FRANCIS FAIRFIELD DEAD.

HE AND HIS WIFE KILLED BY MORPHINE.

SAD END OF A COUPLE WHO BEGAN THEIR MARRIED LIFE WITH GREAT PROMISE.

Francis Gerry Fairfield, clergyman, journalist, author of a work on spiritualism, and veterinary surgeon, died early yesterday in the Southern Boarding House at Forty-second-st. and Third-ave., from the effects of the opium habit. While he was on his death-bed, his wife Josephine, daughter of Judge Griswold, of the United States District Court, and sister-in-law of Bret Harte, died from the same cause in the boarding house, No. 27 Stuyvesant-st., and her body was sent to the Morgue. He did not know of her death and their relatives were not aware of it until her body had been sent to the Potter's Field for burial. Ex-Judge Samuel E. Fairfield, of No. 316 Lexington-ave., a brother of the dead man, made arrangements yesterday to remove Mr. Fairfield's body to his mother's home in Stafford Springs, Conn.

Mr. Fairfield was educated at a private school in Massachusetts, at the Gettysburg University and at a Lutheran theological seminary. Before he was of age he was placed in charge of a Lutheran church at Waterloo, N. Y. After a year or two of preaching he came to this city to assist N. P. Willis in the editorial management of *The Home Journal*. Later he was a writer for *The Daily News* and a correspondent for *The Herald*. He was in Mexico at the time of Maximilian's execution and wrote an account of it as an eye-witness. After his return to New-York he was a space writer for several newspapers. He also wrote poems and short stories for magazines, investigated spiritualism and studied medicine and scientific subjects. His learning was said to be extensive, but he did not turn it to much account in the way of making money. Failing to acquire means as a writer, he became a veterinary surgeon only to give up his practice in disgust after a short trial.

Several years ago he became addicted to the use of morphine and his wife, a beautiful and well-educated woman, fell into the same habit. They had no children and they lived in boarding houses, avoiding wealthy and influential friends. Recently Mr. Fairfield wrote chiefly for *The Sunday Mercury* and *The Albany Argus*. His brother gave him money frequently and tried in vain to induce him to quit the use of mophine. For more than a year Mr. Fairfield and his wife had boarded at No. 27 Stuyvesant-st. During March they paid nothing for their board. All the money they could get was spent for morphine and their landlady was put off with promises. On Monday, a week ago, Mr. Fairfield told his brother that Mrs. Fairfield was sick at the house of a friend in Morrisania.

On Wednesday Fairfield went to his brother's law office in THE TRIBUNE building and asked for more money. He looked so much like a tramp that his brother bought him some new clothing. As he said he did not care to go where his wife was his brother took him to the Southern Boarding-House, believing that Mrs. Fairfield was in Morrisania. Mr. Fairfield failed rapidly at the boarding-house. Every day when his brother visited him he begged piteously for morphine. On Friday Mrs. Fairfield, who had been in a similar condition, died in Stuyvesant-st. A number of bottles which had contained morphine were found in her room, and it was at first supposed she had committed suicide. In the absence of her husband no one could tell if she had any relatives, and a coroner had her body removed to the Morgue. Mr. Fairfield was visited by his brother on Sunday night and he continued to ask for morphine. He was ignorant of his wife's death and did not speak of her. At 5 a. m. yesterday he was found dead in bed. While his brother was arranging for the removal of his body to Connecticut he first learned that Mrs. Fairfield was dead also.

AN UNKNOWN VESSEL GOES DOWN AT SEA.

Bad weather experiences were generally reported by the vessels arriving at this port yesterday. The steamship Ptolemy sailed on March 8 from Santos for this port. She reached here yesterday, in command of Captain P. H. Tanner, with coffee consigned to Busk & Jevons, No. 301 Produce Exchange. Captain Tanner reported that on Sunday at 9:45 a. m. he saw a large ship running about ten miles westward of the Ptolemy. Suddenly the ship shortened sail and hove to. The Ptolemy then noticed near the ship a vessel, apparently three-masted, rigged fore and aft, with a sail blowing loose from one of the masts. The fore-and-aft rigged vessel suddenly capsized and sank. Captain Tanner says that he immediately started his steamer for the spot, and at 10:50 a. m. passed some spars, buckets and a ladder. No boat was in sight, and no person clinging to the wreckage. The ship meanwhile had made sail, and was standing to the westward; so that Captain Tanner concluded that if there was any boat on the lost vessel or any one on board, a rescue had been effected by the unknown ship. Unable to do anything further, he brought his steamer into port.

Captain Gratton, of the bark Crown Jewel, which arrived yesterday from Antwerp, reports that a Scotch seaman, James Stewart, was lost on the voyage by falling overboard.

Captain Flemming, of the bark Strathmuir, that arrived yesterday from Colombgh, after a voyage of ninety-six days, reports that on the night of February 22 a bright light appeared near the ship, lighting up every object distinctly. The light appeared to be the size of the disc of the sun, and of a greenish hue. It passed from east to west and lasted about fifteen seconds.

The ship Favonius, arriving yesterday from Japan, passed through a severe typhoon off the coast of Japan on November 19. It continued twelve hours and tore everything movable from the decks. Charles W. Heckman, of Nova Scotia, the first mate, and Thomas Brown, colored, a seaman, were washed overboard and drowned. Off Cape Hatteras, on Sunday, the Favonius rescued Captain Perry and the crew of the three-masted schooner George E. Young, of Boston. The schooner sank a few minutes afterward.

NOTHING DEFINITE IN THE BRIBERY CASES.

District-Attorney Martine had no new statement to make yesterday concerning the trial of the bribery cases. He said that his plans were not definitely settled and he did not desire to have anything made public concerning them. The report that Recorder Smyth would begin the trial of a bribery case this week was set at rest by the adjournment until next Monday of Part III of the Court of General Sessions, in which Recorder Smyth was sitting. As the Recorder is sitting in a room in the Superior Court which may be needed for other purposes next month, it is not probable that a trial which will occupy several weeks will be begun before him at this term. Mr. Martine had nothing to say as to a report that Justice Van Brunt would request Justice Barrett to hold the court of Oyer and Terminer next month in order that a bribery case might be taken up. He, however, said that some important case was in preparation.

The April term of the Oyer and Terminer was opened by Presiding Justice Van Brunt yesterday. Otto J. White and John J. Mullins, both charged with murder, were called to the bar. The trial of White, who is charged with having killed a servant girl at the house of his step-mother a month ago, was set down for next Monday, to which the court adjourned. Mullins's trial will begin on April 18.

DISAPPEARED WITH HIS WORKMEN'S MONEY.

Search was being made by the police yesterday for Charles S. Parkins, an Englishmen, who disappeared on Saturday with $1,680 which did not belong to him. He had been engaged lately in digging cellars for forty-two buildings in One-hundred-and-thirty-seventh-st., east of Willis-ave. The property is owned by John C. Bushfield, of Brooklyn. His agent, S. W. Dunscomb, of No. 115 Nassau-st., let the contract for digging the cellars to Parkins and Patrick Kelly, and they hired about 100 Italians to work for them. The Italians had been working for two weeks, when Parkins went to Mr. Dunscomb's office on Saturday and got from him the money which was needed to pay the wages. It is believed that Parkins fled from the city immediately, as he had been noticed packing some clothes in a bag on the previous day and had drawn out $200, which was in a bank to the credit of Parkins and Kelly. He left his wife and children utterly destitute in a shanty at One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth-st. and Madison-ave. The Italians who lost their pay waited in One-hundred-and-thirty-seventh-st. until late Saturday night, and several of them were keeping a watch yesterday upon the shanty where Parkins lived. It was said that Parkins ran away from Kansas City with $1,400 under similar circumstances a few years ago.

EXCITING SCENE IN A BROOKLYN COURT.

An exciting scene occurred in the Court of Sessions in Brooklyn yesterday, when William Henry was sentenced for assault and attempted burglary. Henry is believed to be a notorious Ohio criminal, known as "Dick" Jennings, alias "Bull," who is suspected of connection with a recent murder at Ravenna, Ohio. He sent a letter to Judge Moore yesterday, in which he denied that he was Jennings, and said that his real name was John W. Cunningham. The judge told him that would make no difference. The sentence of imprisonment for ten years in Sing Sing was then pronounced. Henry, who quivered with excitement, made a motion to reach for a heavy paper-weight on the desk of the Clerk of the Court in front of him; but the clerk removed it. He then sprang with great agility at a court officer sitting in front of him, and tried to strike him. Four court officers sprang upon him, and he was quickly overpowered, but he poured out curses upon the court for several minutes. The stream of Billingsgate could not be stopped while he was being taken to a cell, and he shouted that he expected no justice from corrupt politicians. A tumult arose in the court-room, and it was thought that some of Henry's friends would try to release him, but there were enough policemen present to overawe them, and they did nothing.

MR. HEWITT HAS NO EXCUSE FOR THE POLICE.

Mayor Hewitt said yesterday that he had not been correctly quoted by the speakers at the Manhattan Temperance Association on Sunday. He said in his letter to Assemblyman Geigerich that he had been informed that the Police Commissioners could not enforce the Sunday law. He sent this letter to the Police Board yesterday:

"I am in receipt of a letter dated April 1, and signed by William H. Kipp, chief clerk, by which I am informed that the Board of Police can enforce the Sunday excise law. I am very glad to get this information, and trust that the assurance given in your letter may from this time be carried into effect. I note your statement that the efficiency of the department is not likely to be increased, unless the offenders against the law are made to feel the offence by other than mere arrest. As you are aware, arrangements have been made by which the trial of offenders will henceforth be promptly conducted; but, even if such trials cannot be had, it affords no justification whatever for any neglect on the part of the police to make arrests for violation of the law."

FINE PLAYING AT RACQUET.

The first-class handicap racquet match at the Racquet Court in Sixth-ave. yesterday between H. S. Hoyt and H. W. Miller resulted in a victory for the former after five well played, interesting games. Mr. Hoyt won the second, fourth and fifth games by brilliant playing. The score was:

H. S. Hoyt	10,	15,	10,	15,	15—65
H. W. Miller	15,	4,	15,	6,	8—48

To-day E. W. Jewitt and H. Buckwell will play at the court.

TRUCKMEN COMPLAIN TO THE MAYOR.

Mayor Hewitt yesterday received from a committee representing the truckmen of New-York a letter reciting their grievances with the transportation companies of the city. They are compelled to stand for hours waiting their turn to deliver freight. The delay is due, they say, to the arbitrary rules of the companies and an insufficient force of employes. The Mayor wrote to the companies calling attention to the complaints, which he thinks well-founded, and asking them to consider the subject at an early date.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, and ex-Governor William Claflin, of Massachusetts.....*New-York Hotel*—Judge Albert C. Coxe, of Utica.....*Buckingham Hotel*—Sidney T. Fairchild, of Cazenovia, N. Y.....*Hotel Brunswick*—Van H. Higgins, of Chicago.....*St. James Hotel*—J. W. Albaugh, of Baltimore.....*Brevoort House*—H. O. Houghton, of Boston.....*Murray Hill Hotel*—Louis L. Lorillard and family.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Board of Aldermen, noon.

Inquiry into Dock Department by Commissioners of Accounts.

The Rev. Mr. Ward's case before Grand Jury, Hackensack.

Rapid Transit Commissioners, Mutual Life Insurance Building, 3 p. m.

Agnes Folsom reference case before Referee Jones, 2 p. m.

Investigation into charges against John H. Grimes by Republican Committee on Appeals, 8 p. m.

Historical Society, Eleventh-st. and Second-ave., 8 p. m.

Bishop Fowler's lecture, St. James's Methodist Episcopal Church, 8 p. m.

Exhibition of drawings by Evening High School, No. 60 West Thirteenth-st., evening.

A. J. Holden's lecture before Society for Fine Arts, 8 p. m.

Auction sale of Holstein-Friesian cattle, American Horse Exchange, 10 a. m.

Pilot Commissioners meeting, noon.

Health and Police Board meetings.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The funeral of Le Grand Lockwood, who died last Saturday, was held yesterday at his home, No. 27 West Fifty-sixth-st. Among his business friends present were delegations from the American Jockey Club, the Gentlemen's Riding Club, the New-York Athletic Club and the Free Trade Club. The services were conducted by Dr. Paxton, of the Presbyterian Church, and Professor Hastings, the former pastor of that church.

The Metal Exchange elected these officers yesterday: Tallmadge Delafield, president; David Thompson, vice-president; Carl Meyer, treasurer; Edward J. Shriver, secretary, and also a Board of Managers and an Arbitration Committee.

Bishop Charles H. Fowler will lecture on "Great Deeds of Great Men" in the St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, at Madison-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st., this evening. Bishop Fowler is well-known as an attractive and eloquent speaker.

Pamphlet copies of the Interstate Commerce Act have just been put on sale on the Jersey railroad trains at ten cents apiece. A single newsboy on the Northern New-Jersey road sold nearly fifty of the books on Saturday.

A TRIBUNE reporter yesterday carried Eugene Kelly's wish for a mass-meeting to Judge Browne, who sent letters for a preliminary gathering at No. 20 Nassau-st., to be held to-day. "The purpose is," said Judge Browne, "to have as many prominent American citizens as we can who are not affiliated in any way with the Irish race come and protest against coercion."

The Grand Jury for the April term of the Court of General Sessions took the oath of office yesterday before Judge Cowing. David M. Turnure, banker, of No. 105 Wall-st., was appointed foreman.

THE TRIBUNE has received from G. H., Rochester, N. Y., $2 for the Fresh-Air Fund.

The debating class of the Barnard College Academy, in Harlem, had for its subject yesterday: "Shall Immigration be Restricted?" John Drew and Winfred C. Rhodes spoke on the affirmative and Henry Friedenberg and Chester Boynton on the negative. Professors French and Hazen were the judges, and decided in favor of the affirmative.

Eugene Sullivan, of No. 199 Park place, Brooklyn, and a rag-dealer at No. 356 Water-st., yesterday afternoon, while attempting to board an Avenue-B car at Chatham Square, slipped, fell and had the back of his head crushed in by the wheel which passed over him. He died in a few minutes. The driver, William Fleming, of No. 440 First-ave., was arrested and afterward released by Coroner Nugent on $2,500 bail.

Controller Loew has advertised for proposals for $400,000 consolidated stock of this city, to provide for building a bridge across Harlem River. The securities bear 3 per cent interest, have thirty years to run, and are free from city and county taxation. Bids will be opened to-morrow at 2 p. m.

Mary Metz, a young German woman, who had been employed as a servant in Bethlehem, Penn., went to Police Headquarters yesterday and asked to see the trunk in which Edward Unger packed the body of August Bohle. She declared that the man whom Unger murdered was not Bohle, but her brother, whose picture she carried with her. She could not identify the trunk, and it was plain that she was mistaken. Inspector Byrnes talked with her a few minutes and sent her away.

The Corporation Counsel has decided that a concurrent vote of the Board of Estimate is necessary in order to authorize the new appropriation asked for by the Board of Education. President Coleman voted against two of the items.

Controller Loew yesterday concluded his investigation of the methods of the City Marshals of the Civil District Courts. Marshal Leubuscher, of the Ninth District Court, testified that all but four courts had a dispossess clerk who charged a fee for precepts in dispossess cases, but that since the investigation began the custom has been discontinued.

A child living at First-ave. and Sixty-first-st., and a colored man, of No. 113 Thompson-st., were removed yesterday to North Brother Island, suffering from smallpox.

The Rev. Dr. Justin D. Fulton told the Baptist ministers at their weekly conference yesterday about his projected work for the conversion of Roman Catholics.

The Commercial Bulletin estimates the fire losses in the United States and Canada in March at $10,450,000, or about $3,000,000 above the March average for the last ten or twelve years.

Arthur Sullivan, one of the thieves who stole silver chalices valued at $500 from St. Stephen's Church on March 18 pleaded guilty yesterday and Judge Cowing sentenced him to six years in the State Prison.

The Columbia College Glee Club gave a concert to a crowded house and an appreciative as well as demonstrative audience in Association Hall last evening.

The Tammany Society last evening elected seven new members. Next Monday evening a special meeting will be held to make preparations for the annual meeting and election to be held on April 18.

BROOKLYN.

Scribner's Magazine has prepared for free distribution to the members of the Grand Army of Kings County "The Veteran's Reference Book," a handy little volume which contains in convenient form the time and place of meeting, name of commander, &c., of every post in the county, the officers of the memorial committee, and other information valuable to the veterans.

It is understood that Vicar-General Keegan has been, or is about to be, elected to the rank of Monsignor by the Pope. He has been a priest since 1853 and Vicar-General since 1878.

The hearing in the matter of the probate of Mr. Beecher's will was adjourned yesterday by Surrogate Lott for one week, as all the citations had not been responded to.

W. F. Fletcher, of Bridgeport, Conn., was admitted to No. 341 Grand-ave., the house of L. D. Brown, on Sunday night by Maggie Cassidy, the servant, whose lover he was. Mr. Brown captured him as a burglar, but instead of being tried for burglary Fletcher married the girl in the Second District Police Court yesterday morning.

A new ferryboat was placed on the South Ferry from Atlantic-ave. to Whitehall-st. yesterday. In the busy hours the time between the trips has been reduced to eight minutes.

Judge Moore appointed Van Allen Pugsley, of No. 133 Cumberland-st., foreman of the April Grand Jury, yesterday. He told the Grand Jurors that in no other city of the State was the amount of crime so small, in proportion to the population, as in Brooklyn, and it did not increase in the ratio of the increase of population.

Health Commissioner Otterson has degraded Sanitary Inspector Meelke to the position of an assistant inspector, with a reduction of $330 in salary, because he used his official position to secure the care of smallpox patients.

A suit is pending in the Supreme Court, brought by Mrs Ella Dailey, owner of a house in Tottenville, S. I., against Evan F. Sprague, a son of N. T. Sprague, a Brooklyn banker, to recover $1,250 for damages done to the house by the defendant, who hired it furnished and lived in it with Mrs. Ella C. Hawkins, who was not his wife. The damages were divided between $250 for injury done the furniture and $1,000 to the good name of the house. Judge Barnard yesterday denied a motion to strike out the name of Mrs. Hawkins from the complaint. Henry C. Hawkins, in January, 1886, was divorced from her, and Ivonne Sprague was the co-respondent. Sprague represented to Mrs Dailey that she was his wife.

Henry Drechsler, who stabbed himself on Sunday from despondency, died yesterday at St. Catharine's Hospital.

The Soldiers' Monument Committee of the Board of Aldermen reported yesterday in favor of raising $100,000 in 1888, and a similar sum in 1889, from the tax levy, to build a monument, and that it should stand in City Hall Square. After a long debate the report was adopted.

Anthony Darmstadt, a young lawyer, who defrauded a client out of money deposited for bail with the County Treasurer, was sentenced to the Elmira Reformatory yesterday for grand larceny by Judge Moore in the Court of Sessions. William N. Hull, formerly a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, was sent to the same institution for complicity in the theft of a sealskin sacque.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

JERSEY CITY.

Mayor Orestes Cleveland has decided not to submit to popular vote to-day the Harrigan act, passed by the recent Legislature, which empowers the Mayor to appoint the Police and Fire Commissioners.

Sing Lee, a prosperous Chinese laundryman, at 191 Railroad-ave., was startled at 9 o'clock yesterday morning by a cry of "fire." He ran out to see where the fire was, whereupon a sneak thief entered and robbed the till of about $17.

NEWARK.

The Law and Order League has transmitted to the Police Commissioners a lengthy communication charging the Commissioners with having failed to do their duty with regard to the desecration of Sunday. It is charged that if the Commissioners wished to enforce the Sunday laws they could do so, and that they are liable to be indicted.

NEW-JERSEY.

EAST ORANGE.—The Essex County Teachers' Institute met yesterday morning, about 200 principals and teachers being present. County Superintendent Davis made an address. Superintendent Melency, of Paterson, read a paper on "Primary Teaching in Greece and Rome." Professor Apgar read a paper on "Sound." State Superintendent Chapman made an address.

ALONG THE SOUND.

BRIDGEPORT.—The People's Steamboat Company was organized on Saturday evening by the election of the following directors: Frederick A. Bartram, F. A. Mason, H. R. Parrott, E. G. Burnham, Joel Farish, Enoch B. Hincks, E. T. Bartram, P. W. Skidmore, jr., Andrew J. Smith. The Rosedale, which has been plying between this city and New-York for five years, will be continued.

STRATFORD.—Elias Wells, the oldest citizen of the town, died on Sunday, age ninety-three. He had conducted a grocery store near his home for fifty-three years.

LONG ISLAND.

JAMAICA.—James Brady, a brakeman on the Greenpoint freight train, about 6 o'clock yesterday morning, was standing on the top of a freight car, when his head came in contact with the bridge over the Prospect Street crossing, throwing him down between the cars. Before the train could be stopped several cars passed over his body. Brady was twenty years old and lived at Jamesport.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—The Queens County Board of Supervisors met at the Court House yesterday to receive $25,000 bonds from Benjamin Hance, to whom was awarded the contract for macadamizing Jackson-ave. Hance failed to get his securities and the contract was awarded to ex-Sheriff Garrett Furnow, the next lowest bidder.....Beginning with next Sunday the different baseball parks in Long Island City, as well as the commons and many open fields will be thrown open to the lovers of the national sport, without molestation by the police. Mayor Gleason was asked yesterday by a reporter if the city charter had been changed, as in former years ball-players who played on Sunday were locked up. The Mayor replied: "The charter has nothing to do with baseball playing, but baseball playing has something to do with my election. I told the young men that if I was elected I would allow them to have ball playing on Sunday."

MR. POWERS TALKS ABOUT A "COMBINE."

HE EXPLAINS WHY HE FELT SORE IN THE PARK BOARD—DUMPING PRIVILEGES.

The Park Investigation was continued at the Arsenal in Central Park yesterday by Commissioner Shearman. James Slattery, a contractor of No. 320 West Eighty-fourth-st. was the first witness. Park Commissioners Crimmins and Powers appeared much interested in the examination and after Mr. Shearman had finished his questions both commissioners examined Mr. Slattery. He stated that he had done some filling in the low ground about the Conservatory Lake in Central Park in 1884 and 1885 by a permit from Mr. Barker, then secretary of the Park Board, but that the work so far as he knew was done mostly by Mr. Crimmins, whose carts were used. There was some filling done at Eighty-seventh-st. and Eighth-ave. in 1885 in a pool and the Park wall was taken down to permit carts to be driven in. He did not do any of it. Some time before there had been filling done at Seventy-fourth-st. and Eighth-ave. and his carts were not permitted to go in there.

Mr. Shearman—Is the privilege of filling or dumping dirt in Central Park worth anything?

Mr. Powers—That's according to where the filling is or how far you have to carry the load. When you have filling and don't have to cart it far it is worth something. I paid 10 cents a load for the privilege of dumping earth last fall in one place. [To the witness.] What was it worth a load to do the filling above the Conservatory Lake?

Mr. Slattery—I could not place any special valuation on it now, but if the distance for carting was not long it ought to have been worth fifteen or twenty cents a load. I put in about 200 loads when I was told that they were all full and the gates were shut. If I had been doing work very near there I would have paid as high as thirty-five cents a load for the privilege rather than cart the dirt a long distance.

Mr. Powers—Where did Mr. Crimmins get his dirt from?

Mr. Slattery—He was doing some work in Seventy-second-st., I think. Formerly $1 a load was paid for mould by the Park Department, but now only forty cents was paid.

Mr. Crimmins—Have I reduced the prices since I was connected with the department?

Mr. Slattery—No, I have always found your prices pretty regular.

Mr. Powers—The value of the filling-in privilege depended pretty much on the distance the dirt was carried. I see by the papers that Mr. Crimmins is a great benefactor to the parks because he carted a good deal of dirt into them for nothing. I suppose he did it wholly for the benefit of the parks and not for his own benefit.

John Fogarty and Patrick Canavan, two other contractors gave their opinions that dumping privileges in Central Park were worth from 10 to 15 cents a load when the distance to be carted was short enough to be of any value. Engineer Kellogg was asked if he had not been able to attend to the work in the Annexed District when another engineer was appointed to that work. Mr. Kellogg declined to answer and the question was not pressed. Mr. Powers said that an opinion had been given to him by the Corporation Counsel that as the president of the Park Board was the executive officer none of the members had authority to interfere with work being done in the parks. Mr. Crimmins had never heard of the decision.

Mr. Powers—It was given about the time I became sore when you combined against me.

Mr. Shearman—Is there a combine in this Board?

Mr. Powers—I don't know what else to call it.

The investigation was adjourned until to-morrow.

COLUMBIA'S CELEBRATION.

THE PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED—SOME OF THOSE WHO WILL BE PRESENT.

At the regular meeting of the trustees of Columbia College yesterday the programme for the coming centennial celebration was announced as follows:

1. Processional, from "Lohengrin".....Wagner
2. Introductory Address, by the Grand Marshal, Stewart L. Woodford, esq., Class of 1854.
3. Prayer, by the Chaplain of the College.
4. Chorale, "Awake my Soul".....Wagner
   Chorus and Orchestra.
5. Oration, by Frederick R. Coudert, esq., Class of 1850.
6. Easter Hymn.....Ladies Chorus.....Ancient
7. Poem, by Rev. George Lansing Taylor, D. D., Class of 1861.
8. March, from "Lenore Symphony".....Raff
   Orchestra.
9. Conferring of Degrees, by the President of the College.
10. Doxology, "Old Hundred."
11. Benediction, by the Bishop of the Diocese.
12. "Jubilee" Overture.....Weber
    Orchestra.

It was stated that favorable responses had been received from 140 invited guests, including George Bancroft, ex-President White, of Cornell; President Dwight, of Yale University; President McCosh, of Princeton; President Seelye, of Amherst; President Alice E. Freeman, of Wellesley College; Francis A. Walker, Judges Andrews, Rapallo, Ruger and Earle, of the New-York Court of Appeals; President Smith, of Trinity College; President Anderson, of Rochester University; President Angell, of Michigan University; President Fairbairn, of St. Stephen's; President Gates, of Rutgers College; James Russell Lowell, Hugh McCulloch, Senators Evarts and Hiscock and Mayor Hewitt. The music will be rendered by the New-York Oratorio Society, conducted by Mr. Damrosch, accompanied by a large orchestra. The celebration will occur on April 13, in the Metropolitan Opera House, and the audience will be seated as follows: The parquet and the dress circle will be held for the alumni and their families. Seats will be assigned on the stage to invited guests and delegates from other institutions and for the trustees and faculties of the college. The boxes will be reserved for the families of the trustees and faculties, while all remaining seats will be entirely free.

No action was taken by the trustees on the report of the committee on the vacancy in the chair of the Latin Language and Literature. The report was not made public, although it was understood that the names of fifteen candidates had been presented, five of whom were alumni of the college.

WAITING FOR PAPERS IN KISSANE'S CASE.

Jesse B. Hart, William Kissane's lawyer, who came to this city to get the old indictment against his client quashed, looked unruffled yesterday when he was asked about the stories sent from Cleveland regarding the efforts of Sydney C. Burton to "run down" William Kissane.

"I do not know anything about the story or about Burton," said Mr. Hart calmly.

Mr. Hart was asked about the fact that his name did not appear on the list of lawyers in San Francisco. He said: "I can say that I am pretty well known in San Francisco. Probably Senator Hearst could satisfy you on that point. I am not in regular court practice. If I remember correctly, I have had as large a practice at the San Francisco bar and as good a one as any one need pray for. I only have a desk now and my library in Jeremiah Sullivan's office."

Mr. Hart turned from the subject to show a telegram which ran as follows, under date of April 3:

The papers you telegraphed for have been sent by mail.
MRS. J. B. H.

"That means," explained Mr. Hart, "that the powers of attorney sent for by me are on their way here. I expect them by Friday or Saturday."

D. F. Verdenal, the secretary of several coal and mining companies, at No. 39 Broadway, studied law under Jesse B. Hart in San Francisco, and he said yesterday: "I suppose this is the same Jesse B. Hart I knew in San Francisco. I have not had time to call on him. I knew him from 1855 to 1880, and was in his office up till 1870. He is one of the best-known men in San Francisco. He is a soft-spoken man, but decidedly long-headed. He has made a great deal of money at the bar.

Recorder Smyth did not receive yesterday the papers from Cleveland which, if had been expected, would throw light on the career of Kissane.

OPENING GAMES OF BASEBALL.

Over 2,300 people went to the Polo Grounds yesterday to see a baseball game, made up by picking two nines from the New-York Club and its reserves. Ward was captain of one team and Ewing of the other. Ewing's men won by a gallant rally in the latter part of the match. The new rules did not meet with favor either from the players or the onlookers. George gave all the players their base on called balls, and Roach put the ball over the plate and was in consequence batted all over the field. The score was:

Ewing's Team	0	1	0	0	0	3	5	0	2	—11
Ward's Team	2	1	0	1	4	0	1	1	0	—10

Base hits—Ewing's Team, 16; Ward's Team, 20. Errors—Ewing's Team, 8; Ward's Team, 10. Earned runs—Ewing's Team, 8; Ward's Team, 2. First base by errors—Ewing's Team, 4; Ward's Team, 0. First base on balls—Ewing's Team, 2; Ward's Team, 11. Struck out—Ewing's Team, 5; Ward's Team, 8. Umpire—Mr. West. Time of game—2 hours and 20 minutes.

The Brooklyn and Newark nines played at Newark before over 2,000 people. Terry and O'Brien pitched and caught for the Brooklyn club for five innings and Porter and Clarke for the last four. The Brooklyns played their opponents at every point and won easily as follows:

Newark	0	2	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	—9
Brooklyn	8	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	x	—12

Earned runs—Newark, 1; Brooklyn, 2. First base by errors—Newark, 1; Brooklyn, 2. First base on balls—Newark 9; Brooklyn, 15. Struck out—Newark, 3; Brooklyn, 2. Left on bases—Newark, 8; Brooklyn, 11. Two base hits—Fields, 1. McLaughlin, 1. Smith, 1. McTamany, 1. Bush, 1. Terry, 1. Porter, 1. Double plays—Swartwood, O'Brien, McLaughlin and Fields. Wild pitches—Terry, 1. Stovey, 1. Passed balls—O'Brien, 1. Clarke, 1. Walker, 2. Umpire—Mr. Connelly. Time of game—1 hour and 55 minutes.

The players of the Metropolitan club arranged two nines and played a practice game at St. George, S. I., yesterday. Orr's side defeated Lynch's by 4 to 3 in runs, 8 to 7 in base hits and 3 to 4 in errors.

The New-York and Manhattan College teams will play at the Polo Grounds to-day. The season will be opened at Washington Park, Brooklyn, by a game between the Brooklyn and Hartford clubs.

PRINCETON, April 4 (*Special*).—The baseball team was chosen to-day. The positions are as follows: Ford catcher, Mercer pitcher, Larkin (captain) first, King second, and Wagenhelst third base, Price short stop, Reynolds left field, Brownlee centre field, and Durell right field; substitutes, Hutchinson and Evans. The first game will be in Princeton on Wednesday with the Jersey City club.

A RAILROAD FOR MONTAGUE-ST., BROOKLYN.

The new Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, formed to build a road in Montague-st. from the Wall Street Ferry to Court-st., was formally organized yesterday by the election of the following officers: President, S. B. Chittenden, jr.; vice-president, J. J. Pierrepont; secretary, G. W. Chauncey, and treasurer, M. Chauncey. The company was started as a cable company, but it has been decided to use electricity as a motive power. The opposition to the road in Montague-st., it is claimed, has been in the main overcome, and there is a demand for the road. The Nassau Cable Company claims Montague-st. as a portion of its route by means of which it will connect with Wall Street and Fulton Ferries to the Bridge.

The Nassau Cable Railway Company, which failed two or three years ago to get a franchise to build its road in some of the principal streets of Brooklyn, renewed its application to the Board of Aldermen yesterday.

NO NEW PASTURES FOR LITERATURE.

The monthly social meeting of Sorosis was attended by over a hundred ladies yesterday at Delmonico's. The question for discussion was:

Resolved, That the nineteenth century offers new fields and pastures new to literature.

Mrs. Lizzie Champney introduced the question in a paper on "Fresh Fields in Romance." Mrs. S. C. Ostrom's paper was on "The Children's Paddock," and Mrs. Alma Calder Johnston read a paper on the negative, entitled "No New Fields." Mrs. Johnston recently has spent a year or two among the libraries of the old world, and gave an account of some startling discoveries among the books of Ancient lore. The weight of the argument was with the negative side. Mrs. Anna Randall Diehl read a poem, "One Woman's Question," by Helen M. Cooke, and Mary Riley Smith gave an original poem. A diamond-studded sorosis pin, bearing the Greek word sorosis upon it, was presented to Miss Hannah Allen. Mrs. Belle Cole and Miss Clara E. Stutsman sang a duet, and Miss Otis recited.

THE BROOKLYN INVESTIGATION.

COUNTY FARM, INEBRIATES' HOME AND CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE INQUIRED INTO.

The subjects inquired into by the Assembly Investigating Committee in Brooklyn yesterday related to the new County Farm at St. Johnland, the Inebriates' Home at Fort Hamilton, and the City Auditor's office. F. J. Lowrey, a clerk of the Dime Savings Bank, showed a schedule of the account in that institution of John P. Sheridan, who had refused to testify in regard to his private business on Saturday. L. J. Tormey testified in regard to checks paid to Sheridan by the County Treasurer for his farm at St. Johnland, and F. E. Flandrau, controller of the Brooklyn Savings Bank, testified in regard to Sheridan's deposits in that institution. The inquiry on this subject was stopped for the committee to decide what would be done to Sheridan for his contempt in refusing to answer. Sheridan was present and some of the Democratic leaders consulted with him. Later he asked the committee to let him make an explanation. He said that on Saturday he thought the committee had no right to ask him about his private business, but Register Murtha and Police Superintendent Campbell had told him to answer all the questions put to him. He then said in reply to questions that he had paid Thomas R. Smith $500 as his agent for the sale of the property, and he had invested the remainder in property and a loan of $1,100 to John Harrison, a grocer. He knew the property was being bought for the county and told Smith that if he could sell it for $4 000 he would receive $500. The witness shed tears when telling about his business. He denied paying any money to any one except Smith in connection with the sale.

President George G. Herman, of the Inebriates' Home, who is also a Civil Service Commissioner, was asked about that institution. He showed that it had received a large sum of money from the city for its support of free patients and that there was a considerable revenue from boarders. The home and its property were valued at $400,000. Money had been made in the last four years. As soon as a wing for women could be built the home would be self-sustaining. Mr. Herman said he was opposed to the bill putting the home under control of the city.

Dr. James A. Blanchard, the medical superintendent of the Home, said that there were now fifty private and eighty-five public patients. The lowest rate for board is $5 a week and one patient paid $40 last week.

Ex-Alderman Robert Furey, who has not been active in politics since he quarrelled with "Boss" McLaughlin a few years ago was the next witness and told how he became a bondsman for several men arrested for pool-selling at Coney Island.

Deputy Auditor Cornell was first asked about the City Auditor's office, and then Auditor Rutan, who was elected last fall and retained the deputy in his office, was questioned. It was shown that Mr. Cornell did the most of the work and signed the bills which were audited, because of Rutan's unfamiliarity with the duties of the office. Rutan testified that he did not think the duties of the office could be discharged by the Deputy Auditor, the controller or the Mayor with advantage to the city. Further information in regard to details was obtained from ex-City Auditor Voege and Chief Clerk E. A. Kollmeyer. The hearing was adjourned until Friday. Only the three Republican members of the committee were present.

THEISS PLEADS GUILTY AND PAYS A FINE.

George Theiss, one of the proprietors of the Alhambra Garden, in Fourteenth-st., pleaded guilty yesterday to two of the indictments found against him. One of the charges was for violation of the Excise law and the other for violation of the Amusement law. Judge Gildersleeve had received information from Police Superintendent Murray that the concerts about which complaint had been made had ceased. Judge Gildersleeve said that he would follow the precedent set by Recorder Smyth in the case of Koster & Bial and would impose a fine of $250 on one indictment and suspend sentence on the other, so that if any further well-founded complaint was made sentence could be passed upon the second indictment. Colonel Spencer, who appeared for Theiss, thought at first one of the indictments was for George Theiss, jr., but the age of the defendant in each case was shown to be the same. District-Attorney Martine said that he knew of no great difference between the case of Theiss and that of Koster & Bial, and Judge Gildersleeve passed sentence as had been done against the members of that firm. Theiss paid the amount of his fine.

Henry Guenther, the proprietor of the Palm Garden in East Fourteenth-st., and "Harry" Hill pleaded not guilty to charges similar to those against Theiss. Hill did not appear in court, his counsel entering a plea in his behalf.

DOCK BOARD METHODS INVESTIGATED.

Bennett W. Ellison was examined by the Commissioners of Accounts yesterday in regard to his duties as secretary of the Dock Board. He said that there were twelve dockmasters. They were fined for violating the rules of the department, but he had never known these fines to be remitted except by the action of the Board. One of the rules is that a vessel leaving her berth without paying her wharfage fee is obliged to pay double the amount when she again applies to be docked. He did not know of any instances in which this double fee was charged, but several cases had occurred that he knew in which the vessel left her berth without paying charges.

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