HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

BREVOORT—Professor C. S. Sargent, of Brookline, Mass. FIFTH AVENUE—Ex-Governor John C. Brown, of Tennessee, and Wayne MacVeagh, of Pennsylvania. GILSEY—Ex-Senator William A. Wallace, of Pennsylvania, and General George S. Batcheller, of Saratoga. MURRAY HILL—Senator John Laughlin, of Buffalo, and Judge Edward S. Isham, of Chicago. VICTORIA—Commander Forde, of the British Navy. WINDSOR—Marvin Hughitt, president of the Northwestern Railway Company; J. C. McMullin, vice-president of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, and John Scott, of Pittsburg.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Departures for the Inauguration at Washington.
Trial of Thomas B. Kerr before Judge Daniels.
National Association Amateur Athletic handicap games, Madison Square Garden, afternoon and evening.
Lecture by Professor T. W. Hunt, Columbia College, 11:30 a. m.
Free lecture by Professor S. D. Martin, Cooper Union, 8 p. m.
Orchid show, Eden Musee.
Press Club meeting, 4 p. m.
Arraignment of F. P. Dudgeon, Brooklyn.
Concert for the benefit of D. W. McAneeny, Chickering Hall, 8 p. m.
Pool tournament, Hardman Hall, afternoon and evening.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The water-color exhibition which closes to-night has been highly successful not only in the number of visitors but also in the sale of pictures.

William A. Boyd, Corporation Attorney, paid to the Controller yesterday, $439 44, penalties collected during the month of February for violation of city ordinances, and to the Commissioners of Public Charities $142.

On Monday, April 8, the third annual joint exhibition of the Society of Amateur Photographers of New-York, the Photographic Society of Philadelphia, and the Boston Camera Club will open in Philadelphia under the auspices of the society of that city.

The Civil Service Examining Board of the Custom House will hold a session on March 6 to examine applicants for the single vacancy as examiner of white linen and cotton goods; for the one vacancy as examiner of worsteds, and for examiner of woollens.

The officers at the Navy Yard and their lady friends filled the upper floor of the Lyceum building at the "Friday dance" yesterday. At 3 o'clock they adjourned until the first Friday succeeding Easter Sunday.

Paymaster J. Porter Loomis, the general storekeeper at the Navy Yard, yesterday sent a large quantity of flannel and other stores for the United States cruiser Atlanta to the steamship City of Para, which will sail to-day for Aspinwall.

Collector Magone yesterday took care of four of the thousands of Democrats who have sought to get on the payrolls of the Custom House. He made three of them clerks and one of them was made a watchman.

The days have been growing longer perceptibly for some time. The fact was unusually noticeable yesterday, for the electric lights flashed up long before the rays of the sun had left the tops of the buildings.

New-York importers must have been receiving some particularly fine shipments of oranges recently, if one may judge by the tempting-looking piles of this shining, yellow-hued fruit which were displayed on the hundreds of stands about town yesterday.

It was learned in this city yesterday that the Southern steamship City of San Antonio was unable to obtain her freight at Port Royal, where she touched on Sunday last, as the Sunday law preventing labor on that day was rigidly enforced. Poker, however, was unrestrained.

A large number of business men were tempted by the fine weather yesterday afternoon to walk up Broadway after leaving their offices. Not a few of them wore light overcoats, while occasionally one could be seen who had discarded an outer coat altogether.

William Delamater, first deputy clerk of the Police Board, has not been in good health lately and he goes to Norfolk, Va., to-day to enjoy a rest of two weeks. His fellow clerks yesterday presented to him a pair of handsome gold sleeve-buttons and wished him a safe journey.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the New-York Catholic Protectory yesterday these new members of the board were elected: Augustin Daly and Martin B. Brown, in place of John E. Develin and James Lynch, both dead; and John G. Neeser and Thomas Carmley Smith, in place of Morgan J. O'Brien and Lindley H. Chapin, who have resigned.

The students of the Columbia College School of Mines have arranged for a large fair to be held in the Pettier & Stymus Building, Forty-second-st. and Fifth-ave., on March 21, 22 and 23, for the benefit of the Freshmen and University crews. Extensive preparations are making for an elaborate fair and its numerous features are sure to attract much attention. A benefit in aid of such a worthy object ought to be well patronized.

Arguments in favor of establishing a ferry between East One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth-st. and Flushing and Bowery Bay were heard yesterday by the Aldermen's Committee on Ferries and Franchises. A favorable report to the Board on Tuesday week is probable.

Buttons that are buttons, but might easily be mistaken for brooches, so large and ornate are they, now empty the purse of the woman with a Directoire gown, to the tune of even $20 a dozen.

The Fish Commissioners say that more applications are coming in for fry to stock lakes, ponds and streams this spring than ever before. Brook trout lead in point of numbers.

Spring styles for female head-gear in Mulberry-st. follow the Italian taste rather than the French. Large bundles of wood are much worn, bound with rope and caught up—anywhere.

Radishes are beginning to come in from New-Jersey already.

William C. Gunnell, the civil engineer of the American Commissioners for the Paris Exposition, will sail to-day for France on the steamer La Bretagne, to direct the installation and arrangement of American exhibits. A large consignment of exhibits will go with him and the remainder of the American exhibits on March 9 and 16.

The lecture this evening in the Cooper Union free course will be delivered by Professor D. S. Martin, of Rutgers College, on "The Geology of New-York and its Vicinity," illustrated.

Commissioner D. Lowber Smith reported to the Board of Street Opening yesterday in favor of extending Sixth-ave. south to Beach-st. The report was laid over.

The Armory Board yesterday received from Colonel Seward, of the 9th Regiment, a request for the purchase of a site for an armory between One-hundred-and-twelfth and One-hundred-and-thirteenth sts. and Seventh and St. Nicholas aves. The Veterans of the 9th also sent in a petition asking for an armory for the regiment.

Deputy Coroner Conway made an autopsy yesterday on the body of John Emmerich, of No. 98 Willett-st., who died at the Gouverneur Hospital Thursday afternoon. Traces of poison, which is believed to be arsenic, were found. A further investigation will be made.

John Stopford, who was receiving teller in the Nineteenth Ward Bank at $22 a week and who acknowledged that he embezzled $2,058 of the money of the bank, was released yesterday. Recorder Smyth suspended sentence in his case on representations made to him by many persons including officers of the bank.

Peter McGrath, age twenty-eight, who said he was a silk dyer, was tried before Judge Martine yesterday for obstructing the track of the Third Avenue Street Railway on the night of February 2, while the strike was in progress. Policemen Schill and Malone testified that they saw him roll a large stone weighing seventy-five pounds upon the track. The jury convicted McGrath after a moment's consultation. Judge Martine said that the conviction vindicated the law and he did not intend to impose a severe punishment. He sent McGrath to the Penitentiary for three months.

John C. Gevers, of No. 867 First-ave., who was beaten by two men on February 7, was believed yesterday to be dying. John Thomas, of No. 316 East Seventieth-st., and Charles Kapenstein, who lives at the same house, are charged with the assault, and yesterday were held at the Yorkville Court to await the result of Gevers's injuries.

The Society of Amateur Photographers last evening showed a series of photographic views of St. Louis, which were supplied by the St. Louis Camera Club. The pictures included views of the parks, public buildings and the Suspension Bridge.

John Doe, Thomas O'Connor and Joseph Smith, who persuaded Samuel Pratt to enter a cab on the night of January 24 and after taking him up and down Fifth-ave. robbed him of money and jewelry and pushed him out of the cab, were sentenced yesterday to long terms of imprisonment. Recorder Smyth sentenced Doe to ten years in the State Prison and O'Connor to eleven years and two months in the same institution. Judge Martine sent Smith to the State Prison for ten years. Patrick Shea, the driver of the cab, was discharged on his own recognizance.

Before the New-York Microscopical Society, at its meeting last evening at No. 64 Madison-ave., sections of agatized wood from Chalcedony Park, Arizona, were exhibited. They were prepared by Thomas B. Briggs, and P. H. Dudley in an entertaining way explained their structure.

A well-attended meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni of New-York was held at Clark's restaurant in Twenty-third-st. last evening. Bishop Potter read a paper on "The Position of the Student in America."

The Alumni Association of Packard's Business College, No. 101 East Twenty-third-st., held a reception last night. President Morris S. Wise opened the proceedings with an address of greeting, and then a musical programme was given.

The eleventh annual gathering and dinner of the Alumni Association of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut was held last evening at Delmonico's. President C. La Rue Munson presided and among those present were Professor A. W. Phillips, of Yale; R. A. Robbins, R. C. Farber, De Lancey Nicoll, the Rev. J. Frederick Sexton, of Cheshire, Conn.; the Rev. E. L. Sandford, Dr. C. F. Williams and the Rev. R. G. Osborne, of New-Haven.

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

THE BIG BILLS FOR COPYING.

In the further investigation of the crookedness in the County Clerk's office under John M. Ranken, the fact was disclosed yesterday that the copyist responsible for including in the bill for extra copying for the last six months of 1888 eleven books which cannot be found, was John F. Neeson, a nephew of ex-County Clerk Delmar, who first "raided" the county treasury for extra copying done in his office. Mr. Ranken showed the receipts given by Neeson for the alleged copies, which it appears were never made. Neeson also included in the bill four books copied by Oliver Tredwell and then asked Tredwell to say nothing about them, but Mr. Ranken says he did not pay Neeson for these books.

No authority can be found given by the Board of Supervisors to Mr. Ranken for any copying of records in his office, and yet he put in bills for from $10,000 to $20,000 every six months for the three years of his term. Efforts will be made to secure the refunding of the money.

HELD FOR ASSAULTING HIS WIFE.

Ann Ryan, the woman who was thrown from a second-story window by her husband in North Second-st., Williamsburg, on Thursday night, is in a dying condition at St. Catherine's Hospital. Thomas Ryan, the husband, was taken before Justice Naeher yesterday and held for examination next week on a charge of assault in the second degree. James Quinlan, the man whom Ryan was jealous of, and Sarah Reilly were held as witnesses to the occurrence. Ryan denies that he threw his wife out of the window, while Quinlan and the Reilly woman now say that they did not see Ryan and his wife at the time she went headlong out of the window, but admit that Ryan struck his wife and was standing close to her side when she fell or was thrown out. The police are satisfied that the woman was hurled from the window, but acknowledge that they will have some difficulty in proving it. A broken piece of the woodwork of the window frame seems to indicate that force was used.

DUDGEON CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

Frank P. Dudgeon, of Glen Cove, L. I., was arraigned before Judge Moore in the Court of Sessions yesterday on the charge of manslaughter in the second degree, in causing the death of his wife, who was Kitty Cody before he married her, by an unlawful operation. His counsel wanted time to examine the indictment before pleading, and next Tuesday was fixed upon. Kitty Cody's father, James Cody, of Oyster Bay, has begun a suit against Dudgeon to recover $100,000 as damages for the loss of the services of his daughter. Dudgeon's defence will be that he married the girl.

A WOMAN ATTACKED BY A HIGHWAYMAN.

Mrs. G. Parker, of No. 241 South Fourth-st., Williamsburg, told a story yesterday afternoon of how she had been attacked by a ruffian the night previous at about 9 o'clock, while she was on her way home, coming from the Grand-st. ferry. The fellow followed her along Broadway, she said, and in Roebling-st. suddenly caught her by the throat and attempted to snatch her pocketbook from her grasp. The woman's scream attracted the attention of a man who was passing and he promptly knocked the fellow down, and he made off hastily.

AMATEURS PLAYING RICHELIEU.

The play of "Richelieu" was presented on Thursday evening at the Atheneum by a cast selected from amateur societies of Brooklyn, in aid of the building fund of St. Francis Xavier's Roman Catholic Church. A crowded house greeted an admirable performance, the leading parts being effectively sustained by the following performers: J. J. Crowley as Richelieu, C. T. Catlin as Joseph, H. H. Gardner as De Mauprat, J. H. Arnold as Baradas, Miss Ada Austin as Julie de Mortemar, Miss C. Culver as Marion de Lorme.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Assaults upon the new men employed on the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company's lines are still frequent, and the strikers who were not re-employed are charged with them.

John E. Murray, a furniture dealer at Nos. 472 Fulton-st. and 201 Grand-st., has made an assignment to George W. Devlin. Mrs. Sarah E. Murray is the chief creditor.

Arthur Green, of No. 115 Rutledge-st., was held by Police Justice Naeher yesterday on a charge of threatening to shoot his father, a proofreader. The youth was recently released from the Elmira Reformatory on condition that he write monthly letters about his conduct, corroborated by his father. It was because the latter refused to sign false reports that he threatened to shoot him.

Sergeant E. J. Kenny, of the Park police, yesterday received $25 and a medal from the New-York Life Saving Benevolent Association for rescuing John Pell, a boy who broke through the ice while skating on a pond in the East Side lands, and afterward died.

Complaints have been made to the Health Department by persons who report cases of diphtheria that they are pestered with advertisements of a patent cure. It has been found that a teacher in Public School No. 22, in Java-st., informed a friend of hers interested in the remedy of the names of the families where the disease was reported to the school for the protection of the other pupils.

John Burns, alias Ruby Clark, was sent to State Prison for ten years yesterday for burglary.

Police Justice Walsh yesterday held the three men, Miller, Simpson and Packer, who are accused of counterfeiting Brazilian bank-notes, in $5,000 bail each for examination.

The receipts of the Republican Campaign Committee in the last campaign were $42,441 20, from 403 contributors, and the whole amount was expended in the legitimate expenses of the election.

The Grand Jury yesterday indicted John Collier, Kiernan Graham and Moses Stenson for killing Henry W. Adams, one of the men employed by the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company in place of the strikers, who was frightened by these men and fell out of a second-story door at the Ninth-ave. stables, and was killed. The men pleaded not guilty and their bail was fixed at $2,000 each.

James O'Neil, alias Travers, a boy of seventeen, who has been a burglar and a thief, was yesterday sent to Sing Sing State Prison for ten years. Judge Moore said he had committed crimes enough to send him to prison for seventy-five years.

The third trial of Stone, the colored jockey who is charged with murdering Henry Muller at Coney Island last summer, has been set down for March 25. At the two trials already held the juries have been unable to agree.

The Grand Jury for February has bequeathed to the Grand Jury for March the investigation of the County Clerk's office and the contracts for work on the St. Johnland Farm, being unable to complete the work.

ONLY TWO MORE JURORS NEEDED.

The tenth juror for the trial of Thomas B. Kerr before the extraordinary term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Justice Danielsen presiding, was obtained early yesterday. His name is Sigmund Eckstein, and he lives at No. 161 East One-hundred-and-fifth-st. He is a cigar salesman at No. 271 South Fifth-ave. A brief examination developed the fact that he knew little about the "boodle" trials and that he had no prejudice against informers strong enough to prevent him from giving due weight to their testimony. The rest of the day was spent in a futile endeavor to secure more jurors, and the panel becoming exhausted the court adjourned until 9:30 a. m. to-day. Thus far 1,250 talesmen have been summoned and 631 examined, of whom seventy-three were in the witness chair yesterday. The prosecution has interposed in all eleven peremptory challenges and the defence five.

Carl Schurz was among those summoned yesterday. As he was Editor of "The Evening Post" in 1884, and had an opinion, he was excused.

CONFIDENT OF CONVICTING IVES AND STAYNER.

No new indictments were found yesterday against Ives and Stayner. The Grand Jury was discharged yesterday afternoon by Judge Cowing, who complimented them on the manner in which they had discharged their duties. The clerk, Woodruff, was occupied until 2 o'clock yesterday morning in completing the statement which will be used by the District-Attorney on the trial of Ives and Stayner. It is full of interesting disclosures, and renders the work of the prosecutors so easy that they are confident of a speedy conviction when the case is brought to trial.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

DIED BY HER HUSBAND'S HANDS.

THE STORY OF THE PATERSON MURDERER AS TOLD BY LABBE AND HIS VICTIM.

Katie Labbe, who was slashed by her husband in more than a dozen places with a knife on Thursday afternoon at the house of a friend in Paterson, N. J., died yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Labbe, who was a Roman Catholic, received the last rites from a priest and made her ante-mortem statement. In her brief affidavit, taken by Recorder Greaves in the presence of Coroner Goodridge, she said: "The injuries from which I am now suffering were inflicted by my husband, in No. 29 Chestnut-st., at about half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon. He went into the bedroom and came out with a knife and cut me with it. I did not have a knife and I did not cut him first."

When Labbe was arraigned before Recorder Greaves the court room was packed to suffocation. He gave his name as Tunis Labbe and said that he was thirty years old. He said he was a laborer but had only worked four days since he came from Holland last November, and he did not know what he worked at. He had only lived with his wife three weeks when she left him because he had rheumatism and could not work. She went out to service. On Thursday they met in the street and went amicably to Cornelius Slaatemaker's house, at No. 29 Chestnut-st. He repeated a request he had made several times that she return and live with him, and he says she agreed to go to housekeeping with him again. They got to quarrelling over his charge that her ideas of buying furniture were too extravagant, and according to his story she picked up a knife from the table and cut him on the neck and hand. Then he got the knife away and attacked her. He was crazy with rage and did not know what he was doing.

An immense crowd followed the prisoner to the jail, but there was no disorderly demonstration, and the three officers who formed the escort had no trouble. The cut on Labbe's hand is thought to have been made when he broke a window in the Slaatemaker house in his struggle with his victim; the deep slash on his neck he is thought to have inflicted himself in a bungling attempt at suicide. His statement that the woman attacked him first with the knife is flatly contradicted by Mrs. Slaatemaker and her mother, who witnessed the attack. The eyewitnesses say that when Labbe's wife went into another room for a drink of water he stood up and put his hand into his hip pocket, and when she came back he drew the knife, sprang on her without a word of warning and struck at her again and again.

Cornelius Akershoek, a prominent Hollander who keeps a grocery, and at whose house Labbe and his bride spent their first night in Paterson, tells a story which indicates that the wife-murderer is a miser as well as a loafer. He says that Mrs. Labbe often came to him and complained of her husband's neglect and cruelty. He had never actually assaulted her, but he had displayed a revolver and threatened to kill her. He was so stingy that when they went to look at furniture to go to housekeeping the poorest second-hand stove he could find was deemed by him too costly, though he had about $100 saved up. One night when he was sick his wife went out to find work, and when she came home she found he was lying in the dark to save the expense of lamp-oil.

JERSEY CITY.

The Parnell Defence Fund now amounts to $1,004 35. The subscription list will be closed at noon to-day.

Counsellor George L. Record, who was recently convicted of assault and battery on ex-Assemblyman Edward T. McLaughlin, applied yesterday for a new trial. Judge Lippincott reserved his decision. McLaughlin is awaiting sentence for waylaying Record the next night and assaulting him.

Henry Rolle, a former resident of Jersey City, but now living in Germany, is anxiously awaiting the receipt of a certificate of his birth, in order to enable him to marry the young woman of his choice. He cannot procure a license to marry without such a certificate, and Franz Walter, burgomaster of Constance, Baden, has written to City Clerk Scott for it. It may seem strange, but the man cannot be married until he produces legal evidence that he was born.

S. D. Wilson, who declines to give his address, was arrested yesterday, charged with swindling several people by representing himself as an insurance agent. The complaint was made by Miss Kate Wilson, of No. 375 Grove-st.

The Irish Republican Protective Tariff League, which did effective service in the campaign last fall, is opposed to the redistricting bill which has been introduced in the Legislature. The League has adopted resolutions on the subject and will forward them to the Legislature.

NEWARK.

Jaques Levis, proprietor of a well-known drinking resort in Market-st., opposite the Court House, has been missing since last Sunday. On the day previous he was noticed to act nervously. He left home without saying anything to his wife. Levis came to Newark from New-York fifteen years ago and opened a cheap variety theatre with a barroom annex. He has had financial difficulties.

VARIOUS NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.—Judge Scudder to-day decided to accept bail for Mrs. Mary Boisnet, in jail for infanticide, because of the danger to her health if she remained in jail. Bail was fixed at $5,000 and given, and the woman's father will care for her till her trial.

ELIZABETH.—The Charity ball for the benefit of the City Hospital was held on Thursday night and was a great success. Guests were present from Annapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, New-York, Panwood, Roselle and Wilkesbarre.

PATERSON.—Judge Scott decided in the District Court yesterday that Edo C. Mercelis, a prominent and well-to-do resident of Haledon, need not pay a note for $50 he had given to David Thompson, a tavern-keeper, as the debt was incurred for liquor.

HIGHLAND PARK.—Theodore Hermann, who has been missing for a year, has just turned up, but he gives no explanation of his disappearance. On the night when Hermann was last seen a man staggered against his door and into his house, with clothes torn and himself bedraggled and beaten. He said he had been attacked and robbed on the road, and Hermann went out to investigate. He did not come back. He now says that he suddenly decided to go to Plainfield to live.

PLAINFIELD.—All the hotels in town were closed yesterday and conspicuous notices announcing the fact were posted on the front doors. Every barroom and hotel license expired and only those holding Government licenses can now sell liquor. The Strakosch Opera Company, which was billed for to-night, cannot be accommodated at any of the hotels and if it comes at all they will have to seek accommodations in private houses.

PAMRAPO.—A series of lectures, illustrated by aid of the stereopticon, is to be given for the benefit of the Monroe Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church by George A. Atwater, principal of School No. 5. The first will be on Friday evening, on the Yosemite Valley.

CENTREVILLE.—Fifty couples joined in the march at the Germania Singing Society's annual masquerade ball, on Thursday evening.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WHITE PLAINS.—School Commissioner J. B. Lockwood, of the IId District, will visit this place to-day for the purpose of making his annual examination of school teachers of his district and applicants for diplomas authorizing them to teach.

SING SING.—"Exile Life in Siberia" was the subject of a lecture delivered on Thursday evening by George Kennan, being the last of a course of popular lectures. A large audience was present. The lecturer was attired in the costume of a Siberian convict. He also had shackles around his ankles. . . . . A singular accident occurred last night at the new aqueduct, three miles from here. Charles Cavanagh, twenty years old, while working in shaft No. 6, was struck on the back of the head by an empty cement barrel. The shock paralyzed his entire body below the neck. He is unable to move a muscle of his body, and can speak only in an undertone. He was removed to the St. Francis Xavier Hospital, New-York. There is little hope of his recovery.

NEW-ROCHELLE.—Coroner Mathews is investigating the incendiary fires which have recently occurred here.

MOUNT VERNON.—Bethlehem Commandery of Knights Templar had a visit last night by Peter Forrester, Past Grand Commander, and James W. Bowden, Grand Standard-Bearer of the Grand Commandery. Sir Knight Forrester assisted in conferring the Order of the Temple upon five Red Cross Knights, and afterward there was a reception and banquet, together with music. Eminent Commander George H. Crawford presided, and addresses were made by several Knights. . . . . The members of the new fire company who purchased Steamer No. 1 have also purchased 300 additional feet of hose, making 500 feet altogether. The organization has now forty members. . . . . The first annual dinner of the Harrison Club will take place on Monday evening. Over 100 members of the club are expected to attend. The committee of arrangements consists of E. W. Fiske, John E. Luther, W. H. Mackey, P. T. Barguet, J. O'Grady, William F. Armstrong, Morton R. Doremus, C. W. Johnson and Thomas Van Wyck.

PORCHESTER.—There was considerable talk yesterday over a rumor to the effect that Colonel Daniel S. Lamont had purchased the mansion and grounds of Augustus Abendroth and would shortly become a resident of Westchester County. The grounds consist of about forty acres. No record of a transfer of the estate has yet been entered at the County Clerk's office in White Plains.

WILLIAMSBRIDGE.—The citizens of this newly incorporated village are indignant that a suggestion should be made in favor of authorizing the Park Commissioners to sell any portion of the land recently acquired for public parks, and are forwarding petitions to the Senate and Assembly against the passage of any bill having for its object any diminution of the territory set apart for the new parks. . . . . The Protestant Episcopalians are organizing a new church to be known as St. George's. Services will be held in Prohibition Hall on to-morrow evening, when the Rev. Mr. Clendennin, rector of St. Peter's Church, Westchester, will preach.

MAMARONECK.—Molloy Brothers, of New-Rochelle, have begun work on improving the grade of Mamaroneck-ave. between the village and the railroad station, cutting down the hills and filling up the low parts.

WASHINGTONVILLE.—The residents of this hamlet are showing themselves wide awake in the matter of public improvements, and will hold a citizens' meeting this evening at Koedding's Hall for the purpose of taking some action in that direction.

LONG ISLAND.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—The Exempt Firemen's Association received a banner last night from a committee of ladies, headed by Mrs. N. Sloane. The presentation took place at Schehr's Hall. . . . . The Citizens' Association held a meeting early last evening, and a large number of the members were present. The meeting adopted resolutions congratulating Mayor Hugh J. Grant upon the decided stand which he had taken upon the question of burying the telegraph wires.

ALONG THE SOUND.

BRIDGEPORT.—The evidence in the case of Jarvis Mills, indicted for the murder of his wife in Greenwich some eight months ago, was finished yesterday, and the court adjourned to Monday to hear the arguments.

INDOOR ATHLETIC GAMES TO-DAY.

THE CONTESTS OF THE NATIONAL AMATEUR ASSOCIATION IN THE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

Indoor athletic games are, as a general rule, badly managed and unsatisfactory. Little regard for the pleasure of the spectators is shown by committees in charge of such exhibitions. Programmes are sold for ten cents which tell the public nothing. It is impossible to identify the contestants. They are supposed to wear numbers corresponding with those in the published list of starters, but in nine cases out of ten no one can see the figures. Nothing whatever is known of a competition until the official announcer sings out that number so-and-so has won. A hundred runners are named to start. Five go to the post. Who are they? The spectators would like to know. Few persons besides those on the track can tell the nature of a certain contest until it is finished. Each game should be indicated and announced by large figures, raised in a conspicuous place in the amphitheatre, before the trial begins.

The games of the "N-Four-As" at Madison Square Garden begin to-day at 2 p. m. The afternoon will be given over to first and second trial heats, while the evening will be devoted to finals. This is as it should be. The National Association is extremely popular, and its games are always largely attended, because they bring together the best men in training. But there is room for improvement in the management of affairs, and the public would be delighted to see a radical change for the better this evening. A programme is announced, but will it be followed so that the spectators can keep up with the procession? Possibly. Here it is:

1.—75 yards' run; third trials and final heats.
2.—Tug-of-war; second trials.
3.—Six-furlong novice walk; final heats.
4.—250 yards' hurdle race; second trial heats.
5.—Half-mile run; final heats.
6.—J. F. Donoghue's roller skating exhibition and attempt to break the mile record.
7.—440 yards' novice run; second trial heats.
8.—One-mile walk; final heats.
9.—F. Westing's attempt to break the 75 yards' running record.
10.—Tug-of-war; final heats.
11.—440 yards' novice run; final heats.
12.—Mile and a half bicycle race; second trial heats.
13.—Two-mile run; final heats.
14.—250 yards' hurdle race; final heats.
15.—Three-mile running match between Conneff and A. B. George.
16.—Mile and a half bicycle race; final heats.

Among the contestants are Copland, the champion hurdler; Kingsland, the "Southern Meteor"; E. D. Lange, the champion walker; H. M. Banks and Nicoll. The entries number over 700. The Garden is handsomely decorated and a crowded amphitheatre is expected. The games will undoubtedly be full of interest to all who attend.

THE GIFTS TO THE PENSION FUND.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS DISAGREE ABOUT SENDING BACK THE CHECKS.

The Police Commissioners yesterday disagreed on a motion to send back to the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company and to the Sixth Avenue Railroad Company the checks for $1,000 and $500 which had been proffered by the companies to the Police Pension Fund. Commissioners Voorhis and MacLean voted to send the checks back, but Messrs. French and McClave opposed such a step on the ground that the Commissioners might be personally responsible for the money if it was kept out of the fund. In reply to a question on the subject, Corporation Counsel Beekman yesterday sent a letter, quoting the law and adding:

This language indicates that the Legislature contemplated the possibility that persons who deemed themselves to have been specially benefited by services rendered by the Police Department might, in testimony of their gratitude therefor, proffer rewards, gifts, testimonials and emoluments of a pecuniary character to the members of the Police force; that, in such case, such gifts should become a part of the Pension Fund, except when, by permission of the Board of Police, they should be retained by members of the force.

It therefore follows that it is the duty of the trustees of the Pension Fund to receive such rewards, when proffered, if there be no reason for refusing acceptance.

It may easily be conceived that rewards or gifts may be proffered under circumstances when, from motives of public policy, the acceptance thereof ought to be declined.

When, in the judgment of the Police Commissioners, gifts or rewards are tendered under such circumstances, I believe that the Board may refuse to accept the same.

I therefore advise you that the Board of Police Commissioners, as trustees of the Pension Fund, are lawfully empowered to receive the proffered donation or to decline to receive the same, as in their judgment, will best serve the public interests.

Mr. Beekman was asked to draft a bill for the Legislature to increase the number of police inspectors in this city to five. A bill for the increase of the police force, as recommended recently by Superintendent Murray, has been prepared.

GRACE IRWIN BROUGHT BACK TO HER HOME.

Grace Irwin, the thirteen-year-old girl who was supposed to have been abducted Thursday night from the home of her cousin, Miss Caroline F. Smyth, of No. 314 West Eighty-fourth-st., has been found. Yesterday afternoon she telegraphed to Mrs. Smith, a neighbor, saying that she was at the St. Omer Hotel, in Sixth-ave. The neighbor handed the dispatch to Miss Smyth, who immediately informed Captain Berghold, of the Twenty-sixth Precinct. The Captain sent a detective to the hotel, and the girl was brought to the station house in One-hundredth-st. Other officers were sent to the coal yard of Townsend & Co., at Eighty-second-st. and Boulevard, to arrest James Burgess, clerk, who lives at No. 100 West Eighty-third-st. The girl said at the station house, in the presence of Burgess, that she had gone with him to the hotel on Thursday night, and that he had left her there early the next morning, after giving her $2. The prisoner first denied the charge, but subsequently admitted it, and said that the girl asked him to go there. Captain Berghold then placed the girl in care of the New-York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and to-day Burgess will be taken to the Harlem Court for examination.

Burgess is a West Indian, and has an interest in an estate at Kingston, Jamaica. He is forty-seven years old, and married. He has been in the employ of Mr. Townsend for eight years, and bore a good character. Mr. Townsend said that he frequently had occasion to speak to Burgess about the girl's presence around the office, and that she had been in the habit of taking flowers to Burgess. Captain Berghold corroborated this statement.

WHY THE "TICKET CHOPPERS" WERE PUT IN.

President Stranahan, of the Union Ferry Company, whose employes who collected fares at the ferries, it is reported, have been systematically plundering the company for some time, said yesterday that no evidence had been secured against any employe to justify his discharge, and, although it was true that detectives had been engaged for some time to watch the various ferries of the company on the East River, they had discovered nothing amiss. "We put in the 'ticket choppers' last September," said Mr. Stranahan, "but it was done because the system was used by the elevated railroad and seemed to be the proper thing to do. The fact that the revenues have been swelled to some extent in certain months since the choppers were put in was doubtless due to the weather and other extraneous matters. Really, the thing is not worth mentioning."

THE TRADE OUTLOOK FOR THE SPRING.

The business failures in the last week, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., of the Mercantile Agency, were 188 for the United States and 44 for Canada, a total of 232, against 270 in the preceding week and 242 in the corresponding week last year. In their weekly review of trade, Messrs. Dun & Co. say:

Traders who have been waiting through a belated season for the expected winter trade find that it does not come, and spring has arrived. Hence there are on hand large stocks of unsold winter goods, which account for the tardiness of collections in many quarters and for the general sense of disappointment. Though the trade of February, like that of January, has been rather larger on the whole than that of last year, it is not forgotten that business was unusually interrupted last year by storms, strikes and other impediments. But the outlook for the spring, and the feeling of confidence as to the future, are at least as favorable as a year ago, though in some departments the state of trade is at present unsatisfactory.

THE LAWYER WANTED HIS FEE.

A peculiar application was made to Recorder Smyth yesterday in open court in the case of Vincenzo Quateraro, indicted for murder in the first degree for the killing of Antonio Fiacconio in front of the Cooper Union on October 14. George W. Curtis, Quateraro's counsel, asked the Recorder to make an order directing Mr. Lawler, the former counsel for the prisoner, to surrender certain papers which were necessary in the defence of his client. Recorder Smyth invited Mr. Lawler to explain the matter. The lawyer rose and said: "We were the first counsel retained. We have done much work, and have, as we think, prepared a perfect defence. The defendant promised to pay a fee of $1,000, and he is abundantly able to do so. We have received only $400, and we now find that he has engaged other counsel, and if we surrender the papers we have no security for our payment."

The Recorder said: "I judge from your appearance that you are an attorney in good standing, and wish to do what is right in this matter. You certainly would not endanger the life of a man who had been your client by refusing to surrender papers which might be of great value to him on his trial."

The lawyer expressed a willingness to arbitrate, and to accept the Recorder as an arbitrator. The Recorder declined to take part in the matter, but Mr. Curtis and Mr. Lawler ended the discussion amicably.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises. 6:28 | Sets. 5:48 | Moon sets. 6:47 | Moon's age 1

HIGH WATER.

A.M.—Sandy Hook	7:50	Gov. Island.	8:06	Hell Gate.	9:57
P.M.—Sandy Hook	8:20	Gov. Island.	8:42	Hell Gate.	10:31

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From	Sailed	Line.
Polynesia	Hamburg	Feb 13	Hamb Amer
Ohio	Liverpool	Feb 20	Inman

SUNDAY, MARCH 3.

Aurania	Liverpool	Feb 23	Cunard
La Bourgogne	Havre	Feb 22	French Trans
Orinoco	Bermuda	Feb 28	Quebec

MONDAY, MARCH 4.

Ethiopia	Glasgow	Feb 21	Anchor
Newport	Aspinwall	Feb 24	Pacific Mail
Andes	Port Limon	Feb 24	Atlas
City of Washington	Havana	Feb 28	Ward

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	Line.	For	Mails close.	Vessel sails.
Etruria	Cunard	Liverpool	3 a m	5:30 a m
Circassia	Anchor	Glasgow	2:30 a m	6 a m
Thingvalla	Thingvalla	Copenhagen	1:30 a m	5 a m
Slavonia	Baltic	Stettin		6 a m
Ems	N G Lloyd	Bremen via South'pton	2:30 a m	6 a m
Noordland	Red Star	Antwerp	2 a m	8:30 a m
La Bretagne	French Trans	Havre	1:30 a m	5 a m
City of Para	Pacific Mail	Aspinwall	10 a m	noon
Alisa	Atlas	Jamaica	9 a m	11 a m
City of Alexandria	Ward	Havana, &c	1 p m	3 p m

MONDAY, MARCH 4.

B Yglesias	Span Trans	Havana	1 p m	3 p m

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

Germanic	White Star	Liverpool	5:30 a m	3 p m
Ohio	Inman	Liverpool		6 a m
Trave	N G Lloyd	Bremen	5:30 a m	9 a m
Finance	US & Brazil	Rio Janeiro		2 p m
Islani	Quebec	Windward Islands	1 p m	3 p m
Manhattan	Ward's	Havana		3 p m

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1889

ARRIVED.

Steamer Denmark (Br), Bigby, London Feb 14, with mdse and 7 passengers to F W J Hurst. Arrived at the Bar at 2.50 p m.

Steamer Santiago (Br), Potter, Hull Feb 16, with mdse to Sanderson & Son. Arrived at the Bar at 7.30 a m.

Steamer Trave (Ger), Willegerod, Bremen Feb 20, Southampton 21, with mdse and 399 passengers to Oelrichs & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 5 a m.

Steamer Wilkommen (Ger), Schaefer, Bremen Feb 8, in ballast to Gaspel & Trube. Arrived at the Bar at noon.

Steamer Amsterdam (Dtch), Potter, Rotterdam Feb 16, with mdse and passengers to Funch, Edye & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 9.25 a m.

Steamer La Flandre (Br), Smit, Antwerp Feb 8, in ballast to master. Arrived at the Bar at 10.45 a m.

Steamer Alisa (Br), Morris, Savanna la mar Feb 19, Kingston 21, Fortune Island 24, with mdse and passengers to Pim, Forwood & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 10 a m.

Steamer Baldomero Yglesias (Span), Carmona, Havana 4 days, with mdse and passengers to J M Ceballos & Co.

Steamer Cherokee, Doane,