DR. NEWMAN'S JUDGES.

RESPONSES TO THE LETTERS-MISSIVE.

THE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE PASTOR'S SALARY —TRUSTEE NICOLL GIVES HIS REASONS.

There were smiles of heartfelt pleasure on the lips of Dr. Ranney's friends yesterday when they read the reports of the trustees' meeting on Monday night. Mr. Nicoll's protest against paying $10,000 a year as pastor's salary out of an assured income of about $13,500 was regarded with satisfaction at the evening meeting in Dr. Ranney's office, and it was suggested that the struggle to relieve Dr. Newman of his pulpit possibly might be decided before the ecclesiastical council was convened. Additional preparations were made for the council next week. Clerk Barnes has received answers to the letters-missive from fifteen churches who choose their delegates as follows: Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, Dr. R. S. Storrs and John M. Van Cott, with Dr. Francis H. Stuart as alternate; Central Church, Brooklyn, Dr. A. J. F. Behrends and Albert Perkins; Tompkins Avenue Church, Brooklyn, Dr. G. F. Pentecost and C. D. Wood; South Church, Brooklyn, Dr. A. J. Lyman and S. S. Maples; Puritan Church, Brooklyn, Dr. E. P. Ingersoll and Asa A. Spear; Broadway Tabernacle, Dr. Taylor and Thomas W. Whitmore; Congregational Church, Flushing, Dr. John A. French and R. B. Parsons; Springfield Congregational Church, Dr. E. P. Terhune; Park Street Church, Boston, Dr. J. L. Withrow; Shawmut Church, Boston, Dr. E. B. Webb; Albany Congregational Church, Dr. W. S. Stuart and D. A. Thompson; First Congregational Church, Washington, Dr. J. E. Rankin and Dr. O. F. Precbrey; Schenectady Church, Dr. J. H. Munsell; Northampton Church, Dr. H. W. Lathe; First Congregational Church, New-Haven, Dr. Newman Smyth and the Rev. E. E. Atwater; Dr. H. M. Dexter, of Boston, and the Rev. H. H. McFarland, of this city. Letters have also been received from President Carter, of Williams College, and from Professor Samuel Harris, of Yale College, excusing themselves from serving on account of professional duties.

A TRIBUNE reporter called on Mr. Nicoll yesterday afternoon and inquired if he still thought that Dr. Newman's salary should be decreased this year to $4,000, in order to make an average of $8,000 a year for the three years. Mr. Nicoll said:

When Dr. Newman was made permanent pastor of the church, I was informed that there was an income from the pews, of about $20,000. We calculated, naturally, that with this certain income we could get between $6,000 and $7,000 a year from plate collections. This showing, and especially the expectation aroused by it, induced Trustee Breen to suggest that Dr. Newman's salary should be made $8,000. I thought that, under the circumstances, the church could afford to pay $10,000 and said so. The other trustees agreed with me. It was not long afterward that we found that the pew rent amounted to a trifle over $12,000, and that the plate collections brought in about $1,000. This was a marked difference. I am inclined to pay Dr. Newman what the church can afford; and it can afford to pay its pastor only the surplus over its necessary running expenses. I am inclined to advocate that the money now in the Sinking Fund of the church should be used for the purpose for which it was intended, and not to pay salaries. The church building is badly in need of painting and new carpets are needed; yet the income of the church, with the exception of salaries to the choir and janitor, and the expenses for minor repairs, is paid to Dr. Newman. The Ladies' Aid Society should use the $5,000 which it holds for the purpose of paying off a part of the church mortgage, and it should not be swallowed up in the current expenses of which the pastor's salary forms so large a part.

Then you are in favor of discontinuing Dr. Newman's services at $10,000 a year?

Most decidedly. I respect Dr. Newman, and would be satisfied to pay him $20,000 a year if the church could afford it; but it cannot.

Are you in favor, then, of Dr. Ranney's action in regard to Dr. Newman?

No, sir. I do not agree with him in any way. The council which has been called cannot decide on this most vital point. It may say that Dr. Newman is or is not pastor; but it cannot tell us how much salary we must pay him. Should it decide in our favor, I am still opposed to continuing Dr. Newman's services at the price. Dr. Howorth received only $5,000; there is no reason why, under similar circumstances, Dr. Newman should receive any more.

Trustee Seymour when asked why Mr. Nicoll's suggestions at Monday's meeting were disregarded said:

I am afraid that he was laboring under a mistake in regard to the receipts of the church. At no time since Dr. Newman became pastor were the pew rents $20,000. The income of the church from that source, I can show you by the books, has been steadily about $14,000; the plate collections amount to about $4,000. We have gone along thus far without any special collections, and have been able to meet expenses; I know of no reason why we should not continue to do so. Mr. Nicoll's suggestion that we should start a ladies' fair, or undertake a similar enterprise for the purpose of raising money, I do not think pertinent at present, because the ladies would not hold one while the affairs of the church are in so unsettled a condition.

WILL THE ST. NICHOLAS BE TORN DOWN?

PLANS FILED FOR STORES ON THE SITE OF THE HOTEL.

Plans were filed with the Bureau of Buildings yesterday for three large stores to be erected on the lots Nos. 513 to 519 Broadway. The building will be six stories in height and will run through from Broadway to Mercer-st. The fronts will be constructed of stone, iron and brick, while fire-proof materials will be altogether used in the interior. The estimated cost is stated as $330,000. The property forms part of the estate of David Henry Haight, for which J. L. Smith is one of the trustees.

Nos. 513 to 519 Broadway are at present occupied by the St. Nicholas Hotel, and though the contracts for the proposed building have not yet been signed, it seems more than probable that the St. Nicholas Hotel will within a few months be a thing of the past. The plans have been prepared by S. A. Warner. Uriah Welch, the present lessee of the St. Nicholas, said last night to a TRIBUNE reporter:

I do not care to say much about the proposed alterations, as they are not yet fully decided upon. The fact is that the trustees wish to raise my rent after May, when my lease expires. I consider that I am paying now quite as much as the property is worth for hotel purposes. Indeed, I believe that it is sufficient to give the trustees about 7 per cent on the highest valuation of the ground and building. The rent was raised twice before 1872, but was then reduced as much as was absolutely necessary in order to run the hotel successfully. I think myself that the trustees make a mistake. It is true that stores make only a higher rent than the hotel, but they have got the hotel and have not got the stores or the money with which to build them, and I do not think that the next few years are going to prove so prosperous as to allow of any risks being taken in building speculations. If I step out of the St. Nicholas in May I shall for the near future content myself with running my Richfield Springs house. After the summer season my plans are uncertain, but I shall certainly have a hotel somewhere.

One of the trustees stated that though they would prefer to keep the hotel standing, their duty was to get the best return they could from the property, and if converting it into stores would have that effect, the hotel would probably go.

The St. Nicholas Hotel was opened in 1851, and was at that time the most luxuriously appointed hotel in the city, and in some measure revolutionized the hotel business. For many years, until after the establishment of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in fact, the St. Nicholas stood in the front rank of New-York hotels. During the War the proprietors made a great deal of money, but soon after that the receipts began to diminish. The tide of fashion moved so far up-town that the St. Nicholas was stranded, and had it not been for Mr. Welch's good management it would before this have probably passed out of existence. But he has had to struggle hard during the last few years.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS URGED.

A large delegation of citizens from Washington Heights called on the Commissioner of Public Works yesterday morning to urge the paving of a number of streets and other improvements in that part of the city. Among them were Dr. C. A. Stoddard, James Monteith, Dr. Isaac L. Peet and James A. Beall. A petition signed by many property-owners and residents was read by Dr. Peet, stating that "Tenth-ave., the Kingsbridge Road and the Boulevard, north of One-hundred-and-fifty-fifth-st., and nearly all the cross streets are in such a condition as to be in rainy weather almost impassable." It was also suggested that all graded streets north of One-hundred-and-forty-fifth-st. be paved either with Macadam or stone block pavement, and their sidewalks flagged and planted with shade trees, and that many cross walks should be laid. Mr. Thompson said that the petition was too general. Similar committees had come before him, asking that large improvements should be undertaken, when it came to asking that a certain street be opened the property-owners refused to sign the petition. He also reminded the committee that he had nothing to do with the streets above the Harlem River.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW.

The crowd was so great at the Horticultural Society's exhibition yesterday that it was impossible to see anything at the vast tables. The ladies were thrilled by the roses in the first place, next by the extraordinary wealth of orchids, lastly by the cut flowers, which included a number of rare blossoms. These were the usual favorites among roses: Jacks, Mermets Perles, Remes, Safranos, Niphetos, Souvenirs, Bon Silenes, &c. The point of chief attraction was the new rose, the Madame Cusin, an extremely delicate blossom of bright pink with petals fine as paper. Many of the roses were cut with long stems, showing the leafage and manner of growth. There was a specimen of the Farleyense maiden's-hair; but it was badly frosted. Pierre Lorillard sent a platter of gardenias from Jobstown. Near it was the display of Woolson, of Passaic, New-Jersey. It included a fine display of the narcissus, and some rare herbaceous plants; anemones, including the rich scarlet one, iris, the golden reticulated variety from the Caucasus, the cœnodoxa, from Asia Minor, some birdsfoot violets; a pot of the heartleafed synthyus from Oregon, and some scarlet tulips.

THE NEW RECTOR OF ST. IGNATIUS'S.

"The Rev. Arthur Ritchie has accepted our call," said a vestryman of St. Ignatius's Church, in West Fortieth-st., yesterday, "and will begin his duties here on May 4. He is not more than thirty-five years old but is above the average minister in ability, and will take a foremost place among the Episcopal clergymen of New-York. In nine years he has built up a flourishing parish for the Church of the Ascension in Chicago, and it was not easy to persuade him that a fitter field was to be found in this city. Previous to going to Chicago he served the Church of the Advent in Boston as assistant pastor. He has no family and can give all his attention to our church, which has never been prosperous. Yes, he belongs to the High Church—we could have no other rector—and he is a man of strong and earnest convictions. The High Church is now more popular than formerly in this country the distinction is less known, and its ritual is yearly growing into favor, especially with the younger members of the clergy."

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Grand Hotel—Inspector-General D. B. Sacket, United States Army, and Rear-Admiral C. R. P. Rodgers, United States Navy.....*Gilsey House*—Ex-Senator Alvin Saunders, of Nebraska.....*Windsor Hotel*—Richard T. Merrick, of Washington, and Daniel Robinson, of Troy .....*Hotel Brunswick*—L. Z. Leiter, of Chicago, and Isaac McConihe, of Troy.....*Brevoort House*—Franklin B. Gowen and John C. Bullitt, of Philadelphia....*New-York Hotel*—George C. Gorham, of Washington.....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—Ex-Governor Henry Lippitt, of Rhode Island.....*Union Square Hotel*—H. O. Houghton, of Boston.....*Everett House*—Rear-Admiral George H. Preble, United States Navy....*Metropolitan Hotel*—Ex-Congressman R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo.....*St. James Hotel*—Ex-Congressman Horace F. Page, of California.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

William M. Evarts's argument in Stokes will case, Surrogate's Court.

Central Railway of New-Jersey reference before Examiner Olliphant, noon.

Meetings of Park Department and Board of Education.

Aqueduct and Rapid Transit Commissioners, THE TRIBUNE Building.

Annual election of Union Pacific Railroad.

Cocks-Read case before Referee Dunning, 10:30 a. m.

Purim Ball, Metropolitan Opera House.

Bruff Elevated Railway Trustees, No. 45 William-st., 2 p. m.

Medico-Legal Society, No. 64 Madison-ave., 8 p. m.

Board of Officers of 23d Regiment Veterans, 8 p. m.

Bishop Littlejohn lectures, St. Peter's Church, 8 p. m.

Commissioners of Emigration, Castle Garden, 2 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

J. B. H. has sent $5 to this office for Mrs. Mary Laly, of No. 131 Liberty-st.

The dog show will take place in Madison Square Garden on May 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Although over three months have elapsed, the regimental bands are still unpaid for their services on Evacuation Day.

The Imperial Dragon Troupe of Japanese give their quaint entertainment at Koster & Bial's every night.

Corporation Counsel Andrews says that the Board of Police cannot retire a policeman on the ground of disability without granting him a pension.

John S. Barnes, formerly of the banking house of J. S. Kennedy & Co., has become a director of the Columbia Bank, at Fifth-ave. and Forty-second-st.

The Board of Health yesterday ordered the tenement house No. 71 Thompson-st. to be vacated within ten days, on Dr. Day's report that it was in a condition dangerous to health.

The parade of the Barnum and London shows will take place on Saturday night if the weather permits, and will exceed in magnitude and glitter the large one of last year. It will be over a mile in length.

The Controller yesterday approved the sureties of J. S. Brown, who on Monday secured the contract for cleaning the streets below Fourteenth-st., west of Broadway.

NO STANDING ROOM TO LIE DOWN.

The night watchman at Castle Garden, in his report on the immigrants yesterday, said: "I slowed all I could in the Labor Bureau, but I had to leave some in the rotunda, as there wasn't even standing room for the immigrants to lie down."

A BROADWAY LANDMARK GOING.

The old frame building at the southwest corner of Broadway and Bleecker-st. is being torn down to make way for a new brick structure. It was built before the war of 1812. It is the last frame building in Broadway below Madison square.

COINS AND MEDALS AT AUCTION.

Messrs. Bangs & Co. yesterday began the sale of a large collection of gold, silver and copper medals and coins from the cabinets of Winslow J. Howard and Francis Holstein. An American cent, dated 1804, brought $18. A Cromwell English crown sold for $16 75.

MR. ROOT'S NEW ASSISTANT.

United States District-Attorney Root yesterday appointed Henry N. Tilitt, who has been for several years an assistant in the office of Bartlett & Root, to the position of Assistant District-Attorney, formerly held by Charles A. Hess, resigned. Mr. Tilitt will aid Mr. Foster in the management of the criminal branch of the office.

THE OPENING OF NINETY-NINTH STREET.

An application has been made to the Commissioner of Public Works, signed by all the owners of property on the line of the proposed improvement, for the opening of Ninety-ninth-st from Third to Fourth aves. This is the only street that remains to be cut through the old Haughton farm.

A CHANGE AT THE HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE.

Lieutenant D. Daniels, of the Branch Naval Hydrographic Office, at the Maritime Exchange, has been relieved from duty and ordered to the United States training ship Saratoga, which will sail for Lisbon to-day. His successor, it is expected, will be Lieutenant Harber, of Arctic fame.

CHARGED WITH ISSUING A FORGED CHECK.

Don P. Arturó Pina, of Mazatlan, Mexico, has been living at the New-York Hotel. Yesterday he presented a check for $150, purporting to be signed by Dr. W. G. Spore surgeon of the steamer City of Washington, of the Alexandre line. H. Cranston, proprietor of the hotel, suspected that the check was forged and had Don Pina arrested. He was remanded at the Jefferson Market Police Court.

DAMAGED BY COLLISION.

The schooner Minna A. Read arrived here yesterday from Cardenas a partial wreck. Off Long Branch, about 5 o'clock a. m., she was run into by an unknown schooner, and was cut down to the water's edge on her starboard side. She also had her starboard main-chains carried away and her mainsail torn. The other vessel lost her jib-boom and received other damage.

ANOTHER CENTENNIAL TO BE OBSERVED.

The New-York Historical Society last evening resolved to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington, as President of the United States, on April 30, 1789. Dr. George H. Morse, in presenting the resolutions, said that he thought that organized historical societies throughout the country should unite in bringing together all documents relating to the event, in order that a book might be written.

RUNNING AWAY FROM JUSTICE.

An examination was to be held at the Tombs Police Court, yesterday, in the case of James H. McKinley, a lawyer of No. 64 Sixth-ave., who was arrested some weeks ago charged with blackmail. Justice Duffy was informed, however, that the accused man had disappeared. He communicated with the District-Attorney, who ordered that the bond of $500, which had been furnished by David McManus, of No. 63 Sixth-ave., should be forfeited.

THE POLICE AND THE PENSION BILLS.

Inspector Thorne presided over a meeting of the police captains, inspectors and the Superintendent, at Police Headquarters, last night. The meeting had been summoned to discuss the features of the two Police Pension bills now before the Legislature. It was decided, after much argument, that the bills should be consolidated. The principal features of the bills are the clauses which create revenue for the Pension Fund from payments derived from masked balls, pistol permits, etc. A committee consisting of Superintendent Walling, Inspectors Dilks and Byrnes, and Captains Williams and Petty, was appointed to consider the matter and report on next Saturday.

DOINGS OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association yesterday elected Colonel John Ward secretary; Colonel J. H. Cowperthwait, Major C. L. Fincke and Captain A. T. Ackerman committee on finance; Colonel J. G. Story, General Charles F. Rossmus and Captain E. L. Jalinski range committee, and Colonel George D. Scott an honorary director for life. It was resolved to appoint a committee to draw up a plan for a match to be called the President's match to be shot on the same basis as the Queen's match; another to be called the Governor's match; a third to be called the Merchant's match; a fourth to be called the Bankers and Brokers' match; and a fifth to be called the Manufacturers' match.

BROOKLYN.

Deaths last week, 199; births, 363; marriages, 115.

Mayor Low yesterday accepted an invitation to review the parade of Irish societies on St. Patrick's Day.

John C. Perry received official notice yesterday of his nomination for Chief Justice of Wyoming Territory by President Arthur.

Skating was resumed at Prospect Park yesterday, and many persons were on the ice, which was in good condition.

George W. Brown, a builder, made an assignment yesterday, with liabilities of $88,467 53, and nominal assets of $198,865.

Frank W. Van Ness failed to appear for trial yesterday upon the charge of bigamy. His bail was $1,000 and his bondsmen will be prosecuted.

The Arctic steamer Bear was inspected yesterday by the Government Board appointed for that purpose. The Board will report to the Navy Department what things in their judgment should be done to strengthen the vessel.

The committee recently appointed by the Bridge Trustees to consider a reduction in the tolls, held a private meeting yesterday. A report will be made next Monday in favor of retaining the present toll charges.

Peter Tilyou waived examination upon the charge of criminal libel in circulating a paper charging that the Trustees of Common Lands of Gravesend would steal the money received for the land in Coney Island offered for sale. He was held in $1,000 bonds to await the action of the Grand Jury.

A bill of particulars setting forth the allegations of the plaintiff was filed in the suit for limited divorce brought by Miss Annie E. Highie against J. Walter Vaughn, to whom she asserts that she was married at a church sociable in Flatbush, last summer.

Czar Dunning, for thirty years secretary of the South Brooklyn Savings Bank, at Atlantic-ave. and Clinton-st., and formerly president of the Atlantic Fire Insurance Company, died on Monday at his home, No. 181 Harrison-st. He had reached the age of eighty-three. For a year he had been unable to attend to business, and old age was given as the cause of his death. He left two sons and one daughter. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

JERSEY CITY.

When Daniel Lane, before Judge Stilsing yesterday was charged with assault and battery on Mrs. Kate Killeen the complainant was unwilling to testify against him although she had been in the hospital several weeks. Being informed that she intended leaving the city Judge Stilsing committed her to the County Jail as a witness.

Burglars broke into the house of Z. K. Pangborn, Editor of *The Evening Journal*, on Monday night, but they did not take anything of value.

John Burt, of No. 59 Lake-st., assistant engineer of the steamer Alps, Monday night was found lying in Manhattan-ave. in a helpless state of intoxication. Yesterday he told Judge Lawrence that he had visited two gin mills in New-York. At the last place in Thirteenth-st. he met a man who said that he lived in West Hoboken. He took charge of Burt's money, $100, and a gold watch and chain valued at $100.

NEWARK.

The Rev. Charles E. Little, of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, has accepted a call from Trinity Church, Staten Island.

Mrs. Valentine Schmitt, of No. 301 Springfield-ave., called at the Controller's office yesterday to inquire if her taxes were paid for 1882-83. It was found that the taxes for 1882 were not paid. Mrs. Schmitt said that she gave Finley A. Johnson money to pay them. He is now a fugitive from justice under charges of forgery.

The meat inspectors condemned a quantity of "bob veal" at the Morris and Essex Railroad depot yesterday.

The taking of testimony in the exceptions to the accounting of the Rev. John Ward, of Bloomfield, guardian of May Sue denhand Ward, was continued yesterday, and adjourned to March 18.

NEW JERSEY.

PERTH AMBOY.—Charles Bushing, engineer of the steam canal boat Saturn, was arrested yesterday and taken to Northport, Long Island, for trial. He is accused of having broken into several canal boats in December, and stolen tools, clothing and other articles. He was arrested at the time, but escaped from Constable Keichum.

RAHWAY.—Ferdinand Reetz, age twenty-one, was struck by the Washington limited express yesterday. His left arm and right foot were badly mangled, his under jaw was broken and he sustained internal injuries that will doubtless result in death. He had been in this country only two months.

BLOOMFIELD.—The report of the town officers showed an excellent financial condition. The appropriations for the next fiscal year are $17,500. Sixty of the most influential citizens of both parties have signed a call for a meeting this evening to nominate township officers.

MONTCLAIR.—The Hook and Ladder building has been sold to Hugh Gallagher and will be moved. .....The Literary Association at its meeting on Monday night discussed "Twelfth Night."

PLAINFIELD.—Mrs. Thomas McCarty had a narrow escape from burning to death yesterday morning. She was dressing the children when her clothing caught fire. She rushed into a shed adjoining the house and tore off the burning garments. Her outer clothing was entirely ruined but she escaped without serious bodily injury.....The Rev. William Scribner, author of "Love for Souls," and other religious books, died on Sunday evening. Several of his books have had a large circulation.

HOBOKEN.—James Corrigan, of No. 170 Newark-st., had an argument on Monday night with his wife which was brought to a close by means of an attack on him by her father, mother and brother. When Corrigan escaped and reached Dr. Helfer's house he was bleeding from five ugly cuts on the head which, he said, had been inflicted by his brother-in-law, John McCloskey, who was arrested and committed for trial.

Mayor Timken has discovered an objectionable feature in Assembly bill No. 253, which provides that all corporations shall pay one-third of their taxes to the State. The Hoboken Land and Improvement Company pays the city $100,000 annually, and there are several other large corporations in Hoboken. Mr. Timken thinks that the city will lose $50,000 if the bill becomes a law. He will go to Trenton to oppose it, and has also prepared a petition against the bill. Copies of the petition will be circulated for signatures to-day.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.—A conference was held on Monday evening in the lecture-room of the First Presbyterian Church to consider the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. The Rev. William Harris, treasurer of Princeton College and president of the Young Men's Christian Convention, addressed the meeting.

SOUTH AMBOY.—The annual financial statement shows the receipts to be $15,616 92, and the expenditures $2,662 42 less, with $3,952 52 still due.

CRANBURY.—A national bank, with a capital of $50,000, is to be established.

HARRISON.—The Town Counsel has advised the Common Council that as the suits for possession of the ends of streets on the river front had been decided by the courts in favor of the city, steps should be taken to collect rents from the persons occupying them.....The treasurer's report shows $1,257 64 receipts; $2,101 expenditures, and $2,910 89 on hand.....The Scotia Singing Society elected officers on Monday night.....A public meeting was held last evening to consider arrangements for running the stage line until the street-car company is ready to begin operations.

ORANGE.—The Superintendent of Public Education recommends the establishment of technical schools.....The total enrolment of school children is 1,718, a gain of 50 over the preceding year..... The cost of the Fire Department last year was $11,582 71.....The City Physician reports the death rate as 19 7-10. He recommends free drinking fountains in poor localities.....The Police Department made 680 arrests and kept 2,792 lodgers last year.

ELIZABETH.—The house of Mrs. Gates, No. 44 Madison-ave., was entered by burglars on Monday night and robbed of a quantity of silverware..... Two men, supposed to be negroes, made an assault on two young women in North Broad-st., on Monday night. The outcries of the women frightened the men away.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

YONKERS.—The dead body of a one-day-old female infant was found yesterday morning. Coroner Whitehall expects to find the mother.

SING SING.—Bernard McDermott, a laborer in a lime and marble yard, was killed by a premature blast causing a large mass of stone to fall upon him yesterday morning. He was thirty-five years old and leaves a widow and two children.

TARRYTOWN.—A young man while intoxicated was robbed on Monday night by a companion with whom he had been drinking of a gold watch and chain and $100 in money.

LONG ISLAND.

NEW-LOTS.—About four years ago Wilhelm Tattberg, of Eldridge-ave. and Broadway, East New-York, secured a divorce from his wife, and the custody of their son Willie, age six, was awarded to the father. He was sent to school in District No. 1 of New-Lots. Yesterday two women called at the school and asked to see him. When they went away he accompanied them. The younger woman was about twenty-six years old, and answered to the description of Mrs. Tattberg. When the father found that his son was gone he informed the police and a general alarm was sent out in East New-York and Brooklyn. It is not known where Mrs. Tattberg has been living.

STATEN ISLAND.

RICHMOND.—Judge Stephens, in the Richmond County Court of Sessions, was served with an order from Judge Pratt, of the Supreme Court, stating that an argument was to be had before him on March 19, on a motion for change of venue in the case of James McGuirk, alias "Mulligan's Ghost." Judge Stephens, in accordance with Judge Pratt's order, adjourned the case, pending the result of the application to change the place of trial.

PORT RICHMOND.—At the charter election held yesterday the following officers were elected: Garrett P. Wright, president; Messrs. Van Name, Haws, Merscreau and Whitman, trustees, and Pollock, Treasurer.

CLIFTON.—The schooner Drift, of the United States Coast Survey, was launched yesterday from the marine railway, after having been repaired.

ALONG THE SOUND.

NORWALK.—The Athletic Association will meet to-morrow evening.

SOUTH NORWALK.—Francis Burritt killed twenty-eight broad-bill ducks at one shot yesterday, and secured them all.

BRIDGEPORT.—The Washington Park Methodist Episcopal Church is finished, at a cost of $35,000, and will be dedicated on March 30. It has an organ costing $3,000.....The special committee appointed in behalf of the city will go to Washington next week to appear before the River and Harbor Committee in aid of a proposed $30,000 harbor appropriation.

MR. EVARTS ON MR. STOKES.

ARGUMENT BEFORE THE SURROGATE.

DEFINING THREE FORMS OF DEMENTIA—THE TESTATOR NOT INTEMPERATE.

William M. Evarts occupied the entire day yesterday, before Surrogate Rollins, in summing up his case in behalf of proponents of the will of the late James Stokes, which Mrs. Henry Dale, the daughter of the testator, is contesting. The estate amounted to $6,000,000. After stating that Mrs. Dale had an income of from $40,000 to $50,000, which she could use for purposes of affection or charity, Mr. Evarts took up the subject of Mr. Stokes's testamentary capacity. According to the best authorities, there were three forms of dementia or incoherence—the second term being used by Dr. Pritchard, and being preferable—paralytic, alcoholic and senile dementia. There was no concurrence in the opinions of the physicians examined on the stand as to the theoretical condition of Mr. Stokes, according to hypothetical questions. No assistance could be obtained from that source. "The question is not what the condition of a man's physical nature may be, 'he continued, "or the estiology, or the prognosis, or the treatment, or the systemology of his physical disease may be, one or all of them put together; the question is, notwithstanding the circumstances unusual or peculiar, or natural and common, whether he has mind." Latin words of classification were of no consequence in determining Mr. Stokes's condition of mind. The doctors had not examined it. Mr. Stokes had gone about up to the last day of his life, carrying his latch-key, and imagining himself in the physical and mental control of his outgoing and incoming.

Referring to the physicians who had answered hypothetical questions, Mr. Evarts said: "Why physicians will come into court and comply with the wishes of suitors, with the consciousness that they have no specific knowledge of the business in the case, in the face of reproof after rebuff which they meet in the courts so often, I cannot understand." There was no evidence showing that incoherence of ideas which the best authorities describe as indicative of dementia. As for paralytic dementia, there could be none; for Mr. Stokes had never had a stroke of paralysis. Dr. Pearson's ideas of epileptic attacks in the last two days of Mr. Stokes's life would not indicate impaired powers in the testator when he made his will. As for alcoholic dementia, this was impossible. Mr. Stokes had not suffered from an excessive use of alcohol; nor had he been "soaked" in it. "Whether in the last moments of his life," said Mr. Evarts, "he, in a particular condition of nervous depression, was more than ordinarily affected by spirituous liquor, or whether under these impressions, or under the need of stimulants, he, to save himself, did or did not, as occasion presented itself for a resort to stimulants, take more than was desirable of that stimulant which is the solace of our common nature, is an utterly insignificant factor in determining this issue.

"And here my quarrel is with the son-in-law, if he be the principal in this litigation, or the daughter, if she be the promoter of it; or the daughter's doctor, if he be the source of it. I must complain of those inquiries so intolerable, so unimportant, so unconnected with proper inquiry here—unless they tend to prove that Mr. Stokes's life was such as naturally to result in alcoholic dementia. Why will—in turning to Mr. Bangs and other opposing counsel) disturb the walk and conversation of an honorable citizen, before the public, in the courts, and in the newspapers, with an issue so trivial that your experts, in answer to hypothetical questions, discarded it as so trivial as to be without operation? Now, Mr. Stokes in his tenor of life was as temperate a man as is to be found in the circle of our knowledge or in the rank of society making up in the mass the population of this city. Does anybody doubt it? No, save that in his last moments there is some impression that he may have been under the influence, for the moment, of something more than the mere warmth of wine is the result of ordinary stimulants. But I submit that so far as there may have been any appreciable influence upon his mental condition, it has no more foundation than if the case had been that of his esteemed brother-in-law, the late William E. Dodge, who was more abstinent, but not more temperate."

Mr. Evarts insisted that the charge of senile dementia could not be sustained. Fidelity was supported only by detached instances of loss of memory, infirmity of temper, and lack of courtesy, which in persons of robust mind had frequently been distinguishing characteristics. To illustrate that point, Mr. Evarts told a story of Sir Isaac Newton, who was once called upon by a distinguished philosopher, Dr. Stuple. He was informed that Sir Isaac was in his study and could not be interrupted, but would soon be down to dinner. The philosopher waited for an hour, became tired and hungry, and ate the food which had been put under the cover for Sir Isaac's dinner, and departed another. The cover had just been put over the remaining bones of the fowl, when Sir Isaac entered the room. He made his excuses, and then asked additional sufference until he could eat his dinner. He sat down, lifted the cover, saw the bones and exclaimed: "See what we studious people are! I had forgotten that I had dined!" All the instances, put together, of loss of memory, hot temper, etc., in Mr. Stokes's life, concluded Mr. Evarts, showed no reduction or diminution in his testamentary faculty.

The argument will be resumed to-day.

CIVIL NOTES.

The suit of William C. Brown against the Mutual Trust Company came up yesterday before Justice Van Brunt, in the Special Term of the Supreme Court. Mr. Brown states that the company organized the American Mining Exchange, with seats to be sold at $1,000 each. The original plan provided that the money obtained from the sales of seats should form a trust fund, to be invested in United States bonds, to be set apart, one representing a seat. Mr. Brown declares that the money was not invested according to his understanding, and he seeks an accounting. The Trust Company asserts that the original plan was modified; that the amended plan did not contemplate the previous disposition of the money received from the sales of seats; and that Mr. Brown came in under the modified scheme. A motion to dismiss was denied.

Argument on the claim of Judge Henry A. Gildersleeve to $21,000 against the city, as a balance of salary due him, was made before the General Term of the Supreme Court yesterday. The case was taken directly there by agreement. Judge Gildersleeve was elected an additional Judge of the Court of General Sessions in November, 1875. He served on a salary of $12,000 annually, under protest, alleging that by the act of May, 1875, he was entitled to $15,000 a year. He has brought suit, accordingly, to recover $21,000 as the balance of salary up to December 31, 1882. The defence of the city is based on the construction of the act of June 8, 1875, which provides that the Register, Surrogate, District Attorney, City Judge and the additional City Judge shall receive a salary of $12,000 each.

The suit of W. B. Dinsmore against the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company to set aside the lease of the Jersey Central was continued before Examiner S. B. Olliphant, at No. 119 Liberty-st., yesterday. Mr. Conkling was not present until half-past three o'clock, and the case was delayed until his arrival. J. W. Watson, the treasurer of the road, stated that Mr. Dinsmore, previous to May 9, owned 1,500 shares of stock in the Jersey Central, but that the shares were held by brokers. He added that although Mr. Dinsmore had forbade his paying the dividends due on the stock to any one else, he had disobeyed his instructions and had paid the dividends to the brokers holding the stock.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The proceedings of the United States Supreme Court to-day were as follows:

No. 453—W. K. Parcher and others, owners of the steam yacht Mamie, etc., appellants, agt. James Cuddy, administrator, etc. Motion for an injunction. Argued.

Ex parte in the matter of Albert Grant, petitioner. Leave granted to R. E. Butler to file petition for writ of mandamus.

No. 240—The Eagleton Manufacturing Company, appellant, agt. the West, Bradley and Cary Manufacturing Company and others. Passed.

No. 234—Claiborne Company, plaintiff in error, agt. W. B. Brooks, assignee, etc. Judgment of dismissal rescinded and cause restored to docket.

No. 1245—John B. Alley, appellant, agt. Elipalet Nott. Advanced.

No. 739—The Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, appellant, agt. the Erie and Western Transportation Company. Motion to advance submitted.

No. 16—Original, ex parte. In the matter of the Commonwealth of Virginia, petitioner. Motion for rule to show cause. Argued.

No. 502—Chicago Life Insurance Company, plaintiff in error, agt. Thomas B. Needles, auditor, etc. Motion to vacate supersedeas and to dismiss submitted.

No. 12—Original, ex parte. In the matter of John Hitz, petitioner. Argument begun.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, March 4.—In the Court of Appeals to-day, Chief Justice the Hon. William C. Ruger and associates present, the following decisions were handed down:

Morton A. Bowen, respondent, agt. William T. Mandeville, appellant; William J. Callahan, executor, respondent, agt. John S. Bancroft and another, appellants. Judgment affirmed with costs.

The People, ex rel. Clinton B. Smith, appellant, agt. the Board of Trustees of the village of Flushing, respondents; in re the Security Life Insurance and Annuity Company; James McNulty, appellant, agt. John B. Colly, respondent; Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, respondent, agt. Thomas J. Chile, impleaded, appellant; in re application of Ada Pafne Clement, etc. Order affirmed with costs.

The People agt. the Empire Mutual Life Insurance Company. Order affirmed without costs to either party. No opinion; all concur.

The Attorney-General agt. the Reserve Mutual Life Insurance Company. Order affirmed without costs to either party.

The City National Bank of Poughkeepsie, respondent, agt. William Phelps, appellant. Motion to advance cause as of date of first return granted.

Robert L. Crooke and another agt. John D. Prince; the same agt. the County of Kings. Motion to set cause down for a day certain granted and the hearing set down for the first day of next term, unless the parties otherwise agree.

Frank Wilson, executor, agt. Henry R. Reynolds. Motion to dismiss appeal granted with costs, unless the appellant within twenty days gives an undertaking pursuant to Section 1,3 6 of the Code and pays $10 costs to the respondent.

Thomas Henry Beeles, an infant, agt. Frederick Habermann. Motion to suspend proceedings denied with costs.

Phillips Weeks, respondent, agt. William H. Clark and others, appellants. Motion to dismiss appeal granted with costs, unless the appellant serves printed copies of the cause within twenty days and pays a fine of $10 costs.

Ann Reese, respondent, agt. Falcott Russell, appellant; Thomas Reese, respondent; Reese agt. Smyth. Motion to amend denied with costs.

William P. Clyde and another, respondents, agt. Amos Rogers, appellant; The Union Dime Savings Bank, appellant, agt. Francis J. Clark and others, respondents; Daniel M. Forker, appellant, agt. Isidor Wormser and others, respondents. Motion for reargument denied with costs.

The following causes were argued:

No. 94—Mary McGough, administratrix, respondent, agt. Thomas R. Sharp, receiver, appellant.

No. 97—Robert J. Livingston, individually and with another as trustee, appellants, agt. William H. Webb, impleaded, respondents.

No. 98—Robert P. Crowe, individually and as administrator, and others, respondents, agt. Frederick O. Lewin, executor, appellant.

No. 100—In the matter of the last will and testament of Samuel Cottrell, deceased.

No. 96—Catherine Lockwood, administratrix, respondent, agt. the New-York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company, appellant.

The following is the day calendar for Wednesday:

Nos. 212, 90, 49, 485, 83, 105, 107, 109.

COURT CALENDARS—MARCH 5.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Before Lawrence, J.—Nos. 41, 45, 64, 65, 112, 120, 127, 131, 141, 150, 164, 166, 169, 17 , 76, 181, 1 3, 1 7, 18 , 190, 193.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—Before Davis, P. J.; Brady and Daniels, JJ.—Nos. 49, 14, 33, 41, 42, 64, 6 , 68, 70, 7 , 75, 79, 81, 87, 89, 94, 100, 102, 103, 104, 10 , 108, 109, 1 0, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Before Van Brunt, J.—Nos. 55, 212, 357, 12 , 378, 374, 37 , 5 , 166, 236, 27, 272, 27 , 2 0, 314, 39 , 319, 16, 42 , 110.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I.—Before Donohue, J.—Nos. 291, 1700, 1811, 1220, 892, 998, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1355, 1383,