THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

A TIME FOR REST AND MEDITATION.

SOME INCIDENTS TO VARY THE MONOTONY OF MID-LENT.

The gay life of society was over before Lent or is yet to come in the spurt at Easter-tide and the observances of the centennial celebration in the week following. Certainly nothing could be milder than the incidents of the last week, when there was nothing more exciting than the circus and Coquelin. On Saturday night, March 23, a number of informal dinners took place, the guests afterward going to the circus. The largest party was given by the Misses Hewitt, who all the week have been constant in their attendance at the Coquelin performances, having with them each night a party of friends. The audiences at the French play have been as distinctly fashionable as those at the German Opera season, so recently finished, but those at the Star Theatre have put to the blush some of the occupants of the boxes at the opera, so attentive have they been. There was no attempt at conversation during the action of the play.

The members of the Monday Evening Musical Club were unable to gather at the residence of Mrs. Ogden Doremus, on last Monday night, owing to the death of a relative. Naturally, there was much disappointment, as music of unusual excellence, such as is always to be heard in Mrs. Doremus's drawing-room, had been prepared. The club will meet to-morrow night at the house of Mrs. Edward Mitchell, No. 31 East Fiftieth-st.

The amateurs who played for the Free French School at the Berkeley Lyceum Theatre Wednesday and Thursday evenings, covered themselves with considerable glory, not only from their clever acting but from their choice of costumes, particularly in the amusing French comedy "La Poudre aux Yeux." Their French was of the best, and where not the language of their own families, was acquired by long residence abroad. The Montants and Noels naturally speak French as their mother tongue, although they were born in this country. In the case of Mrs. Charles Montant, formerly Miss Storrs, her Parisian accent was acquired by long residence on the Continent of Europe. Miss Woodward, who played a minor role, has lived in Paris most of her life, consequently her French had no American "twang." Next to the good acting the costuming of the comedy met with amused approval. They were not the picturesque attire of the early part of this century, but of the period when immense crinolines and many flounces were in use and likewise huge bonnets, much beflowered, and with no special grace. Miss Josephine Noel was exceedingly picturesque as a young girl of sixty years ago and looked as if she had stepped out of a French portrait of that period. The dresses worn by the ladies belonged to the trousseaus of their grandmothers, while the men had to have theirs made after old fashion plates, as in this century little value has been placed on the garments worn by the sterner sex, and consequently they do not appear in old campher chests where silks and satins have been stored.

Mi-Careme, which fell on Thursday, was scarcely observed in town. A dance which had been somewhat talked of fell through. Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Cutting gave a handsome dinner on that night, their guests including Mr. and Mrs. William A. Duer, Miss Anna Murray, Mrs. Paran Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. George Bend, Ward McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, Miss Beckwith, Giraud Foster and Harry Cannon. Mr. and Mrs. James G. K. Duer gave a theatre party at Daly's Theatre on Thursday, a supper following at their house.

Next in interest to the Centennial Ball will come the Amateur Circus at J. M. Waterbury's place at Pelham. Rehearsals are held weekly, and some of the men have attained much skill in bareback riding, the Cottenet brothers excelling in that style. When not practising in Mr. Waterbury's ring the men are exercising in Wood's Gymnasium. Invitations for the circus are eagerly sought.

Departures for Europe are now in order. Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt sailed with their family and will pass the season in London, where they have taken the Herbert House, which they occupied last year. Mr. and Mrs. Ames Van Wart and Miss Van Wart also sailed. Mrs. Hewitt and her daughters will sail on April 13.

The ladies of the Causeries du Lundi were out in full force at Mrs. Henry Day's on Thursday afternoon to hear Mrs. Sherwood's paper on "Robert Elsmere." At the close of the paper Mrs. Sherwood bade her friends farewell for perhaps a year. She will sail soon for Europe. On the evening of April 4 Mrs. May will give a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Sherwood at her beautiful house in Fifth-ave.

The wedding of Miss Brooks, of Minneapolis, to Charles Phelps Williams, of this city, will take place on Thursday afternoon, April 11, at the Hotel Brunswick. Mr. Williams gave his farewell bachelor dinner at Delmonico's last night.

Some of the Easter weddings will be as follows: On April 22, Mr. Hyde and Miss Musgrave, in the Church of the Heavenly Rest; April 24, Miss Bertha Reid, and Edward Wells, jr., in the same church; on April 24 will also occur the wedding of Miss Louise Jackson and Metcalfe Thomas, in the Church of the Ascension; on April 25, Miss Cornelia Russell and J. H. Townsend-Green, of London, in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Foote will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding at their home, No. 40 Fifth-ave., on Monday afternoon, April 15, from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Employers and employed, buyers and sellers—all testify in praise of the little advertisements of the people.

TO AID THE ONE-CENT COFFEE STANDS.

A concert and dramatic reading in aid of the St. Andrew's one-cent coffee stands will be given in Steinway Hall on Tuesday evening. S. B. Mills, Ferdinand Dulcken, Ewald Staltz, Armin Schotte, Marie Maurer, Anna Hoffmeister, Mrs. J. M. Lamadrid and Mr. Wilczek will furnish the musical features while Mrs. Frank Leslie, Mrs. Harriet Webb, Tommy Russell and Dell Thompson will recite. Mrs. Lamadrid, with rare energy and zeal, has carried out the plan of the one-cent coffee stands. Mayor Grant is treasurer of the fund to support the stands.

MADAME ALBANI IN CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, March 30.—The Albani concerts closed with a matinee to-day which was an ovation to the artist. She goes from here westward, extending her trip to San Francisco. She is to sail on May 11, to keep an operatic engagement in Covent Garden, London. Negotiations are in progress for Madame Albani to appear with Patti at the opening of the great auditorium in Chicago, and there is also under advisement a plan for organizing an American opera company. To this end Madame Albani has made a visit to the Cincinnati College of Music to ascertain its material. Mr. Gye, her husband, says America will doubtless hear her again.

RAISING MONEY FOR THE BABIES' HOSPITAL.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Babies' Hospital, at No. 161 East Thirty-sixth-st., was given at the Metropolitan Opera House Assembly Rooms yesterday afternoon and the same programme was repeated in the evening. The programme consisted of a number of tableaus and a few vocal pieces, all those on the stage being well-known young men and women in society. The rooms were crowded at both the afternoon and evening entertainments with well-pleased audiences, and the net proceeds will probably exceed $1,000. It was given under the direction of O. H. Bartlett. The following were the patronesses: Mrs. Charles M. Fry, Mrs. Calvin S. Brice, Mrs. Granville P. Hawes, Mrs. Andrew H. Smith, Mrs. Charles H. Isham, Mrs. Alfred Van Santvoord, Mrs. F. Hopkinson Smith, Mrs. John Rose, jr., Mrs. Samuel Keyser, Mrs. John Jay White, Mrs. T. E. Satterthwaite, Mrs. Robert Olyphant, Mrs. Robert Waller, jr., Mrs. Thomas Thatcher, Mrs. Logan C. Murray, Mrs. Alexander S. Webb, Mrs. Louis Crawford Clark, Mrs. Courtlandt Palmer, Mrs. Richard Irvin, Mrs. Harmon Brown, Mrs. Daniel Lord, jr., Mrs. Talbot Olyphant, Mrs. J. Osborne Mott, Mrs. Bryce Gray, jr., Mrs. Thomas Hicks, Mrs. Robert H. Robertson, Mrs. Henry Hall, Mrs. Thomas A. Tileston, Mrs. William Schley, Mrs. J. Newton Dickson.

THE PRANKS PLAYED UPON FALSTAFF.

Another interesting reading was given by Locke Richardson in Historical Hall, Brooklyn, last evening, the play being Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor." The jovial Sir John Falstaff and the pranks played upon him by the Windsor wives were effectively set forth to the merriment and satisfaction of the audience.

M. COQUELIN TO PLAY FOR THE ACTORS' FUND.

M. Coquelin called upon A. M. Palmer yesterday at the Madison Square Theatre and in the most gracious and generous manner offered the services of himself and his company for a benefit for the Actors' Fund. M. Coquelin said that he had been so kindly received here and so liberally patronized that he desired, if possible, to express his gratitude and appreciation in some substantial way, and he could think of nothing so eminently suitable as the giving of a performance for the Actors' Fund. Mr. Palmer at once accepted the proposal, and arrangements were made for a matinee next Friday, at the Madison Square. This will be M. Coquelin's last appearance here, at any rate this season, as he will start early on Saturday for France. The programme for the benefit will consist of a comedy by M. Coquelin and his company, and the comedian will also deliver some monologues and appear with Mrs. Booth in "The Silent System." It is possible that some members of Mr. Daly's company may add the performance in a small manner.

A FAIR FOR CHARITY.

THE MONEY TO AID THE INDIGENT SICK.

PLANS OF THE HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION TO EQUIP ITS NEW PAVILION.

The members of the Hahnemann Hospital Association are making extensive arrangements to hold a centennial fair and festival in the Pottier & Stymus Building, at No. 489 Fifth-ave., beginning on April 11 and lasting the remainder of the month. The fair will be open from 11 a. m. until 11 p. m. each day. The Hahnemann Hospital, the Western Dispensary and the Association of the House of the Good Samaritan have recently consolidated their interests and are now known as the Hahnemann Hospital Association. The union of the three charities opens a much wider field for efficient work than has heretofore been occupied. Besides the general hospital work, including its free beds, which will be continued as heretofore, the distinctive features of the Western Dispensary and the House of the Good Samaritan will be carried on, including the fourfold work of dispensary, training-school for nurses, maternity and children's hospital. The work will be conducted in a new building to be built during the coming summer, provision for which has already been made. The proceeds from the fair will be used to equip the new pavilion and to establish more free beds.

A great variety of attractions will be offered at the fair. There will be entertainments and performances each afternoon and evening, and matinees will be given for the especial benefit of the children on each Wednesday and Saturday. One of the most attractive features will be a "Martha Washington Drawing-Room," which will contain an interesting collection of relics of the Revolutionary period. It is the intention of making this a distinctive feature, and the association appeals to those who have pictures, furniture and relics of Continental times to be generous enough to loan them during the time that the fair is open, and the association will guarantee that the articles will be all properly taken care of and returned in good order. There will be instrumental and vocal music every day and evening. A club-room with daily papers and billiards will also be provided for the use of the men who patronize the festival. On the ground floor there will be a restaurant, which will be open to the public, without charge for admission, and the cuisine will be first class.

Donations of both useful and decorative articles are solicited and may be sent to the Pottier & Stymus Building after April 1. Donations of money may be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. William Hegeman, at No. 43 West Fifty-fourth-st. Any other information will be given by the chairman of the committee, at No. 66 Nassau-st. All communications should be addressed to the secretary, William J. Swan, at No. 13 West Thirty-eighth-st. Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew is the president of the association and the vice-presidents are: Levi P. Morton, Mayor Grant, Andrew Carnegie, Elliott F. Shepard, Chauncey M. Depew, F. R. Coudert, S. V. R. Cruger, Austin Corbin, ex-Judge Dillon, Jesse Seligman, General Thomas Hillhouse, Fletcher Harper, Constant Andrews, and A. E. Cornell. Among the board of managers are some of the best known men and women in the city.

PART OF THE INJUNCTION VACATED.

ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY FROM STRINGING WIRES ON THE ELEVATED ROADS TO-DAY.

Mayor Grant was busy yesterday consulting with Corporation Counsel Beekman and Commissioner Gibbens, of the Board of Electrical Control, regarding the city's preparation for the Western Union Company's injunction case, which is to be heard by Judge Wallace, of the United States District Court, on Wednesday. John M. Bowers, of the law firm of Platt & Bowers, took an active part in the discussion and in the search for legal cases and decisions bearing upon the matter at issue. It is understood that Mr. Bowers is to appear as the counsel especially representing the Board of Electrical Control. The portion of the judicial order which was particularly commented on is that which enjoins the Mayor and the Board "from hindering the complainant (the Western Union Telegraph Company) from placing and maintaining additional wires, cables and other electrical conductors upon the structures of the Manhattan Railway Company." It was believed that Judge Wallace could not have noticed this clause when he signed the order, and that he could not have intended to permit the telegraph company to go to work and string wires, and, perhaps, erect more poles, pending the argument of the case. The fact was recalled that Sunday was a favorite day with corporations for adding to their facilities, and Messrs. Beekman and Bowers decided to visit Judge Wallace and ask him to modify the order so as to do away with the apprehension felt on the subject.

Judge Wallace at once vacated that portion of the order which restrained the authorities from interfering with and hindering any effort of the company to place or maintain additional wires, cables and other electrical conductors upon the elevated railway structures. After the order was obtained Mr. Bowers said to a Tribune reporter that the Judge took the view that everything should remain in statu quo pending the trial of the suit for a permanent injunction. Mr. Bowers did not suppose that the Western Union Company would have taken advantage of the order as it stood at first, but thought it best to make it impossible that it should do so.

Mayor Grant said that if the telegraph company should take advantage of its temporary injunction in the way suggested, and in violation of the subway regulations, he proposed to pull their wires and poles down again as soon as the injunction should be dissolved, which he was confident would be the result.

FOR THE REPUBLICAN BUILDING.

Money to build the new Republican Headquarters continues to come in at a rate that gratifies the leaders of the movement. Over $600 was received yesterday. This, with $19,000 already subscribed, brings the fund up to almost $20,000. Here is the list of the new contributors, and what they gave:

J. D. Campbell, 192 Broadway	$100
R. A. Chesebrough, 24 State-st.	100
E. A. Dunham, 331 East 123d-st.	10
G. A. Enell, 17 Broadway	10
A. Kuiroff, 98 Liberty-st.	100
D. A. Nesbitt, 17 Broadway	20
Charles Reed	10
H. K. Thurber, 116 Reade-st.	100
T. H. Reed	10
A. E. Reed	10
L. B. Eaton	50
A. M. Underhill	100
	$620
Previously acknowledged	19,228
Total	$19,848

The committee appointed by the Business Men's Association to receive subscriptions consists of John F. Plummer, No. 345 Broadway; C. C. Shayne, No. 108 Prince-st., and A. R. Whitney, No. 17 Broadway, and money may be sent to any one of these gentlemen, although they have elected Mr. Whitney treasurer. Contributions may also be sent to the Downtown Club, No. 87 New-st.

THE REPORTED LOSS OF THE ALBERT RUSSELL.

There was some excitement in shipping circles yesterday over the report of the loss of the bark Albert Russell, which sailed from this port for Brisbane, Australia, on February 9. The vessel was loaded with a general cargo, the greater part of which was case oil and agricultural implements, owned by Douglass & Arkell, of this city. Vernon H. Brown & Co., the agents of the bark in this city, doubt the truth of the report of her loss, as they say that the vessel is stanch and that it is a singular thing that a vessel could be wrecked only 300 miles from this port when two days out, as was reported, without news of the disaster being received in less time than a month afterward.

The bark was built at Newburyport in 1875, and was 724 tons register. Her captain, Peter C. Kapp, had his wife and two children on board, and it is reported that they were among those drowned. The list of the crew is as follows: First mate, P. S. Laurenson; second mate, Carle Anderson; cook, A. S. Casey, New-York; carpenter, George Patterson; seamen, John Thomson, Norway; A. Jonson, Finnland; Henry Ford, Sweden; W. Furst, Belgium; Alfred Anderson, Finnland; Victor Seegall, France; John Cherchew, England, and Auguste Emmerman. It is not known which are the two men who are reported to have been saved.

ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE.

Washington, March 30.—The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Corps of Engineers have been ordered: First Lieutenant William E. Craighill is relieved from duty under the immediate orders of Colonel Orlando M. Poe, Corps of Engineers, and from temporary duty under the immediate orders of Colonel William P. Craighill, Corps of Engineers, and will proceed to St. Paul, Minn., take station there, and report to Major Charles J. Allen, Corps of Engineers, for duty under his immediate orders. Second Lieutenant Charles S. Riche is relieved from duty with the Battalion of Engineers and the Engineer School of Application at Willet's Point, N. Y., and will take station at Detroit, Mich., reporting to Colonel Orlando M. Poe, Corps of Engineers, for duty under his immediate orders.

The Juniata arrived at Newport, and the Fortune sailed from New-York for Norfolk, yesterday.

HARDIE, THE FORGER, STILL HELD.

Halifax, N. S., March 30.—Judge Townshend, who yesterday heard a motion for the release of Hardie, the New-York forger, on the ground that the second arrest was illegal, gave his decision this morning, dismissing the application. Hardie was immediately brought before Judge Ritchie on his remand from Wednesday. Mr. Seeners, of New-York, identified the check, and detailed the circumstances of Hardie's departure. Detectives McCauley and Power also testified. The prosecuting counsel read an affidavit setting forth that extradition papers had been mailed from Washington to Consul-General Phelan, and he asked for a continuance of the case, which was granted.

GERMANY'S LOSS AT SAPIA.

THE STORY OF SHIPWRECK AT FIRST HARDLY CREDITED IN BERLIN.

SOON CONFIRMED, HOWEVER—EMPEROR WILLIAM'S APPROACHING VISIT TO ENGLAND—EX-KING MILAN—PASSION PLAY.

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Berlin, March 30.—The first heard here of the Samoan disaster was a telegram from London early this morning. Neither the Admiralty nor the Foreign Office received any direct cable advices, and were loath to believe the report was true. Inquiry at London appeared to confirm the story, and there was general consternation. It was not until this afternoon that official telegrams reached the Admiralty.

PLANS FOR THE EMPEROR'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

Count Herbert Bismarck returns from his English mission on Monday, his father's birthday. He says that he has made arrangements for grand public demonstrations on the occasion of Emperor William's visit to England. An English squadron will meet the German squadron accompanying the Emperor, and festive receptions will be given at London and Windsor. The doubts as to English popular feeling toward the Emperor inspire semi-official declarations to the effect that the Emperor's supposed dislike of England is an entire mistake. After Germany, he loves England most. His visit is definitely fixed for July.

LABOR TROUBLES GENERAL IN GERMANY.

The strike outbreak is so general that it would appear to be an organized co-operation of the trade centres. In Hamburg the masons, plumbers and carpenters are out, on the refusal of their employers to increase their wages. At Elberfeld and Burwon the manufacturing works are closed, and the men are out. At Nuremburg the carvers and loggmakers are out. The Berlin masons, at a meeting on Wednesday, decided to inaugurate a general strike in the building trades.

TROUBLE OVER THE PRESS PENAL LAW.

A rupture in the Government groups, arising from their disagreement on the press penal law, is certain unless the bill is materially modified. The National Liberals declare against the bill; the Conservatives and Free Conservatives are ready to submit to any repression, though there are symptoms of a reaction even among them. The semi-official press—the "Cologne Gazette," the "Madgebourg Gazette," and others which venture to criticise—admit that under the law there can be no freedom of discussion, and say that the Liberals are justified in coalescing to resist the bill.

THE PASSION PLAY TO BE GIVEN IN 1890.

The Passion Play will be given at Oberammergau in the autumn of 1890. The text and music have been revised.

THE RUSSIAN PARTY GROWING IN SERVIA.

Vienna, March 30.—Advices from Belgrade show the rapid growth of the strength of the Russian party since the departure of Milan. The Central Liberal Committee has passed a resolution declaring in favor of a Balkan Federation, with a Balkan customs union. Henceforth this will be the leading principle of the party programme. The Russophiles make a counter proposal to federate under a Russian protectorate. Austria favors neither proposal.

Ex-King Milan passed through Servia yesterday, on his way to Constantinople, speaking at the Pirot railway station he adjured the people to keep faithful to the new King and regency and to obey the Government.

Whether you are looking for board and rooms, work or workers, or business chances, do not give up the search without examing the announcements on the eighth and ninth pages of The Tribune to-day.

A RECEPTION AT THE ACADEMY OF DESIGN.

The National Academy of Design, Fourth-ave. and Twenty-third-st., was crowded with people all day yesterday and last evening. Hundreds of men and women passed through the various galleries, inspecting the pictures and statuary. Many of the people who are the chief supporters of the Academy visited it during the afternoon, and thus avoided the discomforts of the greater throng at night. The scene during the evening, however, was extremely brilliant, and many proud-looking Academicians piloted groups of friends through the corridors. The universal sentiment was that the reception and private view preceding the sixty-fourth annual exhibition was a great success. The exhibition will be open to the public on Monday and will continue every day and evening for six weeks. Early yesterday morning the splendid painting "In the Hands of the Enemy" (after Gettysburg), by Thomas Hovenden, was sold to Robbins Battell for $5,500. This was the only notable sale of the day.

Among the visitors at the Academy last night were Cyrus W. Field, Mr. and Mrs. George Scheffelin, Dorman B. Eaton, Professor Goldwin Smith, Commodore Charles C. Haight and daughter, George H. Peabody, Mr. Juillard, Thomas W. Evans, Calvert Vaux, Arthur Stedman and Mrs. E. C. Stedman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perkins, Thomas B. Clark, Rossiter Johnson, Mrs. Frank Leslie, R. W. Gilder, of "The Century"; Mr. and Mrs. Hersey, Mrs. Carter, principal of the Women's Art School of Cooper Institute; Colonel Richard Leathers, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Smyllie, and Colonel Kintzing, of the United States Marine Corps, and Mrs. Kintzing. Among the Academicians were William H. Beard, Albert Bierstadt, Edwin H. Blashfield, Charles F. Blauvelt, Frederick A. Bridgman, John B. Bristol, George B. Butler, Charles Calverley, Frederic Dielman, Thomas Hicks, Thomas Hovenden, Alfred Jones, H. Bolton Jones, Thomas Moran, J. C. Nicoll, T. Addison Richards, Horace Wolcott Robbins and Arthur F. Tait.

A MORTGAGE FOR SEVEN MILLIONS.

Baltimore, March 30 (Special).—The Consolidated Gas Company of Baltimore is about to issue a general mortgage for $7,000,000, to run fifty years at five per cent, to take up the outstanding certificates and provide for the six per cent bonds as they fall due. The whole amount will not be needed for the purposes here specified and the balance, something over $500,000, it is said, will be used for the improvement of the property. The company proposes to engage in the manufacture of fuel gas, and the engineers are engaged upon the plans for that enterprise. The Mercantile Trust Company will be the trustee under the new mortgage.

THE BIG ROCKAWAY HOTEL DOOMED.

The big hotel at Rockaway is announced for sale by auction at the Real Estate Exchange on April 15. A short time ago catalogues and posters were sown broadcast telling of the glorious acquisition that was to be made to the list of religious resorts, in the turning of this structure into a place of that character. Somebody appears to have counted without his host, for the building will be torn down and sold, while the land will be retained by its owners, who will cut it into lots and sell to those who want cottages on the beach.

The owners of the place are Morton, Bliss & Co., who have turned it over to Austin Corbin. The Ocean Bay Society, which intended to start a second Chautauqua at Rockaway, say they will not abandon their plans, and if they fail to obtain the site they desired will go elsewhere.

A YOUNG GIRL RUN OVER IN FIFTH-AVE.

Miss Kate Van Dyke, of No. 6 West Fifty-first-st., fourteen years old, was run over by a coupe in Fifth-ave. last night and received a bad scalp wound. She was taken home and the driver, James Fox, was arrested.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

GOVERNMENT INDICATIONS FOR 24 HOURS.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—8 p. m.—For Maine, New-Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Eastern New-York, Western New-York, West Virginia, Eastern Pennsylvania, Western Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Eastern Florida and Western Florida, fair; warmer; winds becoming southerly.

For Alabama and Mississippi, fair; stationary temperature.

For Louisiana and Eastern Texas, fair, followed by rain on Sunday; stationary temperature.

For Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky, fair, followed in Arkansas and Northern Kentucky by light rain; warmer.

For Ohio, Indiana and Illinois rain, preceded by fair in Ohio warmer.

For Michigan and Wisconsin, light rain; warmer.

For Minnesota and Dakota, light rain, followed by fair in Dakota; colder.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

TRIBUNE OFFICE, March 31.—1 a. m.—The movement in the barometer yesterday was upward. Rain and snow was followed after midnight by clear weather. The temperature ranged between 29° and 44°, the average (32¾°) being 13¾° lower than on the corresponding day last year, and 11° lower than on Friday.

Clear or fair weather, with slight changes in temperature, may be expected to-day in this city and vicinity.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.

A MODERATE BUSINESS DURING THE WEEK.

THE PROPERTY WELL DIVIDED OVER THE CITY, BUT MOSTLY OF A LOW GRADE.

The sales of real estate during the week have been of considerable importance, but were mostly auction sales. While the market is pretty active there is not the demand there was in February. On Tuesday the Board of Directors of the Exchange will take action in regard to the recommendation of the Auction Room Committee to reduce the annual subscription to $30. As a matter of fact, seats are already leased at this figure, causing a loss to the Exchange. During the present week several important sales will be held, amon gthem a fine dwelling-house at No. 240 West Seventy-second-st., by R. V. Harnett & Co.; fifty unimproved lots and gores in First-ave., One-hundred-and-eighth, One-hundred-and-ninth and One-hundred-and-tenth sts., by James C. Lalor, and eighty-nine lots, comprising two entire blocks, belonging to the Bloomingdale Asylum, in Tenth-ave. and the Boulevard, One-hundred-and-twelfth, One-hundred-and-thirteenth and One-hundred-and-fourteenth sts., by Muller & Son.

"The Record and Guide" shows that the sales, though consisting largely of a cheap grade of property during the week have been numerous, and scattered over every section of the city. At No. 175 Franklin-st., two two-story and attic brick and frame houses were sold to S. C. Welch for $20,500; No. 6 Irving Place, a five-story brick building and two-story stable brought $66,000; No. 193 Mercer-st. was bought by Leon Tanenbaum for $27,500; the property consisted of a three-story brick building. In Old Slip, Nos. 32 and 34, both four-story brick stores, went to N. L. Cort for $28,000; No. 11 West Fourth-st., a four-story brick building, was sold to Alexander Brothers, for $37,000; No. 10 East Fifty-sixth-st., a lot 20x100 with a four-story brownstone dwelling was bid in at $57,750; No. 5 East Seventy-third-st., a four-story brownstone dwelling, was also bid in for S. N. Brown, for $47,750; John Dixon bought a four-story brick and stone house, at No. 165 West Seventy-ninth-st., for $26,950; at No. 212 East Eighty-fifth-st., Arthur Kenney bought a two-story and attic frame dwelling, lot 25x100, for $3,700. A four-story brick flat, No. 403 East Twenty-second-st., and a store and stable at Nos. 378 and 380 First-ave., were sold to John Reilly for $37,000. In Christopher-st., No. 104, a three-story brick building, was sold to W. H. Buxton, for $11,100; No. 156 Washington-st., corner of Liberty, a three-story frame building, with brick front, store and tenement, went to R. B. Guion for $51,000; No. 108 West Fourteenth-st., a four-story brownstone, brought $42,500, the buyer being L. J. Phillips. No. 20 East Twenty-first-st., a brick and brownstone building, sold to Gustav Herter for $49,950; No. 131 Maiden Lane went to A. Neugrass for $23,100; No. 57 Bowery, a four-story brick front building, with three-story brick extension in rear, went to L. F. Hoffmann for $39,200; Nos. 49-53 Chrystie-st., subject to mortgage of $25,000 and inchoate right of dower, were sold to A. K. Ely for $27,000; No. 155 West Thirty-third-st., a four-story brick tenement, was bought by Lawrence Hughes for $18,650.

Many lots on the East Side were sold, the principal one being No. 19 Forsyth-st., a five-story brick tenement, to Isaac Jacobs for $36,000; No. 230 Mulberry-st., a three-story brick building, went to Benedict A. Klein for $13,300. A number of two-story brick dwellings beginning at No. 2,146 Lexington-ave., lots 16.8 by 40 feet, went to various persons at $4,475 each; and several other properties in Harlem went at moderate prices.

The steady demand for property in or near Fifth-ave. is thought to indicate the continued preference by persons of means for this street as a place of residence, in spite of the incursions which trade is making upon its territory. It is the fact that prices asked are easier to realize in this section of the city than elsewhere.

There is a suggestiveness about the little advertisements on the eighth and ninth pages which may be highly valuable to you. Read them.

BASEBALL WITH SNOW ON THE GROUND.

THE NEW-YORK CLUB DEFEATS THE JASPERS AND NEWARK BEATS BROOKLYN.

If yesterday's attendance at Oakland Park is any criterion, the New-York club will not decide to play its games in Jersey City this season. The cold weather, of course, kept down the attendance, but for all that there should have been more than 700 people to witness the Giants' appearance as the champions of the world. The game was between the New-York and Jasper clubs, and as generally expected was a mere exercising bout for the Giants. Titcomb did not seem to think it necessary to pitch any harder than was necessary to keep warm, and as a result the Manhattan College students made more basehits than they might do on another occasion. The score by innings was:

New-York	1	2	4	0	0	14	2	0	0	—21
Jaspers	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	—7

Earned runs—New-York, 4; Jasper, 1. First base on errors—New-York, 7; Jasper, 5. Two-base hits—Slattery 2, Foster 2, Connor 1, Richardson 1, Murphy 1, Green 1, O'Leary 1, Lally 1, George 1, Gallacher 1, Donohue 1. First base on errors—O'Rourke 1, Wagenhurst 1, Whitney 3. Struck out—Connor 1, Titcomb 1, Hammell 1, Wild 1, O'Leary 2, Gallagher 1. Sacrifice hits—Foster 1, Connor 2, Whitney 1, Lally 1, Donohue 1. Left on bases—New-York, 10; Jasper, 8. Hit by pitcher—Foster, Wagenhurst. Stolen bases—Slattery 1, Murphy 1, Hammell 1. Wild pitches—Mullins 1. Passed balls—O'Leary 1. Umpire—Mr. Pierce. Time—2 hours.

The baseball season at Washington Park, Brooklyn, was opened yesterday by an unusually spirited game between the Brooklyn and Newark clubs. There was some snow on the ground and a great deal of mud, but the playing was excellent throughout. The result was a surprise, the Newark club winning after a hard fight. Miller's pitching was one of the features of the game, not a hit being scored against him. Lovett and Visner were the battery for the home club for three innings, Terry and Bushong three, and Hughes and Clark three innings. Lovett did the better work of the Brooklyn pitchers. There were about 2,000 people present. The score by innings was:

Brooklyn	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	—6
Newark	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	x	—7

Earned runs—Brooklyn, 4; Newark, 5. First base by errors—Brooklyn, 1; Newark, 0. Left on bases—Brooklyn, 7; Newark, 8. First base on balls—Brooklyn, 8; Newark, 4. Struck out—Brooklyn, 2; Newark, 0. Sacrifice hits—Collins 1, Foutz 3, Burns 1, Coogan 1, Jones 1, Duffy 1. Double plays—Pinkney, Collins and Foutz 1, Foutz and Pinkney 1, L. Smith, McDermott and Fields 1. Two-base hits—Collins 1, Burns 1, Fields 1. Hit by pitcher—Pinkney 1. Wild pitches—Miller 1, Terry 1. Passed balls—Sullivan 1, Bushong 1. Stolen bases—Brooklyn, 7; Newark, 4. Umpire—Mr. Ferguson. Time—1:40.

In reply to the letter sent by the Brooklyn club offering the Giants the privilege of practising at Washington Park, President Day writes he is much obliged, but does not accept the offer, as he still thinks that the Giants will be allowed to play at the Polo Grounds this summer.

W. J. Collins signed with the Lowell club yesterday. He is a good catcher, and formerly played with the Newark nine.

The Brooklyn and Newark clubs will play at Ridgewood Park to-day, the Metropolitan and Sylvan clubs at Weehawken and the Commercial and Monroe clubs at the Long Island grounds.

The Brooklyn club yesterday arranged to play the Rose Hill College nine at Brooklyn on Tuesday.

GAMES IN OTHER CITIES.

Philadelphia, March 30.—The Yale College and Athletic nines opened the baseball season here to-day. The weather was cold and the crowd much smaller than it otherwise would have been. The contest was a procession from the start, and the professionals won with ease. Dalzell's curves did not bother the Athletics much, while the collegians made over three times as many errors as they did base hits. Smith pitched for six innings for the Athletics and Mattimore the last three innings. Both did excellent work and were admirably supported. The score was as follows:

Yale	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	—5
Athletic	4	3	0	4	2	1	0	7	x	—23

Basehits—Yale 4, Athletic 16. Errors—Yale 13, Athletic 3. Pitchers—Dalzell, Smith and Mattimore. Umpire—Galvin.

Baltimore, March 30.—An exciting game of baseball was played here to-day between the Philadelphia and Baltimore clubs. The contest was a model one throughout, the fielding play being brilliant and the batting free. Each club tried its new pitching talent, but neither Whitaker nor Mitchell did anything which resembled phenomenal pitching. The Orioles won the game by a timely rally at the bat in the eighth inning, where three runs were scored. The score was as follows:

Baltimore	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	—8
Philadelphia	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	—6

Basehits—Baltimore 12, Philadelphia 14. Errors—Baltimore 1, Philadelphia 4. Pitchers—Whitaker and Mitchell. Umpire—Mr. Holland.

Princeton, March 30.—The Jersey City and Princeton College nines were to have played here to-day, but owing to the condition of the grounds the contest was abandoned.

The little advertisements on the eighth and ninth pages of The Tribune to-day run along the whole gamut of human necessities. They appeal to every condition of man and woman.

HELPING THE CONFEDERATE HOME.

At a meeting last evening at the Fifth Avenue Hotel of the New-York Citizens' Committee in aid of the National Confederate Soldiers' Home at Austin, Tex., General Henry A. Barnum in the chair, it was reported that $875 had been realized from the entertainment last Sunday night at the Academy of Music. Letters were received from Generals Robert Williams, John C. Robinson, J. G. Hartranft, R. de Trobriand and Horatio C. King indorsing the movement. The New-York Cotton Exchange will sell on April 16 a number of bales of cotton from Atlanta, Savannah and Galveston and a bale of domestics from the Atlanta Cotton Mill for the benefit of the home. General Francis J. Herron was made chairman of the committee to solicit contributions of merchandise from manufacturers. Contributions may be sent to him at No. 143 Elm-st. A week from to-night there will be an entertainment for the benefit of the home at Harrigan's Park Theatre.

Quaint, curious, pithy and pointed are the tales told by advertisers on our eighth and ninth pages.

A FINE MODEL OF A GREAT CANAL.

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE BIG DITCH TO BE MADE IN NICARAGUA.

In the Garfield Safe Deposit Company's offices, at Twenty-third-st. and Sixth-ave., a model of the proposed interoceanic canal at Nicaragua is now on exhibition. It is a relief-map of the country through which the canal is to go, the horizontal dimensions being one-thirty-thousandth of the natural size, with the exception of the canal prison and locks, which are five times larger in proportion. The vertical scale is one-two-thousandth of the real elevation, and these proportions are excellent for conveying at a glance the impression of what the work is to be. On the Atlantic side a straight excavation, eighty feet wide, leads from Greytown to the mouth of the Descado Valley, a distance of sixteen miles. Here a solid masonry dam, made conspicuous in the model by red paint, has converted the valley into a spacious basin, the level of which is reached by three locks. From this point on, ships have clear sailing for four miles, then eleven miles through the San Francisco basin, formed in a similar manner to the Descado basin, by damming the narrow outlet on the south of the valley.

A deep cut through a mountain ridge connects with the river San Juan, which is turned into a canal of over sixty-four miles, up to the outlet of Lake Nicaragua, at Fort San Carlos. The whole distance from the Descado locks has the same level as the lake, and on the west side another excavation, eleven miles long, leads to the Tola basin, formed identically to the first one described, and from which three locks fall to a short canal of the level of the Pacific Ocean.

This model is beautifully worked, the ground near the intended canal being executed after the special surveys for the works. The peaks and mountain-sides are artistically colored. The rivers, as they now are, are painted blue, and real water runs from