able to distinguish between a protective system which fosters and promotes all the industries of the Nation, and one which might inure to the benefit of an individual.

JUDGE THURMAN AT HOME.

HE RECEIVES AN OVATION—DECLARING THAT HE IS NOT A SOREHEAD.

COLUMBUS, July 13.—No demonstration over the Democratic nominations in Chicago was made here until Judge Thurman arrived home last night, when he was met at the depot by several thousand persons with a brass brand and a liberal display of bandannas. There was at the same time a grand display of fireworks all over the city. Carriages were in waiting for him decorated with flags. Behind these the people fell in line with what torches could be gathered, most of them wearing red handkerchiefs. The line of march was the scene of a continuous roar, enthusiastic demonstrations and brilliant displays of fireworks. Upon the arrival of the procession at ex-Senator Thurman's house, he rose in his carriage and said:

MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS: I should not be a human being and would have no heart in my bosom if I were not deeply touched by this expression of your kindness and regard. I knew that you were my friends, that you would greet me and take me by the hand on my return, but that you should show such marked demonstration is beyond all expectations. For one who is not, and who never expects to be, anything but a private citizen, it is indeed more than could have been anticipated. Therefore, I express to you most sincerely my gratitude. This repays me for any disappointment you may think I feel; but let me tell you sincerely, I am not a disappointed, or sore-headed man. I have met with reverses in the past, but always tried to keep a level head. I am happier in the midst of this rejoicing of my friends than if I had received the nomination for the Presidency. I was not in any sense a candidate. For a year or more, I have said I was not and would not be a candidate, and that all I asked of the world was to be let alone. But the world saw fit to have it otherwise. Your State Convention made me a delegate to the National council, and, after I arrived at Chicago, so many of my friends said that they were bound to present my name and earnestly asked me to consent to their efforts, that I had not the heart to resist them. I am not here to throw cold water on anything that has been done. I will not go over the proceedings of the convention, but I will say what I know, that your enemies are honorable men, and that so far as Governor Cleveland and Governor Hendricks themselves are concerned there was nothing done but that which was honorable in bringing about the result. There were a few men there of whose actions it would be the sheerest hypocrisy in me to express approval. But I can live without their support, and I hope they can live without mine.

Your nominations were fairly made. It is impossible to satisfy all in such matters. There will always be those who are disappointed because of failure to nominate their friends, but there should be none at the present time. The convention was the grandest ever held on earth, and the nominations were made by such large majorities and amid such enthusiasm as to inspire confidence. Let us go to work and redeem this country from the iron rule under which it has fallen. The people are tired of the present power, and with patriotic motives and earnest work we will live to see the country in the hands of that party of reform which was once small, but which is now the party of the people from one end of the land to the other.

The speaker eulogized highly those who had been his opponents, and spoke of the nominees in strong terms, after which he said that he was weary, that he had been travelling since 5 o'clock and that he had been kept a prisoner at Chicago for a week by those who were rushing to see the old man, and, pointing to his old homestead, beside which his carriage stood, he said: "I am particularly anxious now to get into that house there and see an old lady who is waiting for me."

Just as Mr. Thurman closed there was a cry sent up all along the line of "Thank you," and the cheers were continued for some time after the door was closed.

A TALK WITH SENATOR JONES,

WHAT HE THINKS OF CLEVELAND—THE TARIFF QUESTION.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, who was at the Republican National headquarters last week, said to a Tribune reporter:

"It will prove a shock to the country and to the Democratic party that the Democrats have put up a man for President who is purely an accident, who lacks ability as shown by his course as Governor of New-York, and whose nomination relegates to the rear every man of ability in the Democratic party. I am pretty well posted in New-York. I meet a good many people here. I want to bet that Blaine can carry this State. He can carry it by 25,000. I believe he will carry it by 50,000. He will not only carry New-York, but he will carry every Northern State and break in on the South. His nomination was responsive to the voice of the people."

"How does the tariff plank of the Democracy strike you?"

"Their whole platform may be disgraced in that plank. They say, 'We are in favor of protection and we are in favor of free trade.' They ought to say one thing or the other. The fact is that the tariff question is strong with the masses of the people. They can easily comprehend it. It is, after all, a simple thing. The Republicans are squarely in favor of protective tariff. They say that whoever lives in this country and pays its taxes, and bears its burdens, and is liable to bear arms in its defence, has a first right to all the varied markets of the broad land to sell his products and productions. The Democrats are for free trade, but they say they are for revenue reform; for a revenue only of the tariff. They say the money we take from tariff is a tax. I say it is not a tax at all. It is what the foreigner pays us for the privilege of trading in this country. The present tariff averages 33 per cent, let us say, for illustration. That means that by paying us $150,000,000 the foreigners are permitted to sell $450,000,000 of goods in this country, which otherwise would be sold by home producers. The Democrats want to put the tariff down to an average of 25 per cent. That would be to give the foreigners for their $150,000,000 of payment the privilege of selling $750,000,000 of goods in this country. Do you see what that would lead to? It might make joy in the workshops abroad, but it would bring sorrow and want to every home in America."

THE REGRETS OF SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS.

ALL THE BRAINS AT THE WRONG END OF THE TICKET, SAYS A GEORGIA EDITOR.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

MACON, Ga., July 13.—The nomination of Grover Cleveland does not meet with a ready response in Georgia. *The Telegraph and Messenger*, the leading Democratic organ of the State, says:

"The choice of the convention was not the real choice of the South, as the ballots show. We believe, further, that his nomination is a defeat of the best element of the party he represents, and is liable to renew and perpetuate the clique against which so successful a war has been waged. But the nomination has been made by the Democratic Convention. For this reason and because of the acknowledged fact that he is an honest man, against whose public and private record no breath of suspicion has been blown, we Mr. Cleveland receive our full support. With Randall, Thurman, Bayard, or Field victory for the party would have been a surety. That it is now doubtful is beyond dispute. While we regret heartily that the party has again erred at the supreme moment, we recognize in the situation only an urgent cause for renewed and continued effort. We enter the fight cheerfully and while we do so under a leader who cannot arouse our enthusiasm, we are consoled with the reflection that in him we can find no cause for shame. The nomination of Mr. Hendricks for Vice-President seems to have been achieved in the hour of repentance which always follows excited action. He undoubtedly adds character and brains to the ticket. That these desirable elements should be located superabundantly in the after part of the combination will not, we fear, increase the dignity of its appearance. Still the mere fact that Mr. Hendricks is present will not only add strength to the Western division of the party, but attract attention somewhat from the head of the party's ticket."

IN THE STATE OF MAINE.

LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN IN THE NOMINATION OF CLEVELAND—VISITING BLAINE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

AUGUSTA, Me., July 13.—The Maine Democracy are not enthusiastic over their ticket. The reception of Cleveland's nomination was marked with demonstrations in only a few places, and these proved feeble outbursts of joy. The evidence thus far goes to show that the Chicago ticket falls like a wet blanket on the Maine Democracy. The Republicans are perfectly satisfied with Cleveland's nomination. It will be the means of rolling up for Mr. Blaine a larger majority in this State than would have been the case if some other man would have been selected. The working people who vote the Democratic ticket do not take kindly to Cleveland, and hundreds of them will not vote for him, but will go for Blaine and help swell his vote.

An old Bourbon Democrat from a neighboring town was here to-day, and he astonished his old Democratic associates here by declaring that Cleveland was the weakest candidate his party could have nominated, and he would not vote for him anyhow. Expressing a desire to see Mr. Blaine, he was driven to that gentleman's house and introduced to him. The chances are that when the old fellow votes in November it will be the Blaine and Logan ticket.

RACERS AND CRUISERS.

From Truth (London).

Matches for cruisers have, I am told, become the fashion. But at present no one seems to know what is or what is not a cruiser. One day one hears of such a race being won by a famous twenty tonner of a season or two ago, on another of a crack yawl of but a season past scoring honors. Such a state of affairs can have but one result—and that is protests. If cruiser races are encouraged, one day a flying cruiser will be built, with iron ballast and all the rest of it; in fact, as it is, I am told that one cruiser at present racing is fast enough to beat many racers, and that one, if not two, of last year's forty tonners intend calling themselves cruisers later on. Would it not be better either to abolish the term "cruiser" or to impose penalties on winners, since "duffer" races must be intended to enable each craft to win a prize in turn?

A merchant traveller at dinner requested the waiter to bring him a piece of rare beef, and when it came, it was rare indeed. "Waiter!" he remarked, warningly, as he looked at the undone dish. "Yes, sah," responded the darkey. "Take this beef out, please, and kill it." The waiter crawled into a napkin ring and disappeared.—[Merchant Traveller.

SPORTS AFLOAT AND ASHORE.

LOVERS OF SAIL AND OAR.

CROWDS ON THE HARLEM—RACING STEAMBOATS—ROWING NOTES.

The Harlem River put on its usual Sunday attire yesterday, and presented a gay appearance with its multiplicity of craft of all kinds. The sun, when unobstructed by passing clouds, shown down fiercely, and in the middle of the afternoon only those oarsmen who are in practice for the National Regatta at Watkin's braved the heat. Later in the afternoon, however, the wind freshened, the sky was slightly overcast, and the water was inviting enough to bring out the full force of amateur oarsment and the usual contingent of pleasure seekers. There are two lines of steamers from Harlem Bridge to High Bridge, and they have got into the habit of racing up and down the river to the great discomfort of oarsmen and the terror of timid young ladies who brave the dangers of the river.

The first of the crews to go out was the Gramercy eight-oared barge. With the Friendship's eight-oared barge and six and four-oared gigs they went over to College Point, where they indulged in a clam bake. The Metropolitans tried their new eight-oared barge for the first time, and with President C. F. Nathung, of the club, and a party of ladies, rowed around to Oak Point. The Wyanoke's eight-oared barge also went to Oak Point with a large party. A photographer had his camera on the Nonpareil's float in the morning and photographed the barge and crew the Nonpareil Club, went out for a while in the gig that he bought while in Albany.

Among the best known oarsmen who were out were Page and Morse, who are practicing for the National Amateur Regatta; Lavelle and Cunningham, of the Excelsior Club; Gould and McDonald, of the Atalantas; and Schuyler and Green, of the Nassaus. Van Zandt, of the Union Club, who boasts of having made the trip around Manhattan Island twenty-seven times, rowed stroke in the Union eight to High Bridge and was also out in a single and double skull. He will go to Watkin's to compete in the National Regatta. Nicol and Nagle, of the Metropolitan Club; F. A. Bingham, of the Friendship Club; Young, of the Atalantas; Benjamin Haas, of the Excelsiors, and Felix Grime and Frank Sabulka, of the Nonpareil were out in singles. In the morning several members of the Nonpareil and Wyanoke Clubs got up an impromptu tub race which afforded a great deal of amusement to the spectators.

In the afternoon there was a race between the miniature yachts Lottie Lee, owned by F. A. Bingham, and the Lottie, owned by Mr. Evans. The course was across the Harlem River at Fourth-ave. After a close race the Lottie Lee won by five seconds.

There was a fair attendance at Oak Point when Wallace Ross, accompanied by Fred Plaisted and George Gaisel, took a long pull across to Flushing Bay. He is training hard for his coming race with Teemer.

The weather could not have been better for yachting, and the steady whole sail breeze was taken advantage of by the members of the Harlem and Knickerbocker clubs. A number of the boats left anchorage on Saturday night and went for cruises up the sound. The Peerless, Sappho and Henry Ward Beecher of the Harlem Club and the Sarade of the Knickerbocker Club were among the number. Among the other crafts that went out were the Mary Gibson, Maretta, George B. Deane, Gracie, Cornlya K, Nettie Thorp, Mabel N, Clam Shell and Gil Blas.

THE BOSTON CLUB STILL LEADING,

STRUGGLING FOR BASEBALL HONORS—THE METROPOLITANS WILL UP.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Local admirers of baseball will again have an opportunity of witnessing their favorite game. The League clubs returned from a successful tour through the West last week, and will be followed by the American Association clubs this week. Last week's work made no changes in the League race, as Boston is still in the lead, two games ahead of the Providence club and six games ahead of the New-York clubs. The Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Detroit clubs follow in order. The present opinion seems to be that the final struggle will be betw en the Boston, Providence and New-York clubs, with the chances greatly in favor of the nine from the "Hub." The full record to date is as follows:

Clubs.	Boston	Providence	New-York	Chicago	Buffalo	Cleveland	Philadelphia	Detroit	Games won
Boston		5	4	5	6	9	7	7	43
Providence	2		3	4	5	6	7	11	38
New-York	3	2		3	6	7	8	9	37
Chicago	2	1	2		5	6	8	9	33
Buffalo	1	2	2	5		4	7	8	29
Cleveland	1	2	1	3	4		6	7	24
Philadelphia	1	1	2	2	3	4		10	23
Detroit	1	0	0	1	4	3	2		12
Games lost	14	10	14	15	28	35	41	44	

The second series of games between the Eastern and Western League clubs is ended, and the following table will show the great superiority of the Eastern over the Western clubs. Out of 114 games played the Eastern clubs won seventy-seven. The Philadelphia club is the only one of the Eastern clubs that lost more games than it won. The Chicago club has been the most successful of the Western clubs.

East.	Chicago	Buffalo	Cleveland	Detroit	Games won	West.	Boston	Providence	New-York	Philadelphia
Boston	5	5	6	7	23	Chicago	2	3	3	6
Providence	5	5	3	8	21	Buffalo	1	2	2	5
New-York	3	5	6	7	21	Cleveland	1	2	2	5
Philadelphia	2	3	3	4	12	Detroit	1	0	0	2
Games lost	15	18	18	26	77	Games lost	5	7	7	18

In the American Association race the Louisville club leads, with the Metropolitan and Columbus clubs tied for second place. Each club has won the same number of victories, but the nine from Louisville has lost only fourteen games, while the Metropolitan and Columbus clubs have both defeated seventeen times each. The Metropolitan and Brooklyn clubs will meet for the first time next Monday. The record up to date is as follows:

Clubs.	Louisville	Metropolitan	Columbus	Cincinnati	St. Louis	Athletic	Baltimore	Brooklyn	Toledo	Allegheny	Indianapolis	Washington	Games won
Louisville		2	3	0	0	4	3	4	3	3	5	4	24
Metropolitan	4		3	2	1	0	3	0	4	0	3	5	24
Columbus	3	3		4	4	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	21
Cincinnati	0	4	2		0	2	2	4	3	5	4	6	32
St. Louis	1	3	2	0		3	2	2	1	5	5	5	29
Athletic	2	0	3	4	1		2	0	4	5	3	5	29
Baltimore	0	3	2	2	3	3		2	1	0	6	0	22
Brooklyn	2	0	1	2	2	0	3		4	4	4	4	26
Toledo	0	2	0	2	1	1	2	2		2	0	5	17
Allegheny	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1		3	0	9
Indianapolis	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4		4	12
Washington	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2		9
Games lost	14	17	17	17	17	13	21	18	24	17	35	40	[illegible]

Games of base ball were played yesterday, as follows: In St. Louis—St. Louis 11, Brooklyn 0. In Cincinnati—Cincinnati 9, Baltimore 2.

HOMING PIGEON FLIGHTS.

The homing pigeons of C. A. H. Bright, Bridgeport, Conn., that were flown in competition early in the season with those of E. O. Damon, Northampton, Mass., were liberated in Greensboro, N. C., yesterday morning, for the journey for record from 500 miles. The Northampton birds were liberated in Lynchburg, Va., for the corresponding journey, over a fortnight ago, but were caught in a storm and only one returned. The best record from the distance was made to the Damon loft a year ago, and although not within the limits of the day of the start, the returns were within nearly four hours of the opening of the basket. The last to enter of the Bridgeport birds, previous to yesterday, was from Richmond, Va., 334 miles.

Birds owned by E. S. Raymond, Fall River, Mass., have been waiting in this city since Friday for favorable weather in which to fly home in a journey for record from 162 miles. The entry is of untrained old birds and youngsters.

The countermarking for the last race of the old bird season to this vicinity and Newark was to be to-day, but is postponed to eleven o'clock to-morrow. The entries in the race will define returns in this season's races from Columbus, Ohio, owned by the Messrs. Allen, Baldwin, Bennett, Bond, and Lippert, of Newark; Hudson, of New-York, and Maguire, Van Morse, Opitz and Fradsham, of Brooklyn. The liberating stations are to be at Mattoon, Ill., for Newark, and Charleston, Ill., for this vicinity, cities about 750 miles distant from the home centres. The liberators are to be in telegraphic communication so that the start shall go together. The birds will arrive at the race stations on Thursday and be given Friday for rest and refreshment, after the long journey by rail. The start is to be on Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, if the weather is favorable and promises to remain so for any length of time.

"SIGUED" IN LONDON.

From Truth (London).

It is settled that "Sigurd" shall be produced at Covent Garden on Thursday, July 17. This opera had a great success at Brussels, where it was brought out last winter. The composer, M. Reyer, who is a Frenchman, is Bibliothecaire en Chef of the Grand Opera of Paris, a member of the Academie, and a distinguished writer on musical subjects. He has produced many works, of which his oratorios and ballets are best known. It was his opera, "La Statue," which procured him the honor of the Academie. As I stated last week, Madame Albani is to create the part of Brunhilde, and Monsieur Jourdain, of Brussels, whose services have been specially retained, will make his first appearance in this country in his original (tenor) role of Sigurd. Fursch-Madi, De Reszke, and Devoyod will also appear in the opera, which is thus assured a most favorable rendering. The libretto treats of the "Nibelungenlied," but in place of the series of operas by which Wagner has illustrated the legend, Reyer has compressed the tale into one. The music may be said to be of the advanced school, but as there are sustained and beautiful melodies, the opera is probably destined to prove as great a favorite in England as it was in Belgium.

AN INCOMPETENT CONGRESS.

From The Troy Times.

It is believed that no former Congress ever brought its first session to a close in an equally unsatisfactory manner. Democratic incompetency and fat-wittedness have manifested themselves with more than ordinary completeness from first to last. A lesson should and probably will be administered to the wrong-doing Democracy in November which will awaken the leaders to a momentary realization of their folly. But it will bring no permanent reformation of Democratic methods. Bourbonism will continue to dominate the party managers in spite of every warning.

AMUSEMENTS AT RICHFIELD SPRINGS.

A PLACE WHERE THERE IS LITTLE HEARD OF POLITICS—THE HOTELS OVERFLOWING.

RICHFIELD SPRINGS, July 12.—The incessant clicking of the telegraph instrument in the corner is all there is here to remind one that such a thing as politics exists, or that the Democrats have met in convention in Chicago. There are the rudiments of a crowd at Richfield, but a madding crowd it is not, and cannot be persuaded to be. The tennis balls fly as cheerfully to and fro across the nets, the rheumatics march as patiently to their sulphur baths and drink as many goblets of hot sulphur water, the wagons run as regularly to the lake and to the station, the girls wear as pretty gowns and as pretty faces, and the ladies, old and young, sit as placidly upon the piazzas and as calmly estimate the cost of one another's back hair as though the great world of politics did not exist.

Bright and pleasant the sunshine is, but the air is cool and the atmosphere clear and invigorating. The season is well under way and the hotels are full and overflowing into their supplementary cottages. New-York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New-Orleans and Washington are represented by large contingents, and more people come by every train. Desultory reading, conversation, tennis, roller skating, whist and euchre, riding, driving and excursions on the lakes give to every age and condition the occupation which is an indispensable part of true recreation. A mind inclined to serene philosophical observation may find content in merely holding down a wicker chair and watching the pretty girls in pretty frocks, the dowagers and men of substance and the constant succession of glittering vehicles, fine horses and cheerful people riding and driving past the hotel. People of more active dispositions find easy vent for their energies, and acquire appetites which here they may confidently hope to satisfy. One provision is made for the tireless greed for pleasure of youth. A tournament is planned for to-morrow morning, like the one held here last year. Young men on horses charge with bamboo lances at a suspended ring, the one who is lucky enough to run his pole through the ring being awarded fame and the victor's beer, not to say laurels. In the evening a German at the Spring House will give the fair mitable opportunity to reward the brave, and vice versa.

A roller skating rink in the grounds of the Spring House contests the place of the tennis courts in the affections of the young, and especially a resource when it rains, as sometimes it does even here. Canadaraga Lake is a mile away, and the trip around it on the launch "I. R. Proctor" consumes two hours agreeably. Otsego Lake is further off, and it uses up a day to go its length on the "Natty Bumppo" to Cooperstown, survey that pretty village, take dinner and return.

Bickel, of New-York, has brought his men and horses here, and his riding school and saddle horses and efficient grooms are more readily attainable than is common at watering places. Consequently the younger generation, and especially the girls, ride a good deal. The roads are excellent and wind in and out among hills covered with wood and meadow and hopfield.

Among the guests now at the Spring House are Colonel Lawrence Kip, George E. Prescott, Colonel F. A. Conkling, Colonel T. H. Reed, A. J. McIntosh, William S. Wells, L. M. Hates, Mrs. Dunsome, George A. Chasseu, D. G. Vanderlip, Jr., Mrs. George S. Appleton, Charles S. Abercrombie, of New-York; ex-Governor C. C. Van Zandt, of New-York; Dr. D. W. Parsons, of Providence; General R. L. Donaldson, of Baltimore, and J. H. Stauffer, of New-Orleans.

At the New American are Colonel Augustus G. Paine, O. W. Bunnemann, R. D. Allison, Colonel J. Howard Kerr, C. A. Cammann, H. B. Hoover, Charles E. Gregory, George W. Elder, Rhode Scoster, Jose C. de Rivas, William H. Livingston, Peter Mesier, Walter Cornell, of New-York; C. G. Patterson, of Paris; J. H. Vanderbilt, Jr., S. W. Cudlip, S. M. Hoar, Harry L. Claflin, Mrs. Jacob Kelly, of New-York; L. L. Dominguez, the Argentine Minister, Baron Lahrer, Count de Lesseps.

PASSING INCIDENTS AT LONG BRANCH.

LONG BRANCH, July 13.—This morning the trains and vans were crowded and carriages poured into the Branch from the neighboring resorts until late in the afternoon. Fourteen more bathers and no accidents. A runaway horse caused some excitement in Ocean-ave. this afternoon, but no harm was done.

Despite notices served upon them by the Chief of Police the proprietors of the so-called "club houses" keep them open and the "games" are participated in nightly to large crowds.

The idea of a new Cotton Point Lake Tabernacle is popular with outsiders but the stock subscription list has not been opened.

Charles and Warren L. Leland, Jr., of the Ocean Hotel, are the donors of handsome gold medals which are to be contested for by the swimmers here. The course is around the Ocean Pier and the medals will become the property of those who win two matches. There will be a match every week, beginning on Wednesday.

The new Oceanic Monument Company is one of the most popular institutions. The stockholders are entitled to free admissions. The monument is mentioned in every prospectus and special calls for permission, dinners or for regular mission or service. F. J. Casey, the manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company here, is for manager.

Preparations are being made for a grand ball in the new rink on the West End Hotel. It will be a most elaborate affair.

The sacred concert and readings given in the parlor of the Continental Hotel this evening was well attended. It was the first entertainment given here on Sunday evening.

The Rev. T. McKee Brown, rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, of New-York, officiated to-day at the chapel of St. James's at Elberon.

Colonel Richmond J. Falls is among the new guests of the Ocean Hotel.

James C. Fish, ex-President of the Marine National Bank, was among the visitors by boat to-day.

H. A. Taylor, of New-York, has his steam yacht, Sphinx, here and makes trips on her between the Branch and New-York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Carroll and family are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel at their Oceanic cottage.

A. Cerson Carroll is with his wife at the cottage of his father-in-law, ex-President Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hazeltine and their daughters, of New-York, are at the West End Hotel.

Henry Pierce Cooper, of New-York, has arrived at the Hotel Brighton.

Lord and Lady Exmouth have changed their plans and will not return here until Thursday.

ENJOYMENT AMONG THE CATSKILLS.

KINGSTON, N. Y., July 13.—The weather has become delightful again in the mountains. It was a little too cool nearly all the week for comfort and too cloudy would have been more desirable. But for this the rush to the Catskills would have been much greater. As it is the hotels are fast filling up, and the piazzas are assuming their wonted scenes of brilliance and life. The copious rains have freshened the foliage and laid the dust.

The trains and boats were crowded with incoming visitors yesterday, and this week promises to be a period of great activity and life throughout the range.

There are now twenty trains on the Ulster and Delaware time schedule, sixteen on the Stony Clove Railway, and thirteen on the Little Catskill Mountain Road, nearly all of which run daily to the mountains. The West Shore Railroad is carrying a much greater number of passengers than last season, and running with exceptional regularity.

The new Grand Hotel at Summit Mountain seems to be receiving a large share of patronage under its new manager. Its best rooms were all taken some days ago.

The Grand Hotel News is the title of a new paper issued there for the first time yesterday. It is a gossipy little sheet, and will appear weekly during the season.

A camp meeting is to be held on the grounds of the Catskill Mountain Assembly Association, near Boulder's, beginning on August 20. The Rev. Dr. L. O. King, of Yonkers, has been chosen president of the society.

Homer Ramsdell, of Newburg, is spending the season at the Tremper House.

A large delegation of popular clergymen from New-York and Philadelphia are at the Grand for July and August.

The season at the Kaaterskill Hotel is becoming unusually brilliant, a great many persons of note and fashion are already there, and the books show many other distinguished engagements. The arrivals for this week will be very large.

Mead's Mountain House, on Overbrook Mountain, is a favorite place for professional men. A number of old patrons are already there.

Professor Agassiz has brought a class of his musical pupils to the Shawangunk Mountains, near Ellenville, where he opened a summer singing school on July 1. Provisions are made for boarding some fifty of more pupils. A grand concert is promised at the close.

A SHOWERY DAY IN NEWPORT.

NEWPORT, July 13.—There was rain this morning, hot sunshine at noon and a thunderstorm in the afternoon. The cottagers were out in large numbers at the fashionable churches at the morning service. The Sunday concert at the Casino took place this evening. The attendance was light, but the music was fair. Many of the prominent cottagers and several of the Casino governors and stockholders are opposed to having Sunday evening concerts. The admission is only 25 cents. A large number of excursionists arrived early in the day, but the storm seriously interfered with their visit.

Lawrence Turnure, of New-York, gave a dinner party to-night.

Mrs. Parsons, of Ohio, has arrived at the Hazard Cottage. William Montgomery and wife of New-York are guests of Thomas J. Montgomery of Boston at "The Rocks."

To-day's arrivals at the leading hotels: Aquidneck House—D. C. Eddy, Brooklyn; E. P. Smith, Chicago; Amos F. Draper, E. A. Carman, Miss Carman, Washington; Dr. Cordelia D. T. Maurice and wife, G. E. Gilbert and wife, W. L. Brownlie, E. M. Updegraff, Charles M. Terrell, T. H. Norris, Boston; J. G. Potts, J. B. Freely, G. E. Wissell, New York; George A. Davis and wife, Norwich; John E. Taylor, Philadelphia; S. A. Phillips and wife, Stonington; Mrs. E. J. Evans, Johnstown, N. Y. Ocean House—G. B. Ilton and wife, J. E. Farrer and wife, George W. Gregerson, E. M. Springer, W. F. Springer, G. D. Hews and wife, Miss Isabel Stone, A. N. Cooke, Frederic Reed, Boston; W. H. Shorthose, London; Dr. George W. Baker and wife, J. T. Marean, J. E. Cornwell and wife, Mrs. W. H. Tilton, Brooklyn; J. C. Whitehead, Newark; H. Schoolkoff, jr., Mrs. C. Comer, Chicago; J. Calliett, Indiana; P. D. Jerrington, P. Lamontague, J. Sober, A. Sober, New-York; Mrs. C. L. White, Mattawan, N. J.; E. S. Babcock, Nashville.

APATHY IN RIFLE SHOOTING.

CREEDMOOR COMPARATIVELY DESERTED.

SEEKING TO AROUSE THE INTEREST OF MARKSMEN—NEED OF AN INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

The widespread interest in marksmanship that was manifested a few years ago in this country which culminated in a series of splendid victories in international contests has lamentably died away, and this has been, thus far, the dullest season at Creedmoor that has been known for years. The fault is not in the range, which is in good order. There is every facility there for shooting, there is good hotel accommodation, there are fine camping grounds for military organizations, and the National Rifle Association has spared no effort, with limited means at its command to induce all interested in marksmanship to practise at the butts. Handsome prizes have been offered for competition, and the Long Island Railroad Company have been induced to make a reduction of 20 cents in the fare for the round trip to and from Creedmoor. Still the marksmen do not come forward. There are fewer aspirants for the honors of the bullseye than formerly. A few years ago there were crowds in front of the targets during the shooting season. There were more men anxious to try their skill than could be accommodated. Then they could only shoot at 600 yards distance. Now they can practise at 1,000 yards, and still they do not come in such numbers and with such enthusiasm as before.

One cause of the lack of interest is the fact that there is to be no international match this year. Men do not feel the same inducement to practise when there is no great match to prepare for. "Men known as good shots, on being informed that there would be no international match," said Assistant Secretary William Vose, of the National Rifle Association, yesterday, "have answered, 'Well, there is no use of practising then, until next year.' This is a great mistake on their part, for constant practice makes perfect." The international match of last year was the return match. A mistaken idea prevailed among many that by the terms of the matches of the last two years a third match was to take place this year. Last year's work ended this particular international competition, and no new one has been provided for, because men were not found in this country willing to come forward and pay the expenses.

CRACK SHOTS TO BE HANDICAPPED.

One thing that has discouraged marksmen who had not attained the highest rank from competing for some of the prizes offered by the National Rifle Association has been the fact that, by the terms of competition in some cases, the best shots were permitted to enter on even terms with the less practised marksmen. It is proposed now to handicap this class, in some of the matches, such as the All-Comers' off-hand match, which will take place on July 23, and the Military Rifle Long Range Match, which will be shot July 16, so as to give a chance to marksmen who, hitherto, have been deterred from entering. It will probably be arranged that marksmen of the first class shall receive no prizes at all in these matches, beyond the honor of making the best shots. The National Rifle Association, while comprehending the importance of doing something to arouse a better spirit among the marksmen of the country, is a little slow in getting to work. The active officers of 1884 are General Philip H. Sheridan, president; General George W. Wingate, vice-president; Colonel John Ward, secretary; Colonel Rodney C. Ward, treasurer; Colonel James G. Stone, Colonel J. H. Cowperthwait, J. H. Brown, Colonel G. L. P. Howard, Major C. L. Fincke, Captain J. F. Ackerman, Lieutenant L. L. Zalinski, Captain W. W. De Forest, Captain C. H. Eagle and Colonel Charles E. Hodge directors.

NEW PRIZES TO BE PROVIDED.

New competitions are to be arranged to take the place of some that have been on the list for years, but which by the limitations of the terms under which they were first instituted are now withdrawn. There is the match for the cup offered by *The Army and Navy Journal*, for instance. This cup on being won three times by the same command became its absolute property. It was won by the 7th Regiment last year for the third time, and so this is no longer one of the regular matches. The same is true of the match for the silk flag worth $200 offered by the Association. It was won for the third time by the Willett's Point Engineers last season. The new matches in place of these, that are to be arranged are to be shot in August and September and their terms will be made public as soon as possible. It is thought that by offering small additional prizes and by giving larger ones for the fall meeting something may be done toward developing a better spirit among the marksmen. In August the prizes for the autumn matches will be decided on. The next regular meeting of the National Rifle Association will be held on August 5. Before that time, however, it is intended to call a special meeting to consider what can be done in the direction of securing a greater interest in the competitions.

One thing that has been of some advantage to Creedmoor this year is the discontinuance of the Brighton range near Elizabeth, N. J. The members of the New-York Rifle Club were not in the habit of visiting Creedmoor formerly, but did their shooting at the Brighton range. Now many of them are practising at Creedmoor.

MATCHES ALREADY ARRANGED.

The matches yet to come, so far as provided, are the following:

July 16. Military Rifle Long Range Match.
July 19. Qualification and Marksmen's Class Badge Match.
July 23. Off-Hand Match.
July 30. Any Rifle Long Range Match.
August 9. Qualification and Marksmen's Class Badge Match.
August 16. Off-Hand Match.
August 20. Qualification and Marksmen's Class Badge Match.
August 23. Long Range Military Match.
August 27. Off-Hand Match.
August 30. Qualification and Marksmen's Class Badge Match.

Some successful experiments have been made at Creedmoor by Major George Shorkley, U. S. A. His object was to obtain by a combination of elements a gunpowder that would burn clean and would not foul the rifle. Frequently a gun becomes foul after two or three shots. In the military rifle matches no cleaning of the pieces is allowed except between ranges—that is, after fifteen shots have been fired at a range. Of course with a powder that would foul the rifle after two or three shots, shooting creditably in these matches was difficult and often impossible. Major Shorkley during his experiments has several times put up forty-nine out of a possible fifty at 1,000 yards, and has used his rifle all day without cleaning. He says that he can shoot 100 rounds without fouling the piece.

BUTLER'S SPECTACULAR PROGRAMME.

One of Butler's compatriots in the effort to reform the Democratic party, who has just returned from the Chicago convention, stated yesterday to a TRIBUNE reporter that the General's next movement would be on a scale that would startle the country. He says that Butler's ultimatum to the Democratic managers will be that they shall form fusion electoral tickets with the anti-monopolists in Maine, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and California. Butler expects by this move to throw the election into the House of Representatives, where he might hold the balance of power. In any event, he would hold the key of the situation, in his estimation. His friend says that Butler will demand this concession, and that if not granted he will continue an independent candidate to draw all the votes he can from both parties.

LIVING BY HIS WITS.

A TRIBUNE reporter who climbed the Park Place stairs of the Sixth Avenue Elevated Road so slowly the other night that he missed the midnight train, began, by way of compensation, to chaff the fat and good-natured Irish gate-tender there. This was the result:

"Hello, Pat; I heard the company were going to turn you off!"

"Eh! That's the talk!"

"They can hire an Italian for less money. He can live cheaper than you can."

"That's not so, sah; I can live be me wits, begorra; and no man can live cheaper nor that."

A RACING NOVELTY.

From Truth (London).

A decided novelty in the racing line came off at Campament, near Gibraltar, last week. Captain Dalton, D.A.A.G., offered two prizes for the winners of a trotting race, the competitors to be ladies, mounted on their own ponies. A very large company assembled to see the sport, and no fewer than sixteen ladies entered for the prizes. The race was run in two heats, and was eventually won somewhat easily by Lady Gifford, on her pony, "The Pink 'Un," Miss Adye being second, and Miss Cochran third.

UNLAWFUL GAMES.

From Truth (London).

"Unlawful games," said Mr. Justice Hawkins, in delivering judgment in the Park Club case, "are ace of hearts, faro, bassett, hazard, passage, roulette, every game with dice except backgammon, and every game of cards that is not a game of mere skill; and he was inclined to add any other game that was a mere game of chance." Now, as a matter of fact, there is no such thing as a game of cards which is a game of "mere skill." Whist is, of course, the nearest approach to such a game, but what whist player has not repeatedly seen the most inferior performers win rubber after rubber against the best players in London? Will the police, therefore, make a raid against all clubs where whist is played? The truth is, that the regulations about gambling are illogical and ridiculous, and the sooner they are thoroughly overhauled the better.

RESORTS IN THE ADIRONDACK WILDERNESS

SUMMER COTTAGERS AMONG MOUNTAINS, LAKES AND FORESTS.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]

SARANAC LAKE, July 10.—Hotel proprietors are agreed that the present season will be unusually good, because of the increasing popularity of the Adirondack region and the attention called to it last winter by the agitation in the Legislature and the newspapers on the subject of forest preservation.

Westport, on Lake Champlain, is winning favor as a summer resort. The village itself is attractive and the drives along shore and island are picturesque. The fishing and boating also are exceptionally fine. The Lake Champlain ste