THE WISCONSIN ALL RIGHT.

BROUGHT IN SAFETY TO HER PIER.

CAPTAIN BENTLEY TELLS HOW SHE RAN ASHORE AND HOW HE GOT HER OFF.

Probably the happiest man in New-York last night was Captain Edward Bentley, of the Guion steamship Wisconsin, which was made fast to her pier at 5 p. m. With the exception of the half-dozen passengers who were landed by the life-saving people at Bellport from the Wisconsin on Wednesday, none of the passengers left the vessel until the gangplank was run to the pier. Captain Bentley was heartily congratulated by the passengers and by the officers of the company when the vessel was made fast, because of his good luck in not losing her, and for the fact that he was able to float her before the wrecking boats reached him. In spite of the pain of his crushed hand and sprained arm, caused by his being thrown from the bridge to the deck when the vessel struck on the shoal twelve miles east of Fire Island Light, his round red face—so much of it as could be seen above his full black beard—beamed with smiles at the praise heaped upon him. He said to a reporter of THE TRIBUNE:

We had a pilot on board when the vessel struck, but as we had not arrived within pilot limits he was not in charge. If there is any blame to be attached to any one for the accident, it belongs to me. I was on the bridge in command of the ship, with two of my officers. On Tuesday I obtained good sights and plotted the position of the vessel. Toward night the weather set in thick and I slowed the engines to half speed. I kept the steam whistle blowing and laid the course about ten miles south of Fire Island. We were running at slow speed when, about 4 o'clock on Wednesday morning, we struck. The engines were at once stopped and reversed. Finding the vessel hard aground, I burned distress signals, but got no response. About 6:30 a. m. the pounding of the ship's stern carried away her rudder and rudder-post. The life-saving crew tried to throw us a line, but it parted; two hours later the life-saving boat came alongside. They took one load of passengers ashore, but in returning the lifeboat was capsized. As no assistance was in sight I ran out 240 fathoms of hawser eastern with an anchor to it and put a strain on it. Keeping the engines going full speed, every time the surf lifted the stern the vessel would warp a few feet. Finally at 12:40 she floated all clear. We then started for New-York; going astern, and at 5 p. m. the Nevada, of our line, took us in tow as far as Sandy Hook. With the exception of losing the rudder and rudder-post no damage was done. The vessel does not leak a drop.

The Wisconsin lay outside of Sandy Hook all night, and at 10:30 a. m. yesterday the tugs Excelsior and Enterprise took her in tow and brought her to the city. A diver will be sent down this morning to examine the stern of the Wisconsin. She will have to go into dry-dock to have a new rudder and rudder-post and possibly a new shoe put on.

Among the passengers on the Wisconsin were:

Lieutenants E. M. Parsons, W. S. Turner, and H. W. Becher, and Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Fenn, of the West Riding Regiment; William Blick, M. E. Brennan, Charles Carter, Colonel G. F. Chambers, R. A.; F. W. Cooper, Mrs. E. G. Fenn, J. Grant, J. T. Greet, staff paymaster, R. N.; G. R. Heatley, George E. Lamsdale, C. H. Murray, W. G. Skinner, Albert Tunstall, H. C. Usher, and J. Godfrey.

ROBBERS LEAVE THE VALUABLE JEWELS.

A NURSE FOUND GAGGED AND BOUND IN BROOKLYN—MYSTERIOUS ACTION OF THE THIEVES.

A mysterious robbery was under investigation by the Brooklyn police yesterday. At daybreak the gardener employed by George Tallcot, a dealer in proprietary medicines, living at No. 439 First-st., reported at the Bergen Street Police Station that a nurse had been bound and gagged in the house and jewelry worth $1,500 had been stolen. Investigation revealed that Mrs. Tallcot, who is an invalid and partially paralyzed, is being attended by a trained nurse, Mrs. Kate Booth. At 4:30 a. m. yesterday Mrs. Tallcot's brother, W. S. Coolidge, in passing along the hall on the second floor heard some one groaning. Thinking it was his sister he entered her room, but found her fast asleep.

Returning to the hall with a light, he found the nurse lying on the floor, securely gagged and bound. The bandle of a tooth-brush had been thrust in her mouth and tied with an ill-smelling handkerchief, and her arms and legs were securely bound with a piece of rope. As soon as she was set free she said that at midnight she gave Mrs. Tallcot a sleeping draught and then went to sleep in a chair. At 2:30 she was wakened by her patient, who wanted a drink. The nurse stepped into the hall to get a syphon of vichy, and after getting it she placed it on a little table and was about to fill a glass when some one behind her placed his hand over her mouth, threw her down and demanded money. She pulled out her purse and gave it to him and then lost consciousness. When she came to herself she was alone in the dark and could not move. She thought she had heard the voices of a man and a woman. A part of the jewelry kept in a bureau drawer in the hall was gone, and three gold watches had been taken from Mrs. Tallcot's room. Some valuable diamonds had been overlooked. The articles taken were estimated to be valued at $1,500, including a three-stone diamond ring, a pair of diamond earrings and some other articles. The jewels left were valuable. Mrs. Tallcot did not remember having asked for a drink in the night. Mr. Tallcot slept in one room on the same floor and his two daughters in another, but they heard no disturbance. The other occupants of the house were Mr. Coolidge and two servants, who slept on the third floor. Some rope similar to that used in binding the nurse was found in the basement and a cigar stump was on a table. The doors were fastened with common locks and could have been opened with false keys. There were three dogs on the grounds, but no one of them was heard to bark in the night. The house is a detached one and the grounds face on First-st., Seventh-ave. and Garfield-place.

The police investigations were fruitless up to a late hour last evening in solving the mystery. The conclusion was reached that neither the servants nor the nurse had anything to do with the crime. There were undoubted evidences of a struggle such as Mrs. Booth described, and her failure to alarm the household by screaming was accounted for by her statement that a hand was put over her mouth by some person who approached her from behind. One of her teeth was broken by the gag. The brother-in-law of Mrs. Tallcot is himself an invalid. A supposed clew brought Captain Jewett, in whose precinct the case occurred, to this city last evening, but the diamonds which he found proved not to be those which he was looking for. Another supposed clew could not be traced far enough to tell whether it would unravel the case.

J. B. DAY FAVORS INDIANAPOLIS.

THE SPECIAL BASEBALL LEAGUE MEETING AT PITTSBURG NEXT MONDAY.

John B. Day, principal owner of the New-York Baseball Club, was at his desk in his Maiden Lane office yesterday, having just returned from a pleasant trip to the Montreal carnival. He sent the following telegram to N. E. Young, president of the League at Washington:

Would suggest you call meeting of special committee at Pittsburg on Monday next and request St. Louis, Kansas City and Indianapolis to send representatives. Thus we may be able to locate the eighth League club. Let the distribution of players be acted upon at the regular schedule meeting.
J. B. DAY.

The meeting will take place at the Monongahela House, Pittsburg, on Monday morning. The three cities, St. Louis, Kansas City and Indianapolis, will send delegates, and the committee of three, Day, Spalding and Young, will select the eighth League club. Mr. Day also thought that it would be advisable to hold over the disposition of certain players until the regular meeting, which will be held in this city on March 7.

"Which of the three clubs do you personally favor?" Mr. Day was asked.

"Indianapolis, by all means," he replied. "My desire is that Indianapolis shall get the franchise. Kansas City is too far out of the way. Why, do you know, without a League club in St. Louis it would take us two days to get to Kansas City from the other Western cities? My club, for instance, would lose six days in reaching Kansas City, and the other clubs, with the New-Yorks included, would lose forty-two days during the season."

Mr. Day thought it would be advisable not to act upon the cases of Denny, Glasscock and others at once. He feels sure that he will secure Denny to cover third base for the New-York club, but is not over confident about getting McCormick, the Chicago pitcher.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. I. W. COCHRAN.

The funeral of the Rev. I. Williams Cochran was held yesterday afternoon at the home of his father-in-law, Robert Carter, No. 47 West Fifty-third-st. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends. Some of the Rev. Mr. Cochran's ministerial associates were present, among them being the Rev. Drs. Craven and Hopwood, of Newark; the Rev. Dr. Stoddard, of Succasunna, N. J., and the Rev. Dr. Andrew Shiland. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Hamilton, of the Scotch Presbyterian Church of this city, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Robert Arkman, of Madison, N. J., and the Rev. Allen F. DeCamp. A second service will be held to-day at 3 p. m., at Mendham, N. J., in the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Cochran was pastor for seventeen years. The services there will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Erdman, of Morristown, assisted by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Rankin, of Basking Ridge, N. J. Carriages will leave the Morristown station for Mendham at 10:50 a. m., on the arrival of the train from New-York.

IN AID OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

The Academy of Music was filled both afternoon and evening yesterday with audiences brought together by the promise of two especially interesting entertainments. The promise was well fulfilled, for nearly every company of prominence in the city was represented. The Madison Square Company gave an act of "Saints and Sinners," some members of Mr. Daly's company appeared in an amusing trifle and a detachment from the Wild West gave a special performance under "Buffalo Bill's" superintendence. The proceeds of the entertainments were given to the Christian Brothers to aid them in defraying the cost of the Charlier Institute property. George Clarke directed the performances by permission of Augustin Daly.

VICTIMS OF THE CUSTOMS LAWS.

A stately, handsome woman and a petite miss, accompanied by Captain Rettig, of the steamer City of Washington, just arrived from Havana, attracted much attention from the brokers and clerks in the Custom House rotunda yesterday. The young woman was Senorita Belmont, the equestrienne, who has returned from a circus tour in Mexico with Orrin's company. She and her mother were going through the necessary tedious routine required to land a favorite horse that had been taken from New-York to Mexico and brought back again. After signing a score of papers to the effect that the animal was not dutiable they secured permission to land it.

S. FOSTER DEWEY'S BRIEF WILL.

The will of S. Foster Dewey, formerly private secretary of William M. Tweed, filed for probate yesterday, was written by himself in a firm hand on a half-sheet of blue note paper half an hour before his death. It runs:

NEW-YORK, Feb. 15, 1887.

Last will and testament of S. Foster Dewey. I will and bequeath my entire estate in five equal parts to my mother and my four brothers. I appoint my brothers, William C. Dewey and John S. Dewey, my executors without security.
S. FOSTER DEWEY.

ALFRED DE CORDOVA, 205 West Forty-third-st., New-York.
JOSEPH A. WORSHEIMER, 55 East Seventy-third-st.
His estate is valued at $500,000.

SOME OF ALDERMAN CONKLING'S REMARKS.

Alderman Conkling is unfortunate in his speech-making. In his first speech in the Board he said that an honest official was a rare thing in this city. When taken to task by a colleague at the next meeting he qualified his remark by saying that he was speaking of the present Commissioner of Public Works as an honest official and that this had been a rare thing in that Department. At the Harlem Democratic Club's reception on Tuesday evening Mr. Conkling made a speech in which after "chaffing" some of his fellow Aldermen and the past record of the "justy abused Board," he said that a little "combine" was about to be formed, consisting of the president, the five Republican members and one or two independent members, who would prevent any bad legislation. This statement was variously commented on yesterday by the Democratic members of the Board, most of whom thought it strange that President Beekman should make a combination with the Republican members for any purpose. Mr. Beekman, when asked about the matter yesterday, said that he knew of no combination for any purpose, although he would gladly receive aid from any source to further good and prevent bad legislation.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Senator Henry M. Teller, of Colorado; Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Judge Robert Earl, of the New-York Court of Appeals, and R. M. Pulsifer, of Boston.....*Gilsey House*—Senator James G. Fair, of Nevada.....*Murray Hill Hotel*—P. T. Barnum, of Bridgeport, Conn.....*St. James Hotel*—Ex-Congressman J. W. Wadsworth, of Geneseo, N. Y., and Samuel Spencer, of Baltimore.....*Sturtevant House*—State Treasurer J. Fitzgerald, of Albany.....*Hoffman House*—Colonel Chambers and Lieutenant-Colonel Fenn, of the British Army.....*Brevoort House*—Edwin B. Haskell, of *The Boston Herald*.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Assembly Investigating Committee, City Hall, 11 a. m.
Unger murder trial before Judge Barrett.
Brown University Alumni dinner, Delmonico's, 6:30 p. m.
Lafayette College Alumni dinner, Hotel Brunswick, 6:30 p. m.
Enrolling Board of XIth Republican Assembly District, No. 107 West Thirty-fourth-st., 8 p. m.
St. Stephen's Church parishioners' meeting, International Hall, 8 p. m.
Theatricals in aid of West Side Nursery, Lyceum Theatre, 2 p. m.
First Hussars' reception drill, No. 128 West Fifty-sixth-st., 8 p. m.
N. A. Calkins's lecture, No. 9 University place, 4 p. m.
Trank Line Presidents' Meeting, Mr. Fink's office.
Building Employers' Protective Association, No. 3 Washington Square, 8 p. m.
Recitals by Hannibal A. Williams before Rugters Female College Alumnæ, 8 p. m.
Suit against General Butler, United States Circuit Court.
Pool tournament, Fifth Avenue Music Hall.
American Chemical Society, University Building, 8 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The second annual reception of the Hoffman House barkeepers was held at the Lexington Avenue Opera House last night. The orders of dancing were rich and handsome. McAuliff's orchestra gave the music, and there was a large attendance.

At the last business meeting of the Ladies' Art Association held at No. 4 West Fourth-st., Mrs. Frances Folsom Cleveland was elected an honorary member and Mrs. Dr. Gilfillan a life member. The following were made annual members: Mrs. Fanny Rogers, Miss Mary E. Stoyell and Mrs. Myra Sawyer Hamlin. Mrs. George W. Kyle has invited the association to meet at her house on the evening of March 12. At the next meeting of the association Miss Hartley will read an essay on "Among the Working Folk of England."

The Taxpayers' Association of the Twenty-third Ward, Colonel David E. Austin president, has passed a resolution asking the Mayor and Common Council to use their influence with the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company to sink the tracks from the Harlem River to the city limits below the street grades.

The annual dinner of the alumni of Brown University will take place at Delmonico's this evening. W. W. Hoppin, jr., will preside and among the speakers will be President Robinson, of Brown, Professor J. L. Lincoln, Professor Francis Wayland, ex-Judge Henry E. Howland, Benjamin F. Thurston, Colonel James M. Varnum, Charles L. Colby and Dr. Charles Hitchcock.

The steamship Sorrento arrived yesterday after a stormy passage of twenty-one days from Hamburg. On February 7 and 8 she had a hurricane with heavy seas. Captain Muller prepared some oil bags and hung them over the weather side and for eight hours the engines were stopped, during which time no seas broke over the vessel.

The Duke of Sutherland, who is making a tour of the world in his yacht and was last week in Havana, visited the steamer City of Washington on Friday and was profuse in his compliments of American skill and the courtesy of American officers.

John L. Sullivan visited Dr. Sayre yesterday and had his broken arm examined. The surgeon says the arm will be all right in about a fortnight.

Workmen employed in the unfinished building No. 66 East Seventy-ninth-st. discovered yesterday that an unknown man had hanged himself in the night to one of the floor beams.

John Pearl, colored, and two other persons who were suffering from smallpox, were removed from No. 137 West Thirty-third-st. to North Brother Island yesterday. John Kilpatrick, of No. 517 West Fortieth-st., who went to the Roosevelt Hospital on Wednesday night, also had the disease.

Policeman Mink, of Captain Williams's command, accused of getting drunk, and Policeman Dwinell of West One-hundredth-st., who had been absent without leave, were dismissed from the force yesterday.

Only a few days remain of the season of Buffalo Bill's Wild West, the final performance being announced for next Tuesday evening, Washington's Birthday. This evening the Benevolent Order of Buffaloes will, on invitation of Messrs. Cody and Salsbury, visit the Madison Square Garden in a body.

Haydock & Bissell continued their trade sale of English earthenware yesterday at No. 12 Murray-st. About 1,502 crates were sold varying in price from $50 to $100.

Senator Riddleberger will deliver the oration on Robert Emmet at the demonstration in the Academy of Music on March 4, which will be held under the auspices of the United Clan-na-Gael.

Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 420, I. O. G. T., has elected these officers: Eugene Underhill, chief templar; Mrs. Grace Mills, vice-templar; Charles Tupper, financial secretary; Edmund D. Gibbs, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Tupper, treasurer; and the Rev. John O. Bache, chaplain.

William E. Burlock & Co., manufacturers of shirts, of this city, in connection with the Burlock Manufacturing Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., are understood to have called a meeting of creditors a day or two ago at which they showed total assets of about $80,100 and total liabilities of about $52,700, showing a nominal surplus of some $27,400. It is understood that the concern will pay in full with some indulgence.

Dr. Joseph Cushman, who was Coroner Woltman's deputy several years ago, died on Tuesday in the Bloomingdale Insane Asylum from general paresis. He had been in the asylum three years.

At the Fourth Presbyterian Church last night the Rev. Dr. William Ormiston lectured on "The Soul and Society." He pointed out the shams, snares and pit falls that society lays to trap the unwary soul.

The freight steamer City of Fitchburg, of the New-Bedford line, and the Montauk, of the Roosevelt Ferry, came into collision yesterday, but neither boat was injured.

Moses C. Roof, the captain and owner of the canalboats Flagship and Constitution, both loaded with coal, has disappeared. His wife appealed to the police yesterday to help search for him. Mr. Roof supplied coal to the White Star and Morgan Line steamers. His home is at No. 186 Twelfth-st., Brooklyn.

Miss Catherine L. Wolfe was reported to be much better yesterday. Since Monday she has been able to walk about the house.

BROOKLYN.

An order to show cause why Tribonius Dickerson should not be barred was issued by the General Term of the Supreme Court yesterday.

John Dougherty, age twenty-seven, of No. 179 Richards-st., and Richard Williams, age nineteen, of No. 60 Van Dyke-st., broke into a beer shop yesterday, at No. 179 Richards-st., and got so drunk that they could not get away before they were found by the police.

William R. Wadsworth waived examination before Police Justice Walsh yesterday when called to answer to the charges of embezzlement and forgery made against him, upon which he was arrested at Niagara Falls last week. He was held for the action of the Grand Jury.

The employes of both the Broadway and Atlantic Avenue Railroad Companies were hard at work yesterday laying tracks in Central-ave., old parts of it being protected by the rival injunctions secured on Tuesday. Late in the afternoon Corporation Counsel Jenks decided that the Atlantic Avenue Company was acting in violation of the law in having no permission to open the streets from the City Works Department, in failing to secure the consents of owners of property as required by law, and also in failing to present plans to the City Works Department. Superintendent of Streets George H. Sterling stopped the work with a posse of men. The rails, ties, etc., were carted off to the corporation yard.

A new Grand Army Post was instituted last night at Phœnix Hall in South Eighth-st. It was named George Ricard Post, No. 362, and was organized by Dr. E. H. Dickey, who was senior vice-commander of Abel Smith Post, No. 435, but who recently withdrew from that Post.

A reception and exhibition drill was given last night by DeWitt Clinton Commandery, No. 27, Knights Templar, under the auspices of Company K, 47th Regiment, at the Armory, at Marcy-ave. and Lynch-st.

Mrs. Mary Ann Gee, of No. 163 Dupont-st., Greenpoint, yesterday called at the Seventh Precinct Station and reported that she, her husband and two children were sorely in need of food. Her husband had been out of work for several weeks owing to the strikes. The neighbors say that the husband is a hardworking man.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

JERSEY CITY.

A fire broke out at 1 a. m. yesterday in Maxwell & Co.'s stable, in Coles-st. Two horses, one owned by A. Thomas and the other by Joseph Sack, were burned to death. The loss is fixed at $900.

News was received yesterday that the Supreme Court had affirmed the decision in the case of George H. Disque, of Hoboken, who is under sentence of death for wife murder. The news was not communicated to Disque.

STATEN ISLAND.

NEW-BRIGHTON.—Andrew Smith, age sixty-one, boarding in Monroe-ave., attempted to commit suicide on Wednesday by cutting his throat with a razor.

ALONG THE SOUND.

WESTPORT.—President Horace Staples, age eighty-five, on his way to New-York yesterday, said the open weather reminded him of February 17, 1830, when the sloop Burdette was loaded with 1,600 bushels of corn and hastened off to New-York, the farmers having heard the price a bushel was $1.

BRIDGEPORT.—Captain Thomas C. Coats, who died on Tuesday age eighty, had served in the English army in Canada, and in the Florida, Mexican and civil war.....Dr. George F. Lewis yesterday offered his resignation as Surgeon of the 4th Regiment, C. N. G. He held the position twelve years.

NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

The third reception of the ninth season of the Linden Young Bachelors' Club occurred on Wednesday evening. Guests from Elizabeth, Roselle, New-York and Brooklyn arrived between 9 and 10 o'clock, when dancing began. At 11:30 supper was served, and then dancing was resumed till a late train for the city compelled the company to break up. The officers of the club are W. S. Rose president, W. S. Gedney vice-president, F. G. Cole treasurer, and C. L. Bleecker master of ceremonies.

WESTFIELD.—The Rev. Cornelius H. Patton was ordained and then installed as pastor of the Congregational Church of Christ on Wednesday evening. The sermon was preached by the father of the new pastor, the Rev. Dr. W. W. Patton, president of Howard University at Washington. The Rev. Dr. J. E. Rankin, of the Orange Valley Congregational Church, made the prayer of ordination and installation and delivered the charge to the pastor. Dr. Ward, of *The Independent*, gave the charge to the people, and the Rev. Mr. Goodrich, of Plainfield, extended the right hand of fellowship.

RAHWAY.—The movement to have the national bank which recently levied an assessment of 50 per cent on the stockholders, go into liquidation and resume business as a State bank, is receiving the support of a large number of stockholders.

NEW-DURHAM.—John Muesler, a milkman, age sixty-four, was found unconscious on Wednesday night, in his barn on the Hackensack plank road. He died in a short time.

LONG ISLAND

COLLEGE POINT.—The village trustees are in a deadlock on the election of a treasurer. There are two candidates and each candidate has three votes.

BAYLON.—Over $1,800 has been subscribed for the erection of a Catholic church in this village.

RIDGEWOOD.—There was an explosion on Wednesday at Michael Reed's fireworks factory, when 100 pounds of gunpowder was ignited. A little girl, Lizzie Shaler, received serious injuries, and Mr. Reed was hurt while trying to rescue the girl. The explosion was caused by the negligence of a workman.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

MT. VERNON.—William F. Byrd, a tailor, was tried at White Plains yesterday for assaulting his daughter, age seventeen. In his defence the man said that the girl was only an adopted daughter. She pleaded ignorance of this fact, but he said that he adopted her when she was an infant. The case was not finished.

THE GREATEST USEFULNESS OF LIBRARIES.

William E. Foster, the librarian of the Providence Public Library, gave a lecture yesterday afternoon before the Library School of Columbia College on "The Maximum Usefulness of the Library." He divided the subject into two parts; first, the maximum usefulness as to the books themselves, their arrangement and library methods generally; and, secondly, the maximum usefulness from the reader's point of view. The last topic was left for further discussion to-day.

Books, Mr. Foster said, should be selected neither above nor below the level of the average reader. Money was wasted if spent on volumes good enough for the more intelligent, but which the ordinary frequenter of public libraries would not touch. As far as possible the growth of the library should be made along the lines of the books it already had. As to classification, he preferred the relative location plan decidedly to the fixed. A good library should have two catalogues, one alphabetical, for general readers, and one a subject catalogue, for specialists. The posting of reference lists of books bearing on current topics would be of great service in getting books otherwise stagnant into circulation. This minute reference cataloguing should always follow public interest. The librarian should be more than a custodian of books. He should know the contents as well as the bindings of his volumes. He should be able, like an organist, to play on all the stops and keys of his big instrument, making it a centre for the diffusion of accurate knowledge as well as a storehouse of information.

VARIOUS REASONS FOR DISCHARGING MEN.

Special Agent A. K. Tingle, Auditor John M. Comstock and Deputy Collector John A. Mason, secretary of the Civil Service Board, were appointed several months ago to examine the several departments of the Customs service and report upon their workings and the efficiency of the employes. A few days ago they reported upon the Appraiser's Department, the result of which was seven removals and other changes are expected. A. H. Hill, who has been order clerk for twenty years, has been removed. He was reported as "too willing to avail himself of the plea of ill-health in the way of absence from duty," and it was recommended that he "be replaced by a steadier man." Andrew Gregory, jr., nominally in charge of the force of bookkeepers and order clerks, also removed, was reported as "hardly qualified for that position." Simon Newetter, receiving clerk, was removed because he was "not up to the standard of efficiency." S. B. Shrave, delivery clerk, was removed because his "habits were reported as intemperate." S. T. C. Kirby, carpenter, was reported as "intemperate and inefficient." Cornelius O'Leary, a messenger at $720 a year, was removed. He was "formerly a hackdriver and is probably better adapted to that occupation than to the Government service," says the report. R. Yeomans, a clerk in charge of the lock-up, was removed because the position "should be filled by a messenger, and Mr. Yeomans replaced by a more useful man for general clerkship."

Relative to James H. Clark, chief clerk, the commission reported that he was "seventy years of age, thirty years connected with the Customs service, and as acting deputy collector administers such oaths as are taken in the division." His salary was reduced from $2,500 to $1,000. No action has yet been taken in two other cases reported as follows: H. F. Gamage, "old and very deaf. If retained, should be transferred to the care of records or similar work, as a younger and more vigorous man is needed." Frank B. Symonds, order clerk, "might judiciously be transferred for a contrary reason. He is qualified for a much higher grade of duty than is assigned to him."

TRYING IN VAIN TO CONVINCE MR. VOORHIS.

At a meeting of the Police Commissioners yesterday Mr. McClave read a letter which he recently wrote to Everett P. Wheeler, chairman of the Civil Service Supervisory Board, requesting an opinion upon the construction of the Civil Service regulation No. 53, which provides that a policeman seeking promotion must have a certificate from the Police Board that his conduct and efficiency have been "in all respects satisfactory" before he can enter a competitive examination. Mr. McClave had wished to be informed if the regulation prevented the Board from certifying to a capable officer who had been fined for some trivial offence. In his answer Mr. Wheeler said:

In the judgment of the Supervisory Board the true meaning of the paragraph is that the efficiency and conduct of the person certified have been, in the various matters in which he has been engaged, as a whole, satisfactory in enforcing discipline and attention to duty among his subordinates; in promptly and diligently obeying the orders of his superior officer; in readiness to meet emergencies; in vigilance and skill in the detection and arrest of offenders against the laws, and in the treatment of citizens with whom his official duties bring him in contact.

Messrs. French and McClave thought that Mr. Wheeler's letter would prevent Mr. Voorhis from refusing to certify to the fitness of Captain Allaire and of Sergeants Oates and Westervelt. Mr. Voorhis said that he did not know that Mr. Wheeler was authorized to interpret the regulation. The letter probably will not help to break the existing deadlock.

Superintendent Murray was directed "to report the designation, proprietor and location of all places in this city where musical or theatrical entertainments are given, with such details as shall give a correct idea of the character and extent of the performance given."

SENTENCED TO FIFTEEN YEARS FOR ROBBERY.

Edward Reilly, of No. 239 Broome-st., was charged by George Kling, who has a liquor store at No. 212 Broome-st., with robbery, and the charge was tried yesterday before Judge Cowing in the Court of General Sessions. Kling had closed his bar on the night of December 14 and was on his way to his room between 1 and 2 a. m. when he was attacked by a young man whom he recognized as Reilly and was knocked down and robbed of $35. His assailant jumped on him and broke two of his ribs.

Reilly's defence was an alibi, and to establish it he called Barkeeper Freeson, of ex-Alderman Patrick Farley's liquor store in the Bowery, near Grand-st. Freeson said that Reilly was in the store from midnight to 4 o'clock in the morning. A reporter named Levy testified that he saw Reilly leave Farley's liquor store about 3 a. m. on the morning of the robbery.

Kling, the assaulted man, testified that he recognized Reilly by the light of the moon. The trial had proceeded as far as the Judge's charge, when a question was raised as to whether the night was a moonlight one and the defendant's counsel sent to the Signal Service office and ascertained that nights of December 14 and 15 were dark, the moon being obscured by clouds. The jury, however, believed the statements of the complaining witness and Reilly, who has already served a term in prison, was found guilty. Judge Cowing sentenced him to fifteen years in the State Prison.

FUNERALS OF FIVE DROWNED PERSONS.

The funerals of five persons who were drowned this week were conducted in Brooklyn yesterday. Three of the victims were choir boys of the Garden City Cathedral, who were drowned on Sunday—Eugene Gretsinger, age thirteen, Henry D. McTighe, age twelve, and William E. Teed, age thirteen. The two others were Henry Haggerty, age twenty-one, and Michael J. Lawlor, age thirty-four, who were drowned in the Hudson River at Coxsackie. The united funeral service of the choir boys was held in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, in Clinton-ave. The pall-bearers were eighteen boys from the Garden City Cathedral choir. The clergy present were the Rev. Dr. D. V. M. Johnson and the Rev. Messrs. J. A. Locke, L. S. Roche, C. A. Jessup, T. H. Oliver, F. L. Humphreys and William Leacock. The music was by the surpliced choir of St. Luke's and St. Mary's churches. The bodies of the boys were in white caskets, and the procession of three hearses through the streets was watched with much curious interest. Many floral emblems were in the church. The burial service was read by the Rev. Dr. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Humphreys and Roche.

The funeral of Mr. Haggerty was conducted in the Church of the Sacred Heart, in Clermont-ave., and the burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery. The services for Mr. Lawlor were held in the Church of the Transfiguration, and the burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

GRAND ARMY MEN AT A DANCING PARTY.

The reception of Alexander Hamilton Post, No. 182, Grand Army of the Republic, in West End Hall in West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. last night, was a "family dancing party." The gay decorations of the hall, including the battle flags and the banners and bannerettes of the Grand Army, the handsome costumes of the ladies, and the military uniforms of the guests and the comrades, gave a picturesque appearance to the occasion. The grand march was led by Commander A. M. Underhill, manager of the Guion Steamship Line, with Mrs. Underhill, and following him came veterans whose military records in the Civil War are borne with pride. The reception and floor committees exerted their efforts to make every one feel "at home."

AMERICAN PROTECTIVE TARIFF LEAGUE.

The Board of Managers of the American Protective Tariff League held their annual meeting at No. 23 West Twenty-third-st. yesterday, received reports of general officers and mapped out their work for the ensuing year. The following officers were chosen: President, Edward H. Ammidown; vice-president, Thomas H. Dudley; general secretary, Robert P. Porter; assistant general secretary, A. M. Garland; treasurer, Chester Griswold; Executive Committee—Cornelius N. Bliss, New-York; Henry B. Metcalf, Rhode Island; Henry T. Cook, New-Jersey; George H. Ely, Ohio; Joseph E. Thropp, Pennsylvania.

TIRED OF GIVING AWAY NECKTIES.

From The Buffalo Courier.

"I don't mind giving up my neckties before they're half worn out," said a society young man yesterday, "because they look pretty in crazy quilts. But I'm going to draw the line on my married lady friends hereafter." "Why?" asked a friend. "The last lot of scarfs I gave to Mrs.—her husband has been wearing ever since. Do you blame me?"

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6:47 | Sets, 5:35 | Moon rises, 3:54 | Moon's age, 25

HIGH WATER.

A.M.—Sandy Hook, 4:07 | Gov. Isl'd, 4:42 | Hell Gate, 6:31
P.M.—Sandy Hook, 4:43 | Gov. Isl'd, 5:07 | Hell Gate, 6:53

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	Line.	For	Mails close.	Vessel sails.
Maranheuse, tramp.		Brazil	10 a m	noon.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19.

Scythia,	Cunard,	Liverpool	11:30 a m	2:30 p m
City of Chester,	Inman,	Liverpool	1 p m	3 p m
State of Nebraska,	State,	Glasgow		2 p m
Circassia,	Anchor,	Glasgow	12:30 p m	3 p m
Hekla,	Thingvalla,	Copenhagen	noon	3 p m
Amalfi,	Carr,	Hamburg		3 p m
Schiedam,	Neth-Amer,	Amsterdam	12:30 p m	3 p m
Waesland,	Red Star,	Antwerp	12:30 p m	3 p m
La Champagne,	French-Trans,	Havre	11:30 a m	2 p m
Gottardo,	Med & N Y,	Gibraltar,		noon
San Marcos	Ward's,	Havana		3 p m

TUESDAY, FEB. 22.

Wisconsin,	Guion,	Liverpool		4 p m
City of Berlin,	Inman,	Liverpool	1:30 p m	4 p m
Ozama,	Clyde,	San Domingo	1 p m	3 p m

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line
City of Berlin	Liverpool	Inman
State of Pennsylvania	Glasgow	State
Gothia	Gothenburg	Baltic
Werra	Bremen & Southampton	N G Lloyd
Acapulco	Aspinwall	Pacific Mail

SATURDAY, FEB. 19.

Travo	Bremen & Southampton	N G Lloyd
Leerdam	Rotterdam	Neth-Amer.

SUNDAY, FEB. 20.

Etruria	Liverpool	Cunard
Alaska	Liverpool	Guion
Britannic	Liverpool	White Star
Bohemia	Hamburg	Hamb-Amer.
La Bourgogne	Havre	French Tran.
Trinidad	Bermuda	Quebec

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1887

ARRIVED.

Steamer Wisconsin (Br), Bentley, Liverpool Feb 5, Queenstown 6, with mdse, 35 cabin and 168 steerage passengers to A M Underhill & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 12:30 a m.

Steamer Sorrento (Ger), Muller, Hamburg Jan 27, with mdse and 108 steerage passengers to Phelps Bros & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 7 a m.

Steamer Belgenland (Belg), Beynon, Antwerp Feb 5, with mdse and passengers to Peter Wright & Sons.

Steamer Olbers (Br), Clark, Rio Janeiro Jan 24, Bahia Feb 1, with mdse and 3 passengers to Busk & Jevons. Arrived at the Bar at 2 p m.

Steamer Dalbeattie (Br), Gregory, Progreso 9 days, with hemp to G Amsinck & Co; vessel to W W Hurlbut. Arrived at the Bar at noon.

Steamer Atlas (Br), Tobin, Gonaives Jan 21, Port-au-Prince 22, Navassa 23, Miragoane 25, Jeremie 26, Aux Cayes 28, Jacmel Feb 1, Port Royal 3, Newcastle 6, Kingston 8, Montego Bay 9, Port Maria 10, Fortune Island 12, with mdse to Pim, Forwood & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 1.10 p m.

Steamer State of Texas, Williams, Galveston 7 days, with mdse and passengers to O H Mallory & Co.

Steamer Seminole, Kemble, Jacksonville 5 days, via Charleston, with mdse and passengers to Wm P Clyde & Co.

Steamer Old Dominion, Smith, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk, with mdse and passengers to Old Dominion SS Co.

Steamer H F Dimock, Hallett, Boston, with mdse to H F Dimock.

Ship Annie E Wright (Br), Wright, Antwerp 47 days, with iron and empty barrels to order; vessel to J W Parker & Co.

Bark Arvid (Swed), Christiansen, Aracaju 30 days, with sugar to Smith & Schipper; vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Blitz (Ger), Wittrock, Bahia 35 days, with sugar to order; vessel to C Tobias & Co.

Brig Robert Dillon, Leighton, Savannah 8 days, with lumber to order; vessel to Evans, Ball & Co.

SUNSET—Wind at Sandy Hook, light, NNE; cloudy. At City Island, the same.

Arrived yesterday—

Steamer Dorset (Br), Crossman, Bristol Jan 25, Swansea 27, with mdse to W D Morgan. Arrived at the Bar at 7.30 p m.

Steamer City of Washington, Rettig, Campeche Jan 29, Frontera 30, Vera Cruz Feb 5, Progreso 8, Havana 4 days, with mdse and passengers to F Alexandre & Sons. Arrived at the Bar at 10 p m.

Steamer Nacoochee, Kempton, Savannah 3 days, with mdse and passengers to Henry Yonge, jr.

Bark Vesuvius, Marshall, Pisagua 99 days, with nitrate of soda to order; vessel to J W Elwell & Co.

CLEARED.

Steamer Adriatic (Br), Parsell, Liverpool via Queenstown—R J Cortis.

Steamer Buffalo (Br), Malet, Hull—Sanderson & Son.

Steamer Rugia (Ger), Albers, Hamburg—Kunhardt & Co.

Steamer Powhatan (Br), Jenkins, Mediterranean ports—Phelps Bros & Co.

Steamer Essington (Br), Morgan, Barcelona, Sp—F Latasa & Co.