TAPPAN ON THE STAND.

CLOSING TESTIMONY IN THE RUGG TRIAL.

TWO CONFESSIONS OF THE MAYBEE MURDER—AN IGNORANT WITNESS.

The fourth day of the trial of the negro Charles H. Rugg began at Long Island City yesterday morning. The court room was crowded with witnesses and listeners. District-Attorney Fleming called William H. Simonson, the son-in-law of Mr. Maybee. He testified that he had never seen leaves in the barn where the bodies of Mrs. and Miss Maybee were found until November 17. Mr. Maybee had a horse and wagon, and he was obliged to have some person to drive for him, as he was blind. The watch pawned by Rugg was shown to the witness, and he identified it as the one belonging to Mrs. Maybee. He last saw it about two weeks before the murder. Henry Rushmore testified that on November 17 he saw a man going in the direction of the Maybees'. It was about ten minutes after 5 o'clock. Judge Brown wished to know the object of the testimony, and Judge Busteed replied: "We wish to show that Edward Tappan committed the crime and not We." Andrew Tappan, jr., son of Edward Tappan, the self-accused murderer of the Maybee women, testified to having seen a man on the highway on the afternoon of the murder, and pointing to Rugg, he said: "I think that looks like him."

Detective James W. Smith related his conversation with Rugg, in his cell at the jail. As a result of one of the conversations the witness found the Maybee watch. Rugg told him where it was. Also told him that he had thrown the cameo breast-pin into the river on the evening that he went to New-York.

District-Attorney Fleming presented the confession of Rugg to the jailer, made on February 11, in which he related in detail the manner in which he killed the two women and beat Mr. Maybee. After several witnesses had given unimportant testimony the case was closed for the people. Mr. Shells, in opening for the defence, referred to the testimony produced by the prosecution in a scathing manner. He also dwelt on the confession made by Edward Tappan, and said they would show that he and not Rugg committed the murder. Dr. William E. Benett, of Long Island City, was the first witness for the defence. He swore that he attended Rugg soon after he was brought to the County Jail. He was nervous, and had an epileptic tendency. It would not affect his mind.

When ex-Judge Busteed called Edward Tappan there was a sensation in court. He told where he was on the day of the murder. A copy of the confession made by Tappan, implicating his brother John and himself in the commission of the crime, was shown him, and he said: "I can't read writing." After some hesitancy he said: "That's my signature. I signed that statement and swore to it." The statement was excluded by the Court. Tappan said that he saw Rugg about two years ago, when he worked for the Maybees. As he was about to leave the witness stand, Juror Hicks asked him if he understood the nature of an oath and he replied "No, I do not." He reduced the statement to writing and Tappan signed it, and at 4:15 the defence closed.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS FOR PLACES—FEW VACANCIES AT PRESENT.

The first examination in this city under the direction of the State Civil Service Commission was held yesterday on the fourth floor of the Post Office building. John Jay, the president of the Commission, was present, and Chief Examiner Silas W. Burt had charge of the details of the examination. Ex-Attorney General Charles S. Fairchild and the Rev. Dr. Henry Y. Satterlee acted as supervisors. Examinations were held at the same time in Brooklyn, Kingston, Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Plattsburg, Watertown, Ithaca, Elmira, Rochester and Buffalo.

A uniform series of rules had been made out for use in all of these examinations. The rules provide that applicants shall be between twenty-five and fifty years of age. They are directed to write to the secretary of the commission, who will send to each a blank form of application. On this the applicant gives a short history of himself, describing his habits and giving his age, etc. A certificate from a physician as to the health of the applicant is also required, and several testimonials of his good character. The examinations are then held for clerkships in all the state Departments, and special ones for employes at Castle Garden and at the State Prisons. Those who desire positions as prison guards have only to pass an examination on penmanship, spelling, and the simplest rules of arithmetic.

The clerkships are of three grades, the first being those having an annual salary of less than $1,000; the second of from $1,000 to $1,200, and the third of $1,200 or upward. The examination for the third grade is slightly more difficult than for the others; questions on the Constitutions of the State and the United States and the methods of summarizing documents being added to those for the lower grade examinations. The first exercise consists in the reading by the examiner of a passage from some book, which each applicant is required to write. The handwriting, spelling and correctness of the copy form the principal tests of the fitness of the candidate. Copies of a letter, interlined and corrected, are then given for the applicants to write out in a business-like form. Questions in arithmetic and geography follow and complete the tests required. An average of 70 per cent on all papers and a rating of at least 50 per cent on every one is required before the examination is successfully passed. All the papers, bearing the desk numbers used by the applicants, are sent to a Board of Examiners consisting of Mr. Sickels, the reporter of the Court of Appeals, Deputy Superintendent Morrison and three clerks, who examine the papers and report to the commissioners. The names of the applicants are placed in envelopes, which are sealed and are not opened until the merit of the papers is decided upon. Those who desire positions in Castle Garden are required to pass an examination as to their knowledge of foreign languages, and all the applicants are allowed to try an optional examination in type-writing, book-keeping, and other subjects.

Twenty-nine persons presented themselves for examination yesterday. There was some delay in beginning the work, as some mischievous person had filled the ink-bottles with water. Two of the applicants were colored men. Three of those who applied desired positions as prison guards, six as Castle Garden employes, and twenty as clerks. The men were kept busy from 10:30 a. m. until the afternoon hours. The time occupied by each person was marked, as quickness with correctness is one of the qualities desired. Colonel Burt said that the examination had passed off well, and that some of the men had shown much intelligence. There are only a small number of vacancies now to be filled; but those who are successful will be called upon as vacancies occur. Each applicant is allowed to decide whether there is one branch of the service in which alone he desires to be employed.

DEPARTURE OF THE BEAR.

THE FIRST SHIP OF THE GREELY RELIEF EXPEDITION STARTS FROM THE NAVY YARD.

The United States steamer Bear, the first of the three vessels of the Greely Relief Expedition, started from the Navy Yard yesterday amid great demonstrations. There were cheers from the sailors of the Alert, the Thetis and the Colorado, and from the three or four thousand people present. Flowers in various designs were sent on board the departing vessel. At daylight the dull black vessel was all bustle; ropes, blocks, etc., were soon in a shipshape manner; the fires were started under the boilers, and by noon the engines were being tried. At 3 o'clock fully 3,000 spectators had assembled along the bulkhead, and sought to learn from others, "Which is Captain Schley?" "Which is Captain Emory?" Among others present were Captain Daniel L. Braine, who commanded the Jeanette in the Polaris Search Expedition in 1873, and Passed-Assistant Paymaster Thompson and Passed-Assistant Engineer Rhoades, who were subordinate officers on that vessel, Commander George H. Wadleigh, who commanded the Alliance in the Arctic in 1881; Paymaster A. D. Bache, who was with Lieutenant Emory in China in 1868-1870; John W. Hogg, Chief Clerk of the Navy Department, representing Secretary Chandler; Lieutenant-Commander Socrates Hubbard, and Chief Engineer George W. Melville, one of the survivors of the ill-fated Jeannette, who has been detailed as fleet engineer of the expedition, and will sail on the Thetis.

Commander Winfield S. Schley at 2 o'clock read to the crew his orders from Secretary Chandler to take command of the expedition and "to proceed to the coast of Greenland or further north, if necessary, and, if possible, to find and rescue or ascertain the fate of Lieutenant A. W. Greely and his comrades." Captain Schley added:

"This ship gets off at the time it was intended. I think we will be able to accomplish what the Secretary expects of us. I have full confidence in you all, and hope that we shall go through this cruise without the necessity of punishing any individual connected with the expedition. Our object is to relieve Lieutenant Greely first, and his comrades, or find out what has become of them. Whatever duty, on sea or land, may be required of you, I feel that you will do it with the courage that may be expected of men who have volunteered for the duty you have."

Commander Schley then read the following dispatch from Secretary Chandler addressed to Lieutenant Emory:

"I wish you and all your comrades good health, good courage, and good luck. Good bye."

The crew raised their hats in acknowledgment of the compliment, and Lieutenant Emory replied that the men and officers expressed their thanks for the courtesy. Promptly at 3 o'clock the lines were cast off, and the tug Catalpa swung the Bear around, and the start was made. As the Bear proceeded down the Bay she was saluted with whistles on all sides. Off Governor's Island the Catalpa parted her company, and the Bear laid her course for St. John's, N. F., which will be reached in about a week. Coal will then be taken on and a start made up Baffin's Bay. It is hoped to reach Disco Island, if the ice permits, about the middle of May.

The following is a list of the ship's officers and crew: Lieutenant William H. Emory, jr., commander; Lieutenants F. H. Crosby, John C. Colwell, and N. R. Usher; Ensign, L. K. Reynolds; Passed-Assistant Surgeon, Howard L. Ames; Chief Engineer, John Lowe; lee Pilot, Captain Ash; Seamen—Jacob Johnson, Albert Jason, John Johnson, James F. Burke, James C. Coogan, James J. Campbell, Joel C. Evans, Hugh Brock, Ferdinand Bolohn, Carl J. Carlson, Arthur Lloyd, Francis Duryea, John Johnson, jr., Heinrich Krasburg, and John Quevedo; Ordinary Seamen—Louis C. Smith, Charles H. McLeod, David H. Kiernan, John Roberts, Otto Schurz, Gustave Weber and George Love; Machinists—J. M. Beam and Henry Thomas; Blacksmith—Thomas J. Wharton; Carpenter—Joseph B. Freeman; Firemen—James Regan and Archibald Currie.

KEENAN PREFERS FEES TO SALARIES.

County Clerk Keenan yesterday wrote Mayor Edson a letter urging objections to the passage by the Senate of Assembly bill No. 463, which substitutes salaries for fees in the Search Department of the County Clerk's office. He said:

The bill relates solely to that department of the County Clerk's office known as the Search Department, which has been more than self-sustaining for the last thirty years. During the year 1883, which was an average good business year in the department, the gross amount received by it from all sources was $90,059 81. If the business which was transacted in it during that time had been governed by the provisions of the bill in question, its gross income would have been $55,284 15 less than it was, or $34,775 65, as against an outlay for running expenses of $54,700, showing a deficit of $20,000 to come out of the city treasury.

The other branches of the office of which I have charge, namely, County Clerk's office proper, and Supreme Court Clerk's office, including the salaries of attendants of the various parts of the Supreme Court, and excluding the salaries of the Supreme Court Justices, now cost the city $112,725 per annum, against an average income of $36,000, showing an existing burden upon the taxpayers to the extent of $82,725 per annum.

My sole object in calling your attention to the matter is that you and your cabinet may send a remonstrance to the Senate against the passage of the bill in its present form, as the public may have been falsely led to believe that the changes contemplated by the bill will effect a saving of $80,000 per annum to the taxpayers, while as a matter of fact they will result in an absolute loss of not less than $20,000 per annum.

The Mayor's Cabinet will meet to-day.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A PENSION LAW.

Superintendent Walling resumed his duties at Police Headquarters yesterday. He said that his health had been much improved by his rest. His return so soon after the passage of the Police Pension bill gave rise to a report that he would ask immediately for retirement. The Board passed the following resolution, which was sent out by general alarm:

Resolved, That commanding officers of precincts and squads report forthwith in writing to this Board the names of all members of their respective commands who in their opinion have become disabled physically or mentally, or superannuated by age, so as to be unfit for police duty.

The commissioners will take advantage of the new law and retire all the patrolmen who are unfit for full duty. Recently they passed resolutions designed to force the retirement of Chief Surgeon Henry. Under the present rules he has not performed any district duty. The Board yesterday received a letter from him stating that his own illness prevented him from performing district work, and he had assigned Drs. Cook and Dorn to look after the Fifth and Eighth Precincts during the illness of Dr. McLeod.

A GIGANTIC APARTMENT HOUSE.

Plans were filed yesterday by the Florence Apartment Company for a nine-story and basement apartment house, to be erected at the southeast corner of Fourth-ave. and Nineteenth-st. The building will have a frontage of 131 feet on the avenue, a depth of 146 feet, and will contain forty suites of rooms. Each suite will have ten rooms and a private hall. A mansard roof is to be added, which will contain the servants' rooms. The interior will be handsomely finished in hard wood throughout. The structure will be of red brick and terra cotta, and will cost from $1,000,000 to $1,250,000. It is to be built on the co-operative system. Twenty-five of the apartments will be sold and the remainder kept and rented for the benefit of the stockholders.

The contracts to whom specifications were submitted have not all reported yet and nothing will be done until the bids are all in; but it is expected the work will be begun about June 1. Under the specifications the building must be completed in October, 1885. The architects are Renwick, Aspinwall & Russell.

SHOT AT, CLUBBED AND FINED.

On the night of April 5, Thomas Carr, a young plumber, was standing on the sidewalk at Sixty-st. and Avenue D. Officer Rohloff, of the Eleventh Precinct ordered him to move on. He refused. The officer threatened to arrest him and Carr struck at the officer with a bale stick. The policeman drew his revolver and fired several shots at Carr, but without inflicting much damage. Then he clubbed Carr into submission and arrested him. Yesterday he was placed on trial in the Special Sessions Court for assaulting the policeman. Several witnesses in his behalf characterized the officer's conduct as outrageous and entirely uncalled for. Among these was an undertaker named Mann, who said that young Carr begged Rohloff to stop clubbing him and promised to go peaceably to the stationhouse. The judges after deliberating for some time convicted young Carr and imposed a fine of $25.

THE BOX DOES NOT EXPLODE.

Despite the warning on the box found among the effects of Nathan E. Fish, the supposed dynamiteur Chief Mahody, of the Fire Department, opened it yesterday. It contained ordinary gun-powder, and some fuses, and was not an infernal machine. Nothing further has been learned about the antecedents of Fish, but the impression grows that he was simply a scientific "crank."

James Ledgerwood, grocer, at Broadway and Thirteenth-st., whose name appeared on Fish's memorandum book said:

The entry of my name and that of Mr. Parsons must have been made three years ago, as the firm of James Ledgerwood & Co. was dissolved then. Fish may have intended going to Nassau, and proposed to apply to Mr. Parsons about passage, and to me about the Royal Victoria Hotel for which I was then agent.

BUTLER ON STRIKES.

WHY THEY ARE DISASTROUS TO THE LABORING MAN—ARBITRATION THE REMEDY.

From a Letter to the Buffalo Labor Meeting.

I wish to call to mind what very likely is as familiar to you as to myself, but which in public discussion I have not seen much alluded to, which explains the reason why strikes—that is, the refusal to work by laboring men for wages offered—are so rarely successful. Let me premise by saying that I do not think a strike should ever take place if honest and fair minded dealing was always had between capitalists and laboring men, because their interests do not naturally clash; and it is only when some advantage is sought to be taken of the laborer by the capitalist, or some unfair dealing takes place, that a call for a strike ever exists. I have been an employer of labor to a considerable extent for more than a quarter of a century, and I can say no strike has ever occurred of the slightest extent where I have had a considerable interest as compared with the whole. A strike is not a contest between labor and capital, but between two kinds of capital, the property of two sets of men. What is usually called capital is the earnings of labor with the accrued profits when that capital is employed in productive industry. If that production stops nothing is lost by such stoppage, except profits which might be gained if production went on. The capital untouched, the profits only are lost.

On the other hand, the laboring man's capital is the capacity to earn or produce; the capability he has of doing a day's labor of a given value. This capital of the laborer perishes in the doing as well as in the non-use. The daily accumulation of the laboring man's capital, leaving out what he may have saved of his former earnings, is the worth of so many days' work to be done by him. If he loses a day the earnings of that day are gone forever. If he loses idle a month, the losses to him of that month can never be replaced. He may work and save another month, but that does not make good the lost month. Therefore, being idle on a strike, he loses all his capital and profits against the profits alone on the part of the capitalist.

Hence I have always said that a strike, while comparatively useless, and even if it were useful, it is beneath the dignity of an American workman, should not be the resort of the laboring man to settle his differences with his employer. He is wronged in his relations with his employer, as he would be in every other relation of life, he ought to find an adequate and prompt remedy by the law of the land, and that law made by representatives elected by his ballot.

This is no new thought of mine. I gave voice to it in public some twelve or fifteen years ago, and now, recalling it to mind, I speak to you of it for the reason that I have seen going on a long and wind will turn out a useless strike, disastrous, but not equally so to both employer and employee. Contests arising between employer and employed as to their rights are the only ones of any importance in which efficient, if not too prompt, tribunals are not given by our laws. But there is no court of arbitration, or other court, that can decide the most important of all controversies to those having them, as well as to the country in general, differences arising between what is usually termed labor and capital. May we not hope that a law will be passed at an early date giving some tribunal in which those controversies can be justly and equitably settled?

THE HAPPY HOME OF A NOBLE CHARITY.

The trustees of the Society of St. Johnland met yesterday at No. 66 Wall-st. This is an industrial church colony belonging to the Episcopalians, founded in 1870 by Dr. Muhlenberg. It consists of 600 acres on the north shore of Long Island, only forty-five miles from New-York. Lots were set apart by the of Dr. Muhlenberg seen a check for $5,000, and this with other gifts brought the Trust Fund up to $35,000. A committee was appointed to manage this and other trust moneys. It consisted of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Charles M. Fry and Henry A. Oakley. The objects of the society are various: It takes the crippled children from the hospitals, teaches them religion and trades, and gives them an opportunity to work. It takes the friendless orphans who are in danger of the streets and their contaminations, gives them occupation and education, and training the young girls to be competent cooks, housemaids and nurses; it gathers into its fold destitute and unhappy old men, and cares for them and makes them comfortable for the rest of their lives, and buries them in a pretty cemetery; it also aids young men who wish to devote themselves to the ministry, besides these objects it keeps steadily in view the creation of village homes for workingmen who will be satisfied with quiet happiness and health.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY.

The Huguenot Society of America celebrated the anniversary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes and the second year of its existence, in the Collegiate Reformed Church last evening. John Jay, president of the Society, presided, and the Rev. Dr. Talbot made the opening address. The Rev. Dr. Vermilye said "The Huguenots were the yeast in the Dutch cake. They added to the Dutch temperament the sparkle of France."

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Windsor Hotel—Antonio Batres, Minister for Guatemala at Washington.....*Hotel St. Marc*—General John M. Corse, of Boston.....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—Railroad Commissioners John O'Donnell and John D. Kernan, of Albany, and Colonel E. W. Cole, of Nashville.....*Brevoort House*—General J. H. Wilson, of Wilmington, Del., and Professor J. W. Churchill, of Andover, Mass.....*Hoffman House*—The Rev. James Freeman Clarke, of Boston.....*Grand Central Hotel*—Ex-Congressman George West, of Ballston, N. Y.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Loubat-Union Club suit, Supreme Court.
Sherman divorce suit, Supreme Court.
Railroad Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, 10 a. m.
Marlé-Garrison case, before Referee Dwight.
Griggs-Garrison case, before Referee Ransom.
American Geographical Society, Chickering Hall, 8 p. m.
Citizens' Bicycle Club annual meeting, American Institute, 8 p. m.
Seventh Regiment Veterans anniversary, Irving Hall, evening.
American Institute special meeting, Cooper Union, 8 p. m.
Professor Scott's lecture, Columbia College, 8 p. m.
Eastern Butchers' Protective Society's mass meeting, Cooper Union, 8 p. m.
Volunteer Firemen's Association, Clarendon Hall, 8 p. m.
Meeting of pedestrians, Madison Square Garden, 3 p. m.
Wilson Industrial School anniversary, evening.
R. W. Raymond's lecture before Columbia College School of Mines, 8 p. m.
St. Mary's Free Hospital annual reception.
Convention of First District Good Templars, Eighteenth-st. and Eighth-ave., afternoon and evening.
Temperance Conference at Broadway Tabernacle; address by Miss Frances C. Willard in the evening.

NEW-YORK CITY.

A baby alligator, about eight inches long, disports himself in a window in Park Row.

The track of the Bridge railroad near the New-York station is being raised.

The California landed 1,075 immigrants, and the Pieter de Coninck 55, at Castle Garden yesterday.

Battalion Chief John W. Miller was retired by the Fire Commissioners yesterday, on an annual pension of $1,250.

Michael Fahey, an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum on Ward's Island, yesterday drowned himself at Little Hell Gate.

The Mechanics and Traders' Bank, the successor of the Mechanics and Traders' National Bank, has been incorporated, with a capital of $200,000.

The Police Commissioners yesterday directed the force in the First Precinct to occupy the new station in Old Slip on Monday.

A committee of the Produce Exchange held a conference with the representatives of various railroad lines yesterday in regard to smaller elevator charges.

A ship under full sail, tossing in an angry sea, its only port-hole a contribution-box which gathers pennies all day long, draws crowds in Fourteenth-st. It is the result of an old sailor's ingenuity.

A SAILOR-BOY'S DEATH.

The captain of the German bark Margareth, which arrived yesterday from Bremen, reported that on April 7 a sailor named Herman Moller, age nineteen, fell from the fore-topsail yard and was drowned.

VALUE INCREASED BY AGE.

The "Springfield" collection of coins, medals, ancient stonework and curios was placed on sale yesterday by Bangs & Co., No. 739 Broadway. An American dollar, date 1836, sold for $7 70.

ACCOMPANYING MR. PACKARD DOWN THE BAY.

Many of the friends of President Packard, of Packard's Business College, went down the Bay yesterday in the Pegasus to bid him farewell. He sailed for Europe on the Republic.

A LITTLE GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

Maggie Buck, two years old, was left alone to play near the kitchen stove at No. 408 West Thirty-eighth-st. yesterday while her mother went to a neighboring store. Her clothing took fire and she was fatally burned.

SALMON FROM OREGON.

New season salmon packed on April 1, at Eagle Cliff, Oregon, have been received in this city by the Northern Pacific as ordinary freight. Former shipments by way of San Francisco took thirty-eight days.

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB'S NEW HOME.

The University Club moved into the building in Madison Square formerly occupied by the Madison Club yesterday. The club-house has been handsomely refitted and decorated, and many improvements have been made.

CONFERENCE OF NEWSDEALERS.

The Newsdealers' Central Council held a special meeting with closed doors at the Brooklyn Bridge Hotel, No. 48 Chatham-st., last evening. A representative from the New-England Newsdealers' Union, of Boston, was present and addressed the meeting. The conference adjourned at a late hour.

A DISCUSSION ON MYTHOLOGY.

C. Bierregard read a paper on "The Psychological Value of Mythology in Apologetics," last evening before the American Institute of Christian Philosophy, at No. 4 Winthrop-place. General discussion followed, Dr. Deems, Dr. Clapp, Mr. Bailey and others taking part.

OPPOSED TO THE NEW PARKS.

Mayor Edson, President Vicle, of the Park Department; Controller Grant and Corporation Counsel Andrews went to Albany yesterday to protest against the passage of the bill before the Legislature providing for the purchase of the proposed new parks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.

UNIVERSALIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

The Universalist Sunday-School Institute was occupied yesterday with the question of permanent organization. The district as determined upon was New-York State below Albany. The Rev. Messrs. L. H. Squires, of Poughkeepsie, Charles H. Eaton and Albert J. Holden made addresses.

DAMAGES AGAINST A RAILROAD COMPANY.

George Hart, of Rye, in Westchester County, was killed in April last by a train on the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, which ran into the wagon which he was driving. His widow sued to recover $5,000 as damages from the railroad company, and a jury in the United States Circuit Court yesterday awarded her $1,500.

BURYING PASSENGERS AT SEA.

Some comment having been caused by the recent hasty burial at sea of James Hendry, a passenger on the Anchor Line steamer Circassia, a TRIBUNE reporter yesterday made inquiry at several steamship offices as to how long bodies at sea were kept. It was stated at all the offices that the matter was left to the discretion of captains.

MONUMENTAL PATIENCE.

The "Zan Dam table," made of 200,038 separate pieces of wood by Herr Absalom, an industrious Dutchman, in the village where Peter the Great once worked as a mechanic, was shown at Canfield's storerooms in East Eleventh-st., yesterday. It is seven feet in diameter, and is valued at $10,000. It took thirteen years to build, and was intended for the Centennial exhibition.

NEW EPISCOPAL SEMINARY BUILDINGS.

Work was begun yesterday on the excavation for the new fire-proof library and dormitory of the Episcopal General Theological Seminary, at Twenty-first-st. and Ninth-ave. Dean Hoffman said that the corner-stone would be laid May 29, although a few thousand dollars of the money required to pay for the buildings had still to be obtained.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF MRS. FROHSHER.

The concert tendered to the widow of Professor J. E. Frohsher brought a large audience together at the University Club Theatre last evening. The singing of Miss Gaffney, Miss Fitch, Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Krotel and the reading of Miss Blume, Miss Clark and Miss Seligman were warmly received. The entertainment was brought to a close by a representation of Clement Scott's one act drama entitled "The Cape Mail."

WISHING TO BE AGENTS IN CASTLE GARDEN.

A meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration was held at Castle Garden yesterday. A petition from the Lehigh Valley Railroad, asking to be admitted into the Garden under the rules governing the joint agency, was referred. The application from "Barney" Bigin, asking to be allowed to act as local agent in the Garden for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, was also referred.

JUMPING OVERBOARD FROM A FERRYBOAT.

The ferryboat Lackawanna was crossing the North River from Hoboken at 11 a. m. yesterday when a man suddenly jumped overboard. He was drowned so quickly that all efforts to recover his body were vain. He left on the deck of the ferryboat a card on which he had written the following: "I hope everybody will forgive me for what I am doing. I am out of work and tired of life. M. C., box 803, Orange, N. J."

INCORPORATING A STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Articles of association of the Provincial Steamship Company were filed yesterday. The capital is $50,000. Its purpose is to build and equip vessels for the transportation of passengers, freight and mail between this city and points on the Atlantic coast, from Prince Edward Island to Savannah, also New-Orleans and West Point. The corporators are J. Harry and Joseph J. Alexandre, A. A. Outerbridge, J. L. Aud and John C. Austin, F. J. Lord and W. W. MacArthur.

HENRY CREWS'S NEW OFFICES.

Henry Crews & Co., the well-known Stock Exchange brokers, opened their new offices in the Mills Building yesterday. The rooms are on the ground floor just north of the main entrance in Broad-st. The main passageway is floored with Minton tiles while the customers' room and the private offices have rich velvet carpets. All the fittings are handsome and in good taste. The rooms are lighted by electricity. "This is the finest office in the finest building in the world," Mr. Crews said. "You cannot find its equal anywhere."

CHARGED WITH STEALING $17,000 IN GOLD.

At the Tombs Police Court yesterday Michael H. Cronin, of Germantown, Penn., was before Justice Duny on a charge of grand larceny, accused of swindling the firm of A. W. Spear & Son, bullion dealers, of No. 121 Fulton-st., out of $17,000 in gold. In November, 1882, Cronin represented that he was engaged in the manufacture of watch cases, adding that he was worth $40,000, and that his liabilities did not exceed $1,000. He swelled his bill to $17,000. Mr. Spear swore that he has learned that the assertions were false.

EXPLAINING AN ALLEGED MIS-STATEMENT.

Arthur Dudley Vinton was arrested recently and held for trial by Police Justice Smith on the complaint of Rastus S. Ransom that Mr. Vinton had sworn falsely in a suit by declaring that a check drawn by him in favor of Mr. Ransom had been procured under false representations. The case came before Justice Barrett yesterday. Burton N. Harrison, in behalf of Mr. Vinton, argued that the statement of his client complained of was not material to the issue. The District-Attorney and Abram Kling opposed this view and insisted on Mr. Vinton's guilt.

BETTER THAN AN INSURANCE POLICY.

Thomas Devlin, a doorkeeper of the Finance Department of the city, was taken sick in 1878, and continued to draw his salary to January 1, 1879, when Controller Kelly ordered it stopped. Devlin was not formally dismissed. He died three years ago, his name having remained on the roll as "absent without leave." His widow, Mary Devlin, brought suit to recover $2,160 with interest—his salary for the two years of his illness. Justice Donohue, in the Supreme Court, directed a verdict yesterday for Mrs. Devlin, the amount being $2,500.

EMPLOYERS AND LABORERS.

Contractor John Mallory is the only employer now holding out against the demands of the Carpenters' Union. Some of his men joined the strikers yesterday. The Amalgamated Building Trades Unions threaten to fight him with all the machinery of their organizations if he does not give in before Monday. The establishment of Tredwell, Slote & Co., at Broadway and Chambers sts. against which a strike has been ordered by the Journeymen Tailors' Union, was closely picketed yesterday. The union has decided to support the strikers, and declares that it will be satisfied with nothing short of a pledge from the firm to employ no non-union men.

BROOKLYN.

Absolute divorce is sought in the Supreme Court by Emile J. A. Jourdan from Mrs. Phebe S. Jourdan. He was formerly a butler for General Grant.

To relieve the overcrowding in the Kings County Insane Asylum the Supervisors have authorized the erection of two frame cottages at a cost of $1,000.

The Supreme Court has approved the lease of the Brighton Beach Hotel by Receiver Jourdan to G. K. Lansing, for two years and eight months, at $17,500 the first season, $20,000 the second season, and $25,000 the third season.

John Brouwer, of No. 89 Clymer-st., who was arrested for attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the Wallabout Canal on Thursday, and released on bail, tried to hang himself. He was rearrested.

The Supervisors yesterday directed the Committee on a Hall of Records, to select a site for the proposed building. A part of the vacant plot adjoining the Court House will be selected. The Board appropriated $1,000 toward the reception of the Society of the Army of the Potomac in June.

The Rev. R. Creighton, of the Roman Catholic Church Our Lady of Victory, yesterday discovered a young man in priest's garb, collecting money for a bogus church. He arrested the impostor and took him to the Broadway Police Station. The man said that he was James McSheercy, and Justice Massey sent him to the Penitentiary for six months.

An effort was made yesterday to set aside the verdict against Martin D. Tyrrel, of "The Windsor," in Clinton-st., who was convicted of keeping a disorderly house. The jury deliberated five hours before reaching a verdict, and one of them stood out against the rest. Affidavits have been made stating that one of the jurors offered to stand out against an agreement if he was paid $50. Judge Moore will investigate the matter.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

THE TARRYTOWN POST OFFICE SITE.

Many misstatements have been made concerning the removal of the Tarrytown post office, and at a meeting of citizens on Wednesday evening the following statement was adopted:

On December 2 the removal was suggested by the Postmaster in *The Tarrytown Argus*, a newspaper published by himself. As the question had been agitated before and warmly opposed by the larger and better portion of our citizens, it naturally excited attention, especially as it became presently apparent that the Postmaster's desire was to use chagrin, as our representatives and our wishes have been disregarded by the Washington authorities in a most unexpected and mortifying manner.

The situation of *The Argus* quoting, in which the post office is now established, is at one side of the village in a narrow street at the foot of a hill, steep and even dangerous, and is in the midst of surroundings which make it a resort, not only inconvenient, but improper for ladies and children. As in all suburban places it is precisely the ladies and children who are the chief daily patrons of the post office, and there being no fewer than eight grocery shops besides other disreputable establishments in the immediate neighborhood, most of them within a stone's throw, the great majority of those having business with the office feel indignant at being compelled to go to the new location. Taking a fair dividing line between the up-hill and down-hill districts of the village population of over 3,000, only 900 belong to the "down-hill," while 2,100 are "up-hill"; and further, the Assessor's books show 421 taxpayers on property worth $2,760,000 on the Hill, while only 116 taxpayers on $675,000, including the Hudson River Railroad property, are below the Hill. In this estimate no account has been taken of several outlying hamlets served from the Tarrytown post office, which would considerably increase the "up-hill" population, and would make the number, even of workingmen, decidedly larger "above" than below the Hill.

The action of the postmaster in this matter is nothing less than an outrage upon his fellow-citizens, and is admitted to be such by many of the "down-hill" people who agree with us in considering the situation inconvenient, undesirable and dangerous to public morals.

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J. S. MILLARD,
PETER S. HOE,
S. H. THAYER,
L. T. YALE,
Committee.

JERSEY CITY.

The funeral of Detective Michael Bowe, who died on Tuesday, took place yesterday afternoon. The body was buried in the Catholic Cemetery.

Herman Havner, a Hebrew tailor doing business in Washington-st., sued Jacob Silverman, another tailor, for having swindled him out of some cloth. The suit was tried by Justice Lane Yesterday, and a decision was given in Havner's favor. As the two men were leaving the Justice's office Herman Silverman, a son of the defendant, attacked Havner and beat him in a brutal manner. He was arrested.

Edward Carter Ford, a young colored man, was arrested at his home in Eighth-st., yesterday, on a charge of murder. He is accused of having killed John Cullen at No. 241 West Twenty-ninth-st., New-York, on December 30. Ford and Cullen quarrelled over a white woman and Ford cut Cullen with a razor, inflicting fatal wounds. He admits the stabbing, but says he did it in self-defence. He was taken to New-York.

NEWARK.

Dr. S. B. Hoak, Editor of *The Advertiser*, who was taken ill some time ago has suffered a relapse.

At the meeting of the Freeholders yesterday objection was made to the payment of a nurse in the Lunatic Asylum on the ground that she had been retained for years simply to take charge of a child.

The Deaf Mutes Association has elected for president, Daniel J. Ward; vice-presidents, Walter J. MacDonegal, of Jersey City, and W. Stewart; treasurer, William Ersinger and secretary R. F. Bailes. An employment bureau has been organized.

SUNDRY NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

GUTTENBERG.—Anton Schumacker, an aged German, while engaged yesterday in digging rock in a quarry on the Bull's Ferry road, was instantly killed by a large rock falling on him.

NEW-DURHAM.—When a locomotive on the West Shore Railroad was taken into the round-house on Wednesday night the body of a man was found upon the pilot. It was recognized as that of Isaac Klopch, a farmer, of Little Ferry.

KEYPORT.—About 500 people assembled yesterday to witness a running race between the bay horse Wallace, owned by J. H. P. Vandewater, of Keyport, and the sorrel horse Big Dan, owned by Gordon Davis of Manalapan. The purse was $100 and was won by Big Dan.

ORANGE VALLEY.—An "Olde Folke's Concerte to Aid ye Young Wimmin's Mission Band" was held last evening in the "Meeting-house on Hylande Turnpyke, harde bye ye Lincoln X Roads." Among the singers were Sabina Dulcimia Smithers and Mercy-ou-us, her sister; Till-ye-day-of-Glory Meadows, Vine-of-Wisdom Goodenoughe and Ichabod Slaughterhouse.

LONG ISLAND.

HEMPSTEAD.—On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Cline, a young man employed by Moses Heilman, was attacked by a ferocious bull while driving the animal out in the yard, and was gored in a horrible manner.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—"Larry" Casey, the well known sporting man of Hunter's Point, was arrested yesterday, charged with stealing a dog. He was locked up in the Astoria police station, but was subsequently released on bail. Mr. Casey's friends say that he is being persecuted by the police.

STATEN ISLAND.

STAPLETON.—George William Curtis has accepted an invitation to deliver the Decoration Day address at Washington Park.

ALONG THE SOUND.

STRATFORD.—Mr. and Mrs. David W. Judson celebrated their silver wedding last evening.

SOUTHPORT.—The first number of a new weekly paper, *The Fairfield Advertiser*, edited by B. F. Ashley, formerly of *The Pantchester Journal*, appeared yesterday.

BRIDGEPORT.—Major Thomas L. Watson, who has been elected Colonel of the 17th Regiment, C. N. G., is a member of the firm of Watson & Gibson, bankers, in New-York. He is also brigade quartermaster on General Stephen R. Smith's staff.

ROCKLAND COUNTY.

NYACK.—Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, wife of the Rev. Dr. Baldwin, will lecture on "An Evening in the Orient" at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on Monday evening.

HAVERSTRAW.—The corner stone of the new school-house was said yesterday. Stony Point Lodge F. & A. M., having charge of the ceremonies. A parade, in which the civic societies of the town participated, was a feature of the day. The Rev. Dr. A. S. Freeman, delivered an oration.....The Rev. C. F. Hull delivered his lecture "Off Fort Fisher" before a crowded house at the Central Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

MOUNT VERNON.—The baseball club has received a challenge from the St. John's College nine; also from a New-York club.....Adam Palmer, of West Mount Vernon, who was thrown from his wagon and severely injured ten days ago, died yesterday, age thirty-nine. He was Superintendent of the Poor for three years.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELLERS.

Among the people who sailed yesterday on the White Star steamer Republic were Dr. B. Frank Betts, B. Frank Betts, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Poultney Bigelow, Mrs. W. B. Close, F. H. Clarke, the Rev. H. P. Cutting, the Rev. J. Cruikshanks, Miss Mary Cruikshanks, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Churchill, Isaac Craig, E. D. Faulkner, Mrs. H. F. Gaillard, Miss M. Gaillard, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hubner, F. W. Hodgson, Mrs. Ingils, Miss Ingils, Ludwig Kraemer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kobbe, Mayor Theodore King, the Rev. Dr. Klag, Mrs. Klag, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Minten, Mrs. S. C. R. Mathews, Mr. Mathews, Miss E. Macdonald, Miss L. Macdonald, the Hon. W. J. Macdonald, Roland P. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. James Maybrick, Mr. and Mrs.