READY FOR SUMMER GUESTS.

NEWPORT TO BE MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN EVER BEFORE.

INCREASE IN VALUATION—SOME NOTABLE HOUSES—ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SEASON.

Newport, R. I., May 31 (Special).—Active preparations are being made here for the season of 1890, and all the carpenters, plumbers and stone-masons have been busily employed for many months. Several million dollars' worth has been added to the taxable property of the place since the close of the season of 1889. Strange as it may seem, the principal cottages which were begun last year will not be ready for occupancy before next year, and these will be in the hands of the contractors while their owners will be looking on from afar. The "cottages" referred to are those owned by Lorillard Spencer, William K. Vanderbilt, Ogden Goelet and Edwin D. Morgan, of New-York. There is not the least doubt that the "cottages" referred to will, when completed, equal in elegance, cost and appearance anything ever attempted here before.

The Morgan villa is founded on the rocks near Brenton Cove, at the entrance to the harbor. The cellar, therefore, was blown out with tons of gunpowder or with some other kind of explosive, and there were rocks everywhere on the premises, necessitating great expense in blasting them. There is one room in the basement which was hewn out of the rocks and it will be supplied with salt water direct from the sea and used as a bath-room. The granite villa, supported by white marble columns, is located on the rocks which overlook the harbor and right below is the anchoring ground for Mr. Morgan's yachts, steam and sail, and near by is the wreck of the bark Bessie Rogers, whose decks are to be used as a landing or waiting room for the yachting "navy" which Mr. Morgan has acquired. For some time the question of how to reach the villa was one difficult to settle, but it was finally decided to build a bridge 104 feet long and twenty-one feet wide, and with an extreme height of fifteen feet. This bridge is composed of one main and two smaller arches with a facing of large slate stone. The bridge, which, all things considered, is a wonderful piece of work, is connected by a winding driveway with the extreme southwest corner of the lot. The villa for New-York's war Governor's grandson, it is almost needless to say, will have all the modern improvements and it will be fitted and furnished in the most costly manner. During the coming season Mr. and Mrs. Morgan will occupy the G. G. King cottage, which is located near by.

The villa for Mr. Lorillard Spencer is located on Halidon Hill, the site being purchased from Clement Ferguson, of New-York. The old house was torn down and removed. The granite used in building the "cottage" was quarried on the premises and it is 128 feet long and ninety-two feet wide. The trimmings are of Fall River granite. The upper portion of the building is of wood. The outline of the house is broken by numerous angles, the centre of the roof being the highest part of the main building. A tower projects from the middle of the south front and extends even beyond the granite chimneys. The north front, facing the harbor, is very much improved by two projecting circular windows. A covered piazza, 17x83 feet, occupies the west side, while a semi-circular terrace, 86x23 feet, extends from either side of the front windows, and here one will have an unobstructed view of the harbor and bay. The foundation, like that of the Morgan villa, is on solid rock. It will be at least a year before the house will be ready for occupancy, and it can be said that the details for the interior finish, decorations, etc., have not been fully decided upon. No expense will be spared to make it one of the finest places in the city.

A mammoth villa, four stories high in one place and three elsewhere, is being erected at Ochre Point for Ogden Goelet, of New-York, who is to spend the summer in Europe. The building is absolutely fireproof, and it is of Indiana limestone, handsomely cut, and the color is light gray. At the corners of the massive roof there are projecting gargoyles and there is considerable carving about the windows. The style of the cottage is Gothic. The hall extends right through the house and it will be used as a ballroom. The villa faces east and west. The approach from the east is by steps leading to a loggia or portico, the main building projecting over it, and it is supported by carved columns. At the west end of the wall there is a broad descent to the imposing entrance, which is beautified by a handsome porte-cochle. The rooms are large and airy and it is the intention of Mrs. Goelet to have the finest house in the place. A costly stable and carriage house are also being erected. An elevator, the only one to be found in any Newport "cottage," has been provided and it will be worked by steam. Nearly all the fittings, furniture, etc., will be selected by Mr. and Mrs. Goelet while they are in Europe.

A white marble villa, the first ever seen here, is being erected at Ochre Point for William K. Vanderbilt, of New-York, who paid over $200,000 for the site, it being the property of Mrs. A. G. Stout, also of New-York. On one of the city wharves the marble is being cut, carved, polished and prepared by machinery brought here especially for Mr. Vanderbilt's exclusive use. The house is located on the cliffs and it is about 155 feet long and 106 feet in width. Marble columns three and one-half feet in thickness are to be placed on each side of the main entrance, which is twenty-seven feet in width. Resting on the arched top of each of the large windows on the first floor, and over the entrance as well, there are to be life-size figures of females. The terrace, with tiled floor, is 64x54 feet and the pillars are to be surmounted by carved capitals. The main hall is 57 feet long and 30 feet wide, the grand staircase, extending almost to the roof, being on the left hand side and at the rear. On the right is the grand salon, 44x40 feet, and this is lighted by five large windows, 6x12 feet. In a year from now the villa will be in a condition to describe more intelligently, but it is sufficient to state that when completed it will be a house the like of which only a Vanderbilt could erect and furnish. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt will be here this summer and they will occupy the John Carey, Jr., villa on Narragansett-ave. and Spring-st.

A substantial wooden cottage has been erected at Ochre Point for J. Thompson Spencer, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a $50,000 stable has been erected near by for James P. Kernochan, of New-York. Frederick Pearson, of New-York, who recently paid $100,000 for the Walter H. Lewis place at Ochre Point, is making extensive improvements to his stable, and near by John J. Wysong, of the same city, has erected a new granite wall and added an extension to his granite villa.

Very pretty and substantial cottages have been erected on Rhode Island-ave. for Audison Thomas, Lansing Zabriskie and for Mrs. Sarah Jackson, of New-York.

Ground was broken two weeks ago for cottages on Beacon Hill for William Grosvenor and for Miss Grosvenor, his sister, of Providence, R. I.

Ogden Mills, of New-York, has spent a large sum of money in improving and beautifying his place on the cliffs. The improvements include a large addition, a piazza, billiard-room, additional bathrooms, servants' apartments and the enlarging and improving of several of the principal rooms on the first floor.

A lodge-house has been erected for Frederick W. Vanderbilt, and that gentleman has enclosed his fine granite villa at the lower end of Bellevue-ave. and the cliffs with a substantial granite wall. A fine stable has also been erected for Mr. Vanderbilt.

George H. Warren, of New-York, has extensively improved the Pennington cottage, which he has rented to Dr. Beverly Robinson, of New-York, for the coming season. W. W. Sherman, Mrs. W. K. Thorn and Dr. E. S. F. Arnold, of New-York, and Theodore W. Pinney are also improving their summer homes.

Minor alterations and improvements are being made by many other cottagers, and all the carpenters are just as busy as they can be. Fortunes are expended here every year for simple "improvements" alone. It is estimated that the Vanderbilt, Morgan, Spencer and Goelet villas will cost at least $1,500,000.

Real estate transactions during the year have not been numerous, the largest being the sale of the W. H. Lewis estate to Frederick Pearson and the Stout place to W. K. Vanderbilt, as stated above. The sales, in brief, are as follows:

W. T. Richards, Philadelphia, the Peckham place, on Arnold-ave., which he is improving.

Harriet B. Almy, New-York, an undivided interest in the Stevens estate.

Mrs. Admiral C. H. Baldwin, New-York, the Pond cottage, Bellevue-ave.

Mrs. James P. Kernochan, New-York, a lot of land on Wetmore and Ruggles aves., from Pierre Lorillard and wife, of New-York, for $50,000.

John H. Glover, of New-York, over three acres of land on Moorland Road.

W. K. Vanderbilt, a lot of land on Wheatland-ave.

J. T. Spencer, Philadelphia, 151,000 square feet of land at Ochre Point.

John G. Heckscher, New-York, two and one-half acres of land on Conanicut Island.

John and Nicholas Brown, Providence, 67,000 square feet of land on Corgeshall and Hazard aves.

Mrs. John O'Brien, New-York, a lot of land on Corgeshall-ave.

George Henry Warren, New-York, the Pennington estate, on Parker-ave.

J. Van D. Reed, New-York, the E. M. Padelford cottage, on Bellevue-ave.

Josiah M. Fiske, New-York, the Braddock Richmond farm in Middletown.

W. S. Wells, New-York, a lot of land on Ruggles and Corgeshall aves.

Mrs. C. R. Sears, Washington, a large tract of land on Conanicut Island.

Other sales of cottage sites at Conanicut were made by Robert Frazier, A. L. Wetherell, John Harrison, Benjamin H. Shoemaker, Charles Wharton, H. C. Potter and E. O. Wagner, of Philadelphia; Mrs. A. W. Seely, of Delhi, N. Y., and Miss Louise Lee Andrews, of Washington.

O. H. Burrows, New-York, 14,000 square feet of land on Gibbs-ave.

Charles Early, New-York, the Huntington estate, on Ocean-ave.

Thomas J. O'Kane, New-York, the Abraham Stern estate, on Harrison-ave.

William Grosvenor, Providence, 520,000 square feet of land on Beacon Hill, on which two fine houses are being erected.

W. G. Kerr and Robert Kerr, of Brooklyn, have sold their cottage to Louis Bonerd.

Carrie E. and F. D. Meres, New-York, the Red Cross Cottage, on Red Cross-ave.

Ex-Governor C. C. Van Zandt, the Crate Cottage on Ayrault-st.

The outlook for the season is all that can be wished. Twice the number of cottages erected up to date have been disposed of; all but one of the hotels are open. The Casino Club is also open, and on June 1 the entire Casino establishment will be at the disposal of the public. Some minor improvements are being made to the Casino. Newport cannot help having a successful season, socially and financially.

LONG BRANCH.

SIGNS OF A BRILLIANT SEASON.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY STORMS—IMPROVEMENTS ON RAILROADS, HOTELS AND COTTAGES.

Long Branch, May 31 (Special).—The signs of a good season here are unusually good, in spite of the loss of Ocean-ave., the famous driveway along the edge of the bluff. The Tribune has kept its readers well informed of the encroachments made by each storm of the last winter. Ever since the terrific storm which raged along the New-Jersey Coast in the early part of last September and cut big gaps in the bluff, which was one of the chief attractions of the town, the sea has been eating its way into the popular driveway until it has been nearly ruined. The early visitors to the town are wild with indignation at the way the avenue has been allowed to go to destruction. Some of the gaps in the avenue are several hundred feet long and extend over two-thirds across the roadbed. It will cost about $75,000 to build bulkheads and restore the old roadway. For hundreds of feet the face of the bluff has also been torn away to within a few feet of the east line of the roadway. One more heavy storm from either the northeast or the southeast would make the ruin of the avenue complete, and it would have to be abandoned out of regard to the safety of the public.

Gangs of carpenters, carpet beaters and gardeners make the air merry with the sound of saws, hammers, clubs and lawn cutters, and painters swarm over the hotels and cottages, and at the same time that they decorate them with red, yellow, orange, black and brown colors also load the air with the odor of freshly prepared varnish and paints. The streets are filled with huge furniture vans, which are packed with all kinds of easy beds, fancy chairs, pictures and musical instruments for the costly summer homes of our city guests. The real estate agents are busily engaged in answering letters of inquiry and showing cottages to persons who want to spend the season here. The plumbers are ransacking the cottages and hotels for defective pipes and pumps, while the icemen are figuring up how to spend the money they will garner this season.

The New-York and Long Branch Railroad is the only line in the country which has a United States senator as its superintendent. Rufus Blodgett, its chief executive officer, when not at Washington the last winter has been devoting his attention to improving the road for the expected summer travel. The bridges have all been examined and repaired, the roadbed relaid, new steel rails laid and several new stations erected. The road will be operated jointly by the Central New-Jersey and Pennsylvania railroads, each one furnishing half of the train service. The Central New-Jersey route by way of Sandy Hook promises to be as popular as ever. The new steel rails between Sandy Hook and West End will enable the trains to make better time than they did last season. The great Iron Ocean Pier has been placed in the best of order under the direction of Mr. Dually, its new superintendent. The Iron Steamboat Company will have the exclusive right to land passengers at the pier. The officials expect to beat last season's record, which was the best one since the big pier was erected.

The hotel men all expect a most prosperous season. The Elberon will again have Conner T. Jones as its proprietor. He reports the demand for cottages and hotel apartments as unusually good. David M. and Walter E. Hilbreth, of the West End Hotel, have their huge house and its costly cottages nearly ready for their coming guests. A handsome new card room on the rear lawn is a new feature of the establishment. Henry Walter, of the Howland Hotel, has made a number of noticeable improvements for the comfort and convenience of the patrons of that house. Richard B. Mears, who purchased the Scarboro last year, finishes his second season with far extra hot first one. John W. Stokes, who comes from a famous family of hotel proprietors, and who has been for some years the proprietor of the Hotel Brighton, has that hostelry in apple-pie order.

Hollywood is resplendent in the gay coats of new paint of its quaintly patterned cottages. Those who spend the summer there will find that many improvements have been made since last season. On the other side of Cedar-ave. is "Hollywood Park," Mr. Hoey's costly country seat, with its magnificent drives, its costly statuary, its groves of rare forest trees and valuable shrubs. Here the guests of Hollywood roam or drive at will. Mr. Hoey's famous greenhouses and converies have been completely changed. They have been rebuilt into swimming baths and aquariums. The largest one has been turned into an immense swimming pool about 300 feet long. The necessary number of dressing-rooms are connected with it. Fifty tuns will be supplied constantly with salt water from the ocean. Other greenhouses have been turned into huge aquariums.

Norman L. Munro, the New-York publisher, who originated that delightful cluster of cottages known as "Norwood Park," has made a number of improvements since the close of last year's season. His roadways are justly the pride of those who spend their summer seasons in his cottages. They are thickly gravelled and thoroughly graded. Mr. Munro has a well-furnished casino in which his cottagers and their friends pleasantly while away their evenings.

George H. Totten, the proprietor of the Florence, on Ocean-ave., has completely refurnished that handsome little house. William C. Price, the new proprietor of the Central Hotel, the only brick hotel at Long Branch, is making a number of improvements. Edward M. Plummer, the new proprietor of the East End Hotel, has it furnished and ready for guests.

Cottages are renting at good figures. The indications are that the cottage life of Long Branch will be unusually gay this summer.

NARRAGANSETT PIER.

CHANGES IN THE HOTELS—NEW BUILDINGS AND GOOD ROADS.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., May 31 (Special).—The horn of preparation for the new season fills the air. New buildings are being erected and old ones are receiving additions, and the paint and putty necessary to render them attractive in appearance. The roadways are still torn up in many places, owing to the laying down of the new sewers, but when the sewers are completed the macadamizers follow close behind and make roads that are a delight to both driver and cyclist. The Point Judith road has been macadamized nearly the entire length, and this is now one of the finest roads imaginable, rivalling the Jerusalem Road at Nantasket.

One of the principal improvements at the Pier is the building, on the commanding site of the old Narragansett House, of a fine cottage by Dr. Bache Emmet, of New-York. The old Narragansett, which, by the way, was the original hotel of the Pier when fishermen and hunters first sought it out, has been moved back near the station and enlarged and improved in finishy ways. The old proprietor for more than thirty years is dead, the house will lose its peculiar country home flavor by its changes, and it is not probable that the old set which came there year after year will follow it to its new location.

The famous Mount Hope House, so long and well conducted by the Caswells, is also no more. In its place visitors to the Pier will find the Hotel Berwick, which announces its "first season" to open about June 25. John Jay Benson, formerly of the Mathewson, is the manager. It is to be supplied with incandescent lights, electric bells and passenger elevator.

The Dr. Emmet cottage has been moved back and the Casino tennis courts greatly enlarged. Tennis is the game at the Pier and there will be every facility for its enjoyment this year.

Captain Kenyon's Ocean House has been sold to Ernest Caswell, who will run it in good style. The Captain will manage his hotel on Boston Neck nearby.

The hotels will open up from the 15th to the 25th of June. Greene's Inn, the all-the-year-around hotel, of course is open now. Any early birds can find accommodation there until their cottages or hotels are ready for occupancy.

The season generally promises to be the greatest on record, and warm weather is all that the landlords ask for.

WATCH HILL.

NEW HOUSES AND IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION.

Watch Hill, R. I., May 31 (Special).—The season at this popular resort will open up about June 20, for on that day the steamer Watch Hill will begin its eleventh season, plying between here and Stonington. It will be July 1, however, before any considerable number of guests will arrive. The five hotels have received the usual renovation and the grounds have been placed in apple-pie order. The Watch Hill House has made a large addition to its laundry building. The Atlantic House has been placed in first-class order, and the old proprietor, Orrin S. Spencer, will begin his thirty-fourth season as landlord at that hotel on June 20.

Half a dozen handsome new villas, costing from $8,000 to $10,000 each, have been erected on the Cincinnati syndicate property since last season, making the cottages at the Hill about forty in number. Largely through the influence and money of the Cincinnati people, the roads about Watch Hill, formerly so execrable, have been placed in first-class order. A florist from Westerly has erected a building near the landing for the sale of flowers, which fact will be greatly appreciated by the guests.

There is to be better connection between the Hill and Westerly this year. A fine propeller has been launched and named the Granite City, for service between those points. It is said to be both comfortable and swift. The hotels will be conducted by the following landlords: Watch Hill House, Mr. Hale, of New-London; Larkin House, Captain Larkin; Atlantic House, Mr. Spencer; Ocean House, Mr. Hale; Plimpton House, Mr. Hill. All of these hotels have rooms engaged already, and each anticipates a more than ordinarily prosperous season.

The railroad project is by no means dead. It is believed that it will be only a question of a very brief time when Narragansett Pier and the Hill will be connected by a shore railroad. At present to reach the Hill one can take the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford road, to Stonington, or the Stonington Line of boats, and from there take the Watch Hill to their destination, a sail of twenty minutes. Visitors from the North can also come by the Watch Hill from Stonington or the Granite City from Westerly. Another popular method is to take the seagoing steamer Block Island from New-London, which arrives at the Hill each day on its trip to the Island about 11 o'clock.

ASBURY PARK.

A POPULAR HOTEL AND COTTAGE RESORT.

Asbury Park, May 31 (Special).—This town is one of the most remarkable on the entire American coast. Twenty years ago it was a barren sand waste. To-day it has accommodations for 40,000 summer guests. There are three banks, five weekly newspapers, three summer daily newspapers, one trust company, nine churches, one of the finest artesian well-systems in the world, a gas company, an electric light company, an electric street car system, one of the finest public library buildings in the state, an excellent fire department, and three public schools. The property has an assessable valuation of nearly $3,000,000. The broad plaza along the ocean front is far superior to any other promenade of the kind in this country. It is from thirty to seventy-five feet wide. Every summer evening at least 20,000 persons visit the beach, walk up and down the plaza, and listen to the bands which play in the big pavilions of James A. Bradley, the founder of the town. Many absurd articles have been published about Mr. Bradley's beach rules. The cottagers and hotel proprietors, however, believe in both Mr. Bradley and his rules, as this resort is the most orderly one for its size and summer population in the country. The streets are broad, but they are not kept in the best condition, and are a constant source of complaint from the owners of vehicles. The Board of Commissioners has made another spasmodic effort to do away with the broken wooden sidewalks, which are such a nuisance, but so far the improvement has been slight.

The cottage life of Asbury Park is the most attractive feature of the town. Here persons of moderate means can have spacious and convenient summer homes at low rentals. The wisdom of Founder Bradley in making this a temperance town is shown by its growing popularity among the parents of growing families who want summer homes at a resort where their daughters are free from the insults of intoxicated men. Since last season a large number of new cottages have been erected.

The big hotels are about ready for their guests. They are gay with new paint and are being repolished throughout. The popular Coleman House, now owned by Justus E. Ralph, is being renovated and partly furnished. The Metropolitan, the Ocean, the West End, the Oriental, the Brunswick, Coleman, Grand Avenue, the St. James hotels and Shaw's Hall all have been thoroughly cumbered for the season and most of them will open their doors next week under their former management.

The large boarding houses like the Fairlight in Third-ave., the Albion in Second-ave., the Lenox in Fourth-ave., the Bellevue on Ocean-ave. and others, have been repaired and refitted by their proprietors.

The boating facilities of Wesley, Sunset and Deal lakes will be better for the coming season than they were last year. There is already good pickerel fishing in Deal Lake, and a few black bass have been caught in Sunset Lake. Founder Bradley's fishing pond is visited daily by expert anglers, who make good catches.

LAKE OUT AT SEA.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS AT BLOCK ISLAND.

Block Island, R. I., May 31 (Special).—The prospects of this mid-ocean resort for the coming season are very bright. Many letters have been received from New-York and other cities, engaging rooms, and announcing an intention of visiting Block Island during the heated term, and the hotel mail, already bulky, is daily becoming larger.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Searle, the latter formerly the wife of Mark Hopkins, the great Pacific Railroad magnate and millionaire, are to become permanent summer residents. They have erected on the north end of Crescent Beach, near Clay Head Bluffs, the finest house yet built here. It is of the Colonial style of architecture, and will cost when completed nearly $200,000. A fine lawn graded off so as to slope gently down to the beach, is a very attractive feature. Mrs. Miller, wife of Justice Samuel F. Miller, of the United States Supreme Court, has purchased a building lot near the Searle property. This is on the north part of the island, in local parlance known as "The Neck." It is here that the Great Pond, which, on account of the channel the town has had opened between it and the ocean, has become a small Mediterranean sea, is located. This pond, with the facilities which it offers for sailing and fishing, to those who are not on the best of terms with the ocean, is making the adjacent shores very popular, and so far as cottage sites are concerned, the tide seems to be setting in that direction.

There has been a very material improvement in the streets and roads since last season, a fact which will be gladly welcomed by returning visitors.

It seems reasonably certain that the whole length of Water-st., spring-st., as far as the Spring House, High-st., as far as the Eureka Hotel, and Main-st. as far as the Connecticut House, will be provided with electric lights before the beginning of the season.

"Mid-Ocean," the summer paper which is published by the Hon. John P. Sanborn, publisher and owner of "The Newport Mercury," will issue its first number probably on July 1.

NANTUCKET WAKING UP.

A NEW RAILROAD TO 'SCONSET AND MANY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

Nantucket, May 31 (Special).—The outlook for the coming season, according to Nantucket's own prophets, is more than usually encouraging. A hot summer is predicted, times on the mainland have been "mighty good," and summer visitors are expected to be thicker than honey bees on honeysuckles, and many changes and preparations have been made to increase their comfort and pleasure. The spirit of progress has struck the island in a zigzag wave, and land booms are as numerous as in a new Western metropolis, but the land is much more profitable when invested in. Monomoy Heights has attracted the attention of New-York and Boston parties, who, finding the location, just southeast of the town, on the harbor side, one of the most interesting on the island, have already erected half a dozen pretty cottages. Others are in the near future.

A syndicate of New-Yorkers has purchased Coatue, a narrow neck of land, about six miles long, on the northeast side of the island. Mr. Kidder, of New-York, is at the head of the company. It is proposed to buy a ferryboat and run it from the town, half a mile across the harbor, to Coatue Point.

The famous surf side Hotel, which was moved from Riverside, on the Providence River, but has been closed for some years, is again to be opened under the management of C. W. Cooper. Mr. Appleton, of Erick Church, N. J., a nephew of one of the publishers, is determined to make it worth while for visitors to stop at surf side. The house is being put in the best of order, while experts declare the bathing there the finest about Nantucket, and, owing to the shoals, the safest place for surf bathing.

For months the electric light company has been fighting for a chance to run a railroad. They have the chance, and the next thing is the railroad. It will run along the mile-stone road to Siasconset, and will be one of the greatest improvements that could be made to Nantucket. At 'Sconset more than half the cottages to let are already rented, and this place, which is nowhere surpassed for quaint houses, promises to be crowded by Western people, who find it particularly to their taste.

In town, the Springfield House, which is the most popular with young people, and is the only hotel open all the year 'round, has already a large number of guests, and the house is well engaged for the season. Mr. Mowry, the founder of the house, was one of the most popular hotel men in New-England, owing to his jolly geniality and the common sense which he used in handling guests. His son, Charles A. Mowry, has the same tact, and shows his intention to furnish his guests with everything for comfort. The house has just had electric lights put in. The Nantucket House, under the care of Mr. Tupper, last year's manager; the Sea Cliff Inn, and the Ocean House, where Mrs. Harrison and her sister stopped last year, will all open about July 1.

Mr. Cady of New-Jersey, and Mr. Schaefer, of Chicago, will occupy their cottages on Brant Point. Mrs. Chase, of Elizabeth, N. J., will come to Captain Swain's house, "Glen Cottage," while Judge Breckinridge, of St. Louis, will be at his house, on the cliffs, which once belonged to O'Conor, the great lawyer. More engagements of houses will be made in the coming two weeks. Hotel keepers are flying around, horse owners are fattening up their steeds for the summer's campaign, "antique" collectors are getting up choice assortments of old china and tall clocks, and there is serious talk of immediate improvements to the roads all over the island.

SUMMER AT THE SPRINGS.

SARATOGA READY TO RECEIVE THE WORLD.

AND A GOODLY PORTION OF THE WORLD ENGAGED TO GO THERE.

Saratoga Springs, May 31 (Special).—When the Presbyterian General Assembly closed with prayer its 102d annual session last Tuesday noon, the second convention of the early summer season became a pleasant memory of the historical past. Whatever its technical appellation may be, the "Saratoga Revision Convention" will be its local title when referring to it. While Saratogians would have been pleased to have their handsome village selected as the place of meeting for next year, yet they found no fault when Detroit, Mich., was selected for 1891, with the understanding that San Francisco is to be named for 1892, Chicago a probability for 1893, and Saratoga Springs a certainty for 1894. Kansas City, Mo., and Duluth, Minn., defeated claimants for the Assembly of 1891, may enter into competition for the honor of entertaining the "Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church" in 1895, but not at any earlier date.

The Troy Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was the first convention of the year. This body, as well as the Presbyterian Assembly, has met here several times during the last few years. Their return at stated intervals emphasizes the fact that Saratoga has no superior as a convention town. The Court of Appeals is about to begin its "Saratoga Summer Term," and for the next thirty days this cosmopolitan centre will be the magnet for some of the most distinguished legal talent in the Empire State. The American Home Missionary Society, a convention of National importance and magnitude, will hold forth for a portion of the coming week. This is a Congregational body, and delegates will be present from every section of its mission field, which covers Uncle Sam's entire farm. The New-York Music-Teachers' Association, a state organization, will assemble here on June 24, and remain in session three days, possibly longer. Notwithstanding the battalion of conventions that have gathered here from time to time, this will be the first time that a musical assemblage of this character will have clustered on the mineral water foothills of the Adirondacks. The forty-fifth annual meeting of the New-York State Teachers' Association will be held here July 7, 8 and 9, and the American Institute of Instruction is announced for this summer educational centre July 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The "Saratoga Association for the Improvement of the Breed of Horses"—the incorporated title of Albert Spencer's Saratoga Racing Association—will begin its thirty-day series of turf sports on July 25. The American Social Science Association, in accordance with its annual custom, will hold forth here during the opening week of September. Business associations and organizations, combining pleasure with business, have Saratoga dates sprinkled along through the gay months of June, July and August, while a few will meet here in September. Substantially all of the smaller hotels and the great majority of the boarding-houses are already open and entertaining guests. The United States, Grand Union, Kensington and Clarendon Hotels will be reopened the third week in June. The Windsor Hotel, this year under the management of Willard Lester, was formally reopened to-day, and will remain open until the 1st of October. The Court of Appeals Judges, who make the Windsor their Saratoga home, reached here yesterday and began a three days' consultation. They were given a banquet last night. Their court opens Tuesday, when the usual batch of decisions will be handed down. Judge Henry Hilton and family have arrived and Woodlawn has been opened for the summer and autumn months. The Judge during the winter thoroughly overhauled and enlarged his magnificent residence, which occupies a commanding place in 1,500-acre Woodlawn Park. It is virtually a mansion in proportions—120x120 feet—and represents a large outlay. A large number of spacious rooms have been added, but one of the principal improvements is the dining-room or banquet-hall, which is described as a "triumph." While no great number of cottages have been erected since the close of the season of 1889, extensive improvements have been made to many of the summer residences—or, rather, "cottages" of "Summer Saratogians." Most of the cottages are being put in order for their early occupation by their owners or lessees, and inside of the next two weeks the larger number of them will be reopened. John King, president of the Erie road, will summer at the stevens cottage, North Broadway. Judge Dillon's cottage, on North Broadway, has been leased by Fleming Smith, of New-York City. The John S. Leake cottage, corner of North Broadway, will be occupied by L. Levy, of New-York City. George Bliss, of the firm of Morton, Bliss & Co., New-York City, will again this summer occupy Judge C. S. Lee's cottage, corner of Broadway and Second-st. James H. Breslin, of the Gilsey House, New-York City, has again secured the southgate cottage on North Broadway for the season. Marie Wainwright, the actress, will summer in the W. A. Pierson cottage on Greenfield-ave. Daniel W. Coon, of Troy, has again rented the W. H. Travers cottage on North Broadway, where he was located last summer. Henry G. Ludlow, of the same city, has leased one of the Cluett cottages on Clement-ave. The Gunning cottage on Clement-ave. will be occupied by the family of Mrs. Clarkson N. Potter, of New-York City, and the Lawton cottage, in the same elegant locality, by James A. Deering, of New-York City. The John M. Davison cottage, on Broadway, will be occupied by P. Hazleton, of New-York City. Mrs. V. A. Kelley, of the same city, will again pass the summer here. She has rented Henry W. Keith's Union-ave. cottage. John H. Harbeck, jr., of New-York City, a regular visitor, will be located at the Frank M. White cottage on Union-ave. James Morrison, of Troy, has leased the Dr. Leonard cottage on Caroline-st. Abe H. Hummell, of New-York City, has leased the Union-ave. cottage of A. C. Schuyler, of New-York City, formerly superintendent of Congress Spring Park. Simon Berg, of New-York City, will again this season occupy Frank H. Hathorn's North Broadway cottage. Mrs. M. Weston, of Baltimore, Md., has rented the Avery cottage on Union-ave. General George S. Batchellder's cottage on Circular-st. has again been secured by Hyman Blum, of New-York City. Duncan Yell's cottage on Hall-ton-ave. has been engaged for the season by M. H. Joslin, of New-York City. M. H. Beninger, another New-Yorker, has decided to occupy the W. H. Thoma cottage on Circular-st. The F. V. Hewitt cottage, corner of Circular and Caroline sts., has been leased by William Taylor, of New-York City. Mrs. Mary E. Stevens, of the same city, has rented of Harvey P. Finch his cottage on Caroline-st. The cottage on the corner of Nelson-ave. and Phila-st., owned by Colonel Rivers, of New-Orleans, La., has been rented to David A. De Lima, of New-York City. Fred. Nathan, of New-York City, will again this summer occupy Mrs. H. Hathorn's cottage on Phila-st. Henry S. Lawrence has decided to pass the season here, and has secured the Gates cottage in Union-ave. W. Stoke Smith, of Troy, has leased the Briggs cottage, at the corner of North Broadway and Rock-st. Colonel George H. Ottlie's cottage at the corner of Union and Nelson-ave. will be occupied by Benjamin Russak, of New-York City, and the Jones cottage in Union-ave. by Philip Rosenheim. Dr. Robert R. Heywood, of New-York City, has rented of Mrs. Patrick her Broadway cottage. Applications are being made daily for summer residences, and cottage life is becoming one of the leading features of this place. Saratoga's guests will again be favored with excellent music. Doring's band, of Troy, will fill a summer engagement at Congress Spring Park. The orchestras at the big caravansaries will be the same as during the season of '89—Stoll at the States, Lothian at the Grand Union, and Joyce at Congress Hall. A ladies' orchestra will be located at Hotel Balmoral, Mount McGregor. The Kensington and Clarendon Hotels will also have orchestras. The hotel and boarding house managers are making arrangements for entertaining an unusually large number of visitors, and, to use the language of one of them, "We base our calculations on the many applications received daily, engaging rooms." It is expected that the electric road to the Geysers will be in operation before the end of June, which will bring that picturesque suburb into closer relationship with this village. The creation of a new electric light company, the plant of which is located at the Geysers, will greatly add to Saratoga's illuminating facilities. One of the best things that can be said of Saratoga is that rival mineral-spring owners have ceased their useless quarrelling, and also that the mineral water was never better nor more abundant than at the present time, as will be attested to by the numerous regular visitors already here, partaking of the waters, of which there is such a great variety—over thirty, and no two alike. Their medicinal qualities are well known both here and abroad. Spring house-cleaning a sort of renovating process is substantially completed, and this is no small job in a village of forty hotels and 400 boarding houses. The foliage and lawns, which were somewhat backward until a short time since, are developing a wealth of refreshing beauty, and the town never presented a more handsome and attractive appearance than at present. Extra trains are being placed on the road, running in here, and the list of arrivals is being augmented daily. Additional trains will be started the latter part of June. Unless there is a repetition of the cold and damp weather that affected every watering place on the continent last year, the coming season will probably be one of the best in the history of this "National summer capital."

ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT THOUSAND ISLANDS RESORTS.

Thousand Islands, May 31 (Special).—The season of 1890 ushers in a new era in the history of Thousand Island Park. Since last summer the management has been entirely changed, George P. Folts, of Herkimer, succeeding the Rev. M. D. Kinney as president, and numerous improved plans have been adopted which will better accommodate and satisfy the vast throng that gathers at this place during the summer. The heavy damage done to so many cottages and especially to the hotel by the storm which swept over the island on January 13 is fast being remedied. The repairs on the hotel include a new roof and skylight over the inner court, the addition of several rooms, and the putting in of an elevator. New furniture is to be added and the entire building thoroughly renovated. S. V. Warner, of Lowville, has charge of the same and expects to have it ready for occupancy about the middle of June. The meetings at the tabernacle are to be under the charge of the Rev. William Searls, D. D., and the best talent in the United States and Canada has been secured to address the large gatherings.

At Alexandria Bay both the Crossmon House and the Thousand Island House are being made ready for opening about June 25. The Thousand Island House is to be managed the coming season by Joseph Dorsey, formerly proprietor of a hotel in Baltimore.

Westminster Park presents a scene of unusual activity at this period of the year. Many new cottages are being built and a large number undergoing extensive repairs. Mr. Inglehart, the proprietor of the Hotel Westminster, has also leased the new Central Park Hotel and will be ready for the reception of guests on June 15.

Round Island opens up with encouraging prospects for the season. Many of the cottage owners are now on the grounds superintending improvements on their summer homes, and the whole island is undergoing various changes which will please and benefit its large number of pleasure seekers. The Frontenac, which was built almost entirely new last year, will be opened about the middle of June.

The outlook along the river is acknowledged by all never to have been brighter and a big season is expected.

The Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad has made arrangements to run new palace cars on day trains and Wagner sleepers on night trains direct through from New-York to Clayton, connecting with boat for any point among the islands and also with the mail-boats through to Montreal.

COTTAGERS AT LENOX.

THE SEASON OPENING EARLIER THAN EVER BEFORE.

Lenox, Mass., May 31 (Special).—The cottagers are here in larger numbers than ever before in May, and during the first fifteen days in June more than one-half of the cottages will be occupied. The cottagers come up this year before they go to other resorts. This is contrary to their custom. They usually go to Newport, Bar Harbor, or some other seaside resort before they open up their cottages here.

Morris K. Jesup has purchased a portion of the Woolsey property on a hill top which overlooks some of the finest of Berkshire scenery to the south and east. On the crest of this hill he will this season construct a cottage which it is estimated with the grounds will cost something like $100,000. It will not be completed in time to occupy this year.

David Lydig is building a beautiful cottage on grounds he purchased of F. A. Schermerhorn, located opposite the Schermerhorn place. He expects to have it completed so that he can occupy it early in July.

Charles Lanier's place is being put in fine condition for the family, who are coming to Lenox in July.

The William D. Sloan place will be closed till September, when the family will return from Europe and occupy it.

The General Rathbone place is being put in order for occupancy. Miss Alice Rathbone, daughter of General Rathbone, will be married to J. Archibald Murray on June 4, at All Saints' Cathedral in Albany.

John Struthers has had one of the finest tennis courts completed in Lenox. He and his family will occupy their beautiful cottage early in June. Mr. Struthers proposes to make Lenox his permanent home.

Anson Phelps Stokes has about completed the extensive additions to the McKim cottage, which he purchased last year. He has added to it a music-room, about sixty by forty feet. The addition also contains a billiard-room and several sleeping-rooms. The family will spend the month of June at Curtis Hotel, when they will go to the Adirondacks, and return to occupy their cottage here in August.

Dr. Greenleaf, who is now here with his family for the season, has made some improvements on his cottage, and put his great lawn in fine condition.

John E. Parsons and family are now occupying their cottage. Mr. Parsons has greatly improved the appearance of his place this season.

Mrs. Amorose C. Kingsland and family will occupy their cottage here soon.

G. G. Haven and family now occupy their French colonial cottage which Mr. Haven finished last year.

The Frelinghuysen cottage is closed. The family have been in Lenox for a few days. H. W. Gray and wife will go to Europe soon for the summer. They are expected to return to Lenox in October.

H. S. Leavitt will occupy the Bennett cottage early in June, and William C. Schermerhorn will occupy his cottage within a few weeks.

Sherman Winthrop has leased his cottage to Mrs. David Thompson till October, when he will come on to occupy it.

A. R. Shattuck, and A. R. Shattuck, who was married last year, will occupy the Shattuck cottage soon.

Henry A. Hanlay and family will return from Europe and occupy their cottage about July 15.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ward will not occupy their cottage this season.

George Higginson and family are here for the season.

D. W. Bishop and son have been at Curtis Hotel for the past few days. Mr. Bishop and family will soon occupy their fine cottage.

Mr. Rackmann has leased her cottage to Charles L. Colby, of Milwaukee, for the season.

The family of George W. Folsom will soon be here for the season.

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