MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS.

AN INCREASE OF NEARLY $146,000 MADE.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BEFORE THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE.

A delegation from the Board of Education, consisting of President Simmons, Commissioners Wood, Tamsen, Holt, Devoe and Mrs. Agnew, Superintendent Jasper and Superintendent of School Buildings Debevoise appeared yesterday before the Board of Estimate and asked that the budget for the Department of Education be reopened in accordance with the special act of the Legislature, and the amounts denied by the Board of Estimate in December last be allowed.

Mr. Simmons took up the various items and explained the need for the increase asked for. He was aided by Messrs. Wood, Tamsen and Holt. The total amount asked was $4,034,500, and the sum allowed by the Board of Estimate was $3,848,187, a reduction of $202,313. For salaries of teachers $2,800,000 was asked and $2,750,000 was appropriated. Mr. Simmons said that $50,000 additional was absolutely necessary to supply teachers for the ever-increasing number of pupils and to supply teachers for the proposed new schools. About 100 new teachers were needed. If the money was not appropriated the new schools could not be opened. After a good deal of discussion the $50,000 was allowed.

For janitors' salaries $134,000 was asked and $123,500 allowed. Mr. Simmons said that this was not sufficient to pay for additional janitors required for the new schools. It was also proposed to increase the pay of janitors. Mayor Hewitt said that he would not vote for any increase of salary; all the act contemplated and all that he would vote for was to make good any actual deficiency. It was agreed to increase the amount to $127,000 in order to provide janitors for the new schools. For the Normal College $99,000 was asked. This was reduced by the Board of Estimate to $92,000. Mr. Simmons asked that the additional $7,000 be restored, and said that the college was the finest institution of the kind in the country. Mr. Wood said that the teachers educated there were the most proficient in the city. They were much better educated as a whole than the male teachers. The Mayor wanted to know why it would not be well to substitute some of the $1,800 women teachers for the $4,000 professors. He suggested that $6,367 26 additional be allowed, making the total $98,367 26. President Coleman voted no, and the Mayor decided that the appropriation was not granted, it requiring a concurrent vote.

The item of $44,000 asked for salaries of officers and clerks had been reduced to $35,237; the Board increased this to $38,388. The item of $31,000, appropriated for the salaries of the city superintendent and assistants, was increased to $34,750. Mr. Simmons asked that the $12,000 for truant officers be increased to $15,000, in order that the salaries could be advanced from $1,000 to $1,250. This was lost. The original item of $27,500 for the Nautical School was allowed, with the understanding that $2,500 be expended for repairs to the schoolship. The $150,000 originally asked for supplies was allowed. The increase of $3,000 asked for fuel was not allowed. The item of $9,500 for general contingencies was increased to $14,000. For incidental expenses of the Normal College $1,500 extra was allowed. The item of $10,000 for incidental expenses of ward schools was increased to $50,000. The item of repairs to buildings was increased to $55,000. The item of $7,000 for rebuilding the wall of the Normal College was allowed.

Mrs. Agnew argued at length on the question of salaries in the Normal College. She was strongly against a reduction. She declared that while it costs $110 a year to care for a criminal, it only costs $44 to educate a teacher.

Near the conclusion of the hearing Mr. Simmons said that the Board of Estimate had no right to question the authority of the Board of Education to expend such sums as might be deemed necessary for any purpose within the annual appropriation after such appropriation had been made. The Board of Education was not a part of the city government. The Mayor asked why not. Mr. Simons replied that all the heads of the various departments confer with the Mayor on matters of legislation affecting the city, but the president of the Board of Education had never been invited. The Mayor replied that he would extend an invitation in the future, and the last man who appeared at the conference "must treat all hands."

The total amount allowed over that appropriated in December last was $115,901, making a total appropriation of $3,994,088.

OPPOSED TO THE POUGHKEEPSIE BRIDGE.

A meeting of "business men opposed to the obstruction of the Hudson River, by bridges below Albany as now proposed, at Poughkeepsie," was held in the room of the Board of Trade and Transportation yesterday. O. B. Potter presided and there were about thirty-five others present. Resolutions were presented protesting against the proposed bridge, because the erection of piers for it "would prove a serious obstruction to the free navigation of said river, and would increase the cost of transportation to a degree that would greatly endanger the commercial importance and supremacy of the port of New-York"; because "while the products of the West have already begun to show a preference for rival ports because of their liberality in providing facilities for cheap and easy transportation, and while these ports are making strenuous efforts, at great cost, still further to improve their means of communication, our representatives would be shamefully blind to the interests of the State of New-York and recreant to the trust reposed in them should they permit a policy that would cripple or impair the great revenue-commerce which we hold free from the hand of our creator"; because New-York needs all the facilities of her waterways if she would continue to hold her primacy as the first port of the Republic."

Those who advocated the adoption of the resolutions were Mr. Potter, Charles H. Dennison, C. L. Nickerson, G. H. Lawton, William K. Emary and Simon Sterne, and they were adopted. The secretary was directed to send copies of the resolutions to the members of the Legislature, the State officers, to President Cleveland and the members of his Cabinet. A dispatch was sent to the Legislature protesting against the building of the Poughkeepsie bridge.

CLEARING OUT DEAD WOOD IN BOWLING GREEN.

A stout New-Jersey wood-chopper with a keen axe was set at work yesterday on the old willow tree that for forty years has shaded the basin in the little park in Bowling Green. There has been no water in the Bowling Green fountain for several years and the tree has been gradually dying. Last summer it put forth only a single green branch; this spring that branch was found to be dead and Superintendent Parsons directed Foreman Johnson to remove the old trunk. It was nearly three feet in diameter at the base, and although the wood was soft and rotten in many places, a good hour's chopping was necessary to bring the old trunk to the ground. Then two workmen with a double-handed saw cut the trunk in to half a dozen sections, each one as big as a butcher's block, for carting away. Foreman Johnson counted the rings on the stump and pronounced the tree forty-two years old.

At the south end of the park a honey locust was found to have several dead limbs and they were also removed. The locust was larger at the base than the old willow, and originally it had two good-sized branches shooting up from the stump. One of these, Foreman Johnson said, died and was cut away about twenty years ago.

"What remains of the old locust is pretty sound yet," he observed. "It must be eighty or ninety years old, and will probably last to be a hundred years old. "The locust and those elms," he continued "pointing to the remaining large trees, "in the park, must have been planted here when General Washington was President."

MANY YOUNGS MAIDS FROM SCHOOL.

Twenty-five young maidens from the Lasalle Female Seminary in Auburndale, Mass., arrived at the Grand Central Station early yesterday morning. They were under the care of W. L. Shepard, of the seminary, were to spend a day in the city and wanted to see Central Park, the museum and the menagerie. Two weeks ago they wrote to President Hedges of the Park Department for some information about the visit, and he promised to have several carriages in readiness at the Park and give them what aid was in his power during the visit. The carriages were engaged, but did not keep their engagement. Other carriages were found, however, and the young women were soon whirling through the Park. They stopped at the menagerie, and after they had looked at the lions, the rhinoceros and the hippopotamus, Superintendent Conklin invited them to the arsenal to see Crowley, the chimpanzee. The sight of so many young women with eye-glasses started Crowley. He was just completing his 10 o'clock luncheon and he retreated to a corner of his room and covered his face with his napkin. When the young women laughed at him he became angry and tore the slats out of his bed and covered them with sawdust. The party visited the Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History and ate luncheon at the Casino restaurant in the Park. They started by the evening train for Washington, where they intend to climb the monument and to call on Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland.

ANOTHER OF THE OGLE FAMILY SENTENCED.

Ralph Ogle, a son of a well-known veterinary surgeon, who was accused of forging several checks to the amount of over $1,000 and by that means drawing all of the balance which his father had in the West Side Bank, pleaded guilty yesterday before Recorder Smyth. The Recorder had previously presided at the trial of one of young Ogle's brothers, George, who was convicted of murder in the second degree in killing James A. Brown. The Court of Appeals has just affirmed the conviction under which George Ogle is serving a life sentence. Another son was charged with the same murder, but the charge was withdrawn. The forgery also, it was alleged, was committed with the connivance of another brother. The father has expended several thousand dollars in the defence of his sons from the various charges against them. Recorder Smyth sentenced Ralph Ogle to five years in the State Prison.

NOT RELATED TO BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS.

The presence of a destitute and insane woman at Police Headquarters on Wednesday night was made the occasion of a sensational story to the effect that she was a much-neglected sister-in-law of Baroness Burdett-Coutts. There was no excuse for the story except that she was an English woman and gave her name as Mrs. Burdett. Deputy Clerk Delmaster recognized her yesterday as a woman who had applied to him several times for assistance under the belief that she was entitled to some help from the Masonic Relief Fund. She is regarded as a harmless lunatic. Her insanity leads her to believe that she owns vast estates abroad and many houses in this city, and that persons of high rank are trying to kill her. Matron Webb gave her food and shelter on Wednesday night, and she was sent on her way again yesterday morning.

THE COMMERCIAL CABLES INJURED BY ICE.

The Commercial Cable Company refused all business yesterday, its cables having been injured by ice so that communication was completely interrupted. General Manager Ward said that the break had occurred near Canso, not 500 yards from shore, and that it had been caused by "young icebergs." He added that arrangements had been made to repair the damage as soon as the heavy fields of ice that now covered the cables moved away. "A change of wind or anything of that kind," he remarked, "will give us an opportunity which we shall not be slow to use. Rafts have been built and at the first movement of the ice the broken cables will be repaired. I do not look for an interruption of more than a day or two, although I cannot make any positive predictions. The breaks are close in shore and we can repair them as soon as the ice breaks away a little."

THROWING HIMSELF FROM THE ROOF.

Calvin C. Kelsey, an infirm old man over seventy years old, threw himself head first from the roof of No. 130 Flatbush-ave., Brooklyn, yesterday, and was instantly killed. He was a retired dealer in photographic materials, but has suffered exceedingly from nervous prostration of late and he was at times deemed hardly accountable for his actions. About daylight yesterday he told his wife that he was going into the bath-room. Instead of doing so he climbed upon the roof, walked to the front of the house, which is four stories in height, and jumped off. His head struck the pavement, breaking the skull. The first intimation that Mrs. Kelsey had of her husband's death was the cries of horror from the crowd in the street.

THE SALERNO SIGHTED AGAIN.

The Wilson Line steamship Salerno, from Gottenburg for New-York on March 23, which was sighted by the steamer P. Caland in a disabled condition and heading toward Halifax, was again sighted last Sunday by the Elbe. She was then under sail and about 800 miles eastward of where the P. Caland passed and in latitude 41° 28' north, longitude 51° 23' west. Finding it impossible to make Halifax against the strong westerly winds she is probably trying to make the Western Islands. The steamer Demera was sent out from Halifax on Monday to search for the Salerno. The latter has a broken propeller, but has no passengers on board.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Ex-Senator Francis Kernan, of Utica, and Bradley B. Smalley, of Vermont.....*Murray Hill Hotel*—Governor J. R. Bodwell, of Maine, and Edward S. Tobey, of Boston.....*Astor House*—Rear-Admiral Lewis A. Kimberley, Lieutenant-Commander H. E. Nichols, and Lieutenant G. A. Merriam, U. S. Navy, and Congressman Henry Bacon, of Goshen, N. Y.....*Albemarle Hotel*—John W. Bookwaster, of Ohio.....*Rossmore Hotel*—President C. K. Adams, of Cornell University.....*Westminster Hotel*—Ex-Governor Henry M. Hoyt, of Pennsylvania, and A. B. Hepburn, of Canton, N. Y.....*Hoffman House*—Roswell A. Parmenter, of Troy.....*Sturtevant House*—Charles A. Gould, of Buffalo.....*Hotel Normandie*—Clayton McMichael, of Philadelphia.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Investigation of the Brooklyn Departments by Assembly Committee.

Dock Department investigation by Commissioners of Accounts.

Cornell University Alumni dinner, Delmonico's evening.

Beginning coroner's inquest in Rahway murder case.

Hotel and Restaurant Proprietors' Association, Germania Hall, 8 p. m.

Professor Lanciani's lecture, Madison Square Theatre, 4 p. m.

Entertainment in aid of TRIBUNE Fresh-Air Fund, Miss Annie Brown's school, No. 715 Fifth-ave., 8 p. m.

Microscopical Society, No. 64 Madison-ave., 8 p. m.

Release of John Most from Blackwell's Island.

New-York-Manhattan College baseball match, Polo Grounds, 3 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The funeral of General R. S. Ripley will take place at the New-York Hotel at 3.30 p. m. to-day.

The City Mission of No. 50 Bible House reports for March six churches and missions open continuously, sixty-one Gospel meetings, 8,995 aggregate attendance, 1,175 volumes loaned, 189 temperance pledges, with reading-room, library, gymnasium and schools open to all; receipts for month, $2,296 08; expenditures, $2,942 77. The Women's Branch reports thirty missionary visitors and nurses going among the tenement-houses daily with help and comfort; receipts, $1,807; expenditures, $1,390 06.

Henryn Miler, a second cabin passenger on the North German Lloyd steamer Elbe, died from cerebral apoplexy on March 22.

Captain Frank Stevens, of the steamer Manhattan, which arrived from Havana yesterday, reported the wreck of a three-masted schooner eight miles northeast of Winter Quarters Lightship.

The regular ticket at the Maritime Association is: John P. Townsend, president; Thomas M. Bartlett, vice-president; Henry Stadlmair, treasurer, and Edwin W. Adams, John Farr, Charles A. Pool, Herman C. Schwab, W. H. Van Brunt and Alfred Whitman, directors.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, yesterday, at No. 3 East Fourteenth-st., admitted men for the first time and six responded to the invitation. "The Attitude of the New York Legislature toward Temperance" was the subject of discussion. The sense of the conference was unanimously in favor of Prohibition.

Nells Emil Poulsen, a crazy Danish immigrant, tried to drown himself in the East River at Fourteenth-st. yesterday, but was rescued and taken to Bellevue Hospital.

The police found an unknown laborer at Prince and Thompson sts. yesterday, senseless and having a severe cut on his head.

Annie Reilly, a young colored woman who said she lived at No. 209 Thompson-st., went to the Prince-st. Police Station Wednesday night suffering from smallpox. A colored man, with the same disease, was removed from a house in Grand-st., near Sullivan-st.

Charles Reiche & Brother, the Park Row importers of rare animals, birds, etc., are expecting to receive to-day by a boat a dozen sea lions from the Pacific coast. The lions will arrive at Hoboken about 7 a. m., and will be taken to Central Park, where they will be liberated from their boxes, in which they have been confined for eight weeks, into the big basin.

The Rev. Dr. Henry A. Brann, censor of this Roman Catholic diocese, lectured last evening at the College of St. Francis Xavier in West Fifteenth-st., on "The desire of every man to own a lot."

The hearing in the case of William McMahon against Maurice B. Flynn, Civil Justice Kelly and the Subway companies was adjourned yesterday till Saturday to give the lawyers time to prepare for cross-examining McMahon.

E. J. Haney, who bought No. 6 Bowling Green at the Real Estate Exchange on Wednesday, has an office at No. 68 Wall-st. He said yesterday that he had bought the property for himself and considered it a good investment. He intends to make alterations and repairs and rent the building for business purposes. He did not expect to put up a new building at present.

The Subway Commissioners want their terms of office extended. Professor Raymond had a long talk with Mayor Whitney in regard to a bill which has been introduced by Senator Worth for this purpose, and also to amend the present law on the subject. The Mayor said he saw nothing in the bill to oppose.

An organ recital upon the large organ, which has recently been renovated, together with a concert, was given last evening in the sixty-first Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

Michael O'Brien, age thirty-four, stole from James B. Elwyn, a stableman, on March 12 a watch and some money. The robbery occurred at Twelfth and Washington sts. O'Brien and two companions followed Elwyn and garroted him. A jury convicted O'Brien yesterday and Recorder Smyth sentenced him to ten years in the State Prison.

Father M. A. Taylor was not present at the lecture by Dr. McGlynn at the Academy of Music, as was reported.

BROOKLYN.

Nearly $2,000 was received for the Beecher statue fund yesterday.

An inquiry into the alleged misconduct of Health Inspector Mielke was begun yesterday by Commissioner Patterson. A daughter of Mrs. Ludwig, of No. 362 Bushwick-ave., was taken ill with smallpox some weeks ago, and with the permission of Inspector Mielke was taken to her grandfather's house, No. 144 Sicel-st. It is alleged that the inspector agreed to the removal on the payment of $5 by Mrs. Ludwig.

Bishop Loughlin has indorsed the decision of Father O'Loughlin disbanding St. Mary's Star of the Sea Temperance society, on the ground that gambling was carried on in the rooms of the organization.

Dr. Sperry Clark, who keeps a drug store at Court and Livingston sts., has smallpox in the Flatbush Hospital. He contracted the disease while attending a patient. He was opposed to vaccination. His recovery is considered doubtful.

The work of cleaning the streets will be resumed to-day.

Samuel Agnew, as legal guardian for his daughter Margaret, is suing the Brooklyn City Railroad Company for $15,000 damages. The child was run over by a car last fall.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. DR. RAY PALMER.

The funeral of the Rev. Dr. Ray Palmer, the Congregational clergyman and hymn-writer, took place yesterday afternoon, at the Belleville Avenue Congregational Church, in Newark. Prior to the church services there was a private service at the house, No. 205 Mount Pleasant-ave., attended only by members of the family. The Rev. Dr. William Hayes Ward, of *The Independent*, offered a prayer, and there was singing. The coffin, which was surrounded by costly flower offerings, was covered with a black cloth. At the church, which was crowded with people, many being present from this city, The Rev. Dr. William M. Taylor, of the Broadway Tabernacle, delivered a memorial sermon. The Rev. George H. Hepworth read selections from the scriptures, and a quartet sang hymns among them being Dr. Palmer's "My Faith Looks up to Thee." The Rev. Dr. A. J. F. Behrends, of Brooklyn, offered the closing prayer. The floral decorations in the church were elaborate. The pallbearers were Samuel W. Hattsborn, John B. Lee, Edward H. Snow, John R. Burnett, George O. Brown, and D. Wood Brandt. Last evening the body was taken to Albany, where services will be held at the First Congregational Church to-day, and the burial will take place this afternoon in the Albany Rural Cemetery. Yesterday the family received many telegrams and messages of condolence from all parts of the country.

JERSEY CITY.

James McDonald, age fifty-five, of Fifty-second-st. and Eleventh-ave., New-York, an employe of the Erie Railway Company, was struck by a west bound train near the tunnel yesterday and instantly killed.

NEWARK.

The evening drawing school closed for the term with exercises last night at Library Hall. The specimens of architectural and mechanical drawing exhibited were pronounced remarkable, all the pupils being employed at some trade occupation. The school is under the auspices of the Board of Education and the tuition is free.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday in the County Clerk's office of the Newark District Telegraph Company. The capital stock is $25,000. The incorporators are George W. Hubbell, Marcus L. Ward, Edward Weston and Frederick T. Feaney.

VARIOUS NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

HOBOKEN.—A sneak thief who gave her name as Louisa Clark was arrested yesterday while leaving No. 10 Newark-st. with a silk dress which she had stolen. A number of pawn tickets were found in her pocket.

BAYONNE.—The Democrats have nominated Mayor Oliver for another term as Mayor.

PLAINFIELD.—Smallpox has broken out here. The first case reported is on the third floor of the Post Office Building. As there is no carrier service hundreds visit the office every day. Dr. Hunt, of the state Board of Health, issued a circular yesterday requesting all persons to be vaccinated.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

DOBBS FERRY.—Samuel Cummings, age fifty-two, coachman for Mrs. Barber, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself.

SING SING.—The expenditures at the prison for March were $14,203 71, the earnings were $6,406 38, leaving a deficiency for the month of $7,797 33.

YONKERS.—The Getty House, owned by C. E. Waring, and run as a hotel by City Clerk Doty, was sold yesterday to Franz Bratzheil, a city banker, for $125,000.

LONG ISLAND.

FORT HAMILTON.—As some of the men were digging yesterday in the rear of the Hamilton Hotel, kept by H. E. Connelly, and owned by G. S. Gelston, they found a skeleton. It is supposed to be the remains of somebody that had been found dead some years ago.

CANARSIE.—Justice W. H. Thomas was called yesterday to take the ante-mortem statement of Mrs. Rose Ellis, age sixty, of Flatland Neck, who was assaulted by her son Andrew on Wednesday. Another brother, James, is in the penitentiary for the same offence.

JAMAICA.—The Long Island Railroad Company will shortly begin work on a new two-story brick station at this place, and also work on an engine-house and workshop. The work will cost cost $60,000.

ALONG THE SOUND

STAMFORD.—Of the twenty-four buildings in Pacific-st. nine are grog shops.

SOUTH NORWALK.—N. M. Brown, the well-known dancing prompter, dropped dead yesterday at the City Hotel.

NORWALK.—John and Charles Hendricks and Harry Goldsmith, who went clamming on Nauvoo island, Tuesday, were caught in a gale and compelled to remain there, friends supposing they had perished, returned yesterday much frozen, hungry and with empty baskets.....Quartermaster-General Charles Olmstead yesterday informed the managers of the fair proposed to be given in the new armory by resident members of the 4th Regiment, C. N. G., that the fair must be postponed in obedience to the protest of a well-known citizen until an investigation into charges of alleged nonfulfilment of contract on the part of the builders of the armory shall have been finished.

BRIDGEPORT.—On Tuesday 100 barrels of oysters, packed by a local dealer for European consignment, were spoiled by freezing.....The Democrats nominated John N. Near for Mayor.

SUPERVISOR M'KANE, OF GRAVESEND.

HE SAYS THAT HE HAS TRIED TO GOVERN CONEY ISLAND—BILLS THAT ARE ALL RIGHT.

Supervisor John Y. McKane, of Gravesend, said yesterday that the published statements that he had sent any one to Albany to secure the passage of certain bills did him injustice. He had not gone to Albany himself or sent any one there, nor was there any one at the capital representing him in any way. As for his course at Coney Island, he welcomed the completest investigation and would be glad to have the Bacon Committee make the most thorough examination of all the affairs of the town of Gravesend. In regard to the criticisms that had been made of his holding a large number of offices, he said that he simply holds the same position that supervisors of other towns of the State held, with the addition that he is the head of the Police Board. Assembly bills Nos. 643 and 670, which had been attacked, were just and proper. The increase in the amount spent on the police force was absolutely necessary. Last year he had only twenty-two officers to make up the force. Four of these were kept at Sheepshead Bay; one was kept in another part of the town; five were kept at police headquarters ready to quell any disturbance; and the remaining twelve must look after all the other parts of the island. These twenty-two men get $2 50 a day for nearly 120 days. This fully exhausts the appropriation of $5,000. One of the bills at Albany proposed to raise the amount applicable to police purposes from $5,000 to $15,000. It did not aim to increase Mr. McKane's powers or make any change in the powers of the Board of Supervisors. Under the present system there was no police force on duty between midnight and 1 p. m. The twenty-two men reported for duty at 1 p. m. and were on duty until midnight. The disorder on the Island, of which so much complaint has been made, was due to the insufficient police force and the insufficient appropriation.

If any one in the State of New-York could tell him how to govern Coney Island, preserve peace and order with only twenty-two policemen at his disposal, and with 50,000 people often visiting the island in a day, he would be glad to get the information.

The statements that he had control of all the money received by the town of Gravesend, Mr. McKane said, were wholly incorrect. The $535,000 to which reference had been made, was in the hands of an investment committee, the members of which were required to give ample bonds. The expenditures of the town were not determined by him or by his associates in office, but by the annual town meeting held every spring. The police board was composed of one supervisor and four justices of the peace. He had done his best to preserve order and enforce the law, to suppress gambling and the violation of the peace in Coney Island with the inadequate force at his control. It was not true that Coney Island was being ruined or in any way injured by his administration. As to the sewer bill it proposed to extend the limit of time for the redemption of sewer bonds from twenty to forty years and it also proposed to make the railroads subject to assessment for the sewers. The sewer was an important public improvement generally needed and would be greatly beneficial. The Manhattan Beach Railroad and Brooklyn, Flatbush and Coney Island Railroad did not object to assessments for sewer purposes, but Mr. Culver's line bitterly opposed it without justice or reason.

John J. O'Brien, the well-known Superintendent of Elections in New-York City, now lives at Coney Island during a large part of the year. He is thoroughly acquainted with Mr. McKane and says Mr. McKane is doing all that he can to enforce the laws with his insufficient number of policemen. He agreed with Mr. McKane in the foregoing statements and declared that the bills introduced at Albany were proper and necessary and in the public interest.

DRIVEN FROM THEIR BEDS BY FLAMES.

Three clerks, who slept in Feinberg's grocery, at No. 104 Stanton-st., on Wednesday night, tried to keep warm by building a rousing fire in the stove. They awoke, half choked by smoke, to find the grocery on fire, at 5:30 a. m. yesterday, and they had some difficulty in getting out and giving an alarm. Several families on upper floors were put-out of their rooms by the police before the firemen arrived. Feinberg lost about $300 by the fire and other losses amounted to $1,000. All the property was insured.

MADE CUSTODIAN OF THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

The Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange yesterday elected Superintendent William E. Fletcher custodian. He is to assume his duties as soon as his successor is appointed. There will be a readjustment of other positions on the Exchange. Mr. Fletcher's new position is conceded as a promotion and he was selected in view of his competency and long and faithful service. The duties of superintendent of the committees will be somewhat modified by Mr. Fletcher as custodian.

Mr. Fletcher succeeded Saite Hastings Grant as superintendent when Mr. Grant became Mayor Edson's private secretary in 1881, and his services since that time received the commendation of the Board of Managers yesterday. The report that Mr. Grant would be reappointed was denied with much emphasis yesterday by members of the Board, but it was admitted that his friends had been working for him. The candidates most prominently mentioned yesterday were R. W. Masson and John Boynton, each of whom has been secretary of the Board.

The Grain Committee made its report on the investigation of the complaint of G. Amsinck & Co. against E. B. Bartlett & Co., owners of the central elevators, that they had permitted screenings to be run into a vessel's hold that was being loaded with wheat. Mr. Bartlett claimed that the mistake was unintentional and offered to pay the damages. The Board adopted a resolution to the effect that the mixing was due to culpable neglect, and summoning Mr. Bartlett before them on April 5 to show cause why the license of the company should not be revoked.

All the offices of the Exchange have been rented at an aggregate advance over the rents of last year amounting to $1,075.

THE WILD WEST OFF FOR ENGLAND.

The Guion steamer Neumakia was a blaze of color yesterday morning as she lay in her dock on the North River. Over head bunting of every hue fluttered in the March wind, while on the deck the crude colors of the blankets which serve Buffalo Bills Indians as ulsters completed the kaleidoscopic effect. On the pier were crowds of well-wishers of the Wild West show, including many well-known theatrical people who had assembled to bid them farewell. On the upper deck of the steamer the cowboy band blew all that remained of their respective breaths into their instruments and eventually beat the March wind and forced their melodious strains to permeate the draughty wharf shed. Finally the bell rang and most of the visitors made for the gangplank. Several hundred of them, however, remained on the steamer and took a trip to Sandy Hook, returning later in the day on a tug. There were on board eighty-nine Indians, who had special bunks rigged up for them in the steerage. The cabins were occupied by the white members of the company, numbering 175, including W. F. Cody and his family. The sailing party and his wife, "Buck" Taylor, "Tom" Williams and "Broncho Charlie." The show opens in London on May 2 at South Kensington and will form the principal attraction of the American Exhibition. After they close in London they will make a tour of the English provinces and eventually visit the principal cities of the Continent.

UNDER TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL.

Michael Levison, of the firm of Lewis Levison & Co., wholesale clothers of No. 515 Broadway, ascertained last week that one of their bookkeepers, Edward M. Newman, of No. 234 East Sixtieth-st., had returned to this city, which he had hurriedly left some time ago, and immediately went to the Tombs and swore out a warrant before Justice Kilbreth, charging Newman with defrauding the firm out of a large sum of money. The affidavits sworn to aggregate about $3,000, but the firm state that the total will be about $75,000. Newman had charge of the books of the manufacturing part of the concern and was in the habit of making memoranda of sums for which he wanted checks. These checks were sent to him signed to be filled out with the exact amounts required. Affidavit No. 1 declares that on April 24, 1885, he filled a check for $400; on July 31, $600; October, 15 $300; October 17, $575; October 24, $400; December 31, $200; May 24, 1886, $350, and August 23, 1886, $500. The warrant was placed in the hands of Court Officer Connors, who arrested Newman at Sixtieth-st. and Third-ave. It was stated that Newman had secured a passage on the steamer Saale to sail to-morrow. Through his counsel, Morris Meyer, he waived examination and Justice White released him on $10,000 on each of the two charges for further examination on April 4.

THE WEATHER IN THE WINDY MONTH.

The heavy winds and cold weather which prevailed during the latter part of the month just passed gave everybody at all addicted to prophesying reasonable grounds to predict that March would go out in the usual leonine manner. That the much abused month suddenly changed its mind in the last two days and departed in a truly lamb-like state of mind was a good thing for common humanity and will by no means discourage weather prophets. March, on the whole, was neither much better or worse than the majority of its predecessors, and to the early beginning of the winter must be accredited in a large measure the general impatience at the tardiness of spring.

The winds during the first part of the month were moderate enough and the few days of unusually fine weather with which February ended and March began, made the cold blasts of the last two weeks, which swept down from the frozen North and Northwest, all the more uncondurable. The maximum velocity of the wind during March was thirty-four miles an hour and the general average was, on the whole, low.

OVER THREE THOUSAND FAILURES THIS YEAR.

The mercantile failures for the three months ending yesterday, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., are 3,067 in number, as against 3,203 for the same quarter of 1886. The liabilities for the first quarter of the present year are $32,161,000 against $29,681,000 for the corresponding quarter of 1886. The geographical distribution of the failures is somewhat unusual, the liabilities in the Middle states amounting to $12,000,000, showing an increase of over $6,000,000 as compared with 1886, and in this city the liabilities for the first three months in 1887 were $5,000,000 as compared with $2,700,000 in the corresponding quarter of last year. In all other sections of the country except the Middle States the failures are much less in number and amount than in the average of years for the first quarter and the total result is much less than in previous years. In Canada the failures for the first quarter of 1887 are 393 in number, as against 359 for the corresponding quarter of last year. The liabilities for the quarter just closed are $3,602,000 as compared with $3,442,000 in the same period of 1886.

DELICATE SILK UNDERWEAR.

One of the most extended importations of French underclothing for neglige wear ever received in this city is now being displayed by B. Altman & Co. Beautiful silk nightgowns which are marvels in the way of delicacy and attractiveness are specially noteworthy. French nainsooks, sheer linen cambrics and fine percales are also used in the manufacture of these imported night robes. Silk underwear in white, cream and other delicate shades of color is a feature of the display.

The present fashion of close-fitting bodices has made the "Fasso" corset an important consideration in a lady's outfit. It is imported by Altman & Co. and is famous for its perfect shape and the ease it affords the wearer. It is made in light models not only in coutille for the ordinary wearer, but in silk and satin with elaborate lace and embroidery trimmings. B. Altman & Co's facilities for the manufacture of wedding trousseau garments are complete.

TO WELCOME JOHN MOST.

There will be a great gathering of Anarchists this morning at 9:30 o'clock at the foot of East Fifty-fifth-st. to welcome John Most, who will be released from Blackwell's Island at that hour. Most's sentence has been shortened two months for good behavior, but he has been in prison long enough to invent another stock of terrible blood-curdling epithets and to write a book. On Monday night he will address his Anarchist friends in Cooper Institute. The Anarchists are making preparations for a great time when their blood leader is restored to them. But just what they are doing nobody knows. The centre of Anarchy, the office of Most's paper, *Freiheit*, No. 167 William-st., still bears the notice: "Bludhounds of the capitalist press not admitted."

THE MOTT HAVEN CANAL NUISANCE.

At last the nuisance of the Mott Haven Canal, which the Boards of Health and Parks have for years been seeking to abate, is likely to be obliterated. The commissioners for opening Rider-ave. on the east of the canal have levied their assessments and on May 27 they will ask the court to confirm their report. When this is done the avenue from One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth to One-hundred-and-forty-fourth-st. will be opened by the Park Board and a sewer laid in it, which will carry elsewhere than into the canal the sewerage of a large area of Mott Haven and Morrisania. The work will be done this year.

JEROME PARK HANDICAPS.

WEIGHTS ASSIGNED FOR THE CROTON AND THE FORDHAM.

Captain Coster has adopted a high scale of weights for the quality of the horses entered for the Croton and Fordham Handicaps, which will be run at the spring meeting at Jerome Park. Following is the list for the Croton Handicap—one mile:

	Lbs.		Lbs.
Rob Fisher	125	Bankrupt	108
Blue Wing	123	Headlad	108
Viceroy	120	Valet	107
Free Knight	120	Goldfellow	106
Electric	118	Clatter	106
Housatonic	117	Fawn	106
Long Knight	117	Eurus	106
General Nay	116	Doneman	105
Dry Monopole	116	Wanderment	105
Cyclops	116	Beverley	104
Rock and Rye	115	Eolian	104
Buckstone	115	Briar	103
Pontico	114	Chickahominy	103
Bonanza	114	Nat Goodwin	103
Himalaya	114	Malins	103
Saxony	114	Paymaster	102
Thackeray	113	Osceola	102
Alf Estill	113	Friar	102
Goano	112	Shasta	102
Stonebuck	112	Florence Fonso	102
Lancaster	112	Lookout	100
Quito	111	Rowland	100
Linden	111	Los Togos	100
Attorney	110	Nellie Van	98
Panama	110	Count Luna	98
Bandala	110	Logheren	98
Amsigram	110	Amulet	98
Ferona	109	Jessie	97
Little Minnie	109	Adoneus	97
Adrian	108	Lovely	95
Salisbury	108	Lackawanna	90

For the Fordham, 1¼ miles, these are the entries and weights:

	Lbs.		Lbs.
Favor	125	Quito	110
Blue Wing	122	Amsigram	110
Bob Fisher	122	Long Knight	109
Rupert	121	Bandala	109
Wickham	121	Buckstone	109
Viceroy	120	Tecumseh	108
Free Knight	119	Stonebuck	108
Boo Miles	119	Attorney	108
Electric	118	Thackeray	107
Bonanza	118	Goldfellow	107
General Nay	116	Eurus	107
Housatonic	116	Valet	107
Ten Booker	115	Lottery	106
War Eagle	114	Clatter	105
Goano	114	Beverley	104
Alf Estill	113	Briar	103
Pontico	113	Florence Fonso	102
Adonis	112	Wanderment	102
Himalaya	112	Orifflamme	102
Phil Lee	111	Osceola	102
Cyclops	111	Shasta	102
Brown Duke	110	Lookout	100
Dry Monopole	110	Electricity	99
Springfield	110	Craway	98
Panama	110	Jessie	96
Rock and Rye	110	Lovely	95
Ferona	110		

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Secretary McIntyre announces these weights for the National Handicap, to be run at the Ivy City meeting:

Barnum	120	Pat Sheedy	104
Jim Gray	110	Broughton	103
Burch	114	Tomasia	103
Bob Miles	112	Maggie J	102
Herbert	112	Error	100
Boaz	110	Eola	100
Dry Monopole	110	Longlight	100
Bigoonet	108	Vinton	100
Ten Booker	107	Enigma	100
Rock and Rye	107	Bessie	100
Rand la	107	Jennie B	100
Panama	105	Riecal	95
Springfield	105	Cowdr Var	95
Bess	105	Catesby—My Maryland	95
Adonis	105	gelding	92
Lafitte	105	Triple Cross	90
Ferona	104	Jessie	90
Pasha	101	Crittenden	
Valet	104		

THE BASEBALL SEASON TO OPEN TO-DAY.

Should the weather show less enmity toward mankind in general and baseball interests in particular to-day and give the Metropolis a little pleasanter weather the baseball season will be formally opened at the Polo Grounds. As usual in their first game the New-York club will have the Jasper club, of Manhattan College, for its opponents. Of course, the students do not expect to defeat their hurtler professional opponents or to be able to play a game where the honors will be anywhere near evenly divided. Still the boys will have some sport and give themselves and their heavier opponents some exercise. The game will be played under the revised rules, by which it takes four strikes to retire a batter and only five called balls to give him his base. There will be three new faces on the local League nine and the actions of the two youngsters, Mattimore and Cuff, will be close by watchers. Here will need no watching. The nines will be arranged as follows: