effectively used in killing the grant. I am in no hurry and shall take my time in preparing the suit.

VIEWS OF CONTROLLER GRANT.

Controller Grant said:

The law makes the Aldermen virtually trustees of the people and I believe that they should not do any act militating against the interest of tax-payers. There is no doubt, as far as I know, that the action of the Board is strictly legal. The fact still remains, however, that they refused to sell the franchise at auction to the highest bidder in the interest of the city. The Mayor and others had brought it to their attention that $1,000,000 had been offered for the franchise. In giving it away the Aldermen do not seem to have considered whether the city would be a loser or not.

MR. LYDDY SURPRISED.

W. M. Lyddy said that his brother, James M. Lyddy, counsel for the plaintiff, John H. Lyddy, another brother, decided to discontinue the suit because he found in preparing his brief for Monday that he had not enough authorities to support his case. The Corporation Counsel told him that the injunction would be opposed by himself on Monday; so James M. Lyddy decided to drop this suit and beg in another one. W. M. Lyddy, at 1 p. m., said that he had not heard of the Aldermen's action and was not seriously surprised. Judge Barrett was applied to for the order vacating the injunction because Judge Donohoe was out of town.

THE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN.

ACTIVE WORK IN MAINE.

400 MEETINGS TO BE HELD THIS WEEK—THE DEMOCRATIC BARREL OPEN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

AUGUSTA, Me., Aug. 30.—Mr. Blaine arrived here to-day, his health being greatly improved. He will not return to Bar Harbor until after the election on September 8. On Wednesday next he will attend a meeting in Topham, and the next day, by special invitation of the managers, he will attend the opening of the New-England Fair at Manchester, N. H. The following day, September 5, he will be present at perhaps the most important, interesting and brilliant mass-meeting of the campaign, which is to be held at Lewiston. There will be a great array of speakers, enough to occupy the time at several stands. Among them will be Judge West, of Ohio, the blind orator who nominated Mr. Blaine at Chicago; General Gibson, of Ohio; Congressman R. G. Horr and J. C. Burrows, of Michigan; J. R. Hawley and ex-Governor John D. Long. Torchlight companies from every city in the State and many of the towns will join in the parade in the afternoon. Special trains are to be run on all the roads. About four hundred meetings will be held in the State next week. Among the speakers from outside the State will be United States Senators Rollins and Blair, of New-Hampshire; Senator Harrison, of Indiana; Senator Miller, of New-York; Senator Hawley, of Connecticut; General Swift, of Massachusetts; Congressmen Burrows and Horr, of Michigan; General Anson S. Wood, of New-York; ex-Governor Long, of Massachusetts; Wm. Cumback, of Indiana; M. H. Dunnell, of Minnesota; General N. Goff, of West Virginia; W. W. Rice, of Massachusetts; J. B. Foraker, of Ohio; Colonel A. Louden Snowden, of Philadelphia; Robert P. Kennedy, of Ohio; Dr. George W. Pepper, of Ohio and G. F. Bingham, of Philadelphia.

The Democrats have also arranged a large number of meetings for next week, so that the State will be well spoken up, in a political sense. The Democratic barrel has already made its appearance in the 1st Congressional District. There is positive evidence in the hands of the Republican State Committee that a large sum of money has already been distributed among the Democratic managers in the various towns in that district. The Democrats assert that this money is to be used to bring Democrats to the polls. Whether or not all the Congressional districts will be equally favored with Democratic money is doubtful. In the 1st District, Judge Reeves, the Democratic candidate, says that he is certain of his election, but it does not seem possible for the Democrats to beat Mr. Reed.

Senator Harrison, of Indiana, spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience to-night at Waterville. On his return to Augusta he was met by a torchlight procession and escorted to Mr. Blaine's house. Mr. Blaine happened to be on the same train, and was cheered enthusiastically. Mr. Harrison is counsel for Mr. Blaine in the libel suit at Indianapolis, and he had a consultation with his client on the subject. He says that the matter will be pushed to a speedy trial as no Judge will be likely to grant the defence a long delay in such a case. He hopes for a trial in September. In speaking of the election in Indiana, Mr. Harrison said tonight that a poll of that State showed a large Republican gain over the vote of 1880. The Germans, he says, are all right on the tariff and other questions, and will vote for Blaine. The campaign was opened in Indiana to-day.

The Irish-American Blaine meeting in Bangor last night was a great success a number of prominent citizens coming out for the ticket. An Irish Blaine club of sixty members, with Thomas Cooney as president, has been organized in Portland, and a similar club has just been formed in Lewiston. Salon Chase says that the Greenbackers are leaving the Democrats. He says that he has a new yoke of steers, which he is using to pull Greenbackers out of the slough of Democracy.

Talcott H. Russell, a prominent independent of New-Haven, Conn., who passed north to-day, says that there is no doubt that Mr. Harrison, the Republican candidate for Governor of Connecticut, will be elected. Advices received here to-day from Vermont state that the Republicans will have about 20,000 majority at next week's election.

THE CAMPAIGN IN MASSACHUSETTS.

ENCOURAGING REPUBLICAN REPORTS—WILL BUTLER GET HALF THE DEMOCRATIC VOTE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BOSTON, Aug. 30.—The Republican State Executive Committee held a brief session to-day to complete the details of the arrangements for the coming State Convention, but little business was transacted of general interest. Reports from various parts of the State are most encouraging. The excuses made by many of the local committees indicate that the Democratic vote of last year will be about equally divided between Butler and Cleveland. Secretary Whipple says that the indication point to this in Brockton, and the reports from other manufacturing centres indicate the same state of affairs. Editor Smith of *The Journal*, Gloucester, reports a great deal of apathy among the Democrats there, the campaign not having been begun but in New-Bedford W. W. Crapo and Representative Wm. Gordon each report great confusion on the part of the Republicans, with the Democrats badly demoralized over the Butler split. Mr. Gordon says there are only a few independents, and that a large portion of the men who voted that city will be given over to the Democrats. Judge Adin Thayer speaks with no little confidence of the election in Quincy, the Republicans are not much troubled with an independent element.

GENERAL FREMONT NOT A DESERTER.

The following letter was received yesterday at National Republican Headquarters:

NEW-YORK, No. 61 BROADWAY, Aug. 30, 1884.

Hon. B. F. Jones, Chairman Republican National Committee, No. 242 Fifth-ave.

MY DEAR SIR: I have just learned by the morning papers that I have been announced, without authority from me, to speak at a Greenback-Labor Anti-Monopoly meeting to-day in Union Square.

I have always acted and still adhere to the Republican party, which did me the honor to place me at the head of its ticket in 1856, and which I now so nobly represented by Mr. Blaine and General Logan. I am, my dear sir, yours truly, J. C. FREMONT.

AN OHIO DEMOCRAT FOR BLAINE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CLEVELAND, Aug. 30.—A dispatch from Elmore, Ohio, says John O'Malley, a life long Democrat of Ottawa, has come out squarely for Blaine and Logan. Mr. O'Malley has great influence among the laboring class there.

NOTES OF THE CANVASS.

The operator at the Sea Bright Exchange proposed to his subscribers on Thursday night that they should vote for their choice for President. The result was: Blaine 11, Butler 2, Cleveland 2, St. John 2. The night operator of Monmouth County voted Blaine 4, Cleveland 2.

S. O. Tuttle, a broker of this city, as an indication of the political sentiment among workingmen, gives the result of a canvass made on a Long Island Railroad train from Flatbush yesterday. The vote was as follows: Blaine 14, Cleveland, 9; Butler, 2.

The veterans of the 8th Assembly District held a meeting on Friday night at Concordia Hall, No. 58 and 30 Avenue-A, and elected the following officers: Edward Hepp, president; Daniel Wolde, vice-president; J. Schlitz, acting and A. Buhmer, secretaries. One hundred and seventy-eight comrades signed the roll. The command meets every Thursday evening at Nos. 28 and 30 Avenue-A.

A meeting of the War Veterans, Blaine and Logan Campaign Club will be held on Tuesday evening, at No. 7 Broadway.

A German ratification meeting will be held at the club house, 41 Sixth-st., and Third-ave., on Monday evening, under the auspices of the XVIth Assembly District Republican Club.

The Eureka Battery, one of the strongest Blaine and Logan organizations in Jersey City, held an enthusiastic ratification meeting in Tonicla Hall on Friday night, and although the hall came down in torrents the hall was crowded. Speeches were made by Asa W. Dickinson, C. H. Benson, Captain A. H. Cooke, Benjamin Van Riper and others.

The number of Republican organizations in Hudson County this year is nearly double that of any former Presidential campaign, and no such enthusiasm for the candidate was ever known in the county before.

Another campaign club was organized by the Republicans of Mountainside, N. J., on Friday night. The organization will be completed next Tuesday night.

The West-Orange Republicans will hold a ratification meeting on next Wednesday night.

AN ENTHUSIAST'S MISTAKE.

A Democrat employed at Police Headquarters yesterday noticed a wagon in Mott-st. on which the letters "H. D." appeared. Seizing a piece of chalk he transformed the letter D into a C, and declared that the wagon bore the initials of Hendricks and Cleveland. Then the discovery was made that he had been decorating a "dead-wagon" belonging to the Health Department.

A BATTERY PARK MYSTERY.

SUSPICIONS OF ROBBERY AND MURDER.

THREE THIEVES APPARENTLY ROBBING A DRUNKEN MAN—TAKING HIM TO THE SEA WALL.

A group of four men making their way across Battery-place from the direction of Washington-st. attracted the attention of William Cleary, a watchman stationed at Pier No. 1, North River at a few minutes after midnight yesterday morning. On closely scrutinizing the group Cleary became convinced that three of the men were robbing the fourth one. The victim was a young man about twenty-five years old, well dressed in a dark suit and wore a Derby hat. The sight of thieves robbing a drunken man at night is not an uncommon one in the Battery Park, and Watchman Cleary did not pay much attention to this episode. The three thieves and their victim disappeared. They went in the direction of the sea-wall, next to Cody's boat stand, north of Castle Garden. A half hour after they had gone the three thieves appeared again in Cleary's sight. From the shadow of the pier he observed their actions narrowly. They came from the direction of Cody's boat stand and turned into West-st. They seemed to be quarrelling over the division of the money. As they disappeared in a restaurant at No. 12 West-st., Policeman Timothy Jordan walked leisurely down Battery-place toward Pier No. 1. Cleary had told the officer what he had seen. Jordan suggested that before they did anything they should find the drunken man and learn if he had been robbed. Accordingly the two men went across the park toward Cody's boat-stand. They searched in every spot along the sea-wall, but found no victim.

Then the suspicion flashed upon the two men that the thieves, after robbing their drunken companion, threw him into the water. A week ago thieves robbed a man at Pier No. 3, North River, in broad daylight, surrounded by a number of people, threw their victim into the river and escaped. The man was rescued by a policeman, but the criminals were not found. Recollecting this incident, Jordan concluded that it would be well to secure the three thieves. Accompanied by Cleary he went to No. 12 West-st. Jordan strolled in leisurely, and calling for a basin of water washed his hands, watching the actions of the three men in the mean time. They were seated at a table eating a supper. At the sight of Jordan the three began to simulate drunkenness.

"Come, home of that," said Jordan. Where's that man you robbed?"

The men swore that they knew nothing of any man. Jordan went out on the sidewalk and rapped for assistance and was joined by Officers Grogan, Cochran and Perry. The three thieves were arrested and taken to the Liberty Street Police Station. Watchman Cleary charged them with "robbing and probably doing away with a man."

The prisoners described themselves as John Ryan, age eighteen, of No. 26 Washington-st.; Abraham Brown, age nineteen, of Brooklyn, and John Burns, age nineteen, of No. 26 Washington-st. They were all recognized as members of a gang of thieves known as the "Stable Gang." In Ryan's possession was found $6, and Burns had $1 05. The three men had paid fifty-five cents each for their suppers.

In the Police station the three men reiterated their denial of any knowledge of a drunken man. They were taken to the Tombs Police Court in the morning and remanded by Justice White in order to give the police time to investigate the case.

Captain Berghold had his detectives busily at work yesterday trying to find some trace of the drunken victim. If he had been thrown overboard no trace would have been left of him, as the tide was running swiftly around that part of the sea wall. About twenty-five Hungarians who were just outside of the gates of Castle Garden at the time said that they knew nothing of the affair, but one Hungarian said that he had had his pocket cut open in the night, and had been robbed of $25. Captain Berghold said that he thought the victims had couple time to cross over some of the ferries to Brooklyn or to wander back into the city between the time when he was first seen by Cleary and when the three thieves entered the restaurant in West-st.

Policeman Jordan and Watchman Cleary think that the man was thrown into the water.

SUBJECTS OF LONDON TALK.

THE THEATRE, WAR AND POLITICS.

HAVERLY'S MASTODONS—LORD WOLSELEY'S EXPEDITION—THE CHOLERA SCARE.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Haverly's Mastodon Minstrel Troupe continues to do a good business in the provinces, notwithstanding the financial troubles it had in London. Charles A. Gillig is now credited with having materially assisted the troupe in getting out of its London embarrassment.

MR. GRANT DUFF.

It is reported in diplomatic circles to-day that Mr. Grant Duff, who was for some time Governor of Madras, has been appointed to the Berlin mission, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lord Odo Russell, Baron Ampthill. The report, however, is not credited. Mr. Grant Duff's success in Madras in carrying to a successful conclusion several knotty questions, which had for some time puzzled the home Government, has given him some prominence as a candidate for diplomatic honors under Mr. Gladstone's Government. Prince Bismarck would undoubtedly prefer Mr. George Goschen, who some years ago went to Berlin as England's representative on the Greek question, and by his evident skill and capacity made many friends.

INDIANS AND KHARTOUM.

The evening papers contain a no lessable dispatch from a central news correspondent in Montreal. It gives the substance of an interview with White Eagle, a chief of the Iroquois tribe of Indians. White Eagle is a champion lacrosse player who has visited England, and was employed by General Wolseley in the Red River expedition in Manitoba. White Eagle is described as a fine-looking man, full of fire and energy. His blood was up, and he said he would be glad to fight the Queen's enemies anywhere. He was eager to help England wherever he could. The correspondent said the Canadian officers always succeed at the War Office statement which makes a parallel between the Nile and the Red River campaigns. The latter, they say, was a mere pleasure excursion through a beautiful country and a splendid climate, and its only object was to punish a few bandits, who had already been suppressed by the knowledge that the expedition was afoot. Some of the more outspoken officers conclude in vigorous terms the assumption that Iroquois Indians, taken from the frosty climate of Canada, can ever be made serviceable on the Nile. They argue that the climate of Upper Egypt will be fatal to the Lachine Indians, and that Lord Wolseley will need stretchers and ambulances more than he will need boats.

SUICIDE FROM FEAR.

Much excitement has been caused in Canterbury by the suicide of a rich merchant, who cut his throat while ill because he believed he had Asiatic cholera. The symptoms of his ailment were pronounced by his attending physicians to be those of the plague, and the patient, when informed that his case was hopeless, ended his life before reached what he believed was the coming stage of cholera asiatica. It is declared that the suicide's physicians were needlessly alarmed by an ordinary case of severe cholera morbus.

MR. GLADSTONE IN EDINBURGH.

Mr. Gladstone delivered a political address to the citizens of Edinburgh to-night in the Town Hall. The hall was tastefully decorated in his honor and the audience was large and enthusiastic. The Premier appeared to be in better health than he has for a long time enjoyed. The Scotch air has evidently agreed well with him. His action was strong and vigorous and his voice was clear and resonant.

LAWRENCE BARRETT'S NEW PLAY.

Lawrence Barrett has bought a new play in London, which he intends to produce next season in America, beginning probably at Boston. The theme of the piece is the romantic side of the early Pilgrim life in New-England.

A LECTURING TOUR BY STANLEY.

Henry M. Stanley is about to start on a lecturing tour through England, and also threatens to invade the United States. It is even hinted that he intends to write another book telling what he knows about Africa.

MR. LOWELL.

Mr. Lowell is enjoying the hospitality of Lord Middleton at the latter's country seat, Wollaton House, Nottingham.

THE GOSSIP OF THE THEATRES.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—A quarrel has occurred between Mr. Henry Abbey, the theatrical manager, and Mr. Gilbert, the composer, arising from an incident at a rehearsal of "Pygmalion and Galatea." Mr. Gilbert found that Mr. Abbey had not engaged the actor designated by the former to play the leading part in the opera. Mr. Gilbert heard Mr. Abbey's explanation in silence until Miss Mary Anderson and the general company were present, when he abruptly told Mr. Abbey he did not know how to treat an English gentleman, wished the company good morning and left the theatre. The parties have since exchanged letters. The actors side with Mr. Abbey.

Sarah Bernhardt refuses to admit that the terms of her engagement with M. Meyer precludes her own rights to arrange tours abroad. M. Meyer threatens to bring legal action against her.

Pauline Lucca, the singer, is at Ischl slowly recovering from a severe inflammation of the throat.

Mr. Gilbert denies the truth of the description given in New-York of Mr. Sullivan's new opera. The work, he states, is still in embryo.

LABOR NOTES.

Wallace & Robinson, bricklayers, granted their men the nine-hour rule, yesterday, and will resume operations on Monday. They had been trying to get along with non-union men, but the work done was of such a character that it had to be taken down again.

The stone cutters' union has been informed by the boss stone-cutters that, unless it withdraws at once from the Amalgamated Building Trades a general lockout will be ordered.

FROM OVER THE SEA.

GOSSIP ABOUT MEN AND THINGS.

From Mr. Edmund Yates's World (London.)

THE ENGLISH PRINCE AT HEIDELBERG.

It may be well here at once to contradict the absurd statements which have of late appeared in one or two of my contemporaries, relative to the mode of life Prince Edward would adopt during his stay at Heidelberg. Far from going there to live in great style, and to delight the German shopkeepers with lavish expenditure, the Prince went for study and health and recreation, and his august parents very wisely sent him to the house of a simple German professor, where he could obtain all these advantages without being tempted to ape the doings of the grand lady of Austria. The English people will certainly much more appreciate the wise course the Prince of Wales is pursuing with regard to his son's education than sympathize with the greedy shopkeepers of Heidelberg, who feel disappointed at their golden dreams having failed to become life.

THE KAISER'S COUNTRY HOME.

The Emperor of Germany is now residing at Babelsberg, his favorite country house, where he will remain till September 10, when he goes to the Rhine provinces for the autumn manœuvres. Babelsberg, which is not a large house, is in the modern castle style so common in Germany, and was built about forty years ago. The rooms are comparatively small, and are simply but most comfortably furnished. They are hung with portraits of the Hohenzollern family and their royal relatives. There are very fine pictures of the Queen and the Prince Consort and the late Czar Nicholas. One room is hung with landscapes by the Crown Princess. The grounds of Babelsberg are by far the most picturesque of all the numerous Royal residences about Potsdam. They were laid out under the superintendence of Prince Pückler-Muskau (the original of Mrs. Leo Hunter's friend, Count Smorltorki), and slope to the Havel, which here forms a broad lake. The autumnal domain of Gleinicke is the summer residence of Prince Frederick Charles.

AN ARTIST ON THE MOORS.

Mr. Millais opened the season on the Murthly shootings (which he has rented from Sir A. D. Stuart) on Saturday week, when he killed forty-seven hares, nine wild ducks, and fifteen snipe. On the 12th and 13th the party shot Murthly Chase and Carnbeith Moor, and killed sixty-two grouse, thirty teal, and other game. The birds are very wild and strong on the wing, and on these and other Perthshire moors they are already showing signs of a disposition to "pack," which, of course, is the result of the recent storms.

SHE WOULD BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

A singular circumstance occurred at the marriage of Mr. Richard Clement Gould with the eldest daughter of the Rev. Edward Backshawe last week in Hove Church, when was very quiet, owing to the recent death of the Hon. Mrs. Locke-King, whose brother, the Rev. W. H. Hoare, gave the bride away. Brides often keep their features and their friends waiting in church, particularly in the cases of afternoon weddings, when there is no flight to the hour; but Mr. Gould probably was unique in keeping the guests at the breakfast so long, through driving to Brighton to be photographed in all her bridal glory, that they sat down before her arrival and that of her husband.

THE LATE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.

With an odd manner and a deep voice, the late Duke of Wellington told excellent stories, and contributed brilliant sharpness the best talk now obtainable. Old, purblind and enfeebled, he was to the last a charming companion, a courteous gentleman, a shrewd and sensible counsellor. Few men have been more entirely misunderstood by the general public, to whom, from his appearance or want not, he was accounted a nonentity. A keen observer and an excellent judge of human nature, he moved at being just rather than generous, but could be strongly enough where he thought kindness was deserved. He lost a great friend by the death of General "Sam" Macdonald. Among his intimates were General Fox, G. R. H. W. H. Russell and Mr. W. L. Burgess, who was probably the "Mr. Burbeck" who, according to the newspapers, was with him at the time of his seizure.

From Mr. Labouchère's Truth (London.)

ECONOMY IN AN IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD.

Some particulars of the German Emperor's establishment at Gastein show that although the household expenses have nothing to complain of, yet the Imperial household is managed very economically. Of the fifty-four rooms occupied by the Emperor and his suite, twenty-four are at the Hôtel de Prince, ten at Strasburger's, and ten at the Schwarzenbach. For these fifty-four rooms the Court Treasury pays the sum of £106 13s. 4d. a week. Besides early breakfast, the Emperor takes two meals—dejeuner at eleven or twelve, dinner between five and six, to which some ten or twelve people are generally invited. The menu consists of soup, fish, two entrees, roti, pudding, confectionery, and fruit. For this dinner the landlord is paid 12 florins a cover without wine. The Imperial menage brings the wine for the Emperor's own use from Berlin.

ILL-LUCK WITH PATENT PENS.

Stylographic and anti-stylographic pens are the bane of my existence. I have tried them all. Each new one that comes out writes well at first, then something goes wrong. Vainly I bang the pen against my arm; vainly I put pins in it; vainly I refill it. There is something invariably wrong about these instruments, which either causes the ink to cover my fingers, or makes it gushes in large blots upon the sheet of paper. Surely this must be the result of sufficient care not being taken in making them.

TALK ABOUT ROYAL MATCHES.

Several French papers announce that the real object of the King of Sweden's visit to England is to settle the preliminaries of a marriage between his second son, Prince Oscar, and the Princess Louise of Wales. It has lately been rumored in Germany that the hand of the Princess will be solicited by the Crown Prince of Baden, whose engagement to Princess Hilda of Nassau is said to have been broken off. This Prince has been singularly unfortunate in his wooings, as he was once betrothed for Princess Beatrice, and he was refused by Princess Elizabeth of Hesse, and also by a German Princess. All such stories about the young Princess Louise must safely be regarded as mere "Blue-Lights" of the silly season.

WEALTH OF THE BELGIAN ROYAL FAMILY.

The Duc d' Aumale has been the guest of the King of the Belgians at Ostend. I hear that he went to prop so a match between a daughter of the Comte de Paris and a son of the Comte de Flandre. A necessary condition would be a large dowry, which the royal owner of Chambly is in a situation to guarantee. Not that the Royal Family of Belgium need money. They are immensely rich, but economy is one of their hereditary virtues, and appetite comes in eating. The first Leopold received from England, up to the date of his second marriage, with the Princess Louise of Orleans, no less than £1,200,000 as the widower of the Princess Charlotte. The entire direct profit he derived from his English match was £1,000,000. Most of the income that John Bull allowed him after he went to Belgium was saved, and so judiciously invested that he was able to leave each of his three children upward of a million sterling. The share of the ex-Empress of Mexico will be eventually divided among her brothers. As her establishment does not cost more than a few thousands a year, the accumulated interest of her fortune is already enormous.

From Life (London.)

A BLUE-BLOODED RAILWAY GUARD.

It is perhaps not generally known that the late Lord Lauderdale, before he succeeded to the title, was a railway guard on the London and North-Western line. Although he was not the only gentleman guard in the company's employ, yet he was well known to the directors and managers for a certain grace of carriage and easy manner in handing ladies in and out of the train politely. He made a great point of always wearing gloves, and of paying especially considerable attention to his sartorial embellishments. I am sorry to add that he was rather more than once brought before the notice of the managers for a grave breach of regulations—that of starting his train before receiving either the station master's word or the signal that the line was clear—for which misdemeanor the managers, the true citizens, making it as nothing that he was "treated like a peer," severely reprimanded him. But he is not the only one of our peerage nobility who has had to earn his living in early life.

DERWENTWATER'S OMINOUS ISLAND.

Legendary Derwentwater is again mysterious. The floating island has appeared upon its surface, and is exciting both wonderment and fear in the simple dalesman's breast. Some call it the devil's barge, and assert that it only appears in years of calamity; from this premise deducting the fact that England is about to be visited by the cholera. This prophecy is strengthened by the fact that it appeared in the hard frost of last year. It matters not that it has also appeared since. Others—and these are the oldest inhabitants—state that it presages three months' continued frost. Green Galloway saw it on the lake that bears his name, and his death was coincident with extraordinary natural phenomena; but, then, Hotspur also saw it and his grandmother's cat had kittens under the same coincidences.

From The Rotenhall Review.

A SUMPTUOUS BARBER-SHOP.

A significant illustration of the growing demand for luxurious surroundings even in matters pertaining to our daily requirements is the palatial building erected in Leadenhall-st., under the description of "The British and Colonial Exchange News and Hair-Cutting Saloons," by Mr. Robert Donaldson, the well-known coiffeur and hatter, New Bond-st. The structure forms the ground floor of the large block of offices known as "Leadenhall House," and, as its title denotes, is chiefly devoted to purposes of the toilet. Under ordinary circumstances such an establishment would call for no observation, but the elegance of the appointments and the enterprise here displayed are worthy of comment, as showing to what perfection the modern hair-cutting saloon has been brought. Among the many conveniences provided by Mr. Donaldson for the comfort of his patrons may be mentioned reading rooms, with an ample supply of colonial and foreign newspapers, writing rooms, hot and cold baths, private dressing-rooms for gentlemen whose engagements prevent their travelling home to dress, special electric tape machines respectively in direct communication with the Stock Exchange, Houses of Parliament, and principal sporting centres. It may be added that everything conducive to personal comfort and enjoyment may be indulged in at Mr. Donaldson's magnificent establishment, the resources of which may be estimated when it is stated that two and a half tons of machinery, all of which is worked by steam, are suspended from the ceiling, and that employment in hair-dressing alone is given to twenty-one men.

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

NEWPORT AND SARATOGA LIFE.

DELIGHTS OF THE MOUNTAINS—A GAY ROUND OF PLEASURES—ENGAGEMENTS.

The week at Newport has been full of incidents of so various a character, that all the social tastes of the community must have been satisfied. The arrival of President Arthur and Secretary Chandler, and the presence of the North Atlantic Squadron, were among the novel features. Cool weather slightly marred the pleasures of Monday, and rain those of Tuesday, but gradually the air warmed, and the greatest drawback of Newport—unpleasant weather—was happily missing on the succeeding days. Entertainments at the Casino were agreeably varied on Monday by a reading given by Mr. Riddle. This helped to atone for the lack of polo playing, which many had expected to witness, but which was postponed on account of the ground being wet. As the young men have all that they can attend to to keep their saddles gracefully when the ground is dry it is not to be wondered at that they did not care to play on a slippery turf. Monday evening saw some of the pleasantest parties of the week. Mrs. William Astor entertained at Bear Lieu, Mrs. Lawrence Turnure at her cosey villa, and Dr. and Mrs. Gaspar Griswold at their cottage. W. H. Travers, jr., is getting the credit of being the most entertaining young man at Newport. He has given a brilliant series of germans and dinners, one of the most pleasant of the dances being on last Tuesday evening. Japanese lanterns lighted the guests through the grounds, and prepared them for the gayeties inside. H. Leonard Cannon led a complimentary german with Miss Richley, of Baltimore, and Mr. Travers gracefully dealt out the favors, which were pretty souvenirs. The lawn-tennis enthusiasts had their hopes and their courts dampened by Tuesday's rain, and so the beginning of the tournament of this fascinating game took place on Wednesday. Soft breezes and fair skies also smiled on the polo players and matrimony received an overwhelming vindication by the victory of the married men over the bachelors, by a score of 11 to 1. Mr. Herbert took a graceful leap from his saddle, but suffered no hurt except to his feelings. The coaching parade followed on Thursday and made a fine effect on Bellevue-ave. Mrs. Carley gave one of the most successful germans of the season on Friday evening when a large company was made happy by her gracious Southern hospitality. The Carleys are among the few representatives of Kentucky at Newport. As for entertaining President Arthur, the greatest part of the task has been borne by the black bass at West Island. The evolutions of the naval vessels and the booming of guns and torpedoes were reminders of his presence, however.

At Saratoga the week has been full of festivities. The garden party at the Grand Union was the centre of attraction. The effect of the Japanese lanterns, arranged to simulate chandeliers; the flags, the colored lights streaming through the fountains, and the gayly dressed throng was such as will long be remembered by those present. During the afternoon the children made themselves merry on the dancing platform. The house in the evening began with a promenade composed by Judge Hilton, after which the platform was filled with dancers until a late hour. The display of diamonds was dazzling. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Carleton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knickerbacker, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harrot, Judge and Mrs. Horace Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac N. Phelps, E. L. Cutting, Judge Hilton, Mrs. A. T. Stewart, Mrs. E. D. Morgan, Mrs. D. S. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Jessup, Mr. and Mrs. H. McK. Twombly, Mr. and Mrs. Von Stade, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Kissam, General A. S. Webb and family, George Pell, E. R. Wall, J. R. Saylesm, Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, Mrs. Noah Davis, Miss Davis, Mrs. W. Rumsander Stewart, Judge Batchelder, Miss Batchelder, Mr. and Mrs. James Talcott, Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bandelow. The last days of the racing meeting furnished unusually good sport, and on the last day the great steeplechase drew a great throng. On Thursday evening a full dress hop took place at Congress Hall. Among the attractions on Friday was a concert at the Stables by Miss Clara Louise Kellogg and other artists, given in aid of the Barbold Shane Political Fund. The Elk Rifles Hunt, Baltimore, has had good sport chasing the fox during the week; but as the novelty is wearing off the attendance at the meets is decreasing. Saratoga has probably seen its liveliest week, as the times being ended the attractions are lessening. People are going home in greater numbers than they are arriving, and the hotels no longer have to turn people away for want of room.

Lenox is now beginning to renew its attractions for it is not until the autumn, when the Berkshire woods are in the glory of frost-tinted foliage, that this place has its greatest charm. There is some prospect that some amateur theatricals will be produced; this season in aid of the Lenox Library, Mrs. Burton N. Harrison, Mrs. Woodworth and Mrs. Lamar are among the prominent cottagers.

Thousands of people are still enjoying the beauty and the social amenities of the Catskills, where the first hints of autumn are to be seen on the mountain sides, whether for driving or strolling in the mountains offer unfading attractions. Those who throw off much of the conventionalities and restraints of the more fashionable watering places and enter with enthusiasm in the amusements as from dolls, blindman's buff, and old-fashioned games generally. Mr. and Mrs. Jean Bigelow, and the Misses Bigelow are at Pine Hill in the heart of the Catskills, with the Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby for a near neighbor. The fancy-dress ball given at the Hotel Kaaterskill last Monday evening was the merriest of masquerades. The costumes were many and varied and one lady represented THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE, her dress being entirely composed of pieces of the newspaper.

The week has been a pleasant one at Bar Harbor, where receptions have given way to yachting parties. Among the visitors have been Dwight Townsend, Mr. Barnard, Mrs. Richelieu and Ogden Goelet, who arrived from Newport on the Nonsuch. Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Beebe gave a musical evening, one of the most enjoyable of the season, on Tuesday. Just now the place has so many titled foreigners that the name of a plain Republican, like Mr. Blaine, does not look on the hotel register to be of much account. Lord and Lady Carnarvon, the Marquis de Spinola, the Viscount de Lesseps, the Count and Countess Saint-Vallier, the Viscount d'Arquien, the Duke d' Letorieze and the Marquis and Marchioness d'Aiff are among the visiting nobility.

A day down in Virginia is one of the gayest places in the country, viz., the White Sulphur Springs. There are dancing every night, germans twice a week—sometimes in the morning—excursions to the Love Leap and the Old Sweet Springs, musicales, masquerades and theatricals. Among the guests are the Rev. Dr. Talmage and family, General Maury and family, General Robert Toombs, Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, Miss Julia Jackson, E. B. Colles, Miss Spoley, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beale and the Rev. A. Richards. The engagement of Mr. Robert Beale to the Clementina Garrison, daughter of Mrs. W. R. Garrison, has been announced.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

GOVERNMENT INDICATIONS.

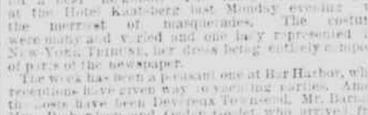
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—For New-England, local rains and partly cloudy weather, south to west winds, fresh and brisk on the coast, nearly stationary temperature.

For the Middle Atlantic States, generally fair weather, except in the northern portion local rains and partly cloudy weather, local showers in the southern portion, south to west winds fresh and occasionally brisk on the coast, nearly stationary temperature.

For the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, generally fair weather, except in the northern portion occasional showers and partly cloudy followed by clearing weather, fresh northerly winds, nearly stationary temperature, higher barometer.

For the Lower Lake region, occasional showers and partly cloudy followed by clearing weather, fresh and occasionally brisk west to northwest winds, nearly stationary temperature, higher barometer.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.



The diagram shows the barometrical variations in this city for twelve of hours. The upper horizontal line represents 30 inches, the lower 29 inches. The vertical lines represent the barometrical pressure at the moment during those hours. The broken curved line connects the variations in temperature, as indicated by the thermometer at Hallock's pharmacy, 55 Broadway.

TRIBUNE OFFICE, August 31—1 a. m.—The movement of the barometer yesterday was at first downward and then upward. The weather was cloudy, with a shower. The rainfall amounted to 1.12 inches. The temperature ranged between 66° and 81°, the average (72½°) being 4½° higher than on the corresponding day last year and the same as on Friday.

Partly cloudy weather, with possibly rain, and stationary temperature may be expected to-day in this city and vicinity.

TWO WORKMEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

All day yesterday the atmosphere was hot, moist and oppressive. It was decidedly a "muggy" day. The sunlight struggled through misty clouds at times and then the sky became clear except in the west where a few fleecy "thunder heads" reared their crests. About 6 p. m. low-sailing patches of mist came scudding over Long Island from the east and in half an hour the air was full of driving rain and drenching mist.

The water poured down in torrents. The lightning flashed incessantly and the peals of thunder rolled and reverberated above the housetops. The streets were well scrubbed by the descending floods. Pedestrians who tried to cross the New-York end of the driveway of the Brooklyn Bridge found that they had to wade ankle-deep through a small river that poured down from the bridge. The down-pour slackened within an hour but the clouds continued to empty their contents upon heedless pedestrians who had been caught without umbrellas until late into the night with more or less severity.

While the storm was at its height the cupola of C. A. Friedburg's iron foundry, Nos. 313 and 315 South Third-st., Brooklyn, was struck by lightning and entirely demolished. In its downward course the current fired the building—a frame structure one story high. Several workmen in the building suffered from the shock, two of them being seriously hurt: Patrick Leonard, No. 100 North Third-st., and James Cann, living at Flushing and Harrison-aves. Their clothing was torn off, and they were severely bursed about the body. After receiving medical aid they were taken home. At a late hour hopes of their recovery were entertained. The building was owned by John Mullen, whose loss is $500. Mr. Friedburg's loss on stock is also $500.

OBITUARY.

HENRY L. DALTON.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BOSTON, Aug. 30.—Henry L. Dalton, a prominent merchant of Boston, died at his summer residence in Hingham last evening, after a painful illness of several weeks. He was a native of Boston, and son of Mr. Dalton, of the firm of Phelps & Dalton, the original stereotypers. He was born in Boston, and educated at the Grammar School of the North End. After leaving school he entered the store of Joseph West, on Dock Square, then one of the largest hardware dealers in the city. Some thirty years ago he formed a copartnership with his late partner, Mr. Ingersoll, and made hydraulic pumps and plumbing materials and supplies, a specialty in which the firm attained great success. Mr. Dalton was about sixty years of age, and leaves a widow and two children, daughters.

THE REV. JOSEPH ASHBROOK.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 30.—The Rev. Joseph Ashbrook, one the oldest Methodist ministers in the State, a resident of this city, died suddenly from heart disease at Island Heights, yesterday, age seventy-six. He had occupied a large number of pulpits in New-Jersey, being one of the original organizers of the New-Jersey Conference. During the civil war he was one of the few Northern Methodist clergymen, who sustained the Southern State in their secession.

ABRAM PENICK.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 30.—A dispatch to *The Courier-Journal* from Winchester, Ky., says Abram Penick, the well-known short-horn breeder, died yesterday at the age of eighty-three years. He leaves an estate valued at $400,000.

JARED FRANCIS MATTHEWS.

Jared Francis Matthews, a prominent citizen of Goshen, Orange County, died there on August 29, age sixty-nine, of Bright's disease. He was born in Southington, Conn. In 1837, in Greene County, N.