DOGS OF HIGH DEGREE.

OPENING OF THE NEW-YORK BENCH SHOW.

BARKS OF INFINITE VARIETY—"A CASE OF W(H)INE"—SOME OF THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

The eighth annual bench show, held under the auspices of the Westminister Kennel Club, was opened at the Madison Square Garden yesterday. There was a light attendence in the morning owing to the pouring rain, but in the afternoon a large number of people visited the Garden, and at the Madison-ave. entrance there was a constant stream of carriages arriving and departing. Over a thousand dogs, the flower of England, Ireland, Canada and this country, made the vast building resound with their yelps and barks as they expressed in canine language their opinion of the show and discussed with each other the probability of their receiving prizes. There was the short, snappy bark of the toy terrier, the deep bay of the hound and the vociferous voice of the St. Bernards. Now and then, too, an English mastiff would send a deep note through the uproar, and then turn around and go to sleep in a dignified manner as if he disapproved of the whole business and wanted quiet. There were all kinds of dogs that were ever "read of in books or dreamed of in dreams." There were dogs small enough to put into the waistcoat pocket and dogs large enough to draw a cart. There were dogs with so much hair that their owners had to tie ribbons around them to tell in what part of the bundle the head was, and dogs with no hair at all.

Some dogs had their kennels gorgeously fitted up, others had to be content with bare pine boards and straw. In one place there was a case with a glass front. It was upholstered in wine-colored satin and macramé. An Oriental lamp hung from the ceiling. In one corner was a wine case with the lid thrown back. It was lined with quilted, wine-colored satin, studded with gilt-headed nails. A pug bitch and three little puppies were comfortably ensconced on the satin, and only left it to eat from a decorated china plate and drink from a cut-glass bowl. Across the box was inscribed in gold "A Case of Wh(i)ne." Near this happy and aristocratic family, Venus, a beautiful Japanese spaniel, weighing only four pounds four ounces, looked with wonder on the throng of admirers that constantly stood in front of her kennel. In one place a white poodle, with hair trimmed in frills and flounces, proudly held up its left fore leg which was encircled with a gold bracelet. Several large dogs with a hungry look in their eyes, had the inscription "Dangerous" over their kennels. They were exceedingly quiet, these dangerous ones, and seemed to consider the warning which deprived them of the opportunity of dining off the passers-by as an injustice which could only be borne by silent contempt. Possibly they were meditating on the manner in which they would make up for lost time when the show was over, and an unsuspecting public once more at their mercy. Many toy terriers and diminutive pugs, dressed in esthetic blankets, looked proudly on the scene and evidently were vain of their finery and thanked the dog star that they were not so ill-behaved as some other dogs they knew of.

The fine collection of St. Bernard dogs, entered by the Rev. J. Cumming Macdona, of Hilbre House, Cheshire, England, was much admired. Fine large dogs they were and they were valued at a fine price, several of them estimated to be worth over $1,000 each. The value at which some of the dogs in the show were estimated was much higher than this even. Archibald Rogers had a dog there named Spring, a beautiful deerhound, which was valued at $10,000. A remarkably fine, smooth-coated St. Bernard dog, named Saltan, is exhibited by Master James H. Hyde, of West Islip, Long Island. This dog was purchased in Switzerland last summer, when a puppy; he took the second prize, among all the dogs of his class, in Munich. Master Hyde also exhibits a fine, long-coated St. Bernard bitch, Dagmar, who took the second prize last year in this city.

The pointers entered by the Neversink Lodge Kennels had over their kennel a display of silver cups won by them in field trials. Many of the dogs of far and high descent had their pedigrees tacked up over them, and if the New-York College of Heraldry had not come to an untimely end, they would doubtless have had their coats-of-arms emblazoned there also. Inside of an iron railing at the left of the Garden, the Westminister Kennel Club has on exhibition some beautiful pointers, among which are the noted Sensation and Bang Bang. Several dogs were sold, but none will be removed until the show is over. John G. Heckshcr bought the setter bitch, Rosa F., before she was judged. She took second prize in her class, greatly to Mr Heckscher's satisfaction, who was therefore congratulated by his friends on being a good judge of a dog. Rosa F. will hereafter be known as Lady Helen.

In the evening there was a larger crowd present than during the afternoon, and the exhibition given by the performing dogs in the ring in the centre of the Garden furnished much amusement. The other dogs looked at the performance with an expression which said as plainly as words, "Circus dogs, as I'm alive! well, I never!" and now and then they signified their disapproval of the proceedings by short, savage barks. The prizes awarded were as follows:

Champion mastiff dogs—Medal to Nevison, owned by Charles H. Mason, of Highgate House, Yorkshire, England. Champion mastiff bitches—Medal to Dolly Varden, of Ashmont Kennels, Dorchester, Mass. Mastiff dogs—First prize to "Harry" Hill's Dan. Mastiff bitches—First prize to A. Grant's Regina. Mastiff puppies—First prize to W. P. Stevenson's Hector. Champion English setter bitches—Prize to Belle's Pride, owned T. G. Davey, of Ontario, Canada. Champion English setter dogs—Prize to Pezeman, owned by C. F. Crawford, of Pawtucket, R. I. English setter dogs—First prize to T. C. Lewis's Rock. English setter bitches—First prize to Dashing Belle, of the St. George Kennels. English setter puppies, dogs, over 12 and under 18 months old—First prize to Rocket, owned by W. R. Travers, of Washington. English setter puppies, bitches, of the same age—First prize to J. J. Scanlan's Chief Carter. English setter puppies, dogs or bitches, under 12 months old—First prize to T. H. Mason's Phœbus. Champion Irish setters, dogs—Prize to Elcho, jr., owned by Dr. W. Jarvis, of Claremont, N. H. Champion Irish setter, bitches—Prize to W. Kemble Leaf's Trix. Irish setter dogs—First prize to H. & W. Harris's Jack. Irish water spaniels, dogs or bitches—First prize to Archibald Bacon's Irish Chief. Champion field spaniels, dogs or bitches, over 28 pounds—Prize to H. W. Huntington's Benedict. Field Spaniels, over 28 pounds—First prize to Critic, owned by Winchester Johnson, of Boston. Champion Cocker spaniels—Prize to Obo III., owned by J. P. Willey, of Salmon Falls, N. H. Cocker spaniels (liver and black), under 28 pounds—First prize to Peerless Glass, owned by B. T. Wilson, of Hillsboro. Cocker spaniels of any other color, under 28 pounds—First prize to Rattler, of the Hornell Spaniel Club. Field or Cocker spaniel puppies under twelve months old—First prize to Black Tomale, owned by W. Johnson, of Boston. Champion foxhounds—Prize to Vinegar, of the Essex County Hunt kennels. Foxhounds—First Prize to Nimrod, owned by the Blooming Park Grove Association. Basset hounds—First prize to W. R. Chamberlain's Newport. Dachshundes—First prize to W. B. Vorelsang's Gretchen.

To-day at 10 a. m. the pointers, greyhounds, deerhounds and Italian greyhounds will be judged, and at 2 o'clock the St. Bernards and Irish setters. At 4 o'clock the greyhounds will be speeded in the ring, and at 8 o'clock there will be a performance of trick dogs and retrievers.

Among those who visited the show yesterday were:

General and Mrs. Alexander S. Webb, the Marquis San Marzano of Italy, Mrs. Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Heckscher, Mrs. Le Roy, Mrs. John H. Draper, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Alfred Youngs, Mrs. James Harriman, Miss Wetmore, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. W. B. Dinsmore, Mrs. R. C. Cornell, Mrs. and Miss Rives, Miss Work, Mrs. W. Breese Smith, Miss Leavitt, Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts, Miss Endicott, Miss Remsen, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Haines, the Countess Kolodrub, Baron von Hoffman, August Belmont, jr., Center Hitchcock, A. Wright Sanford, J. H. Bradford, C. Fellows, Isaac Townsend, Mr. Ely-Goddard, F. Gray Griswold, C. G. Peters, L. Berry Wall, W. Biggs, J. L. Breese, John P. Haines, J. Otto Donner, J. Coleman Drayton and G. Creighton Webb.

A FLAW IN THE GERMANIC'S MAIN SHAFT.

The engineer of the White Star Steamship Germanic, which was to sail on Saturday next, on Monday discovered a defect in the main shaft. He reported the fact, and R. J. Cortis, manager of the line, determined not to run any risk of accident by the breaking of the shaft. He has informed the 160 passengers who had purchased tickets for the Germanic that she will not sail until repaired, and that their money will be refunded or they will be forwarded on the Baltic, of the same line, which will sail in place of the Germanic. The Baltic is an extra boat and was advertised to sail next Tuesday. In consequence of the defective shaft of the Germanic, her passengers will be sent forward on the Adriatic, which is to sail on Thursday, May 15.

COLD WATER ON A YOUNG PROSECUTOR.

Assistant District-Attorney Adams was prosecuting a case before Judge Cowing yesterday. The Judge thought the evidence insufficient, and advised Mr. Adams to abandon the case. But Mr. Adams, who is a positive young man, said he should press for a conviction. The Judge smiled at the young man's audacity, and leaning back in his chair said:

Well, go on; waste the people's time if you choose; but I could not conscientiously sentence any man on such evidence. I don't think the jury will convict, and if they do I will immediately grant a motion for a new trial.

Mr. Adams concluded not to press the case, and the jury acquitted the prisoner.

THE CREEDMOOR PROGRAMME.

The Directors of the National Rifle Association yesterday adopted the following programme of rifle matches at Creedmoor:

May 21—Offhand All-comers' match; distances 200 and 300 yards; 7 shots at each distance with any rifle.

June 7—Qualification and Champion Marksman's Class Badge matches; the first at 100 and 200 yards, the second at 200 and 500 yards. Of the 10 who make the highest scores in the latter and to those scoring 36 points, out of a possible 50, silver medals will be awarded; to the rest bronze medals.

June 14—Long range any rifle match; distances 900 and 1,000 yards; prize a bronze medal worth $25.

June 18—Qualification and Champion Marksman's Class Badge matches under the same conditions as in those of June 7.

June 25—Offhand All-comers' match under the same conditions as in that of May 21.

June 28—Long Range Military Match; distances 600, 800, 900, and 1,000 yards; first prize a military breech-loading Remington rifle. Two hundred and fifty rounds of ammunition will be given to the man making the highest aggregate score in any three matches, five matches to be shot during the season.

Colonel Charles E. Bridge was elected a life member and director. The application of the 69th Regiment Rifle Club for permission to shoot at Creedmoor in the forthcoming rifle match with competing teams from other cities was referred to the Range Committee.

DIVIDING THE PROFITS OF THE RACE.

THE RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN FITZGERALD IN LONG ISLAND CITY TO-NIGHT.

The contestants in the six days' match met yesterday afternoon in the Ashland House, with their backers and the managers of the race, and were given their shares of the net receipts. The accounts showed that there was received $36,446, including $5,450 from privileges. The expenses, including the 15 per cent of the gross receipts to the managers, were $19,493 69. The division of the stakes and gate money showed Fitzgerald entitled to $9,468 15; Rowell, 3,675 26; Panchot, $2,007 59; Noremac, $1,187 34; Herty, $848 81; Vint, $679 95, and Elson, $509 29. Fitzgerald, Panchot and Rowell decided to return Thompson his money inasmuch as he had a family. Mrs. Fitzgerald expressed her surprise at the smallness of the sum to be divided and, at first, advised her husband not to take his share.

Fitzgerald was seen by the managers of the Eden Musee and arrangements were made to have a life-size wax figure made of him for exhibition. It is purposed to have a miniature track made on which will appear Fitzgerald, as he appeared in the race, while in one corner will be a life-size figure of "Happy Jack" Smith, his trainer. Fitzgerald, accompanied by Panchot, Thomas Davis and "Jack" Smith will go to Long Island City to-night.

The Citizens' Committee of Long Island City of which ex-Alderman Gleson is chairman will call at the Putnam House at 7 o'clock, and take Fitzgerald to Long Island City in an open barouche. When the boat reaches the Hunter's Point slip, a salute of twenty-one guns will be fired from the bulkhead of the ferry-house. On landing the Mayor, heads of departments and Board of Aldermen will formally receive the ex-Alderman. A platoon of police commanded by Sergeant Dorsey will head the procession through the principal streets. The eight fire companies with their machines will follow the coach, and they will be followed by five hundred citizens bearing torches. The Ancient Order of Hibernians and Clan-na-Gael, of which organizations Fitzgerald is a member, will turn out about 300 men in full regalia, and will be followed by the Star Athletic Club and the North Side Athletic Club. Ex-Police Captain Woods will act as grand marshal, and three bands of music will enliven the route by "Hail to the Chief," "Patrick's Day" and the "Belle of Hunter's Point." Ample preparations have been made for the reception of visitors from neighboring cities, and the bone-boiling and fat-rendering establishments will suspend business until after the reception, so as not to offend the sense of smell of the visitors. Fireworks worth $500 have been purchased and distributed along the line of march, and will be "let off" at intervals of fifteen minutes. The Board of Health has been busy for several days driving the pigs over the Greenpoint bridge, so as to have the streets perfectly clear this evening. There will not be a cock-fight or a dog-fight in the city to share the night of jubilation.

FREE MASONS AND THE POPE'S LETTER.

CAIN INSTEAD OF LOSS TO RESULT FROM IT—PROTESTANTS TO BE UNITED.

"The encyclical letter of the Pope directed against our Brotherhood will have an effect of which he little dreams," said the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New-York, Edward L. M. Ehlers, to a TRIBUNE reporter yesterday. "The Catholic clergy cannot be more bitter against us than they have been all the time. But some of the Protestants also have been bitter, and have used their great influence against us, and this letter of the Pope will simply unite in our favor all classes of Protestants, for it shows clearly an animus against us based upon a belief that we are inimical to ecclesiastical tyranny. So we are. We are for rational liberty. Freemasonry prescribes no articles of faith, dictates to no man's conscience, lays down no rule or discipline of conduct, but exacts from every man a belief in the one universal God. Freemasonry teaches the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

"The effect will be not only to unite all classes of Protestants, but to draw the attention of the world toward Freemasonry, to enlarge greatly the numbers of our association, and to create lodges where before there were none. Mind you, the old Pope is well aware that the Grand Master of Italy is a bitter hater of ecclesiastical tyranny, and of late years lodges have greatly multiplied in Italy, and especially in Rome. Under the very shadow of the Vatican Italian lodges are held, and no doubt he feels that the influence of the order is opposed to his rule. In America the Catholics do not become Free Masons. They cannot do so and remain Catholics, for when dying the priests will not give them the rites unless they renounce us; and we will not bury them if they give up Freemasonry. Otherwise there is no reason why any one believing in God should not be a Mason. The Prince of Wales is Grand Master of England, and many Episcopalian clergymen are members of lodges. Dr. Beems, the well-known pastor of the Church of the Strangers, is one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge; Dr. Bacon, of Kingston, was one, and Dr. Webster, of Palmyra, is another. Oh! the churches are well represented in Freemasonry."

DETERMINED TO BE AN ACTRESS.

Mrs. J. W. Crawford, a widow, who teaches music in Chelsea, Mass., has a daughter, Alice Gertrude Crawford, age seventeen, tall, slender and handsome, with a passion for the stage. On last Tuesday Miss Alice, who is attending school at Springfield, started with a young man for New-York. She wrote to her mother, who communicated with the police. Detectives Frink and Ruland, who were given the case, said that Miss Alice had stopped at the St. Denis Hotel on Tuesday night registering as Alice Athens. On Wednesday she went to the St. Stephen's Hotel in Eleventh-st., when she met a young man named Hadly, who tried to induce her not to go upon the stage. On Friday she went to the Star Theatre and tried to obtain an engagment, and Hadly then induced her to go to the Prospect House, at One-hundred-and-fiftieth-st. and Tenth-ave., where she was found by the detectives. On Sunday she called upon Madame Janauschcek and made an engagement to call upon her again at 6 o'clock this evening. At the Prospect House she spoke to the proprietor, Mr. Peck, and his daughter about somebody with whom she was infatuated, who is believed to be D. R. Young, the leading man of the Lizzie May-Ulmer combination, which played in Springfield about three weeks ago.

Miss Alice left Police Headquarters last night with her mother, but she vows that she will yet become an actress.

DYING SUDDENLY IN A BALL-ROOM.

While attending a party at No. 22 Lee-ave., Brooklyn, Miss Ella G. Campbell, only daughter of Police Captain James Campbell, of the First Brooklyn Precinct, died suddenly yesterday morning. The party was in honor of the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Jacobs, and Miss Campbell was one of the gayest of those present, having gone from home apparently in perfect health. She ate some refreshments at midnight and afterward again joined in the dancing. At the close of a waltz she put her hand over her heart and said: "Oh, I'm so tired." A physician was speedily at the house, but he could do nothing for the girl, whom he found in a dying condition, and she breathed her last in a few moments.

Miss Campbell was only sixteen years of age, and was about to graduate from a private school. The cause of death was supposed to be heart disease, superinduced by the violent exercise of the dance. She had always possessed good health.

POISON USED IN COLORING COFFEE.

The Board of Health yesterday received a report from Chief Inspector Edson of the Second Sanitary Division, regarding artificially colored "green" coffee, sold in the wholesale market. A sample of green imitation Java coffee was purchased by Dr. Edson at the store of a well-known dealer in this city, and submitted to Professor Waller, the department chemist. Small quantities of lead, copper and arsenic were found in the sample. The sample of colored coffee came from a mill in Brooklyn where coffee beans are "polished." From another Brooklyn mill there was obtained another sample of green coffee in which the following color ingredients were found: Chrome yellow, Silesian blue, yellow ochre, burnt amber, Venetian red and French chalk. The amount of poisonous coloring matter in a single cup of such coffee is too small to cause immediate sickness, but the arsenic poison is likely to remain in the system of the drinker and accumulate.

THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

The trustees of the National Museum of Natural History gave their annual reception yesterday at the Museum building, at Eighth-ave. and Seventy-seventh-st. The record of the year shows an increase in receipts from life and annual members and special contributions outside of those from the trustees. The grounds around the Museum have been largely laid out with walks and planted with trees, and there is a fine growth of grass already. The Park Department has operated to secure this. Two bridges connect with Central Park. Among the additions made recently are a skeleton of a whale, the gift of Peter Cooper, hung in the main hall; fine specimens of the gorilla and chimpanzee and fifty monkeys; a large gift of skins and eggs of North American and European birds, from Dr. Edgar A. Mearns, who has labelled and catalogued all the European birds; stone implements of the Paleolithic and Neolithic periods of France and Switzerland, from Mrs. R. L. Stuart; a large canoe from Hubert R. Bishop, and a painting of the game fish of England, from Dr. F. N. Otis. A bequest of $6,000, the first given to the Museum, was received from the estate of William E. Dodge.

Among those present yesterday were Morris K. Jesup, Robert Colgate, Benjamin H. Field, D. J. Steward, Joseph H. Choate, Percy R. Pyne, James M. Constable, J. W. Drexel, A. H. Greer, Hugh Auchincloss, Oliver Harriman, Cornelius Vanderbilt, C. G. Landon, R. R. Bishop, David Millican, Dr. C. C. Lee, James Watson, F. K. Sturges, Henry O. Avery, Judson Hawley, the Rev. Dr. J. R. Paxton, T. G. Evans, Dr. and Mrs. McIntosh, F. F. Rowland, Albert Van Winkle, H. Morgan, R. S. Ransom, Clinton Roosevelt, Francis Tomes, Robins Little, John B. Graham, P. H. Sumner, Dr. E. F. Ward, Dr. E. Peaslee, Dr. J. H. Emerson, Charles Hamilton, J. Reynal, Richard Poillon, H. S. Warner, George W. Roosevelt, General Molineaux, Mornay Williams, Mrs. Martha J. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Jared Miller, Robert Nicol, Dr. and Mrs. John M. Hills, and the Messrs. Kip.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Washington McLean, of Cincinnati, and ex-Congressman Henry L. Pierce, of Boston.....*Albemarle Hotel*—Mr. de Bounder, Belgian Minister at Washington, and Nathan Appleton, of Boston....*Windsor Hotel*—J. H. Devereux, of Cleveland....*Coleman House*—Governor William M. Bunn, of Idaho....*Brevoort House*—Professor George E. Day, of New-Haven....*Astor House*—The Rev. Dr. Sheldon, of Troy.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Meeting of Marine Bank directors, 10 a. m.
Park Commissioners and Board of Education meetings.
Military Service Institution, Governor's Island, 3:30 p. m.
Dog Show, Madison Square Garden.
Union Theological Seminary Alumni, 10:30 a. m.
Exhibition of Spring Flowers, Horticultural Hall.
Auction sale of Jersey Cattle, American Horse Exchange.
American Tract Society annual meeting, Madison Square Presbyterian Church, 10 a. m.
New-York-Chicago baseball match, Polo Grounds 4 p.m.
Loyal Legion, Delmonico's, 8 p. m.
Dress-parade of 22d Regiment, Armory, evening.
Trunk Lines Joint Executive Committee, Mr. Fink's office.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Walter Hicks, age five, was killed by a fall from a window of No. 101 Allen-st., yesterday.

Wax figures of Rugg and Guiteau will soon be placed in the crypt of the Eden Musée, and a Fitzgerald will appear on the main floor.

The Board of Health yesterday passed resolutions of regret for the death of Dr. Willard Parker.

The baseball games which were to be played in this city and Brooklyn yesterday were postponed on account of the rain.

INSTALLING A UNIVERSALIST PASTOR.

The Rev. Thomas W. Ellman was installed pastor of the Third Universalist Church, in West Eleventh-st., last evening. The Rev. Dr. J. M. Pullman delivered the sermon, the Rev. C. H. Eaton the words of welcome, and the Rev. Dr. Gunnison the address to the society.

MEMORIAL TO AUGUSTUS SCHELL.

At the meeting of the New-York Historical Society last evening, at Second-ave. and Eleventh-st., a memorial to Augustus Schell was read by Dr. G. H. Moore, librarian of Lenox Library. Mr. Schell had been president of the society, and was one of its oldest members. A paper entitled "Curious Forms of the Ballot" was read by Ludovic Bennett.

AN OLD MAN RUN OVER AND KILLED.

John A. Wilson, age fifty, of No. 133 Chatham-st., at Centre and Canal sts., at 5 p. m. yesterday, was run over by car No. 29 of the Dry Dock and East Broadway line. Both his legs were cut off at the thighs, and he died soon after being taken to the Sixth Precinct Station House. John McDonald, the driver of the car, was arrested. He lives at No. 9 Mangin-st.

CHARGES TO BE MADE AGAINST POLICEMEN.

Mr. Miller, counsel for the Assembly Investigating Committee, was at Police Headquarters yesterday to consult with Inspector Murray regarding the two policemen observed in Fourth-ave. by Mr. Roosevelt on Saturday. Charges of neglect of duty will be made in time to have the officers brought to trial next week.

THE JAPANESE WRESTLER UNDERGOING REPAIRS.

Matsada Sorakichi, the Japanese wrestler, is in the New-York Hospital undergoing treatment for severe strains in the shoulders and chest. It will probably be two weeks before he is in good trim. The physicians attribute his condition to the continuous strain to which he has been subjected in wrestling matches.

MEETING OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of New-York met in the South Reformed Church at Fifth-ave. and Twenty-first-st. yesterday. The Rev. Dr. D. N. Vanderveer was elected president; the Rev. F. F. Schenck vice-president, and the Rev. Daniel Van Pelt clerk. The Rev. William Smith read a paper on "The Causes and Tendencies of Popular Scepticism." In the evening the Rev. E. C. Scudder preached the synodical sermon.

DEATH OF DR. MOTT.

Dr. A. Randolph Mott, jr., house physician at the Riverside Hospital, died yesterday from typhus fever after an illness of fifteen days. The elder Dr. Mott, who is a prominent physician in Virginia, is in feeble health. The body will be placed in a hermetically sealed metallic coffin and removed to Virginia. The Board of Health passed resolutions of regret for Dr. Mott's death and of sympathy for his relatives.

FRIENDS OF JOHN C. FREMONT.

At a meeting of the Association of California Pioneers, at the Sturtevant House, last evening, a memorial was adopted and numerously signed asking Congress immediately to pass the bill creating ex-Governor John C. Fremont a Major-General, and retiring him on full pay. Several speeches were made eulogizing the services of Governor Fremont in the exploration and conquest of the "Western empire." Veterans of the Mexican War, of this city, are also invited to sign the memorial.

YEARLINGS AND COWS AT AUCTION.

The increase of the Mountain-side herd of Jersey cattle, owned by Theodore Havemeyer, was sold yesterday at Mr. Havemeyer's private stables in Seventy-second-st. near Eleventh-ave. by Peter C. Kellogg. Twelve cows were also sold. There was a large proportion of yearling bulls and the prices brought were small. The highest price was paid for the cow Mary Hinman, which brought $800. Fifty-three offerings were sold for $9,628. A feature of the annual combination sale which will begin to-day will be a string of youngsters offered by J. V. N. Willis, of Marlboro, N. J.

THE FIVE POINTS MISSION ANNIVERSARY.

The Five Points Mission celebrated its thirty-fourth anniversary yesterday. During the last year 951 children were taught, over 10,000 articles of clothing were distributed, hot dinners were given to 99,200 hungry people, and the expenditures were $20,700. The mission is free from debt and has a small balance in the treasury. The following directresses were elected by the Board of Managers: Mrs. Joseph A. Wright, Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, Mrs. William Ryer, Mrs. F. Holsten, Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Mrs. Joseph Graydon, Miss E. Burling and Mrs. Bishop Harris.

WHICH IS THE LOST VESSEL?

The steamship Germania, from the Mediterranean, was signalled on April 29, in latitude 38° 26' north, longitude 46° west by the Norwegian bark Alker. The signals communicated that a vessel of the international code letters "H. W. B. C." had been dismasted, abandoned and foundered and the crew were on board of the Alker. The only vessels bearing these letters are the American ship Lydia Skolfield, owned by Skolfield Brothers, of Brunswick, Me., and commanded by Captain F. C. Miller; and the Norwegian bark Attila. The former sailed from Havre on February 27, for New-Orleans, and the latter sailed from Antwerp from New-York on March 1.

THE RECORDER PRODS MR. THOMPSON AGAIN.

Recorder Smyth again had occasion yesterday to call attention to the condition in which Commissioner Thompson has left the windows of the General Sessions court-room. Some of the jurors complained that they had caught cold from the strong drafts about the building. The Recorder said to the jurors: "I have already spoken to the Commissioner of Public Works several times. Unless the difficulty is remedied soon I shall have to use my right to demand from the Sheriff, at the expense of the taxpayers, a room suitable for the use of the juries."

SPRING FLOWERS AT HORTICULTURAL HALL.

At the monthly exhibition of the Horticultural Society yesterday the genuine spring flowers were mainly in the collection of Woolson & Co., of Passaic, N. J. Here were 250 pots with perhaps half as many varieties of plants, gathered from all parts of the Temperate Zone, and now blooming in the open air after a winter in which most of them have had no protection. Near these hardy plants was a creditable collection of tropical orchids, exhibited by Isaac Buchanan and Mrs. Morgan. There were masses of admirably grown roses, amaryllis, carnations and cut flowers in bewildering confusion.

BROOKLYN.

William A. Nash has resigned as a member of the Board of Education.

William Mason, age seventy, a despondent book canvasser, of No. 295 Navy-st., took a fatal dose of cyanide of potassium yesterday.

The will of the late Loftis Wood bequeathes about $350,000. The sum of $10,000 each is given to the Brooklyn Library for the purchase of books, and to the Industrial School of the Eastern District.

The Rev. Dr. D. V. M. Johnson, rector of St Mary's Episcopal Church, in Classon-ave., has received a call to the rectorship of St. James's Church, Wilmington, N. C. He is nearly seventy-two years old and has been rector of St. Mary's for nearly twenty-eight years. He does not care for a new field of labor.

Bridge Trustee James Howell has drawn up a bill to present to the Legislature providing for the widening of Washington-st. from the Bridge terminus to Myrtle-ave. The plan is to widen the street forty feet and extend the Bridge cable road to the City Hall. It is also proposed to take away the entire block bounded by Fulton, Washington and Johnson sts.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELLERS.

Among the people who arrived by the steamer Baltic yesterday were: J. Burgan, Mrs. E. J. Burgan, Miss E. Burgan, G. W. Baldwin, James Crawford, Sheldon Cradock, R. G. B. Davids, E. V. Domell, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Graydon, J. E. Perkins, John Donaldson, Miss J. Stone, Albert G. Shaw, James Shaw, Alexander Sill, Miss H. Sill, Miss M. Sioft, Dr. F. A. Sawtelle, Mrs. Waters, W. R. Warren, William Wetters, William Ware and A. Hammond.

The steamer Elne brought among others from Bremen Hermann Kurstciner, Edward Kurstciner, S. K. Everett, Consul Muser, J. Kaufmann, Edward Carr, Solomon L. Lambert, E. L. Reuter, J. Henry Harper, John Harper, A. Heller, Mr. Schönberger, Mahlon Sands, Mrs. Sands, J. E. de Sta. Marina, John Wann and N. W. Fitzgerald.

The steamer Amsterdam took as passengers to Antwerp yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Pluygers, W. R. Hallet, Miss H. S. Hallet, M. S. Landsberg, E. Macdonald, Francis Brandt and the Rev. H. Pracssar.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

IS HE WORTH THREE MILLIONS?

Charles Hellrigle, a Newark trunk-maker, who was reported to be the heir of a fortune of $3,000,000 by the death of an aunt in Brazil was at work in the factory of T. B. Peddie & Co., at Newark yesterday when seen by a TRIBUNE reporter. He said:

I don't know much about the matter. I know that my father's sister who was also my godmother went to Brazil when I was young and became rich. I believe she married a wealthy and prominent man there and that she was left a large fortune by his death. Five years ago she wrote to me asking for information about the family, about my prospects and if I needed money. I tore up the letter and paid no attention to it, thinking that it was a joke somebody was imposing on me. Some time afterward I met my father and he told me I was foolish not to keep the address as my correspondent was my godmother and had sent money to me when I was young. I do not know my father's address, but I shall find him and learn my aunt's name and where she lived, and have a lawyer look into the matter. I know my aunt had no children. I won't quit work though.

Hellrigle is thirty years of age and lives at No. 267 Broome-st.

CLAIMANTS FOR THE RUGG REWARD.

Queens County constables are greatly exercised over the reward for the conviction of the negro, Charles H. Rugg, for the murder of the Maybee women. There are nine applicants, two of whom have already filed their claims with the Board of Supervisors. A movement is now on foot to secure a part of the rewards for Mrs. Selah Sprague, of East Meadow, L. I., who with her husband was assaulted and robbed by Rugg, and for Mr. Kelsay, the Westbury storekeeper who caused the arrest of Rugg immediately after the Sprague assault. The Townsend reward is claimed by Detective James W. Smith, of Flushing. Definite action as to who will receive the rewards, it is understood, will be taken by the supervisors at their next meeting. Rugg appears to be in good spirits. He denies having committed the Maybee murders, and has strong hopes of obtaining a new trial. He had his photograph taken yesterday.

FINDING A "RING" IN COLLEGE POINT.

William H. Secor, of College Point, L. I., a new member of the Board of Village Trustees, says that he has discovered a "ring" whose schemes are so carefully laid that the village and taxpayers are being defrauded out of thousands of dollars, and produces proofs to establish his assertions. His persistency in bringing the frauds to light has caused a great deal of consternation among the other officials, and they make every effort to prevent him from presenting the matters at the meetings. On Monday Mr. Secor persisted in reiterating his charges, until a motion to adjourn was carried while he was talking. The taxpayers are giving all possible aid to Mr. Secor. He was one of the lawyers on the Downing baby case.

NEWARK.

Judge Depue has ordered that Ludwig Schiff, who was recently adjudged a bankrupt, should be taken before the Grand Jury. Schiff recently testified that he had lost $1,000 a month at poker at a place in Mulberry-st. kept by Julius Winters. He named several men who had played with him, and they will also be summoned.

At the Chisholm will case yesterday in the Orphans' Court, Mrs. Macomber, the mother of Chisholm's murdered wife, testified that she had always cared for the three children. The counsel for the Chisholms elicited the fact that Mr. Macomber was "on the horse circuit" and asked for an adjournment that he might get evidence to show that Macomber was a "bunco steerer."

JERSEY CITY.

The Board of Education organized by the election of William R. Laird as president, and John F. O'Sullivan clerk. Mr. O'Sullivan was formerly president of the board.

Henry Wertheimer, a dealer in cattle, has been indicted for embezzlement. It is charged that he sold a consignment of cattle for $7,000 and retained $1,000. He gave bonds yesterday in $5,000.

SUNDRY NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

ELIZABETH.—In his charge to the Grand Jury yesterday Judge Van Syckle said that information had been received showing that the law regarding indecent publications had been violated, and that the evidence would be laid before the Jury.

LONG ISLAND.

FLUSHING.—The Police Committee of the village trustees last evening dismissed the charges against Captain Charles Hance, made by the Young America Hose Company.

ISLIP.—A German named Velmer was killed by a freight train yesterday at "Foots Crossing," near Central Islip. He worked on the farm of James Slater.

STATEN ISLAND.

STAPLETON.—Eight idle ships are laid up in the basin.....The storm yesterday detained seventeen ships at anchor off Staten Island.

RICHMOND.—Julius Columbani, who was recently arrested for the robbery of bonds worth $10,000 from the house of Owen McSorley, at West New-Brighton, yesterday was indicted for grand larceny. Mrs. Peck, who aided in his capture, was a witness.

ALONG THE SOUND.

BRIDGEPORT.—Eugene Lynch, of Easton, yesterday confessed that he assaulted the Rev. Martin Dudley, trustee of the Staples Free Academy of Easton, on April 5, for the purpose of robbing him. He explained that he was in the employ of Samuel R. Wells, a butcher, who planned the scheme and offered him one-third of the proceeds.

LOCAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

OFFICE-HOLDERS AND THE CONVENTIONS.

Inquiry was made by a TRIBUNE reporter yesterday of William Potts, secretary of the Civil Service Reform Association, concerning a circular said to have been issued by that organization, threatening the prosecution of Federal office-holders who take part in the Chicago Convention. Mr. Potts said:

"No such circular has been issued by our association. Some local association West may have issued such a circular. I have not seen it and know nothing about it."

"Do you propose to take any such action?"

"Assuredly not. Their action is not a violation of the Civil Service law. If it was we should prosecute them, as we did General Curtis. You may be sure we should go for them at once. All we can do is to agitate, through the press and elsewhere. These officials are hired to perform a certain duty. If they take their time to attend caucuses and conventions, they are simply defrauding the Government of services due. What we have got to do in the matter is to study out the best way to reform a great abuse. We might get out a circular stating our views, but everybody knows already where we stand. To get out a threatening circular would be futile, because the office-holders, knowing that they are not violating any law, would laugh at us. By the way, the outcome of General Curtis's case is one of the healthiest signs in our favor. He was fined $10,000, which was paid. In the Legislature the past winter he has been one of the warmest and firmest of our friends, advocates and helpers. We feel like giving him great credit for his work."

INDEPENDENTS WHO CANNOT AGREE.

The Executive Committee of the Independent Republican Conference held a two hours' fruitless session yesterday. There were present Carl Shurz, ex-Governor D. H. Chamberlain, F. W. Hollis, Alfred T. White, George W. Green and Secretary David Allerton. Mr. White presided. The subject of discussion was the proposed conference of New-York delegates to the Republican National Convention, of which Ethan Allen Doty is the originator, and for which Theodore Roosevelt stands godfather. The Executive Committee was so divided in opinion that they could not even decide to hold any conference. Some of the members wanted a call issued for a meeting of all the delegates. Others wanted invitations restricted to the delegates-at-large, and those of their own way of thinking. Still others favored an invitation to all except a few personal friends of Blaine and Arthur. The meeting-place suggested was the large vacant bank room on the first floor at No. 160 Broadway, in which building the committee headquarters are situated. The "spread" for the occasion would be confined to a cold collation. The committee failing to agree on the main point, of who should be included in the invitation, desired to lay the matter before the General Committee, when it meets on Saturday to discuss the report of the sub-committee on resolutions regarding Presidential preferences.

POLITICS IN JERSEY CITY.

The new Board of County Freeholders of Jersey City, held its first meeting yesterday. Mr. Govern, the director-at-large, is a Democrat, and nearly all the appointments must be approved by him. Assemblyman Cornelius S. See and Louis H. Broome, Republicans, were elected counsel to the Board, and superintendent of public grounds and buildings respectively by a party vote. Mr. Govern said that he would not allow any appointee of the Board to be removed except for cause, and he would hear reasons why Messrs. See and Broome should replace Messrs. J. H. Lippincott and Edward Kelly, and if the reasons were not satisfactory he would not approve the appointments.

THIRTY-SEVEN NEW MINISTERS.

The forty-eighth anniversary of the Union Theological Seminary was held last evening at Madison Square Presbyterian Church. Two of the graduates will go to Turkey, one to Chili and one to Manitoba. The greater part of these will be connected with the Presbyterian Church; five will go to Congregational and two to Reformed churches. President Hitchcock presented the diplomas and delivered an address. The following were the graduates:

Samuel G. Anderson	William S. Dodd,	Edwin K. Mitchell,
William S. Barnes,	Charles E. Dunn,	Edward C. Moore,
Henry G. Brown,	Chas. A. S. Dwight,	Milton C. Pond,
George W.