Ayer, further, "that the gentleman has often threatened to commit suicide some time, and had announced this intention to friends. Indeed, the first time I met him he said he expected to kill himself some time. And then, there is the photograph Signor Bettini had taken before he left Italy. It represented him holding a pistol at his side. He carried the photograph with him."

"Do you think he was somewhat deranged on that subject?"

"No. I am inclined to think that financial troubles were the cause of his attempt."

"Was there anything unusual in Signor Bettini's appearance, when he called on you on Sunday evening?"

"No. There were several persons present besides him, and the conversation was general. When he left the house there appeared nothing strange in his actions. He had been gone but a short time when we heard the two shots."

The callers at the Ayer house and the occupants were startled at the shooting, and ran out. A carriage was ordered, and the Lieutenant was taken to St. Luke's Hospital. He appeared in full possession of his senses and so continued until a late hour yesterday. He refused to give the authorities any reason for his act. Of the two shots one made a slight flesh wound and the other bullet entered the breast near the heart. The surgeon though this prospects of recovery fair.

Signor Bettini, before he left the Windsor Hotel, about 7 p. m. on Sunday, wrote a letter, while standing at the clerk's desk, to his friend, the Duke Castellucca, of No. 223 Union-st., Brooklyn, and in this he said that he should kill himself. "I am going to the park," he wrote, "for the last time. How little those about me know what I am intending to do!" He told a friend who met him at the hotel that he was going to shoot himself, but the friend only laughed at him. The Italian Consul took charge of the Lieutenant's effects. He said that Signor Bettini was of a worthy Piedmontese family.

A CLERGYMAN'S WIFE SHOT.

Mrs. Maria C. Stoddard, age thirty, wife of the Rev. E. L. Stoddard, D. D., rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, in Summit-ave., Jersey City Heights, was almost instantly killed yesterday morning by the accidental discharge of a revolver. Dr. Stoddard and his wife lived at No. 93 Summit-ave., near the church. It was said at first that Mrs. Stoddard, who had begun her spring house-cleaning, was in the act of dusting a shelf in a closet, when she struck a revolver with the duster and it was discharged, the bullet penetrating her head just below the right ear. She fell into the arms of her husband, who was standing near, and quickly lapsed into unconsciousness. Blood flowed freely from the wound and stained the carpet and the coverings of the bed on which her husband laid her. Several physicians were summoned, but their services were of no avail, the wounded woman dying within a short time of the accident.

County Physician Converse went immediately to the house. He was informed that Mrs. Stoddard was kneeling on the floor removing some articles from a bureau drawer. One of these was a loaded revolver which she handed to her husband to put away. Dr. Stoddard took the weapon out of her hand, and as he turned around it struck something and was discharged, the bullet entering his wife's head. Dr. Stoddard, who was prostrated with grief and horror, refused to see anybody. Physicians were in attendance upon him last night, and it was feared that he would lose his reason. In view of the conflicting stories told of the accident Dr. Converse decided that it would be advisable to hold an inquest, and he directed Coroner Hughes to investigate the case. Mrs. Stoddard was highly esteemed by her husband's congregation and a large circle of friends. She leaves one child, a boy nine years old. Funeral services will be held in St. John's Church at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AN ENGLISHMAN'S TOUR OF OBSERVATION.

A young Englishman, with a single eye-glass and a simple manner, caused some amusement yesterday in the court-room of the Court of General Sessions. Samuel Goodwin, an old white-haired man, suffering, according to the testimony of witnesses, from senile dementia, was on trial on a charge of perjury, of which he was subsequently acquitted on the ground of insanity. The stranger entered the room, and with a leisurely stare through his eye-glass surveyed the judge, jury, lawyers and spectators. He advanced inside the railing with an indifferent air that marked his contempt for the institutions of a land of savages. Finally he took a seat inside the old man who was on trial. After satisfying his desire to see, he turned to the old man and said with a drawl: "Which of 'em is the prisoner?"

The old man, who was being described as incapable of knowledge, supported his reputation by his ignorance of his own identity. He said, "I don't know."

"Which is the jury?" asked the young man.

"I don't know," answered the prisoner.

With a stare of contempt at his ignorant neighbor the young stranger turned elsewhere in search of information. Behind him sat a German juror, by whom the judge and jury were pointed out. "And which is the prisoner?" the Englishman asked.

"The old man beside you," said the German.

The stranger started and looked around, and then continued in a lower tone: "Oh, you know, I thought it was the man over there"—pointing to a court officer who was standing near—"for in England, you know, the prisoner always stands up, you know."

"No," remarked the juror, "those seats in front are the prisoners' seats, and if you don't look out they'll take you for a prisoner."

The young man gave a hurried glance through his eye-glass and made for the door.

A CONFIDENCE MAN AND HIS VICTIMS.

The Jersey City police and New-York detectives are looking for Felix Bogert, who disappeared from Taylor's Hotel, Jersey City, last Thursday. Bogert came from Kansas to New-York in company with Columbus Carter, a cow-boy, for the purpose of buying counterfeit money on speculation. Carter visited New-York in September, and had some dealings with O. C. Lane, of No. 138 West-st., who is a confidence operator. Lane said that while employed in the United States Treasury Department he had secured an over-issue of notes and was prepared to sell on easy terms. Carter paid over $100 with the understanding that the notes would be sent to him, and started for home. A few days after, he received a box containing only some pieces of iron wrapped in paper. Carter wrote an indignant letter to Lane & Co., to which they replied by accusing him of attempting to swindle the firm. The money had been sent, they said, and Carter had either received it or it was taken by some of the Express Company's agents in transit. Carter accepted the latter view, and came on again last week with Bogert, each of them having $150 to invest. An interview was arranged with Lane at Taylor's Hotel, and while Carter remained in his room Bogert went down stairs to see him. He has not been seen since. Bogert had all the money, and the police theory is that Lane met him and, after swindling him, induced him to start for home by representing that Carter had already gone.

WHIT-MONDAY OBSERVANCES.

It was a custom centuries ago among the villagers of Germany to set up a gayly decorated tree on Whit-Monday and indulge in merrymakings around it. A relic of the custom survives in the annual celebration of the festival by the German population of New-York and vicinity. The feature of the tree, which was always overturned amid shouting and dancing toward the end of the festivities, has departed, but the old love for nature has remained in the people and the changed festival has become the occasion of the first merry outing of the Germans of all classes. The excursions are generally under the auspices of the various labor, mutual benefit, athletic and singing societies. The weather yesterday marred the success of the festival which was promised in the forenoon. The largest gathering was at Jones's Wood, where the Turners met and indulged in friendly contests, a great variety of sports and dancing. They marched in procession from their hall to the elevated railway station at Eighth-st. and First-ave. There were similar meetings at Broadway Park, Karl's Park, Sulzer's Harlem River Park and Fink's Union Park.

THE TRIAL OF WILLIAM A. HALL.

The trial of William A. Hall, the defaulting chief clerk of the Controller's Office at Newark, on an indictment for forgery, was begun yesterday. On March 18, 1881, the Newark Savings Institution paid into the office $562.32, part of which, $482.54, was for a tax. Hall made a false entry in the cash-book of $282.54 instead of $482.54; and then he entered in the column of totals $562.32, and changed this amount to $362.32. He also made similar alterations in the cash for real estate arrears. Controller Quinn, ex-Controller Baker, ex-Treasurer Winans and others testified to the system of accounts in the office and the condition of the books in charge of Hall.

REAL ESTATE NOTES.

An instrument by which the Manhattan Life Insurance Company released a mortgage amounting to $60,000, held by the company on St. Thomas's Church at Fifth-ave. and Fifty-third-st., was recorded in the Register's Office yesterday.

The purchase of a piece of property on the north side of Twenty-second-st., about 359 feet east of Sixth-ave., by James Lloyd White from the executor of Reuel Smith for $47,500 was also recorded.

The Woman's Hospital has advanced $7,000 to John Cuff and wife on a parcel of ground situated on the north side of Thirty-sixth-st., just west of Seventh-ave.

The property on the northwest corner of Fourth-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st. was sold to Spencer A. Fanning for $161,000.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE ELECTION.

The election at the Stock Exchange yesterday resulted in the disastrous defeat of the regular ticket. A. S. Hatch, the "independent" candidate, was elected president, receiving nearly three-fourths of the total vote. The number of ballots cast was 846, which exceeded by about 125 the largest vote in the history of the Exchange. Of this unusual number the regular ticket received only 225 votes. The names of the candidates for the offices of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer were the same on all the tickets, and they were elected without opposition. To several nominees for places on the Governing Committee there was bitter hostility, which showed itself principally in almost universal "scratching." Among the 846 votes there were said to be not 50 clean tickets. The tellers found the counting a difficult task, and they did not expect to complete it until after midnight. They were B. T. Martin, A. I. Ormsbee, William Weeber and W. R. White.

There were at least six distinct tickets in the field. One was the "regular" ticket headed by W. R. Dickerman; two bore the name of A. S. Hatch as candidate for president; two that of C. M. Stead and one that of James D. Smith. The three last-named tickets received little support because Mr. Stead and Commodore Smith at once denounced the use of their names as unauthorized. It was suspected that these tickets were gotten up for the purpose of dividing the opposition to the "regular" nominations.

The result of the election of president was accepted by all as indicating partially the general sentiment of the Exchange on the Hutchinson case. Last summer William J. Hutchinson was expelled from the Board for "obvious fraud," and he has been busy since that time in trying to compel restoration to membership. In addition to legal proceedings he is said to have attempted to influence opinion by opening accounts with several prominent broker firms. Of one of these Mr. Dickerman, the "regular" candidate for president, is a member. The discovery of this fact led to Mr. Dickerman's defeat, and the affiliations of several candidates for the Governing Committee were subjected to sharp scrutiny. It seemed to be the aim of the members of the Exchange to reject every one who did not believe that the expulsion of Mr. Hutchinson was proper and just.

The new officers of the Exchange will enter upon their duties to-day.

THE EXCISE BOARD AND THE POLICE.

The Excise Commissioners did not come to an agreement yesterday as to which one of the three was to be elected president of the Board, and no election was attempted. No changes among the clerks have been made, although there are rumors of a coming division of patronage in the interest of Irving Hall. The Board took a new departure in the method of investigating applications for liquor uses. A batch of such applications was sent to Superintendent Walling, with the request that police captains ascertain the fitness of the applicants. The action was taken at the urgent request of Commissioner Morris, who is anxious to secure greater harmony in the future between the Board of Excise and the Board of Police. An application sent in by "Joe" Coburn, the pugilist and ex-convict for a license for the liquor store at No. 1352 Broadway, was refused.

The Grand Jury has begun an investigation into the workings of the Excise Department. The questions especially inquired into are the number of unlicensed liquor shops, the licensing of unfit places and other evils that are supposed to exist under the present system. Commissioner William F. Mitchell was the first witness examined.

THE BROOKLYN POST OFFICE THIEF.

A thief whose picture in the Rogues' Gallery is numbered 1,596 was locked up at Police Headquarters yesterday on a charge of stealing $2,300 in bank-notes from the Brooklyn Post Office on February 7. He is believed to be John Boyle, but he has been known by the names of Burns and Buckley. The robbery of which he is accused caused much excitement in Brooklyn. Assistant Postmaster Charles B. Morton had counted $8,000 in bills on his desk, when he was called into the Money-Order Department. A man entered to make inquiries about an alleged missing letter and went out again. When Mr. Morton returned only $700 remained on the desk. William H. De Bevoise, a clerk in the office, described the supposed thief, and the police began to search for Boyle, who answered the description. Detective Sergeants McNaught and Rodgers learned about a week ago that Boyle was living in a flat-house in East Seventieth-st., and yesterday at 1 o'clock they arrested him. Later in the afternoon the prisoner was identified by Mr. De Bevoise and another clerk in the Brooklyn Post Office. Boyle will be delivered to the Brooklyn police to-day.

SUICIDE CAUSED BY DESPONDENCY.

The man who shot himself through the head in front of No. 107 East One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st. on Sunday night, supposed to be James B. Henry, proved to be Koppie Wolfson, a picture frame dealer of Canal-st., having a home at Bergenville, N. J. He has been living of late at No. 319 East Eighty-fifth-st. On Sunday at 1 p. m. he left the house for a walk, but did not return. Herman Frank, of No. 291 Broadway, who has been his lawyer for years, said yesterday that Wolfson was worth about $50,000, but had been anxious to make real estate investments beyond his means. He grew despondent in consequence, and finally shot himself. The body was taken yesterday to the house of Louis Silberberg, Wolfson's father-in-law, at Hester and Suffolk-sts. Wolfson leaves a second wife and six children.

PRESERVING RELIGIOUS RECORDS.

The Rev. Dr. H. C. McCook, of Philadelphia, a manager of the Presbyterian Historical Society, which has a fire-proof library building, 15,000 books, 40,000 pamphlets and many valuable manuscripts relating to Catholic Presbyterianism in this and other countries, presented the claims of this society as New-Yorkers list night at a meeting held in Dr. Ormiston's Church. The Rev. Dr. S. Irenaeus Prime presided, and addresses were also made by Drs. Crosby and Ormiston. Philadelphia has erected the building and secured the collection of books, etc., and now New-York is asked to provide a secretary and librarian. The work of raising a maintenance fund for that purpose is vested in a committee consisting of the Rev. Drs. Prime, Hall, Crosby, Ormiston, and W. M. Paxton.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Count and Countess d'Adhemar, of Paris; Senator P. B. Plumb, of Kansas; Wayne MacVeagh, of Pennsylvania, and Oliver Dixson, of Boston....*Brevoort House*—Carl S. A. de Bille, Danish Minister at Washington.....*Grand Hotel*—General S. V. Benet, U. S. A.....*New York Hotel*—Augustus Schoonmaker, of Kingston, N. Y....*Victoria Hotel*—General E. C. Walthall, of Mississippi....*Windsor Hotel*—General P. St. George Cooke, U. S. A.; General C. D. MacDougall, of Auburn, N. Y., and General J. L. Donaldson, of Baltimore.....*Hoffman House*—Sir Philip H. Clarke, of England, and ex-Mayor Edward Murphy, jr., of Troy.....*Gilsey House*—Carroll E. Smith, of Syracuse; Simeon Holroyd, of Oswego, and E. Prentiss Bailey, of Utica....*Park Avenue Hotel*—Insurance Superintendent Joan A. McCall, jr., of Albany....*Clarendon Hotel*—John Newell, of Chicago....*Westminster Hotel*—Jerome B. Parmenter, of Troy.....*Hotel Brunswick*—Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Graveley, of Cobalt, Canada.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Consecrating St. Thomas's Church.
Commencement of College of Physicians and Surgeons at Steinway Hall.
Annual election of Mercantile Library.
Produce trade meeting at Mercantile Exchange.
Meeting of National Board of Marine Underwriters.
Annual reception at Museum of Natural History.
Meeting of trustees of the College of the City of New-York.
Team competition rifle shooting at Creedmoor.
Harrold perjury case in Essex Market Police Court.
Meeting of Board of Estimate and Apportionment.
Manhattan Hay and Produce Exchange meeting.
Episcopal Church Convention in Hoboken.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The American Dramatic Fund Association yesterday re-elected its entire board of officers.

APPOINTED SUCCESSOR TO HIS FATHER.

Judge Gildersleeve of the Court of General Sessions yesterday appointed Patrick O'Brien a court officer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, Lawrence O'Brien.

THE YACHT GRAYLING TO BE RAISED TO-DAY.

No efforts were made to raise ex-Commodore Fish's schooner-yacht Grayling yesterday, owing to the prevailing eastery wind. The wreckers got their pontoons and derricks ready, and will try to raise her to-day if the wind is favorable.

SALE OF PAINTINGS.

The collection of paintings owned by John F. Henry will be sold by Leavitt & Co., at No. 817 Broadway, on Friday evening. There are examples of Preyer, J. G. Brown, Church, Ziem, Diaz, Corot, Vibert, Daubigny, Jacque, Zamacois, Dupré, Troyon, Rousseau and others.

REUNION OF COLUMBIA ALUMNI.

The Alumni Association of Columbia College will have a social reunion at Delmonico's on Thursday evening. The appeal of the trustees to put the college on a true university footing will be discussed and efforts made to enlist the active co-operation of those able to aid in this matter.

RUNAWAY IN A CEMETERY.

While Dr. A. Hodgson, of No. 141 East Thirty-eighth-st., was driving through Woodlawn Cemetery yesterday afternoon his horses became frightened and ran off. The buggy in which he was riding struck a tree and was smashed to pieces. The doctor was thrown out, but escaped with slight bruises.

THE LAW INSTITUTE ELECTS ITS OFFICERS.

The New-York Law Institute elected the following officers yesterday: President, Charles Tracy; vice-presidents, Samuel Blatchford, Joseph H. Choate and Stephen P. Nash; treasurer, Cornelius Van Santvoord; secretaries, Joseph S. Bosworth and Benjamin D. Silliman; librarian, Aaron J. Vanderpoel.

MR. GROSJEAN AT CASTLE GARDEN.

Henry Grosjean, the French Commissioner of Agriculture, who has been in this country for several months studying its climate and resources, was a visitor at Castle Garden yesterday. He said that his extended tour through the country had convinced him that Manitoba, Minnesota and the Northwestern States generally were not adapted for French colonization. California seemed to him to be the most suited for French immigrants.

GRADUATES LICENSED TO PREACH.

The Presbytery of New-York met in the Scotch Church in Fourteenth-st. yesterday afternoon. The following graduates from Union and Princeton Theological Seminaries were licensed to preach: Earl I. Lockard, Robert J. Servier, Franklin B. Dwight, Vincent Pisek, A. R. Bichenoach, David W. Hutchinson, Paul Van Dyke, J. Walter Lowrie and James D. Paxton. Messrs. Pisek and Bichenbach were also ordained as evangelists.

A HOTEL WITH A HISTORY.

The old United States Hotel at Fulton and Pearl sts. to-day passes into the hands of its new proprietors, Felter & Merigold, who have expended $30,000 in refitting and refurnishing it. It was built in 1832, and was first called Holt's Hotel. Afterward it was known as "Holt's Folly." It was then the largest hotel on Manhattan Island. In 1835 its name was changed to that which it has since borne. Its success led John Jacob Astor to build the Astor House.

A SINGING BEACH AT MANCHESTER, MASS.

"There are beaches as well as birds that sing," said Dr. A. A. Julien at the Academy of Sciences last evening. "Such a one is that at Manchester, Mass. The sonorous quality of its sands extends but a few inches downward. By pulling a board over the surface of the beach, the sands give forth a musical sound of low pitch and intensity. The sound is probably due to the peculiar formation of the grains of sand, which are angular, and contain cavities."

THE WAR ON RENTS AND LANDLORDS.

A mass meeting of twenty-five men assembled last evening at Botanic Hall, No. 66 East Broadway, and did away with rents and annihilated landlords. James Magrath presided. Robert H. Chadwick said: "We must first find out the remedy for the landlord evil and then fight for it by peaceful agitation if possible, but by revolution if necessary. Unless this evil is abated, some day the streets of New-York will run redder with blood than ever did those of Paris. Some day, before long, a Napoleon will arise who will lead the laboring men on to victory and emancipation."

NOT AN OPIUM DEN.

In regard to the statement that No. 10 Pell-st., which belongs to the estate of the late Henry O'Keefe, was to be made an opium den, John G. O'Keefe, who is executor of his father's estate, says that the premises are leased to a furniture manufacturer, who sublets the ground floor to Chinese tenants. This had been used for a grocery, but on May 1 was rented to a Chinese clothing dealer. Mr. O'Keefe said that the premises had not been used as an opium den and never would be so used while under his control.

AN EXCURSION TO IRON MINES.

An excursion over the New-York Central Railroad to the mines of the Hudson River and the Chateaugay Ore and Iron Companies will start to-day, to return Friday evening. Among those who will go on the trip are Thomas Dickson, David Dows, Erastus Corning, Charles M. Fry, R. L. Cutting, J. W. Tracey, Professors Green and Nason, Police Commissioner James Mattieson, Smith M. Weed, J. C. Bayles, G. B. Linderman, W. M. Hainshaw, George A. and W. B. Crocker, Alfred Van Santvoord, W. H. Wallace, George Henry Warren and J. Avery Richards.

THE NORMANDIE'S FAST PASSAGE.

The steamship Normandie, of the French Transatlantic Company, arrived on Sunday night in 8 days, 11 hours and 56 minutes—the fastest trip ever made from Havre to this port. Her average speed was 15 6-10 miles an hour. The Alsatia, of the Guion Line, when completed her 14 trip from Queenstown in 6 days, 23 hours and 48 minutes, made an average speed of 14 8-10 miles an hour. Among the Normandie's saloon passengers were Lieutenant Dennis de Tourtoulon, a relative of General de Tourtoulon; Mrs. de Tourtoulon and child, Count and Countess d'Adhemar and General Ullmann and wife.

CHERISHING REVENGE FOR YEARS.

John Metcee was arrested yesterday by Detectives Reilly and Von Gerichten on a bench warrant, having been indicted for assaulting Thomas Gibney. Metcee committed an assault on Gibney several years ago, and has served a term of four years and six months in the State Prison for that offence. He threatened at the time of his last arrest that he would kill Gibney when he had served his term of imprisonment. A few days ago, while Gibney was standing in Princess-st., Metcee assaulted him. Gibney professes to be in fear of death at the hands of Metcee.

A SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A DETECTIVE.

Thomas Hughes, the owner, and Owen Murray, the bar-keeper, of the liquor store at No. 267 Madison-st., were arrested yesterday on a bench warrant from the Court of General Sessions for violating the Excise laws. David J. Whitney, of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, charges that the liquor store is the resort for boys who play pool for drinks, and that it is open regularly on Sundays. Mr. Whitney made a complaint to the police and Detective Pearce was sent to the Thirteenth Precinct to investigate the case. Mr. Whitney alleges that the detective went to the liquor store on Sunday, April 1, and simply warned the bar-keeper to shut up the store within an hour. An indictment was ordered against Detective Pearce, but the Grand Jury reconsidered its action the next day.

BROOKLYN.

Deaths last week, 231; births, 228; marriages, 111.

The Aldermen yesterday condemned fourteen wells, as the water is unfit for use.

The last opportunity for Republican voters to enroll in the ward associations before the fall elections will be afforded to-day.

Two young highway robbers—Charles Crowell and Joon McLaughlin, both under twelve years, one armed with a pistol and the other with a knife, and both carrying dime novels of border exploits—were arraigned before Justice Massey yesterday and committed to await the action of the Grand Jury for robbing a former boy of a watch.

The regular monthly meeting of the Atlantic Yacht Club was held last night at No. 11 Court-st. Rear-commodore John R. Morgan presided, and there was a large attendance of members. William Zoegler, R. T. Bush, of the steam yacht Falcon, Samuel A. Wood, of the schooner Æolus, and Miles Wood were elected members of the club. The date of the annual regatta was fixed as July 21.

NEWARK.

John G. Goetz, who disappeared from his home on Thursday saying that he intended to commit suicide, was found drowned yesterday in the Passaic River near the Newark and New-York Railroad bridge. He was forty-eight years old, and leaves a wife.

NEW JERSEY.

SEACAUCUS.—Michael Mulvad, age five, while playing yesterday afternoon on the street in front of his parents' house at Tonnele-ave. and the County Road, was run over by a wagon belonging to Devitch & Vreuenburg, of Jersey City, and instantly killed. The driver of the wagon, a man named Louiges, was arrested.

PATERSON.—The new Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, at Riverside, was dedicated yesterday by Bishop Wigger, of the Diocese of Newark, assisted by ten priests. Solemn high mass was celebrated, and Bishop Wigger preached. In the afternoon Pontifical vespers were sung, and Father Funke preached in German. In the evening Father Schoepen preached in the Holland language.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

MOUNT VERNON.—The annual meeting of the Westchester County Teachers' Institute began yesterday morning. The teachers in the public schools of the county have been granted a week's vacation to attend.

SUNNYSIDE.—A baseball match between picked nines from Irvington and Tarrytown was played a few miles from this place on Sunday. Over 1,000 people were present. The players were orderly and quiet, and the police did not disturb them.

JAMAICA.—Stella St. Clair, age seventeen, daughter of a prosperous farmer at Good Ground, was married last week at Greenport to Horace Smith, a negro, who was coachman for the girl's aunt. A committee waited on the couple with a pot of tar and several bags of feathers, but Smith escaped through a window. He and his wife then fled to Patchogue, and are now living in Jamaica.

LONG ISLAND.

STONY BROOK.—Gilbert Darling, a well-known resident, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. At the coroner's inquest it was shown that he had been in the habit of taking small doses of laudanum to allay nervousness, and the jury found a verdict of death from an overdose of laudanum.

JAMAICA.—John Mott, age thirty, was arrested yesterday while at work in the starch factory at Glen Cove, on the charge of passing worthless checks. Last fall, while in the employ of William Durland, jr., of Jamaica, he visited a number of the village shopkeepers and had checks cashed by them for sums ranging from $25 to $50, representing that Mr. Durland had sent him. He was arraigned before Justice Betts and committed for examination.

VETERAN HIGHLANDERS AT DINNER.

One hundred and fifty of the surviving veterans, of the 79th Regiment (Highlanders,) observed last evening the twenty-second anniversary of the formation of the regiment by a dinner at the Broadway Hotel. Among those present were: Major D. J. Mullen, Major L. C. Brasett, Major Appleby, General Morrison, Colonel J. Lane, Colonel A. Baird, Captain F. Judge and James Cameron of Davenport, Iowa, who had not seen the members of his regiment for twenty years. After the dinner reminiscences were related of the twenty-six battles in which the regiment fought.

A VOICE FROM THE PEOPLE

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No medicine introduced to the public has ever met with the success accorded to Hop Bitters. It stands to-day the best known curative article in the world. Its marvellous renown is not due to the advertising it has received. It is famous by reason of its inherent virtues. It does all that is claimed for it. It is the most powerful, speedy and effective agent known for the building up of debilitated systems and general family medicine.

Winston, Forsythe Co., N. C., March 15, 1880.

Gents—I desire to express to you my thanks for your wonderful Hop Bitters. I was troubled with Dyspepsia for five years previous to commencing the use of your Hop Bitters some six months ago. My cure has been wonderful. I am pastor of the First Methodist Church of this place, and my whole congregation can testify to the great virtue of your bitters.

Very respectfully, REV. H. FEREBEE.

Rochester, N. Y., March 11, 1880.

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OLD LADIES OF THE HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

Delevan, Wis., Sept. 24, 1880.

Gents—I have taken not quite one bottle of the Hop Bitters. I was a feeble old man of 78 when I got it. To-day I am as active and feel as well as I did at 30. I see a great many that need such a medicine.

D. ROYCE.

Monroe, Mich., Sept. 25, 1875.

Sirs—I have been taking Hop Bitters for inflammation of the kidneys and bladder; it has done for me what four doctors failed to do—cured me. The effect of the Bitters seems like magic. W. L. CARTER.

If you have a sick friend, whose life is a burden, one bottle of Hop Bitters will restore that friend to perfect health and happiness.

Bradford, Pa., May 8, 1881.

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Evansville, Wis., June 24, 1882.

Gentlemen—No medicine has had one-half the sale here and given such universal satisfaction as your Hop Bitters have. We take pleasure in speaking for their welfare, as every one who tries them is well satisfied with their results. Several such remarkable cures have been made with them here that there are a number of earnest workers in the Hop Bitters cause. One person gained eleven pounds from taking only a few bottles.

SMITH & HOT.

Bay City, Mich., Feb. 3, 1880.

Hop Bitters Company—I think it my duty to send you a recommend for the benefit of any person wishing to know whether Hop Bitters are good or not. I know they are good for general debility and indigestion; strengthen the nervous system and make new life. I recommend my patients to use them.

DR. A. PLATT, Treater of Chronic Diseases.

Superior, Wis., January, 1880.

I heard in my neighborhood that your Hop Bitters was doing such a great deal of good among the sick and afflicted with most every kind of disease, and as I had been troubled for fifteen years with neuralgia and all kinds of *rheumatic complaints* and kidney trouble, I took one bottle according to directions. It at once did me a great deal of good, and I used four bottles more. I am an old man, but am now as well as I can wish. There are seven or eight families in our place using Hop Bitters for their family medicine, and are as well satisfied with it they will use no other. Generally here has been bedridden for years, is well and doing her work from the use of three bottles.

LEONARD WHITBECK.

WHAT IT DID FOR AN OLD LADY.

Coshocton Station, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1878.

Gents—A number of people had been using your Bitters here, and with marked effect. A lady of over seventy years had been sick for the past ten years; she had not been able to be around. Six months ago she was *helpless*. Her old remedies or physicians being of no avail, I sent forty-five miles and got a bottle of Hop Bitters. It had such an effect on her that she was able to dress herself and walk about the house. After taking two bottles more she was able to take care of her own room and walk out to her neighbor's, and has improved all the time since. My wife and children also have derived great benefit from the use.

W. B. HATHAWAY, Agt. U. S. Ex. Co.

HONEST OLD TIM.

Contoocook, N. H., July 14, 1879.

Gents—Whoever you are, I don't know; but I feel grateful to you to know that in this world of adulterated medicines there is one compound that proves and does all it advertises to do, and more. Four years ago I had a slight shock of palsy, which unnerved me to such an extent that the least excitement would make me shake like the ague. Last May I was induced to try Hop Bitters. I used one bottle, but did not see any change; another did so change my nerves that they are now as steady as they ever were. I used four bottles in all, and am now as well and right hand writes this. Now, if you continue to manufacture an honest and good article as you do, you will accumulate an honest fortune, and confer the greatest blessing on your fellow-men that was ever conferred on mankind.

TIM BUSCH.

ANNA MARIA KRIDER, wife of TOBIAS K

Chambersburg, July 25, 1875.

This is to let the people know that I, Anna Maria Krider, wife of Tobias Krider, am now past seventy-four years of age. My health has been very bad for many years past. I was troubled with weakness, bad cough, dyspepsia, great debility and constipation of the bowels. I was so low that I could not continue. I heard of Hop Bitters and was prevailed to try them. I have only used three bottles, and I feel wonderful good, well and strong again. My bowels are regular, my appetite good, and cough gone. I think it my duty to let the people know how bad I was and what the medicine has done for me, so they can cure themselves with it.

My wife was troubled for years with blotches, moth patches, freckles and pimples on her face, which nearly annoyed the life out of her. She spent many dollars on the thousand infallible cures, with nothing but injurious effects. A lady friend, of Syracuse, N. Y., who had had similar experience, and had been cured with Hop Bitters, induced her to try it. One bottle has made her face as smooth, fair and soft as a child's, and given her such health that it seems almost a miracle.

A MEMBER OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.

A RICH LADY'S EXPERIENCE.

I travelled all over Europe and other foreign countries at a cost of thousands of dollars in search of health and found it not. I returned discouraged and disheartened, and was restored to real youthful health and spirits with less than two bottles of Hop Bitters. I hope others may profit by my experience and stay at home.

A LADY, Augusta, Me.

I had been sick and miserable so long, causing my husband so much trouble and expense, no one knowing what ailed me. I was so completely disheartened and discouraged that I got a bottle of Hop Bitters and used them unknown to my family. I soon began to improve and caused so fast that my husband and family thought it strange and unnatural, but when I told them what had helped me, they said, "Hurrah for Hop Bitters! long may they prosper, for they have made mother well and us happy."

THE MOTHER.

My mother says Hop Bitters is the only thing that will keep her from her old and severe attacks of paralysis and headache.—ED. *Oswego Sun.*

Ludington, Mich., Feb. 2, 1880.

I have sold Hop Bitters for four years, and there is no medicine that surpasses them for bilious attacks, kidney complaints and many diseases incident to this malarial climate. H. T. ALEXANDER.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises 4 42, sets 7 10. Moon sets 1 17. Moon's age, days 9.

HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A.M.—Sandy Hook, 2 19; Gov. Island, 2 51; Hell Gate, 4 42.
P.M.—Sandy Hook, 2 45; Gov. Island, 3 24; Hell Gate, 5 13.

FOREIGN STEAMERS DUE AT THIS PORT.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	*From.*	*Line.*
Dorset	Bristol	Great Western.
Etruria	Hle	Hall.
Canada	London	National.
Gallia	Liverpool	Cunard.
Wisconsin	Liverpool	Guion.
Ethiopia	Glasgow	Anchor.
Acania	Naples	Fabre.
Catalonia	Gibraltar	Red D.
Baltic	Liverpool	White Star.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.

Frisia	Hamburg	Hamb'g-American
Egyptian Monarch	Leghorn	Monarch.
State of Florida	Glasgow	State.
Parthia	Liverpool	Cunard.
Cynthia	Bermuda	Bermuda.

THURSDAY, MAY 17.

Alene	Central America	Atlas.
Mariel	Gulf Ports	Gulf Ports.
Llandaff City	Bristol	Bristol City.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....MONDAY, MAY 14, 1883.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Hercules (Br), Dover, Dakar, Senegal, 16 days, in ballast to Patton, Vickers & Co.
Steamer Saratoga, Collis, Havana 4 days, with mdse and passengers to Jas E Ward & Co.
Steamer State of Texas (Br), Fernandina May 10, via Brunswick, Ga, and Port Royal, with mdse and passengers to C H Mallory & Co.
Steamer Nacoochee, Kempton, Savannah 2½ days, with mdse and passengers to Henry Yonge, Sr.
Schr Alliance (Ger), Schaller, Bremen 26 days, with empty barrels to order; vessel to Hermann Koop & Co.
Bark Daisy Head of Machias, Cole, Cabarien 17 days, via Delaware Breakwater, with sugar to order; vessel to Swan & Son.
Bark G M Stanwood, Webber, of and from Portland 8 days, in ballast to master. Will load for Havana.
Brig Rabboni (or Bangor), Coombs, Cienfuegos 18 days, with molasses to Moale Bros; vessel to Parsons & Lond.
Brig Harriet G, Stanley, Nuevitas 14 days, with molasses and 9 passengers to Moale Bros.
Schr Susan E Newbury, King, Sagua 16 days, with sugar to order; vessel to C L Cox & Co.
Schr Yacht Sultana (Br), Arias, Rio Janeiro March 5, Bahia 15, Pernambuco 20, Barbadoes April 13, Martinique 19, Dominica 22, Guadeloupe 24, Charleston May 9, in ballast to master.

SUNSET—wind at Sandy Hook, light, SE; raining. At City Island, light, S; raining.

Arrived yesterday—

Steamer Helvetia (Br), Rogers, Liverpool May 2, Queenstown 3, with mdse and passengers to F W J Hurst.
Steamer City of Para, Dexter, Aspinwall 7 days, with mdse and passengers to Pacific Mail SS Co.
Steamer Manhattan, Stevens, West Point, Va, and Norfolk, with mdse and passengers to Old Dominion SS Co.

CLEARED.

Steamer Alaska (Br), Murray, Liverpool via Queenstown—Williams & Guion.
Steamer Sorrento (Br), Magee, Hull via Deptford—Sanderson & Son.
Steamer Athos (Br), Low, Port Antonio, Gonaives, Jeremie, etc—Pim, Forwood & Co.
Steamer Edith Godden (Br), Bennett, Kingston—G Wessels & Co.
Steamer Rapidan, Glover, West Point, Va—Old Dominion SS Co.
Steamer F W Brune, Foster, Baltimore—J S Kreme.
Steamer Doris, Bennett, Portland—J F Ames.
Ship Gleaming (Br), Densmore, Yokohama—J F Whitney & Co.
Ship J W Weissenhorn (Ger), Thulen, Bremen—Theo Ruger & Co.
Bark Kornak (Br), Upham, Anjier, Java, for orders—Snow & Burgess.
Bark Padre e Figli (Aust), Stich, Constantinople—Slocovich & Co.
Bark Profeta (Ital), Giacopello, Tarragona, Sp—J de Rivera & Co.
Bark Balkan (Aust), Fiamine, Lisbon—Slocovich & Co.
Bark S Battistino (Ital),