LOCAL MISCELLANY.

A HIGH-BORN WOMAN'S DESPAIR.

THE DAUGHTER OF A BARON COMMITS SUICIDE BY INHALING GAS—STORY OF HER LIFE.

Servants in the Summit Hotel, at Canal-st. and the Bowery, at an early hour yesterday morning discovered that gas was escaping on the second floor. The leak was traced to a room which had been occupied since Saturday evening by a German woman of middle age, who had given her name as Mrs. Wagner. As the door of the room was locked on the inside, a porter broke it open. Gas which had been allowed to flow from an open burner filled the room. On the bed lay the dead body of Mrs. Wagner, partly dressed. Her hands were folded and her features wore a peaceful expression. Evidently she had committed suicide. Strips of paper had been fastened with mucilage on the cracks of the door and a shawl had been fastened over the window to prevent ventilation. Packages of letters addressed to the housekeeper of the hotel and to the Rev. Julius W. Geyer, of No. 78 Second-st., and a package containing jewelry of small value lay on a table in the room. Brief notes written by the woman, requesting that the packages should be delivered, also were found. Her request was that the jewelry should be sent to her sister Mrs. Liane Dillner, the wife of a pastor living at Schloss Hoheneck, Stollberg, Saxony. A purse in Mrs. Wagner's dress pocket contained only twenty-five cents. On Sunday and Monday Mrs. Wagner's conduct at the hotel had been peculiar. She had told the housekeeper that she was the daughter of a German Baron and that a runaway marriage early in life had estranged her from her relatives. Her speech and manners showed that she was well educated and had moved in good society. Rev. Mr. Geyer, who was summoned to the hotel, confirmed what Mrs. Wagner had said about herself.

The woman was Maria Francesca Amanda Eliza Wagner and her maiden name was Von Mauschwitz. She was born in Berlin on November 25, 1843. A Princess of the Prussian Court was her godmother. Baron Von Mauschwitz, her father, had her well educated and encouraged her to learn some useful occupation. Against the wishes of her parents, in 1872 she married Mr. Wagner, a young musician, who died five months after the wedding. A child, which was born a few months afterward, lived only three months. Then Baron Von Mauschwitz met with business reverses and lost nearly all of his property. He died in 1875, leaving his family nearly destitute. A son of the Baron had gone to America to seek his fortune and all trace of him had been lost; a younger daughter had been married to the pastor at Schloss Hoheneck, who was too poor to give much assistance to the rest of the family. So Mrs. Wagner took a position as nurse in a hospital, having obtained a diploma to practise midwifery.

In 1881 Mrs. Wagner determined to search for her brother in this country, but it was soon made plain that she could not find him. She tried unsuccessfully to establish a practice as a midwife. For a short time she was a nurse in the German Hospital, and then she obtained a position as nurse in a private family. Her health gave way, and for several months she was a patient in the Homœopathic Hospital on Ward's Island and at the Mount Sinai Hospital. The Rev. Mr. Geyer, who is pastor of the German Reformed Church in Houston-st., was called to the hospital to pray with her, and she told him the sad story of her life.

About six weeks ago, when Mrs. Wagner was able to leave the hospital, she was invited to spent a few weeks in the pastor's house. Mrs. Wagner accepted the invitation, but she was restless and despondent. While in the hospital she had been given morphine in large quantities, and she had acquired a passion for the drug, against which she fought with despairing energy. Several times she spoke of suicide as the only cure for her sorrows. Mr. Geyer procured a situation for her in Jersey City three weeks ago. On Friday last, Mrs. Wagner went to see Mr. Geyer and said she had a hope of going to Europe as nurse in the family of Mrs. Jacoby, a wealthy woman living in the upper part of the city. She had asked Mrs. Jacoby to inquire of Mr. Geyer about her. Three times on Saturday Mrs. Wagner went to Mr Geyer's house, only to learn that Mrs. Jacoby had not made any inquiry there. She was not seen again by the pastor. It is believed by Mr. Geyer that when Mrs. Wagner went to the Summit Hotel on Saturday evening she had given up hope of going to Europe, and had determined to kill herself. The body of Mrs. Wagner will be buried in the Lutheran Cemetery to-morrow at Mr. Geyer' expense.

WHEELMEN IN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the members of the League of American Wheelmen was held yesterday morning in the Riding Hall at No. 219 East Thirty-fourth-st. The advisability of forming a New-York branch of the League was discussed, and, as the scheme recommended itself to the meeting, the following were elected officers for the coming year: President, N. M. Beckwith, of New-York; treasurer, Lewis H. Brown, of Elmira; secretary, Benjamin P. G. Sanford, of New-York. This finished the New-York question, and the convention then resolved to discuss the more important business in connection with the entire League; but for this purpose a quorum of fifty members was necessary, and as no more than forty could be produced the meeting found itself unable to accomplish what it had assembled for. After waiting for some time the members agreed to consider themselves an informal meeting of American wheelmen, and, accepting the League officers to preside over them, proceeded unofficially to discuss the League business with a view to laying the conclusions which they arrived at before the League for its approval hereafter.

After the meeting the president of the League expressed himself as more than satisfied with the success of the meet, and was sanguine as to the effect it would have in obtaining for wheelmen a better right of way in the city. The greater number of the members of the League have already left the city, but an informal conclusion to the meet will be made by a joint run to-day of the Brooklyn, Kings County and Long Island Clubs from Brooklyn to Coney Island. All wheelmen are invited to attend and to assemble at Montague-st. at the top of the Hill from Wall Street Ferry at 10 o'clock. The run will conclude with a dinner at Coney Island

A VETO MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen yesterday a communication was received from the Mayor vetoing the resolution of the Board protesting against the erection of a hospital intended to receive temporarily patients suffering from infectious diseases. The structure is proposed to be erected by the Board of Health and an appropriation has already been made for it by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The resolution of the Aldermen requested the Health Department to select a more isolated site and a less populous district whereon to erect the proposed hospital. The Mayor, in his veto message says: "It requires no expert knowledge to understand the importance of such a hospital as that which it is proposed to erect at the foot of East Sixteenth-st., but as to the proper location and construction of the building it seems prudent to rely upon the Board of Health." The message was laid over.

On motion of Alderman O'Connor, the Police Commissioners were requested to detail a sufficient number of policemen to prevent the passage of trucks and other vehicles in Fifth-ave. and the north side of Washington Square during the continuance of the free concerts there. A resolution was passed requesting the Governor to sign the Senate bill No. 147, providing that the Park Police shall have the right of trial.

A JERSEYMAN AND A "BANCO" STEERER.

William M. Pickslay, of Bayonne, N. J., appeared in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday morning as complainant against William Wheeler, alias Harry Foster, a well-known "banco" steerer. He is an old-fashioned, little man, clad in a suit of quaintly-made pearl-hued clothes, whose kindly gray eyes twinkled through the glasses of a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles. He told Justice Patterson that he had come to this city to visit his son, who is employed in a jewelry store. As he was crossing Union Square, about 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, the prisoner seized his hand and after expressing surprise that he had left Boston, made loving inquiries regarding the health of his family. Mr. Pickslay adjusted his glasses and, after chuckling a few minutes at what he considered was a good joke, told the stranger that he was mistaken, that he had not come from Boston and that his home was in New-Jersey. The stranger began apologizing and just then Detective Price appeared and took him into custody. Wheeler said that he was a bartender, living at No. 409 Ninth-ave., and that he thought he knew the old gentleman. He was committed in default of $1,000 bail for good behavior for six months.

ORGANIZING A HUGUENOT SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of the Huguenot Society of America was held yesterday at No. 170 Second-ave. On April 12 a few men of Huguenot descent met at the house of John Jay to organize the society. At that meeting a committee of nine, with Mr. De Lancy as chairman, was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws. At the meeting yesterday the report of the committee was adopted, with the exception of the time appointed for meetings, which is to be decided at the next meeting. The following officers were elected: John Jay, president; Edward F. De Lancey, first vice-president; the Rev. F. Wittmeyer, secretary, and M. H. Barton, treasurer. The election of vice-presidents will continue at the next meeting, and there will be as many appointed as there were originally Huguenot settlements in this country. The object of the society is to commemorate, at stated times, the principal events in the history of the Huguenots, and to collect all documents pertaining to their history.

ACTION OF THE EMIGRATION BOARD.

In the interest of economy the Emigration Commissioners yesterday removed Gateman James Odell and Michael A. Tierney. Boarding Officer J. W. Miller, who was recently charged with intoxication and threatening the life of some of the officers of the steamship Viking, was also removed. Charles K. Hyde, Inspector of Buildings on Ward's Island, is to be removed, no appropriation having been made for the position. Those having exclusive privileges at Castle Garden for handling baggage, exchanging money, etc., have been informed that the rentals have been increased. The prices hereafter, as agreed upon, will be: $300 a month for refreshment stands, $300 a month for express, $100 a month for money brokers and $75 a month for telegraph. It is believed that the holders of these privileges will protest against the increase, as the new law provides that none of those now enjoying these privileges shall be deprived of them before July 1, 1883.

INCIDENTS OF BRIDGE TRAVEL.

SETTLING DOWN TO A BUSINESS BASIS—EFFECTS ON THE FERRIES.

There was a perceptible diminution of the crowd on the East River Bridge yesterday as compared with previous days since the opening. The enthusiastic resident of Brooklyn and the curious New-Yorker were still apparent in the moving mass that insisted on getting its cent's worth of experience of the big structure, but a majority of the penny patrons were evidently from the rural regions. As to the Bridge itself, while it still prides itself on being one of the show places of the metropolis, it is evidently settling down to a quiet, conservative business basis, and during the day there was a constant stream of vehicles on both of the roadways.

It was said by the policemen at either end that no arrests had been made, and that the passengers were well-behaved to a degree that was rather discouraging to those who are accustomed to look for law-breakers whenever several hundreds or thousands of people come together. One of the officers on the end of the Bridge when asked as to the character of the crowd relieved his feelings by responding: "The crowd's all right; there's no chance for arrests; there aint life enough in this thing for me; I don't see any fun for me this summer except to resign and get a job at Coney Island."

"How about the No. 1's who have made themselves conspicuous in connection with the Bridge?" the reporter asked of a veteran policeman at Superintendent Martin's office.

"Well," he said, "we have got tired of the first people and animals and things to cross the Bridge. What we are waiting for now is the first dude to lose his hat off the Bridge, the first man who doesn't say, 'Isn't this a big thing?' the first murder and the first suicide. And it's about time for the first suicide. There have been several fellows and one or two women who have been prospecting in regard to this suicide business, but we have so far discouraged them by suggesting that life-preservers are not included in the one-cent entrance fee."

The total number of railroad coaches ordered for the Bridge at the Wilmington (Del.) Car Works is twenty-eight, of which eighteen are now finished and six are already on the Bridge. The two engines on the track may be used at the opening of railway travel, a month or six weeks hence, until the chains are in working order.

A livery-stable keeper said yesterday that the Bridge would largely increase the profits in his line of business for the future, as a ride across it would be one of the regular features in the list of attractions for the visitors to the city.

The ticket collectors have eight hours on duty and sixteen hours off, for which they are paid $2 50 a day. The policemen are paid 17½ cents per hour, or $2 10 a day. Ex-Sergeant Ward, of the Sixth Precinct of Brooklyn, was yesterday appointed Captain of the Bridge police by Superintendent Martin. There have been a large number of discharges from the force of the Bridge employes, owing to the completion of the work in which they were engaged, but there are still about two hundred men engaged in all the departments.

The wagon traffic of the Bridge has seriously interfered with the profits of the ferry-boats. A gentleman who has been familiar with ferry travel for twenty years said last evening: "Those ferry people won't admit it, but the fact is, about half the trucks and wagons that used to cross Fulton Ferry now use the Bridge. At the busy hours of the day these wagons were frequently blocked up, waiting their turn while three or four boats loaded up. Now there are no more than can conveniently get on the first boat."

HAPPY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Madison Square Garden was the centre of interest yesterday for 5,000 children, the occasion being the twenty-third anniversary of the Baptist Sunday-Schools. At about 2 o'clock the twenty-one schools began pouring in upon Madison Square from all points of the compass, each headed by a band of music. Everything indicated a glorious holiday for the children, who passed in panoramic view before the many spectators that lined Fifth-ave., the walks in Madison Square and the streets adjacent to the Garden entrance. Beside the 5,000 children there were present in the Garden about 2,000 of their parents, friends and relatives, the great auditorium appearing to be a sea of happy faces lost in white dresses, ribbons and banners. Superintendent E. D. Jones, of Trinity School, presided, and about him on the platform there were the Rev. Drs. A. H. Burlingham, Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union; Halsey Moore, of the Lexington Avenue Church; W. H. Pendleton, of the Fifty-third Street Church; and J. B. Simmons, of Trinity Church; the Revs. R. B. Hull, of Tabernacle Church; T. B. Jutten, of Memorial Church, and many other Baptist preachers of the city; also, J. B. Calvert, Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Robert T. Ogden, president of the Presbyterian Superintendents' Association, of Philadelphia, and R. G. Cornell, president of the Baptist City Mission.

The schools were welcomed by the 23d Regiment Band. Superintendent Jones began the introduction of the speakers, placing his watch on the stand as a reminder that ten minutes was the limit. The children cheered this mint vociferously. The speeches were made by the Rev. R. B. Hull, and the Rev. A. H. Burlingham, between whom B. F. Judson, a layman of the Fifth Avenue Church, was put in as a "sandwich," as the chairman expressed it. All the speakers received a tempestuous wave of cheers from the children. The benediction was given by the Rev. T. B. Jutten.

At 4 o'clock the children had their parade, in charge of Marshal Palmer, through and around Madison Square. They were reviewed by the pastors, among whom was the Rev. Dr. Armitage, of the Fifth Avenue Church, and invited guests, at the Farragut Statue. Crowds of people watched the procession. The thirty Chinese pupils of the Rev. Dr. Simmons, of Trinity Church, attracted much attention. The day was pleasant, only a few drops of rain at 2 o'clock having caused some apprehension. After the parade the scholars went to their respective churches and had luncheon.

ATTEMPTING TO SUPPRESS TESTIMONY.

Michael Kelly, age eighteen, was tried yesterday in the Court of General Sessions for having been concerned in the stealing of Andrew Peterson's watch on May 12 in Cherry-st. One of the witnesses subpœnaed by the prosecution was Sophie Nelson, of No. 138 Cherry-st., who had witnessed the assault on Mr. Peterson. When Assistant District-Attorney Fellows called Miss Nelson there was no response. It was said that she had been in the court room, but had gone out a short time before. While the witness was being waited for, the sixth juror, whose name was George Lester, said that he desired to make a statement. Judge Cowing said that he might say anything that had a direct bearing on the case on trial. The juror then said that he had overheard a conversation while sitting in the court-room, a day or two before, between Sophie Nelson and Detective Haggerty, of the Seventh Precinct, who had arrested Kelly. The young woman said to the policeman that the defendant was not the person who committed the offence. The officer, according to the juror's story, told the young woman to keep still and say nothing about the discovery. He afterward suggested to Mrs. Fellows that it would not be necessary to call Sophie Nelson as a witness.

Colonel Fellows said that the remarks of the juror strengthened the conviction he already had. The officer had evidently attempted to suppress testimony that might lead to the acquittal of the defendant. He thought it an outrage that any such action should be allowed and said that he purposed to bring the matter to the attention of the Police Commissioners. He thought there ought not to be a conviction in Kelly's case. Judge Cowing said that he approved what had been said by the Assistant District-Attorney. He thought the conduct of the officer was a proper subject for consideration by the Police Commissioners. The jury, without leaving their seats, rendered a verdict of acquittal and Kelly was discharged.

GIVING THE LIE IN COURT.

Judge Gildersleeve, in the Court of General Sessions, yesterday heard a motion for the discharge of two prisoners accused of larceny. John O. Mott, who appeared for the defendants, said that the prosecution had unreasonably delayed the trial of the case. Two witnesses were being awaited and the lawyer thought his clients should not be kept so long without an opportunity for trial. Assistant District-Attorney Requier charged that the witnesses had been spirited away. He said that the counsel had made statements that were contrary to the evidence.

Mr. Mott then said with much emphasis: "The District-Attorney is making a statement that he has no right to make, and were he in another place I should call it a malicious lie."

"What I say is true," said Mr. Requier.

"It is false," answered Mr. Mott.

The judge finally quieted the lawyers, and the decision on the motion was reserved.

CITY EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New-York held a special meeting yesterday afternoon to consider resolutions introduced by the Executive Committee at the last meeting. The first resolution was that after September 1, 1883, the minimum salary of a tutor shall be $1,000 a year, to be increased at the rate of $200 every two years until the maximum salary of $2,000 is attained. The next resolution declares that no person shall be appointed a tutor who is engaged in the practice of any profession or business, nor shall any person hereafter appointed a tutor be continued if he engage in such practice. The resolutions were adopted.

President Hunter, of the Normal College, announces that on Friday next tickets will be issued to young ladies who desire to be examined for admission to the Normal College. The examinations will begin on Monday next.

President Webb, of the College of the City of New-York, reports that 996 applications for admission to the college were received yesterday. Twenty-three of the applicants recorded themselves as coming from private schools, and three from Russia, two of the latter having spent the last year in this country in order to learn the English language sufficiently to enter the college. The examinations begin on Monday next and continue through Tuesday and Wednesday.

REGISTER'S OFFICE NOTES.

In the Register's Office yesterday there was placed on file an instrument by which Robert and Ogden Goelet acquire at a cost of $160,000 the property on the south side of Bleecker-st., extending from Broadway to Mercer-st., and being fifty-feet in depth. It was disposed of by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Glover.

D. Willis James has sold to the Eighty-fourth Street Presbyterian Church property on the northeast corner of Tenth-ave. and Eighty-sixth-st., which comprises about five city lots. The consideration was $30,000.

Park Commissioner Crimmins yesterday transferred to Henry Steger for $13,000 a lot of ground on the north side of Sixty-eighth-st. east of Third-ave.

The corporation at No. 121 Madison-ave. has given a mortgage on its structure at the northeast corner of Madison-ave. and Thirtieth-st. as guarantee for the payment of bonds each of the denomination of $500 and amounting to $100,000 which it has issued and which are payable in ten years.

Property in Eighty-second-st. near Second-ave. was mortgaged by H. K. Thurber and his wife to the United States Trust Company for a loan of $50,000 to be repaid in three years.

THE CORNER-STONE OF A NEW CHURCH.

The corner-stone of the new church edifice of the Disciples of Christ in West Fifty-sixth-st. near Ninth-ave. was laid yesterday afternoon by A. A. Aadraus, president of the Board of Trustees. It contained a hymn-book, Bible, denominational papers, the order of the ceremonies attending the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge, a list of the heads of the Government and a history of the church. The Rev. H. King Pendleton, the pastor, offered prayer, and the Rev. O. A. Bartholomew, of Philadelphia, gave a brief outline of the articles of faith and methods of work of the Disciples of Christ sometimes called Campbellite Baptists. He was followed by the Rev. A. B. Chamberlain, of Philadelphia, who spoke of the rapid growth and present strength of the Campbellite Church. The church in this city was established in 1818, and for a time worshipped in St. John's-lane. In 1835 it moved to a concert hall in Broadway near Canal-st. The following year the church removed to a chapel in Greene-st. In 1865 property was bought in Twenty-eighth-st., and last year that property was sold for $100,000 and the plot in Fifty-sixth-st. was purchased, where a church is now being erected.

DEPARTURE OF EUROPEAN TOURISTS.

When Mary Anderson stepped from her carriage to the gang-plank leading from the Guion Steamship Company's pier to the Arizona, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, she was greeted with the plaudits of more than a thousand people who had assembled to witness her departure for a European tour. She will be accompanied by her brother, Joseph Anderson, and Miss Bartell. As Miss Anderson stepped into the saloon she received floral gifts of various designs, with cards attached, showing that her numerous friends wished her "Bon Voyage."

On the vessel also was Francis Alexandre, of F. Alexandre & Sons, owners of the New-York, Havana and Mexican Steamship Line. As the vessel passed down the bay he was greeted with gun-salutes from several yachts, and a gun-salute from Pier No. 3, North River. One of the wads from a gun on the pier lodged in the lantern-box on the extreme end of Pier No. 4, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and set the building on fire. It was extinguished before much damage was done.

TWO MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES.

Patrick Casey, a young Irish mechanic of Waterbury, Conn., sent money to his sister Ellen, age seventeen, a few weeks ago to pay her passage from Ireland to New-York. She arrived at Castle Garden on May 17 by the Alaska and sent a telegram to her brother. She has not been seen since. Her brother has been unable to find a trace of her. He reported the disappearance last night to Inspector Thorne, who referred him to Superintendent Jackson at Castle Garden.

Another disappearance is that of Patrick Spellman of No. 453 West Sixteenth-st. Spellman, who is employed by the Consumers' Ice Company, received a telegram on Monday morning informing him of the death of his only child, an infant three months old. A few minutes later he abandoned his ice cart that he was driving and has not been heard of since. He is described as a man of steady habits, but it is feared that his mind has been affected by his infant's death.

A SEQUEL TO A SEIZURE BY MR. COMSTOCK.

Charles Hoff, who says that he has a bill of sale given him by Kelly & Bliss, the pool-sellers, sued Sheriff Furman of Queens County before Justice Delehanty in Long Island City yesterday for the recovery of the goods seized by Anthony Comstock at Kelly & Bliss's rooms last summer. Among the articles seized were two large pool registers, one of which is understood to have been made at Paris and imported at a cost of $1,200. Mr. Hoff alleges that the value of all the "machines" is not over $200. Coroner Robinson, who leased the rooms, swore that they were not worth over $100, as they were not now in use on any race-track. The plaintiff's plea was that as the Sheriff was not in possession of an order from any court directing him to retain the property, he should return it to the person proving his ownership. The defence denied the jurisdiction of the court, as the proceedings under which the seizure was made were taken in the first instance before the Supreme Court. The justice reserved his decision until Friday.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF FRIENDS.

At the meeting of the Society of Friends in the Gramercy Park Meeting House yesterday afternoon Mary G. Underhill, of Poughkeepsie, called the attention of the meeting to the school of the society known as the Oakwood Seminary, at Union Springs, on Cayuga Lake, N. Y. She said it was in need of considerable improvement. Appointments were made on the Evangelistic Committee, the Executive Committee and the Educational Committee for the next year, and Glens Falls, N. Y., was reported as the place of the next yearly meeting. The late William F. Mott, of this city, was one of the trustees of the Lindley Murray Fund, and the vacancy caused by his death was followed by the appointment of Edmond Titus, of Brooklyn.

The meeting of the Society of Friends in Rutherford Park was occupied yesterday with preliminary questions and responses relative to the management of the society.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARDS.

Dorman B. Eaton, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, was at the Custom House yesterday to confer further with Collector Robertson with regard to the operation of the new Civil Service rules. Mr. Eaton said that the lists of local examiners for this port, as well as for the twenty-one other ports, are all prepared, excepting the Board for San Francisco. The official announcement of the local boards will be announced in a week or ten days, by which time the Commission will have fully considered the nominations. Mr. Eaton said that there seems to be a frankly expressed desire among the Federal officials to abide by the rules and see that they are carried out in the spirit that was intended by Congress. The members of the local boards will be composed of those holding appointments under the Government, and, while they will receive no additional salary, they will be relieved of some of their other duties.

A SEIZURE OF "DOCTORED" TEA.

A lot of tea, consisting of 245 packages, which arrived at this port by the steamship Greece from London recently, was yesterday condemned by the assistant appraiser, James R. Davies. The tea was found upon examination to contain mineral substances which had been used to give color and weight to it. It is said that this shipping of "doctored" tea to America by English merchants is getting to be very common. Hereafter all tea arriving at this port will be examined by Mr. Davies under the act of Congress relating to the matter, passed last March, there being no consignment on its way here now which is exempt from the operation of that law. Merchants in the trade believe that when the English realize that the United States Government is in earnest in trying to prevent such stuff from being brought into the country they will desist in their attempts to sell it here.

DELAY IN TRANSFERRING THE ILLINOIS.

Some surprise has been expressed that the hospital ship Illinois, now lying at Stapleton, S. I., has not before this been taken to her usual summer moorings in the lower bay. Quarantine Commissioner Nichols said yesterday that it was not customary to take the Illinois to her moorings until June 1. He stated that she was being made ready and would probably go down the bay on Thursday next. The law regulating quarantine matters provides that the Illinois shall be taken to her moorings in the lower bay by May 1. She is used for the reception of peculiar contagious cases. The people of Staten Island fear that the germs of some contagious disease may be lurking in her old timbers.

SAID TO BE A CASE OF CHILD MURDER.

There was considerable excitement at Manhasset, L. I., yesterday morning, over the discovery of a case of alleged child murder. Coroner McKee, of Port Washington, was informed that the infant child of Matilda Whaley, which was about to be buried, had been murdered. The funeral was stopped and Dr. William Hoag, who made an examination, said that the child had been strangled. The mother, who is eighteen years old, unmarried, and the daughter of a respectable mechanic, was placed under arrest. She said that the child died from natural causes.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

New-York Hotel—Ex-Congressman Robert M. McLane, of Maryland....*Grand Hotel*—Judge Asa French, of Boston....*Gilsey House*—Commodore C. W. Pickering, U. S. N.; General Cyrus Bussey, of New-Orleans, and A. C. Hesing, of Chicago.....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—Ex-Governor P. C. Cheney, of New-Hampshire; A. S. Buford, of Richmond, Va., and M. M. Greene, President of the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo Railway Company .....*Brevoort House*—E. B. Elliott, of the Treasury Department....*Westminster Hotel*—Professor D. B. King, of Lafayette College.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Observances of Decoration Day.
American Jockey Club races at Jerome Park.
Atlantic, Seawanhaka, Jersey City, New-Jersey and Knickerbocker regattas.
New-York-Detroit, Yale-Princeton, and Metropolitan Cincinnati baseball matches at Polo Grounds.
Passaic River Amateur Rowing Association at Newark, N. J.
Williamsburg Athletic Club games at Williamsburg.
St. George's-Staten Island cricket match in Hoboken.
Hebrew Free School Association at Cooper Institute.
Palisade Rowing Club regatta at Yonkers.

Edward Labey, a workman in the bonded warehouse No. 159 Leroy-st., was killed yesterday by falling down a hatchway.

JUSTUS SCHWAB ARRAIGNED.

Justus Schwab, the Socialist, who keeps a liquor store at No. 50 First-st., was arraigned yesterday in the Court of General Sessions on a charge of violating the Excise laws. He pleaded not guilty.

A TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The certificate of incorporation of the People's Telephone and Telegraph Company of New-England was filed yesterday. The capital stock is fixed at $3,000,000, with power to increase it to $10,000,000. Frank Jones, James P. Cook, H. M. Cross and Ernest Marx are the corporators.

THE MILLS BUILDING TO BE ENLARGED.

Plans were filed at the Bureau of Buildings yesterday for alterations, to cost $100,000, in the Mills Building, at Broad-st. and Exchange-place. An extension in Exchange-place is to be raised to a height of ten stories to correspond with the main structure.

BONES UNEARTHED IN OLD POTTER'S FIELD.

Laborers have been employed for a few days past digging a trench in which to lay a gas main east of the Male Insane Asylum in Ward's Island. While so engaged the skulls and bones of several persons who had been buried in Potter's Field on the Island were unearthed.

PARTIAL SALE OF AN ESTATE.

At the Exchange Salesrooms yesterday lots in the Grand Boulevard, between Ninety-second and Ninety-third sts., were sold for from $4,275 to $4,400 apiece. Three lots in Ninth-ave., near Sixty-eighth-st., were bought for $11,875, or nearly $4,000 each. The property belonged to the estate of the late James Watson, but after these sales had taken place the remainder of the property was withdrawn.

MARRIOTT TO HAVE A NEW TRIAL.

Judge Gildersleeve yesterday granted a new trial to James H. Marriott, who escaped to this country with $75,000 in diamonds belonging to Franz Kramer, a Parisian jeweller. The new trial was asked for on the ground that the confession of the witness had not been corroborated by other testimony. There was an admission made that the property did not belong to the defendant, but there was no proof of that fact. The Judge denied the motion for the absolute discharge of the prisoner. No day was fixed for the new trial. Marriott was not in court when the motion was decided.

BROOKLYN.

A suit for an absolute divorce has been begun by William Butler against Mrs. Mary Butler.

The number of election districts this year will be increased from 186 to 213, owing to the increased vote last fall.

Surrogate Bergen admitted to probate yesterday the will of Anson Blake, jr., who died on March 13, leaving $250,000. Among the bequests are $5,000 to the Evangelical Educational Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Philadelphia and $26,000 for general charitable and benevolent purposes.

A verdict awarding $1,000 as damages has been rendered in the suit of Mary E. Hallney against Henry Barnes to recover $3,000 as damages for injuries caused to her foot by a truck owned by Barnes and driven by a man in his employ.

A suit has been begun by Mrs. Emma Stackpole in the Supreme Court to annul her marriage with Robert Stackpole on the ground that her husband at the time he married her, in 1875, had a wife from whom he was not divorced and who is still living.

A fine portrait of ex-Judge Joseph Neilson has been presented to the City Court by some of the members of the Brooklyn Bar and accepted for the Court by the General Term, composed of Judges McCue, Reynolds and Clement. The portrait will be hung on the wall of the court-room.

Francis Larkin, a well-known ball-player, who attempted to kill his wife and a policeman and then cut his own throat, about a month ago, was sufficiently recovered yesterday to be arraigned before Police Justice Naeher. Three charges were made against him, two of felonious assault in trying to kill his wife and the policeman and one of felony in attempting suicide. He pleaded not guilty and the examination was set down for Friday. Mrs. Larkin, who is nearly well, is taking care of her husband.

A lecture was given before a large audience in the Long Island College last evening by Dr. Corydon L. Ford on the subject of teeth. His lucid explanations of the different forms of teeth, their purposes and formation, were listened to with much interest. After the lecture a fine crayon portrait was presented to the college on behalf of the class of '83 by Dr. O. C. Smith, who said that Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes had termed Dr. Ford the greatest living demonstrator of anatomy. It was received by Dr. Dudley, president of the Faculty, and Dr. Ford expressed his acknowledgments in a few words.

STATEN ISLAND.

CLIFTON.—The large English iron steamship Professor Morse, which was constructed to assist in laying the Atlantic Cable, was discharging her cargo yesterday preparatory to being placed on the marine railway for repairs.

WEST BRIGHTON.—Justice Hulsebus yesterday fined fifteen New-York boys $2 each for playing baseball on Sunday.

TOMPKINSVILLE.—The surgical instruments, formerly the property of the old Seaman's Hospital, at Stapleton, have been presented by Francis Kinney to the Smith Infirmary.

NEWARK.

A special election was held in the Fourth Ward yesterday to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Lister, a Democrat. A. C. Denman, Democrat, was elected over George D. G. Moore by a majority of 147.

LONG ISLAND.

SAYVILLE.—The sloop yacht, Perry Belmont, built at Bayport, by Smith & Dodge, for John Edwards, will be launched on Thursday.

JAMAICA.—The fruit trees in Queens and Suffolk Counties are being badly injured by worms. Swarms of caterpillars form upon the branches of the trees, devouring the leaves.....Petitions are in circulation in the east end of Long Island, asking the Postmaster-General to re-establish the mail route between Sag Harbor, Shelter Island, Greenport and New-London, via steamer Manhasset.

GLEN COVE.—Walter alias "Tede" Cox, colored, was arrested yesterday charged with robbing and setting fire to the store of Mr. Luyster, at Greenvale three weeks ago. Cox, who is only eighteen years old, has served two terms in the House of Correction.

MINEOLA.—Frank Greig, of No. 114 East Forty-second-st., New-York City, was arrested on Monday charged with stealing a colt valued at $500 from the stable of Jackson Powell, at Westbury, on the night of May 24, was arraigned before Justice Valentine yesterday. Greig pleaded guilty and was held for the action of the Grand Jury.

FLUSHING.—Thieves entered the stable of John Busse on Sunday evening and stole a trotting horse valued at $500. The animal was traced to Newtown, where all traces were lost.

NEW-JERSEY.

PATERSON.—At an early hour yesterday morning a canal-boat on the Morris Canal, near the Stony Road bridge, brought to the surface of the water a woman's body. It was identified as that of Theresa McGahan, an unmarried woman who was employed in the Dolphin Mill and lived on Stony Road. She had been missing since Saturday night, when she was seen in Main-st. The general supposition is that she stumbled and fell into the canal. She was a woman of good character and habits, and as there are marks about the head and face some suspicions of foul play are entertained.

JERSEY CITY.

The contest for the Police Justiceship of Jersey City was reawakened yesterday by an application made to Judge Knapp by Joseph M. Nooman, in behalf of Justice Stilsing, for a writ of quo warranto requiring Justice Davis to show cause why he should not vacate the office. The writ was granted and was made returnable on Saturday, when argument will be heard.

August Hardekopp began his business career yesterday morning as a clerk in August Tewes's grocery store, No. 350 Grove-st. Being left alone in the store for a short time, Hardekopp appropriated $13 from the money drawer, a silver watch and chain and a $20 gold piece belonging to a fellow clerk, and decamped. Detective Doyle learned during the day that the absconder had recently served a term in State prison.

Catherine Hearn, age ten, of No. 599 Henderson-st., made a fire in the yard yesterday afternoon, and was playing around it when her clothing caught fire, and before assistance could be rendered she was burned to death.

An unknown man went into Thompson & Co.'s steel factory in Warren-st. yesterday afternoon and laid down before one of the furnaces to dry his clothing, which was dripping wet. The workmen thought that he had fallen asleep, but when they went to arouse him the discovery was made that he was dead. The body was removed to the morgue.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

NEW-ROCHELLE.—A number of boys at an early hour on Monday morning broke into a freight car of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad and helped themselves to two baskets of champagne consigned to Mrs. Thomas Reynolds. A boy named Keyley, who was arrested on suspicion, denied that he stole the champagne, but admitted that he drank some of it.

MOUNT VERNON.—The rite of confirmation was administered to a number of candidates at Trinity Church yesterday by Bishop Seymour, of Springfield, Ill.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises 4:31; sets 7:24 Moon rises 0:40 Moon's age, days 24

HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A.M.—Sandy Hook, 1:45; Gov. Island, 2:08; Hell Gate, 3:57
P.M.—Sandy Hook, 2:13; Gov. Island, 2:40; Hell Gate, 4:29

FOREIGN STEAMERS DUE AT THIS PORT.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	*From*	*Line.*
Vandalia	Hamburg	Hamb-Amer.
City of Berlin	Liverpool	Inman.
Ravinsburgh	Palermo	Med. and N. Y.
Abyssinia	Liverpool	Guion.
Bolivia	Glasgow	Anchor
Suevia	Hamburg	Hamb'g-American
City of Puebla	Hav. and Mex	Alexandre.
State of Nebraska	Glasgow	State.

THURSDAY, MAY 31.

City of Rome	Liverpool	Anchor.
Ludgate Hill	London	Hill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1.

Labrador	Havre	French Trans.
City of Paris	Liverpool	Inman.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....TUESDAY, MAY 29, 1883

ARRIVED.

Steamer Pavonia (Br), McKay, Liverpool May 19, Queenstown 20, with mdse and passengers to Vernon H Brown & Co.

Steamer Lydian Monarch (Br), Huggett, London 11 days, with mdse and passengers to Patton, Vickers & Co.

Steamer Danish Monarch (Br), Cowes, Kingston 9 days, in ballast to Patton, Vickers & Co.

Steamer Avila (Span), Goitesolo, St Johns, PR, April 27, Kingston May 17, Falmouth 19, and Port Antonio 8 days, with fruit, etc, to Pim, Forwood & Co.

Steamer Moctera (Span), Villamil, San Domingo via Marcoris, PR, 7 days, with sugar and molasses to J de Rivera & Co.

Steamer New-Orleans, Halsey, New-Orleans 6 days, with mdse and passengers to S H Seaman.

Steamer City of Columbia, Woodhull, Charleston 2½ days, with mdse and passengers to J W Quintard & Co.

Steamer Regulator, Doane, Wilmington 3 days, with mdse to Wm P Clyde & Co.

Steamer Roanoke, Couch, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk, with mdse and passengers to Old Dominion SS Co.

Ship Alert (of Boston), Park, Cebu Jan 22, with mdse to Iru Burdley; vessel to Vernon H Brown & Co.

Bark Sympatia (Ital), Scotto, Seville 42 days, with mdse to order; vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Cefferetti Dubrovacki (Austr), Turcinovich, Lisbon 38 days, with cork, salt, etc, to order; vessel to Austin Baldwin & Co.

Bark Fairmount (of Windsor, NS), King, Antwerp 32 days, with iron and empty barrels to order; vessel to Snow & Burgess.

Bark Jessie McGregor, McFadden, Turpan 22 days, with mdse to Brandeis & Co; vessel to Jed Frye & Co.

Bark Linnea (Nor), Barth, Barbadoes 18 days, with sugar to order; vessel to Benham & Boyesen.