CALIFORNIA TOPICS.

MR. MACKAY AND THE WHEAT DEAL—WILD LAND SPECULATION.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—The substance of Mr. John W. Mackay's recent interview in "The Herald" about the wheat deal, complaining of THE TRIBUNE and Mr. Whitelaw Reid, was telegraphed to some of the papers here. Mr. Reid, who has since his return from Alaska been staying at Millrae, was seen there yesterday about it. He said his paper wanted the news, wanted it just right, and would be very sorry if any correspondent had made a mistake about Mr. Mackay. He had not seen the letter in The TTribune to which Mr. Mackay referred, and had only seen the synopsis of Mr. Mackay's talk as printed in "The San Francisco Call." He could hardly believe it represented Mr. Mackay correctly, but he added that if it is correct Mr. Mackay seems to have lost his head. He has been denying that he had anything to do with the wheat deal ever since he landed in New-York. He has declared over and over again that he did not hold a pound of wheat; that his partner did not, and that their bank did not. Now he turns square around, says he does hold wheat, thinks it a good thing to hold and means to hold every bushel of it till the English millers want it at his price. If Mr. Mackay has really been talking in this way he had better make his own stories hold together before he goes slashing around about what other people say, calling hard names and dragging into his interviews people who have been paying no attention to him or his affairs.

Nothing to equal the present land speculative craze has occurred for many years. About one month ago intimation was given that a boom might be expected soon in otuside lots near Golden Gate Park. This territory consists of shifting sand dunes south of the Park and lupine covered sand hills to the north. One year ago blocks sold for from six hundred to one thousand dollars each according to distance from the park. Last week the speculative excitement began and prices have been rapidly shoved up until now blocks adjoining the park bring twelve thousand dollars, while the cheapest blocks are quoted at $3,000 and $4,000. Thrifty real estate agents are cutting these blocks into lots 25 by 100 feet and find ready sale for them at from $200 to $300. As it will be twenty years before the city reaches this district, this price is excessive. The result will be that many purchasers will never make more than the first payment. But the city boom is entirely eclipsed by the wild gambling in land and town lots at San Jose and Oakland. Several real estate agents engineered the boom at San Jose, which is in the heart of the rich Santa Clara Valley. Capitalists rushed in and prices have increased fivefold within a fortnight. Ranch land that was held at two hundred dollars an acre last month now commands one thousand, while owners of business and residence property scarcely know what price to ask. Syndicates have purchased large tracts near San Jose and are running excursion trains from this city and selling lots at auction. In this way a tract that costs $50,000 is made to realize $100,000. Nearly all sales are made on margin, not over one-third being put up in cash. The same devices to stimulate speculation which proved so successful in Los Angeles are tried at San Jose. In Oakland and Alameda the land craze also rages, women being among the most reckless speculators. There has been an advance of one hundred per cent in city and suburban property, but most of the sales are on small margins, and in a few months this unhealthy activity will probably collapse. Meanwhile a score of the interior towns have caught the fever and gambling in corner lots and ranches goes on.

The price of wheat dropped steadily during the week, but it must be said for the bonanza clique that they have shown nerve and have met all payments promptly. An effort was made in Chicago to create the impression that a panic was imminent here and that one house had failed to deliver 20,000,000 bushels. The report was without foundation. Nothing is likely to occur before the 1st of September, when a quarter of the wheat under old contracts is deliverable.

One of the early landmarks of the city, the old Portsmouth House, on the northeast corner of Clay and Dupont sts., will be removed at the end of this month. The building was the post-office in early fifties, and was the centre of gambling saloons. The property was bought last year by a rich Chinese merchant for $70,000. He will build a large brick block for stores and lodging houses.

An analysis will be made by local metallurgists of the Chilcat meteorite, now in the Mining Bureau. It fell over one hundred years ago in Alaska and was held sacred by the Indians. There is a possibility of the discovery of a new metal in this stone.

The new hotel built by the State in Yosemite Valley has been leased and by another season tourists will find good accommodations. The board at various Yosemite hotels has always been good, but the buildings were little better than barns with no modern conveniences. The new hotel is called Stoneman House, in honor of the ex-Governor, and is situated directly at the foot of Glacier Point trail. The commissioner will also endeavor to improve saddle horse service in the Valley.

The reduction of railroad passenger rates announced by the Southern Pacific Company to go into effect next Thursday is of great importance to the travelling public. The reduction is from six and four cents per mile to five and three cents. Thus the old rate to Los Angeles from San Francisco was $21 70, while the new rate will be $15. Monthly commutation tickets to suburban towns will be reduced in like measure. Ferryboats to Oakland will be run every fifteen minutes, and swift morning and evening trains will be run to San Jose.

This week daily fruit trains have be run through to the East from Sacramento, thus relieving the strain on the passenger trains. When the fast fruit service was begun on the Central and Union Pacific roads only two trains were dispatched weekly, but the business has increased so rapidly that now ten or twelve cars daily are required. One of the largest consumers of California fruit is Minnesota, several hundred carloads having been sent to St. Paul and Minneapolis this season.

San Francisco trade with the Orient has suffered this year because of the rise in wheat and the consequent suspension of flour mills. The total value of the shipments of merchandise to China for the year up to August was $1,600,000, while the value of the shipments to Japan was $460,000. This was a falling off of $300,000 in the total shipments and an increase of $150,000 in the shipments to Japan over last year. The treasure shipment to China this year amounts to $6,000,000. Of the China shipments $2,700,000 was in Mexican dollars and $3,000,000 in bullion. The Japan shipment was wholly bullion.

An extraordinary catch of salmon is reported from Kadrak Island, Alaska. By July 12 the catch was sufficient to fill thirty thousand cases. Throughout Alaska the catch is so great as to offset the partial failure of the Columbia River canneries.

Mr. Woolrich, the British Vice-Consul at Mazatlan, now in this city, declares that the Topolobampo colony is practically abandoned. About thirty half starved refugees are in Guaymas waiting for an opportunity to get out of the country. The colonists at Topolobampo Bay were actually starved out, having lived on cornmeal mush for nearly two months. They suffered great hardships before escaping to Guaymas, where the destitute are now living on charity, being unable to pay their steamer fare to this city.

CHICAGO MONOPOLISTS.

THE SHERIFF'S GUESTS—ANNEXATION—SPORTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—The revelations that were made last week concerning the workings and intentions of the Gas Trust have caused investors to become a little doubtful of their securities. It has been shown that about $19,000,000 of the stock of local gas companies was bought by a syndicate and deposited with a Philadelphia trustee as a basis for $25,000,000 of stock of the Chicago Gas Trust Company. The seven companies are mortgaged for $10,932,000. The total annual interest charge is $617,600. But it is stated that $7,000,000 more in 5 per cent bonds will be put on. This would raise the total debt to $17,932,000 and the fixed charge to $927,600.

Mr. Yerkes is in Philadelphia this week, where he is supposed to be consulting with the other members of the syndicate in regard to their proposed purchase of the West Side street car lines. The hitch in the negotiations is simply over the manner of the payment and not over the price. Mr Yerkes offers to pay $1,000,000 in cash and to pay $1,000,000 at six months, $1,000,000 at twelve months and the final $1,000,000 at eighteen months. He requires that while the payments are being made the stock be placed in escrow in the hands of a trustee. The holders of the stock will not consent to this.

The Sheriff has finally found himself compelled to curtail the pleasures and liberties of his distinguished prisoners, the "boodlers." But in all his treatment of them he shows the consideration he feels for the ex officials. The County Physician, Dr. Bluthardt, has been called to examine Wren, and has submitted a report that Wren's confinement in a narrow cell is dangerous to his health, and asking for larger quarters for him. During the recent trial testimony was given to the effect that Dr. Bluthardt had paid the County Commissioners $500 for his position, so the public is rather skeptical concerning his report. It has also been announced that tomorrow the "boodlers" are all to be entertained at a dinner which one of them, Wasserman, is to give in the Jail.

In the numerous little towns which lie on the outskirts of the city in every direction there is a growing sentiment in favor of allowing themselves to be absorbed by Chicago. They have so long experimented with little municipal governments of their own as to be thoroughly wearied of the attempt, and during the last year or two their taxes have been increased until they are as high as Chicago's. Without the benefits of a large city's police, fire and other departments they have been paying equally high rates. Realizing this they now desire annexation. In each of the towns there is a ring of office-holders and politicians who oppose the plan, but as there seems to be a general desire for it on the part of the residents it is almost certain that within the next six or eight months the limits of Chicago will be extended north, west and south.

A Chicago firm is going into the oyster packing business at New-Orleans to try the experiment of packing Gulf oysters. They are building a packing house about 200 feet long in New-Orleans, and unless the craft are wrecked between Pittsburg, where they are building, and the Gulf, will start on October 1 with one riz, consisting of a steamer and half a dozen barges. All machinery and appliances will be sent from Baltimore.

The Chicago men who entered the Lake Minnetonka Tennis Tournament had things pretty much their own way. The first and second prizes in the singles were won by Chase and Waller, of the North End Club, and the first prize in the doubles was captured by the same men.

Much interest is felt in a game of baseball that is to be played between nines from the University and Illinois clubs. Nearly all the members of the former club's team have been members of the Yale and Harvard University nines during the last few years.

The members of the committee who are to have charge of President Cleveland's reception and entertainment here in October are in a great state of excitement and chagrin because he will stay only one day here. The fact appears all the more bitter to them because he will stay several days in St. Louis.

The cold weather which has prevailed all the week has been a great boon to the theatres, and they have all had large audiences every night. At the Columbia Mr. Frank Mayo made his bow as *D'Artagnan* to the first audience that honored Mr. Shelby's management of the theatre. The regular season at the Grand Opera House was inaugurated with "A Tin Soldier." At McVicker's was seen the last of the Madison Square company in "Elaine." They have been here eleven weeks and will be followed by Mr. and Mrs. Florence. Next week will also be the last of "The Arabian Nights" at the Chicago Opera House.

THE GARDEN OF THE BERKSHIRES.

COTTAGE LIFE IN WILLIAMSTOWN—THE MEMORY OF DR. HOPKINS—COLLEGE PROSPECTS.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Aug. 27.—Few who have dwelt in this garden of the Berkshires can remember an August when vegetation looked so fresh and the country so lovely as now. The frequent and abundant rains and the accompanying high temperature have developed a condition of vegetation in wood and vale almost tropical in its luxuriance. Williamstown as a summer resort is almost unique. It is neither madly gay nor unreasonably fashionable; the temper of the place is against that, but it is one of the most fascinating places to sojourn in in all New-England. The vacation breezes are not sufficient to quite sweep away the atmosphere that surrounds a college town and most of the people who tarry here rejoice that it is so. That open window yonder in Morgan Hall

"Whence all but him had fled,"

through which lazily floats a cloud of smoke, and upon a snatch of some college song, may mean that the merry occupant has followed a suggestion of the kind-hearted professor of mathematics that he "go over" certain topics in Calculus before the term begins, or it may mean that he is lingering to toy yet a little longer with the heart of some trusting village maiden and is wearing the weeds for another college widow. This town is full of college widows, but they soon "take notice" again and seldom get permanently left.

Most of the professors here rent their houses during vacation and in some instances receive enough to pay a year's rent and for a six weeks' outing by the seaside. Cottage life is quite distinct from hotel life here as elsewhere. To enjoy to the full a summer in the Berkshires one should have a box of his own for the season. Rents for furnished houses range from $1,600 down to $300 for the season. The real estate boom is now two years old but is still vigorous and apparently growing. Heretofore the centre of development has been in the vicinity known as South-st. (the street running south from the Mansion House over Stone Hill). Here are to be seen a number of picturesque houses with well-kept lawns, broad piazzas and views that make one rejoice that he has lived to behold them. On the crest of this elevation is the beautiful but modest home of the Rev. Dr. Henry Hopkins, the late Dr. Mark Hopkins's eldest son, and just east of it, approached by a winding road and commanding a sweeping view of the Hoosac Valley and "the Hopper" (so called from the effect produced by the grouping of Graylock, Bald and Prospect Mountains), is the tasteful residence of Mr. William H. Doughty, of Troy. In the same group stands the cottage of Colonel Archibald Hopkins, clerk of the Court of Claims at Washington, and opposite the latter the quaint and attractive cottage of Howland, the well-known New-York artist. This unique habitation is said to have been designed by Mrs. Howland. North of this group are the rather more pretentious residence and ample grounds of Mr. Frederick Leake, for many years associated in one of the Troy banks with Russell Sage. At the side of his house on the lawn is a large sate which the owner prefers should do service there rather than to invite attention inside his house. Adjoining this is the elaborate dwelling of Mr. Harrison, a wealthy Milwaukee contractor, who has rented it this summer to Lieutenant Pierson for the agreeable sum of $1,600. A pretty hedge marks the division line between this and the picturesque home of Mr. John B. Gale, of Troy. His house is thoroughly artistic and his lawn one of the prettiest in the Berkshires. Mr. Gladstone has said that it takes two generations to make a gentleman and three generations to make a lawn, but the lawns here have been brought to an almost perfect condition in less than a generation—by much. Mr. Samuel G. Blagden occupies the Professor Rice cottage, Eugene M. Jerome, the Sigma Phi house, Dr. Charles A. Stoddard and Mrs. S. I. Prime the Mears cottage, Charles Bulkley Hubbell, the Cole cottage, and Professor Griffin's place has been rented by Dr. Beach Jones, all of New-York. Among the other summer residents who occupy cottages are John Lindley, Melville Eggleston and family, Mrs. Julius Wardsworth and family, Mr. Henry Sabin and Mr. Lemuel Pomeroy. The widow of Dr. Hopkins and the family of her son-in-law, Judge Charles C. Nott, of Washington, occupy the old homestead. One accustomed to summer here is not long in discovering that something is missing this year. President Carter tenderly observed that "it seems as though the strength of the hills has gone from us." What one misses is the tall and venerable form of Mark Hopkins—his genial smile and gracious salutation. For more than sixty years he walked these shady streets and made men better for his living. He never lost the vigor or inspiration of his younger days, "the Gulf Stream of his youth flowed up into the arctic regions of his old age" and there caused to blossom some of the sweetest flowers that adorned the pathway of his life.

Mr. Lawrence Hopkins has just purchased a group of the most eligible sites in Williamstown. They are included in what are known as the Whitney and Sherman farms and are located on North West Hill, less than a mile from the Mansion House. It is reported that Mr. Hopkins will build a handsome residence on the crest of one of these vantage plots and that some of his friends will build near him. It is probable that the growth of the town will be in that direction. It is the policy of the managers of the Fitchburg Railroad Company to make Williamstown a popular summer resort like Lenox and to that end they propose next summer to furnish a connection with the New-York Central Saratoga special that will bring Williamstown within four hours and a half of New-York.

It is surprising to find how superstitious some of the good people who live within two miles of this college town are. May I relate two instances? A well-to-do farmer was not long since so ill that a consultation of physicians was called. When the doctors had agreed upon a diagnosis which had little in it to encourage the sick man's friends, one of the family approached the attending physician and said they would like to try "skinning a black cat and holdin' the pelt next to father's hide." Another instance was that of an old nurse who was called in to take care of a sick child. She was observed to carry into the sick room an old axe and when asked what she proposed to do with it said she was going to "put it under the bed to keep the baby from havin' fits."

The prospects of the college for the coming year are most encouraging. A class of more than 100 is said to be booked, which, if true, will "beat all previous records."

Real Good Riddle.—Why should you say that very stuck-up girls ought always to wear veils? Well, because, don't you know; pride must have a fall. A-hal—Judy.

THE NEWPORT SEASON.

GROWING GAYER AS SUMMER WANES.

A LONG LIST OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENTS, INDOORS AND OUT.

NEWPORT, Aug. 27.—Newport, notwithstanding the drawbacks of a serious southeast storm, has been more than gay during the past week. Gayeties and fashionable dissipation have prevailed during the entire week. Two dances and the grand subscription ball took place at the Casino, and Mrs. Heyward Cutting gave a private ball, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt a magnificent musicale, followed by a banquet and a dance, receptions by Mrs. Gardner Bremer, Mrs. F. O. French and Miss F. Lyman, to say nothing of numerous dinner parties, luncheons, etc. There is no telling what would have occurred if the weather had not been stormy for three days.

The National Lawn Tennis Tournament at the Casino was a drawing card, and but for the bad weather the receipts at the Casino where it was held would have been exceptionally large. All the society entertainments were attended by the elite of the place, and it will be a long time before the Vanderbilt festivities and the Casino ball are forgotten. Florists, caterers and waiters were in demand from Monday until Saturday. While the business men have prospered the summer residents have been put to much trouble to keep up with the incessant round of social entertainments. The storm was a serious financial loss to many, and it interfered with several events arranged for the week. However, cause for complaint is not very serious and there is no real ground for grumbling.

Miss West, of Boston, is visiting Miss Norman, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bronson, of New-York, are the guests of E. L. Winthrop, who gave a dinner party in their honor Wednesday night.

The last meeting of the Town and Country Club was held at the residence of Mrs. Gardner Bremer. Mrs Julia Ward Howe, of Boston, presided. Colonel T. W. Higginson was present at the meeting and read a paper on "A New-England Vagabond of the Past Century."

John Tooker, Hamilton W. Emmons, Foxhall Keene, H. B. Metcalf and Fiske Warren are entered for the court tennis match which begins at the Casino court tennis building on Monday.

Mrs. Samuel Wetmore and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wetmore, of New-York, have arrived at the Tailer cottage, on Bellevue-ave.

Mrs. Henry A. Tailer and family, of New-York, have arrived at the Howard cottage on Kay-st.

J. N. Howard has returned here from Europe. He was a passenger on the schooner yacht Dauntless.

Donald M. V. Graham, the singer, from England, has arrived at the Berkley.

Le Baron d'Itajuba, the Brazilian Minister, has arrived at the Whitehall, and his neighbors are the French, Turkish and German Ambassadors and several attaches of Legations.

Joseph Ogden, of New-York, is visiting Ogden Goelet, and William Turnbull, jr., of the same city, is visiting Daniel B. Fearing.

Miss Lucy Frelinghuysen, of Newark, N. J., is visiting Mrs. J. C. Green at the Pinard cottages.

James Milliken, of New-York, is at Ochre Point, the guest of W. M. Kingsland.

The North Atlantic Squadron with Rear-Admiral S. P. Luce in command, has arrived here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lyman, nee Beekman, of Boston, are at Ochre Point, where they are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Lorillard.

The Misses McAvoy, of New-York, are visiting friends here.

W. A. Wadsworth, of Genesee, N. Y., and F. C. Van Buren, of New-York, have arrived at Hartmann's.

There were many subscribers at the Casino during the week.

G. Mead Tooker, of New-York, has returned from Europe and is occupying his cottage on Kay-st.

R. D. Sears, of lawn tennis fame, is the guest of W. Wild on Bellevue-ave., and W. C. Cushman is at the Norman villa.

H. Le Grand Cannon and L. C. Clarke, of New-York, are visiting J. J. Van Alen at Ochre Point.

Henry M. Whitney, McVicker, of New-York, is at the Hatch cottage, the guest of Henry A. Robbins.

Henry A. Mann, of Washington, D. C., has purchased the Sword cottage on Conanicut Island.

Assistant Medical Director Gorgas, U. S. N., is the guest of Rear-Admiral Wells on Conanicut Island.

The presidency of the Newport Reading Room or clubhouse on Bellevue-ave. has been offered to Richard M. Hunt, the well-known architect.

Twenty thousand feet of land has been sold on Conanicut Island to A. M. Wetherell, of Philadelphia. The principal cottagers on the island hail from the Quaker City.

New summer residences are to be erected for J. W. Auchincloss, G. Gordon King and John H. Glover all of New-York.

Mrs. J. P. Kernochan gave a very pretty lawn party at her residence at Ochre Point Friday afternoon.

Frederick Rich and Alfred R. Conkling, of New-York, are at Hurnard's.

G. Creighton Webb, of New-York, is visiting Dr. W. S. Webb.

George Davenport, of Boston, is visiting Dr. Clement Cleveland, and Dr. Henry R. Stedman, also of Boston, is at the Wormley cottage, the guest of Mrs. E. R. Hayden.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Havemeyer, of New-York, have arrived here for a few weeks.

Many society events are booked for next week.

Everybody nearly was too tired to attend the hop at the Casino Friday night, and the attendance was rather slim. The Casino ball of the previous evening was rather too much for them.

MERRYMAKING AT LAKE GEORGE.

A SUCCESSFUL MASKED BALL AT THE HULETT'S LANDING HOTEL.

LAKE GEORGE, Aug. 27.—The Hulett's Landing Hotel marked the height of the season Tuesday evening by a fine masquerade ball. At 9 o'clock the procession of mummers entered the ball-room led by the "Angel of the Dawn," Miss H. de Bermingham, and the "Goddess of Night," Miss L. de Bermingham. These personations were highly characteristic and attracted much attention in their silver and gold-starred costumes. There were six "Babies on our Block," Misses Brush, Branch and Ferguson, and Messrs. Knight, Simpson and Porter; there were the "Sisters from Pike's Peak," with cone-like head-dresses reaching to the ceiling, Misses Cole and Wiggins; a "bootblack" who wanted to shine everybody and a "newsboy" who wanted to sell everybody, Masters J. de Bermingham and E. Brown; a "Mephistopheles" attended by "Sister Seraphina" of the House of Mercy, Mr. Smalley and Miss Bessie Griswold; a gorgeous yellow "butterfly," Miss M. Beatrice Schmidt; "country cousin," Mr. Crolius; "Johann and Wilhelmina Zwielager," the one from Bingen-on-the-Rhine, the other from Ober-Ammergau, Messrs. Delnoce and Wooley; "Humpty Dumpty," Mr. Merrill, who, with Mine Host W. Howard Bender as a "dropsical gentleman" in blue, made as much fun and cut as merry antics as if they had been rehearsing for a month; a "shepherdess in Dresden china," Miss Van Kleeck; "Lorenzo XVII," fresh from the last performance of "The Mascot"; a most elaborate "Topsy" with the true plantation flavor waiting upon "Eva," Miss Mabel Rand and young Mr. Snyder; a "French Marchioness" of the old regime, Miss May Kintzing, two "Roman girls," Misses Scudder and Curie; a "Daughter of the Regiment," Mrs. W. Howard Bender; "Biddy Maloney" with her basket of imported peanuts, Mrs. Boreham; "Dennis O'Rourke," a Corker from Cork with a brogue from Ballyoshan, Mr. Frank Bender; "Alfred Archer" the jockey, Master Curie, a "tennis player," Mr. Humbert; "Miss Sprigguns," a capital personation by young Mr. Kintzing; "big and little casino," very effective representations of the ten of diamonds and the two of spades, Mr. Darling and Mr. Van Kleeck, and not least, "Two Little Maids from School," Mrs. Oatman and Miss A. Brown.

Excellent music was furnished by Messrs. Morrison and McDonald. The unmasking took place at 10 during a Virginia reel, and at 11 the signal was given for supper.

Among the recent arrivals at the Mohican House, Bolton, are the following New-Yorkers: Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Smith, Miss Dorothy Smith, Daniel P. Read, Henry H. Arthur, A. A. Leets, John H. Tripler, Miss Ida Tripler, C. A. Darling, W. C. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Painter, Earl C. Moss, Mrs. George Willard, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wendell, Mrs. Edward Hasbrouck and P. D. Stevens.

SHARON SPRINGS.

BAD WEATHER BREAKING UP THE SEASON.

SHARON SPRINGS, N. Y., Aug. 27.—The weather man who apparently "worked in" with the summer hotel men all the season up to this week, turned his back on the latter at a very inopportune time. There is, however, a chance to recover should it clear off exceedingly warm, whereas, if the rain had held off another week it would have given a death-blow to the season. As it is, the backbone of the season is broken, and although the hotels will all remain open until well into September, next week will probably witness a general "clearing out" of all except the invalids.

The bath houses will remain open until October 1.

The Sharon special, which shortens the distance between Sharon and Albany by somewhat over an hour, will remain on until about the middle of September.

Arrivals for the week at the Pavilion include these: From New-York—Lewis M. Norwood, L. Rothschild, H. B. Kane, Louis M. Ogden, Miss Duane, Miss J. Milnor, Miss Boynton, M. J. Newman and wife, A. M. Allerton, Miss H. Baker, J. H. Thomas, the Misses Fosburn, Miss Ella Maas, B. Lynch and wife, Mrs. J. R. Brodhead, Miss B. Bloodgood, E. J. Myers, C. N. Lovett, J. C. Mitchell, J. C. Smith, H. Koehler, Mrs. H. Koehler.

COOPERSTOWN.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR SEPTEMBER.

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 37.—Despite the cold weather of the past week the number of arrivals far exceeds the departures at this resort. It at present certainly looks as though September would be the month of the year in the number of city people here as it is unquestionably in natural respects.

The hotels will all remain open during the month of September, the Cooper House closing October 1.

A full dress hop was held at the Cooper House on Thursday evening.

Frank Lincoln, the elocutionist, gives an entertainment at the Cooper House this evening.

Mr. Crittenden, of the Cooper House, treated the younger guests at his hotel to a ride the last part of the week.

Cooperstown is soon to be lighted by electric light, a company having been formed for that purpose.

A greater number of rooms has been engaged in advance for the month of September at the Cooper House then was engaged ahead for either June or July.

Dr. Henry Darling, president of Hamilton College, is a late arrival at the Fenimore.

The tally-ho coaches one day the latter part of the week brought eighty people from Richfield to the head of the lake. As a number also came with private or livery rigs, Richfield was tolerably well represented in Cooperstown on that day.

H. G. Trevor, of New-York, who is visiting at "Willow Brook," brought his yacht overland and is now using it on the Glimmerglass.

Arrivals for the week at the week at the Cooper House include Mrs. A. Shackleford, Miss Shackleford, F. H. Herrick and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones, John S. Sutphen and wife, Miss Sutphen, John S. Sutphen, jr., L. F. Braine, L. E. Lahens, Edward C. Anderson, E. E. Spencer, Mrs. Hopkins Smith, Miss Marion Smith and maid, Henry B. Kane, Lewis W. Ogden, all of New-York; H. Mortimer Brush, of Bergen Point; W. Dandridge, of Cincinnati; D. E. Mead, of Dayton, Ohio; William L. Morris, William C. Morris, of Bayonne City; and J. S. Van Cleef and wife, F. R. Van Cleef and Harry C. Van Cleef, of Brooklyn.

HIGH AMONG THE MAPLES.

THE PANORAMA FROM SUGAR HILL.

MUSICALES, BALLS AND THEATRICALS—SOME OF THE PATRONS OF THE SUNSET HILL, LOOK-OFF AND GOODNOW HOUSES, AND THEIR DOINGS.

SUGAR HILL, White Mountains, N. H., Aug. 26.—The view from this elevation is the most extensive and magnificent that can be obtained in this picturesque region, comprising the entire Franconia range, the Presidential range, toward the north the Pilot range, and in the extreme distance the Stratford peaks, while Camel's Hump, Mount Mansfield and the Green Mountains in Vermont are plainly visible on clear days; and Lake Memphremagog and other smaller lakes and ponds are included in the prospect. The hill derives its name from the grove of sugar maples on its summit and is situated mainly in the township of Lisbon, adjoining Franconia. There are two good-sized and excellently conducted hotels on Sugar Hill ridge, the Sunset Hill House and the Hotel Look-Off; while lower down, and generally considered among the Franconia hostelries, is the attractive Goodnow House. During the latter part of July and the entire month of August these houses have been filled with happy summer resorters from New-York, Boston, Philadelphia and other cities, and the season will extend through September and into October.

The Sunset Hill House, Dr. H. H. Bowles and Mr. Seth F. Hoskins proprietors, was opened in 1880. A dining-hall wing ninety feet in length was added the following year, and two years ago a cottage containing thirty-two rooms was erected about 300 feet from the hotel proper, so that over 200 people can now be accommodated without crowding. The house faces just south of east, commanding a view that is not short of sublime. It is the most famous hotel in the mountains for tennis, sometimes as many as fourteen courts being used simultaneously. The best players are F. A. Howland, who was graduated from Dartmouth College last June and was the echampion of that institution; Messrs. O. A. and C. B. Judson, of Philadelphia, Harvard '90; A. P. Thomas, of Providence, Yale '88; C. M. Hemingway, of Boston, Harvard '82; Miss Alice Rogers, of Boston; the Misses Ramsford and Miss Edgar, of New-York; Mr. Hodge, of Princeton '88; W. O. Safford, of Harvard 84, and Miss Pettit, of Philadelphia. A tennis tournament took place three weeks ago which was one of the most interesting events of the season. Napolitano's orchestra, of Toronto, plays twice daily, and dancing is almost as popular in the daytime as at night. Last Monday evening a highly successful musicale was given, at which Dr. Goddard and Mrs. Drew, of Boston, sang several selections; Miss Adams, also of Boston, played the piano, and the Misses Drew performed a duet with guitar and mandolin. Other popular amusements are donkey and progressive euchre parties, bowling and billiards. The hotel has been eminently prosperous by reason of its excellent management, and will be enlarged this fall. Another wing of ninety feet will be added which will contain a spacious parlor and smoking and card rooms, while the present parlor will be utilized for balls and theatrical exhibitions. A comedietta in one act, by S. Thayer Smith, entitled "A Happy Pair," was given in the parlor last Friday evening by Miss Lockwood and Mr. Safford, and was followed by fourteen "scenes from life," in which many of the young ladies and gentlemen participated.

The Hotel Look-Off was opened for the first time on July 2 last, and is owned by Hiram Noyes. It will accommodate 200 guests, and is situated about a half-mile from the Sunset Hill House, being at the greatest altitude of any hotel in the mountains, the Profile House and all summit houses alone excepted. Here is at present a reunion of the Kittredge family, there being twenty-two of them, including the Rev. Dr. A. E. Kittredge, of New-York. A brother of this popular divine, George A. Kittredge, resides in Bombay, India, and these reunions take place whenever he visits this country, about once in four years. The grandest affair of the season occurred last evening, and consisted of a musicale followed by a ball. It was given to celebrate the hotel's victory last Saturday in winning the blue standard for the best success in general decoration at the coaching parade at Bethlehem. The ball-room was artistically embellished with evergreens and flags, and the prize banner occupied a conspicuous position. Music for dancing was furnished by Carl Mindit's orchestra, of Lisbon. The guests of neighboring hotels were invited and came in goodly numbers.

Following are some of the people at the various houses:

Sunset Hill House—Mrs. Admiral Luce, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb B. Knevals, Miss Knevals, Mrs. and the Misses Rainsford, the Misses Dean, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pentz and the Misses Pentz, of New-York; Mrs. G. R. Rogers, the Misses Rogers, Mrs. Field, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Keith, the Misses Keith, Mrs. C. L. Thayer, Judge and Mrs. A. L. Soule, the Misses Soule and J. F. Powers, of Boston; Mrs. Kennard, Mrs. S. W. Pettit and family, the Misses Goddard, Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Judson and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis, of Philadelphia; Judge and Mrs. G. F. Talbot and the Misses Talbot, of Portland, Me.; Mrs. N. P. Sackett, Mrs. F. M. Sackett and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Sturges and Mrs. H. R. Nightingale, of Providence, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilson, of Malden, Mass.; W. O. Safford and Mrs. J. O. Safford, of Salem, Mass.; Captain and Mrs. Kane, U. S. N.; Mrs. Haydock and family, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bartlett, of Peoria, Ill.

Hotel Look-Off—the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Kittredge, the Misses Kittredge, Mrs. R. M. Thompson, Miss Thompson, Miss Blodgett and Mrs. M. O. Atkins, of New-York; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Snow, Louis Hyneman, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Prouty, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Todd, Gilbert Tolman, Professor and Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. W. A. Richards, Miss Richards, Henry A. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Morse, W. H. Conant and family and W. B. H. Dowse and family, of Boston; Major and Mrs. L. O. Dewey and Miss Dewey, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lloyd and Miss Lloyd, of Cincinnati, and Loring A. Chase, of Winter Park, Fla.

Goodnow House—The Misses Ingraham, J. W. Cummings, Mrs. D. Huyler, Mrs. S. J. Gaines, Miss Gaines, the Misses Deuel, Mr. and Mrs. F. Howland, Miss Van Praag, Mrs. J. M. Secor, the Misses Secor, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Drake and the Misses Drake, of New-York.

LONG BRANCH.

NOTABLE PEOPLE TAKING VACATIONS.

GUESTS OF THE SEASON AT COTTAGES AND HOTELS ON THE NEW-JERSEY COAST.

LONG BRANCH, Aug. 27.—Congressman William Walter Phelps, of the VIth District of New-Jersey, is a new guest of the West End Hotel. He is accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Hetrick. Mr. Phelps drove to Long Branch from his handsome country seat near Englewood in Bergen County. His horses bore the journey well and are now daily seen upon the principal drives of the Branch.

Randolph Guggenheim, the school commissioner of New-York, is the new owner of the old Hooley cottage at No. 6 Cedar-ave.

Morris Phillips, the Editor of *The Home Journal*, and his daughters are at Leland's Ocean Hotel.

Dr. Edward Bedloe, the wit of the Clover Club, of Philadelphia, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Doud Byron at Castle Byron.

Ex-Mayor Helsley and his wife are making a tour of the lakes in Maine.

Governor Biggs, of Delaware, who is at Leland's Ocean Hotel, has long silvery white hair and most genial manners. He says the peach crop this season is one of the poorest for years.

John Watts Kearney, jr., a grandson of General Phil Kearney, has spent most of this week at Long Branch.

J. P. Chinn, one of the owners of Little Minch and other noted horses, is one of the characters here. He was raised in "Ole Virginny," and played for years with the slaves on his father's plantation. He has the mellow Southern accent and tells countless stories of "befo' de wah, sah."

Lieutenant Eugene Willet Van Court Lucas, of the 1st Regiment of Artillery of the United States Army, and Lieutenant James F. Deau, are making a tour of the New-Jersey coast.

Tucker Logan, of Washington, is a new guest of the West End Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Logan, jr., of Youngstown, Ind., are with him.

J. E. Minson and family, of New-York, are registered at the Hotel Brighton.

J. Gilmour Adams, of Boston, has taken rooms at Leland's Ocean Hotel.

The Comte George W. Sterne, of Paris, is at the Howland Hotel.

Captain G. L. Clapp, of Colon, is a newcomer at the West End Hotel.

Mrs. Minnie Cummings and Miss Lillie Cummings have as their guest at their Elberon cottage the Baroness de Klenenberg, formerly Miss Jenkins, of Baltimore.

H. C. Walker, of Chicago, has purchased a cottage plot at Elberon and will erect a costly structure in time for occupancy next season.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Taylor, of New-York, are guests of the Atlantic Hotel.

RICHFIELD SPRINGS.

MANY SOCIAL PLEASURES ENJOYED OUTDOORS AND IN.

RICHFIELD SPRINGS, Aug. 27.—There was an outdoor german in the grounds of the Lake House this week. The toilettes were bright and picturesque, the dancing platform gay with golden rod, and the sunshine that illuminated the whole was of that sparkling quality that comes after rain among the hills. A tall Maypole with its long ribbon streamers was a pretty if unseasonable decoration.

On Thursday evening there was a ball at the New American. The large dining-room was made into a sort of fairy land with flowers, vines and Chinese lanterns.

Birthday parties seem to have been fashionable this this season. One at the Dara of a very pretty young lady had some pretty features, among which which were a ring cake and some verses.

A greased pig race for a purse of $25 took place in the street between the New American and Spring House, and fair eyes looked on while the pig was caught by four at once who shared the purse.

The musical guests of the ulier manage frequent informal concerts of great merit. At one the other evening solos by Miss Grovesteen and Miss Lawrence were much applauded.

Miss Marion Fisher gave an coaching party to the "Hog's-back" to several of her friends.

The afternoon drive has become a matter of regular form, and the number and variety of fine equipages and horses make the "start" a very entertaining spectacle. The verandas are always well filled with admiring people.

There is general satisfaction felt in the fact that the Spring House will remain open till October 1. One of the Richfield guests who came here a suffering rheumatic at his departure wrote a jubilant letter to the local paper. It seems he goes away cured, and in the fullness of his gratitude prophesies that the present remarkable season is not to stand alone in Richfield annals, but is to be but the beginning of increasing prosperity. He thinks another hotel of the largest size should be made ready before another year.

Full dress receptions have taken place both at the Spring House and the New American the past week characterized by the delightful arrangements and perfect taste in every respect generally shown by these houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Randel, Lawrence Drake, the Hon. John E. Develin and family, D. M. Fiske and A. R. Flower, of New-York, are at the Spring House. Philadelphians at that house are George Briton, Theodore P. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Butterworth.

Judge and Mrs. A. Depue, of Newark, are at the New American.

September promises to be a good month among the hills. The New American closes on the 15th, but if the season holds out as expected other houses will probably follow the example of the Spring House in keeping open till October.

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