PROSPERITY OF CORNELL.

NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, BUT NOT KEEPING PACE WITH REQUIREMENTS.

RAPID INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS—A LIMIT PLACED ON ADMISSIONS TO THE LAW COLLEGE—LAW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Ithaca, N. Y., June 17.—President Adams said last night: "You will discover that a number of changes have been made in the last year. Barnes Hall and Lincoln Hall have been completed, each one the best and most perfectly equipped of its kind in the country. The new chemical laboratory, which will furnish accomodations for 400 students of chemistry working in the laboratories simultaneously, will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next year. It is constructed and arranged according to the most approved plans and methods and can hardly fail to be the most completely equipped laboratory connected with any institution in the country. The press of students in Sibley College has been so great that we have been obliged this year to limit the numbers. It has been thought best largely to increase the accommodations. This will be done by putting an additional story on the lowest of the buildings, thus more than doubling its space in the quarter where there was the greatest demand. The improvements will be made at an expense of about $25,000.

"Important changes are also to be made in the department of physics, which is one of great strength and prosperity. Connected as it is intimately with electrical engineering, it is found necessary to devote what is known as the Clemical Annex, a building more than 100 feet long, exclusively to the dynamos and engines that will be necessary to furnish the power. The department of physics, which has hitherto been limited to a part of Franklin Hall, will take entire possession of the building when the department of chemistry moves into its new quarters.

"These necessary enlargements make a draft on the treasury which it can ill afford to bear. The income of the university has been entirely used in defraying current expenses, and the necessities occasioned by constantly increasing numbers have led to a raising of tuition fees for next year. There are several specific needs of the university which the means at present at our disposal are entirely inadequate to supply. The first is that of the law building. The School of Law has advanced into extraordinary prosperity and success in the course of three years. The number of students the present year has been more than 100, and the present quarters are inadequate to the demands put upon them. A new building is greatly needed, but such a building cannot be erected unless some friend of the university comes to its relief. The same thing might be said of the College of Agriculture. No department of the university has been more strength ened during the last five years than this. Within the last year large expenses have been incurred for the new department of horticulture, and it is now believed that no college in the country more adequately fulfils its mission in the teaching of agriculture in all of its branches in a thorough and scientific as well as practical manner, but the instruction has to be given under circumstances that are somewhat depressing. There is great need of a building that shall bring together agriculture, horticulture, veterinary science, entomology and botany all under the same roof. The building has been planned; but as yet a benefactor to erect it has not been discovered. Another building greatly needed is for the department of art. Some years ago a large collection was promised, and the money for it provided; but no purchases have yet been made, for the reason that there is no place on the university grounds for the suitable storage even of plaster casts. A building with a lecture-room in connection therewith is essential.

"It should be added, incidentally, that there are several minor wants which the university is unable to supply. The large classes that have come together have made it impossible to accommodate the military department and the department of physical culture in the old Gymnasium Hall. While the large room is still ample in size, the rooms connected with it are small, ill-ventilated and thoroughly inadequate.

"It is probable that no institution in the country in the last five years has had such prosperity as Cornell. The number of students has gone up from a little more tha 500 to more than 1,300. The requirements for admission have been increasing from year to yer, and the number of the teaching corps has been greatly enlarged, but its prosperity has brought wit it certain embarrassments which can only be met by large expenditures of money. The number of free scholarships furnished by the State and the university makes the cost of educating every student tht comes to us much greater than the amount of fees received. Hence our prosperity is actually a soure of financial embarrassment. I should like to ave considerable emphasis given to this point.

"Perhaps it would be natural to say something in regard to the los of the Fiske suit. The university will not suffer directly from the loss so much as at first might be supposed; but, indirectly, the loss is great indeed. M. Sage gives $500,000 for the library, and this will no only erect a large and handsome building, but will give us a good endowment for the purchase of book, although the endowment will be considerably less han that of Harvard at the present time. The expense of administration, however, will have to be proded by the university, and it is probable that expenses in the new building will be as great as the expense has been hitherto of administering and purchasing books. We should have been relieved of all this ad the Fiske money come to us, and should have became to make much larger purchases than will be possible at the present time. In other words, the Fiske money would have contributed a general fund of abut $25,000 a year, and at the same time would have dded $25,000 a year to the fund for the general libray."

DAY OF THE YEAR AT CORNELL.

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATES TO DISPLAY THEIR TALENTS—CLASS-DAY EXERCISES.

Ithaca, June 17 (Special).—This was the red-letter day of the four years' course at Cornell University. It was class day. The exercises took place in Gymnasium Hall, with was crowded with the friends and relatives of the graduates. Following was the programme: Prayer, by the Rev. C. M. Tyler; roll-call, J. E. Greenawalt, Silver Spring, Penn.; class oration, F. A. Abbott, Abbott's Corners, N. Y.; class poem, Miss E. L. Berry of Owego, N. Y.; class essay, Miss E. L. Gilbert, of Hollicong, Penn.; president's address, F. H. Callan, Lockport, N. Y. J. W. Battin, of Albany, presented to the university in the name of the class of '90 the $500 subscription to the new boat house. The Invocation was by F. W. Ely, of Buffalo; class history, L. L. Landrs, Green Island, N. Y.; class prophecy, .. E. Rice, Fort Ann, N. Y.; presentation of pipe, H. W. Wilkinson, Syracuse; reply for '91, R. J. Kellogg, Norwalk, Ohio; the song, "Alma Mater," and the farewel visit to the college halls ended the exercises.

The address of the Hon. W. W. MacFarland, of New-York, in Barnes Hall last night, delivered under the auspices of the School of Law, was attended by an appreciative audience. The lecture was in the nature of a review of the origin and growth of jurisprudence. Mr. MacFarland dwelt upon the importance of the Roman law as the origin of all modern systems of juris prudence.

The senior reception came off in the armory tonight and was the great social affair of the commencement. The decorations were beautiful, Florida moss, flags, flowers and bunting being used to heighten the effect. Two orchestras were employed, one from Albany to furnish the concert music in intermissions, and he other from Buffalo to play the dance music. In the east end in a semi-circle were a dozen or more private boxes for the fraternities, decorated in harmony with the main hall. The big lawn outside was fenced in with canvas for a promenade, and a large tent was used for refreshments. The success of the senior reception was largely due to the indefatigable efforts of the chairman of the ball committee, William H. Graves, of Milwaukee. Among those at the big ball were President Adams, J. J. Hagerman, Colorado Springs; Miss Smalley, daughter of George W. Smalley; Miss Freeborn, New-York; a bevy of Vassar girls with Professor R. H. Thurston; Miss Swinton, Port Jervis; Miss Hall and Miss Cowles, Utica; Miss Ida Cramer, Milwaukee; Miss Sprague, Chicago; the wife of General Trowbridge, Miss Daisy Trowbridge, Miss Clara Dyer, Miss Lulu Atchison and Miss Helena Wetmore of Detroit; Mrs. and Miss Pifford, Newark; Miss Sherman, Syracuse; Miss Hancock, Miss Babcock and Mr. Hiscock, of Syracuse; Miss Mary Upjohn, Germantown, Penn.; Miss Annie James, Baltimore; Miss Ramlet, New-York; Miss Cook, Paterson, N. J.; Miss Hazen, Pelham Manor, N. Y., and H. H. Nthan, New-York.

CLAS DAY AT WILSON COLLEGE.

Chambersburg, Penn., June 17 (Special).—The class day exercises of Wilson Female College were held in Rosedale Opera House this evening. The address of welcome was delivered by Miss Grace Stone, of Warren, Penn daughter of the secretary of the Commonwealth, who is also valedictorian of the class of twenty-five members, which graduates to-morrow. The remainde of the programme was as follows: class motto, Evelyn Nicholls, Chester, N. J.; class history, Margaret Barr, Two Taverns, Penn.; class presentation, Anne I. Stone, Warren, Penn.; prophecy, M. Pearl Rite, Reedsville, Penn.; senior charge to juniors, Ethel Cooper, Smyrna, Del.; junior reply, Frances Botsford, Wenonah, N. J., and mock valedictory by Constance McLeod, of Cincinnati. Several hundred visitors and alumnae are present and the commencement is the larget ever known in the history of the college.

ALUMNI DAY AT RUTGERS.

WINANTS HALL FORMALLY OPENED—CLASS REUNIONS AND FRATERNITY DINNERS.

Yesterday was alumni day at Rutgers and the graduates of the college had the floor all day. The festivities began early in the morning when crowds of alumni and friends of the college arived and flocked to the campus, chapel and halls. The Alumni Association met at 10 o'clock and elected James Neilson to represent them in the board of trustees. The following officers were chosen: President, J. Romeyn Hoagland, '52; vice-presidents, Foster M. Wyckoff, '76, John N. Carpender, '66; the Rev. P. T. Poelman, '75; the Rev. A. Campbell, '62; secretary, T. Strong, '83; treasurer, Theodore B. Boorsem, '81; orator, primarius, the Rev. Graham Taylor, '70; secundus, George L. Danforth, '63; necrologist, Irving S. Upson, '81.

Among the alumni who have died during the year was Professor Alexander Johnston. The annual address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. George Swain, of Allentown, whose subject was "Seven Times Seven, and Some of its Results." Another feature of the meeting was the presentation to the college of a portrait in oil of the late E. S. Yail, who gave Rutgers its large picture gallery. A beautiful memorial window in the chapel, the gift of the graduating class, was unveiled. The luncheon was held in the afternoon, and was the scene of the formal opening of Winants Hall, the tables being spread in its large dining hall. The deeds for the hall were received, and students and alumni, with great enthusiasm, sent a telegram to Mr. Winants, the giver. Afterward came speeches, the principal one being by ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, of New-York. "The question has often been asked," he said, "whether a college education is requisite to success. No, no if money is the criterion of prosperity, but an education raises a man above the plane of sordid self, and helps him to see the beauty of doing good to others. It is one of the highest capabilities of the human intellect that it is able to understand that justice to the individual is the conservation of the State, and the cause of education needs no greater incentive than the fact that it is mainly through the broadening influence of education that men have seen that, thoug worldly success is sometimes dependent on wealth, he elements of true success are found in the good and great of history, who have not made it their aim to achieve riches in place of wisdom."

In the afternoon commemorative services were held in honor of the late Dr. George H. Cook, for a long time vice-president of the college, state Geologist and a distinguished scientist. Eulogies were sent by Professor James D. Dana, of Yale, and by Rossiter W. Raymond, of "The Engineering and Mining Journal," and addresses were delivered by ex-Mayor Hewitt, Major Powell, of the United States survey, and Dr. John E. Dourey, of "The Christian Intelligencer," and by Dr. T. S. Doolittle, on behalf of the faculty.

In the evening the junior exhibition was held, eight men from the literary societies of the college contesting for the Perlee prize. The speakers were Edward Otis Chickering, of Catskill, N. Y., "The Missionary Spirit"; Clifford Henry Strong, of Montrose-on-the-Hudson, "The Power of Eloquence"; Samuel Clifton Mabon, New-Brunswick, "Our National Idea"; John Howard Raven, of Brooklyn, "Mercantilism"; Paul Jewell Challen, of New-York, "Foreign Capital in America"; James Coffin Stout, New-Brunswick, "National Perils and the Duties of the Individual"; Howard Augustus Reynolds, "Henry W. Grady"; Joseph C. Castner, of New-Brunswick, "Bribery in Politics." Afterward came several class reunions, and the dinners of the different fraternities.

To-day the commencement exercises will be held, to be followed by the senior ball and the president's reception.

AT THE NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR REPORTED BY ALL THE DEPARTMENTS.

Chicago, June 17 (Special).—The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwestern University, at Evanston, was held this morning in University Hall, the president, John Evans, in the chair. Acting President Marcy presented the president's report, a large part of which was devoted to a eulogy of Dr. Joseph Cummings. The report of Dr. N. S. Davis, of the Chicago Medical College, was then received. Dr. Davis reported an unusually prosperous year, stating that there had been 237 matriculations, explaining in detail several important building improvements in progress. The report of the College of Pharmacy showed the largest graduating class this year of any in its history. The report of Dr. H. F. Fisk, principal of the preparatory school, showed a gain in attendance of 100 per cent in the last four years. Four hundred and eighteen students were enrolled during the fall term of '89, 364 during the winter term, and 325 this spring.

Dr. Fisk urged the importance of a new preparatory building. The report of Miss Rena A. Michaels, dean of the Woman's College, stated that there were more young women in the college, pursuing a regular course, than ever before.

The treasurer's report showed the net value of the university property to be $2,380,000 and the total assets $2,538,104. By the revaluation of the Pacific Hotel Company property, belonging to the university, there will be an annual increase of $45,400 in the rental.

MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Amherst, Mass., June 17 (special).—The commencement at the Massachusetts Agricultural College to-day included the alumni dinner and business meeting, planting the class ivy, battalion dress-parade and the award of military diplomas. A large number of prominent men were present. The trustees created a chair of veterinary surgery and of English and raised the standard of admission. Governor J. Q. A. Brackett and staff arrived to-night and will attend the graduation to-morrow.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT ALFRED UNIVERSITY.

Alfred Centre, N. Y., June 17.—The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at Alfred University on Sunday evening by President Allen. Monday and Tuesday will be devoted to the Orophilian, Alfrecdian, Alleghanian and Athenaean sessions, and on Tuesday the annual concert will be given. The alumni will hold their meetings on Wednesday, and in the evening they will give a banquet, at which Dr. Daniel Lewis, of New-York, the president of the association, will preside. On Thursday the commencement exercises will take place in the morning, and the class exercises in the afternoon.

IVY DAY AT SMITH COLLEGE.

Northampton, Mass., June 17.—This was Ivy Day at Smith College. The exercises were held in the open air at the rear of the art gallery. The members of the graduating class were clad in white lawns, without decorations, and wore no hats. Some 600 friends of the graduates were present.

CLASS DAY AT ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

Barrytown, N. Y., June 17 (special).—This was class day at St. Stephen's College, Annandale. The weather was favorable and the festivities were conducted on the college campus. A large number of prominent people were present from New-York City and Hudson River towns. The exercises began at 4 o'clock, when the members of the upper classes marched to the campus, singing a favorite song written by H. P. Williams, formerly of '90. The class song, composed by John M. Gilbert, having been sung, President Frederick H. Farrar addressed his classmates. John Mills Gilbert, the bard of the class, then read the poem of the day. After more music, William H. Meldrum narrated the history of the graduates; George W. Farrar presented the trowel to the class of '91, William A. Robertson accepting the gift; William J. D. Thomas gave a forecast of the success of his classmates and then each graduate received from the venerable Percival C. Pyle some memento of his work. After William G. Anthony had directed the setting of the class stone, the programme closed with a song composed by Messrs. Gilbert and Anthony.

A TRAINING FIELD FOR TEACHERS.

Ithaca, June 17 (Special).—A dispatch from Wells College, at Aurora, to-night says: "President Francis A. Walker, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, delivered an address here to-day before the graduating class. Mr. Walker's address was a plea for the introduction into women's colleges of studies and exercises suitable for the training of pupils to become teachers. His proposition was that all women's colleges should be, in a high sense, normal schools. Teaching, said he, is the one great profession which, by general consent, is relinquished mainly to women. There are probably 200,000 women teachers in the United States at the present time. Such an army requires a vast body of recruits every year. Fully 15,000 to 20,000 young women should come forward annually qualified to undertake the laborious and responsible duties. In fact, the supply of trained teachers is far short of the demand in point of numbers, while in point of quality there is an even more painful deficiency."

PHI BETA KAPPA ELECTION AT DICKINSON.

Carlisle, Penn., June 17 (Special).—The friends and alumni of Dickinson are coming in slowly. This morning a meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society was held. J. B. Storm, of Stroudsburg; ex-Postmaster-General Creswell, of Washington, D. C., and Messrs. Crowder, Urner and Pearce were elected to membership. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Professor H. C. Whiting; vice-president, Dr. A. Rittenhouse; secretary, Professor W. A. Dare; treasurer, Professor J. H. Morgan. This afternoon a meeting of the Board of Trustees, at which Dr. Reed presided, was held. Little was done at the meeting. This evening the Rev. Dr. Watson L. Phillips, of Wilkesbarre, pronounced the Phi Beta Kappa oration before the united literary societies in Bosler Hall. His theme was, "Look up, Lift up." To-morrow will be Class Day, and Thursday Commencement Day.

SPEECHLESS, BUT ELOQUENT.

EXERCISES OF THE INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

The pupils of the New-York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb do not make much noise in the world, but that they are doing excellent work was abundantly proved yesterday by the interesting graduating exercises of the school, and in the printing office, the shops where various other trades are taught, and the art department, which were open to inspection before the commencement was held in the chapel.

In the absence of the president, the first vice-president, the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Stoddard, made an address, and the Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet, one of the directors, read a report on the annual examination.

The exercises by the pupils were conducted by Dr. Isaac Lewis Peet, the principal. They included the salutatory address, by William Coombs, and the valedictory, written by Frederick Willis Baars and read by Professor E. H. Currier, while Mr. Baars translated it on his fingers to his classmates. Essays by Catherine Logue and Catherine Keefe were read by Dr. Peet, and Margaret A. Boyd recited in graceful gestures the appeal of Portia, beginning "The quality of mercy is not strained." An interesting exhibition of the results of the daily instruction in lip-reading and articulation was given in an audible dialogue between Johanna Zettel and Edward Ruppholdt, two children who were born deaf. The description given in the sign language of the trials of a census enumerator by Professor W. G. Jones, a deaf-mute, provoked much merriment. A choir of girls rendered "Nearer, My God, to Thee," in concerted signs.

Certificates and diplomas were awarded to the following graduates:

High class—Frederick Willis Baars, Catherine Keefe, Nellie Long and Catherine Logue.

Special supplementary course of study—Charles Kleserwetter, William A. Ryckman, Nellie Austin and Eva Frechoider.

Eight years' course—Frederick Backhaus, Wilbur Lighowers, William Coombs, David Costuma, Daniel Dugan, Martin Glynn, Joseph Goreth, Patrick J. Gately, William L. Hanson, Frederick H. Knox, Walter Long, R. M. O'Sullivan, William F. Reid, Edward Schneider, Henry G. Thies, Minnie Brown, Margaret A. Boyd, Margaret Bogatiska, Ida M. DeVoe, Mabella S. Fish, Daisy Hollister, Eliza Knorr, Annie Rosenberg, Amanda Schoonmaker, Catherine Schaefer, Selina Taylor, Margaret Tiedemann and Lizzie Weidmann.

The distribution of prizes followed. During the day there was a sale of fancy articles made by the "Silent Daughters of the King" for the benefit of the Gallaudet Home for Deaf Mutes. Among those present were J. Hilton Scribner, the Rev. Drs. Van Rensselaer and Virgin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hood Wright, A. B. MacDonald, Benjamin H. Field, Mrs. Courtlandt de Peyster Field, the Rev. W. L. McElveen, the Rev. Alexander Lewis and Homer N. Lockwood.

EXERCISES AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL.

The exercises of the preparatory department of St. Francis Xavier's College and the distribution of prizes took place last evening in the theatre attached to the college in West Sixteenth st., in the presence of an audience that filled the building. The military cadets of the department, in handsome uniforms, acted as ushers. The Rev. Father E. X. Fink, the prefect, had charge of the exercises, and Father Merrick, president of the college, presented the prizes. The programme consisted of songs, recitations, musical frolics, bayonet and officers' sabre drill, under command of Cadet Captain Robert E. McDonnell, and the performance of an operetta, "The Magic Pen." In the first preparatory class, of which William J. Smyth is teacher, special prizes, consisting of a gold medal for elocution and another for catechism, were given to Edward O. McNulty and, for arithmetic, one to J. Connick. Other prizes, consisting principally of books, were awarded for class standing, catechism, spelling, English grammar, arithmetic, Bible history, geography, penmanship and French.

The exercises and distribution of prizes in the grammar department of the College of St. Francis Xavier will be held to-night in the college hall at 8 o'clock. The entertainment will consist of a dialogue with music, entitled "Cicero and Roscius," a dramatic presentation of Lucian's dialogue, "The Stygian Ferry," and "Villa Scabright," a drama in three acts, written for the occasion, and which embodies the story of the eccentric plan adopted by a millionaire to cure himself of hypochondria. The characters in the various sketches will be impersonated by George F. Johnson, Denis J. Mccrath, Redmond J. Walsh, James A. Taafe, Thomas F. Ryan, Michael J. Schell, Joseph Dowling, Edward F. Dowling, Frederick A. McGuire, James J. Power, Peter G. Abbott, Richard A. Fleming, Thomas S. Murphy, Edgar C. Joyce, Alfred J. Talley, Michael J. Ahern and John G. Gannon.

SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Grammar School No. 43, at one-hundred and twenty-ninth st. and Amsterdam-ave., held its annual reception yesterday. The classes were engaged for an hour in the morning in manual training exhibition and the graduating classes then gave their exercises.

The George Washington Post of the Grand Army of the Republic yesterday presented the Girls' Department of Grammar School No. 87 with a handsome flag.

SETON HALL TO HAVE NINE GRADUATES.

The commencement exercises of Seton Hall College at South Orange, N. J., will take place this afternoon on the campus, in the rear of the main college building. If the weather proves stormy they will be held in Alumni Hall. Bishop Wigger will preside and deliver the address to the graduating class, nine in number. A large gathering of the Catholic clergy is expected, and a luncheon will be served to the invited guests.

A UNIVERSITY WITHOUT A COMMENCEMENT.

Worcester, Mass., June 17 (Special).—The official end of the first academic year at Clark University was reached to-day. There were no degrees to confer and there were no public exercises. In a university giving only advanced degrees, with no class examinations, a fixed annual day for promotions is not necessary. Whenever during the year the individual candidate is ripe the examination is held and the degree given, hence there is no occasion for commencement exercises, so-called, which are practically unknown in the universities of Europe. Opening exercises will be held in the fall. Many of the instructors remain at their work some weeks longer to complete unfinished researches. From the recently published register, a pamphlet of ninety-six pages, it appears that during the last academic year twenty-eight lecturers have given thirty-three courses, and that the members of the university now represent graduates of forty-eight different colleges; that two journals are already published in connection with the university, the smallest of which prints about 600 pages a year. The plans of the Chemical Building, now published for the first time, show a total of sixty-eight rooms, while the main building has ninety rooms. The policy of receiving only graduate students or those of equivalent attainments is strictly adhered to. The library of the university now receives 197 periodicals and already has more than 10,000 bound volumes on its shelves, with large orders still unfilled.

THE PROPOSED RAPID TRANSIT ROUTE.

The Rapid Transit Commissioners spent their time yesterday in going over the proposed route of the new underground railroad, which now seems in a fair way to be constructed and in running order within the next ten or a dozen years. By that time the Third-ave. cable line, which will be in operation before long, will partly relieve the necessity for local fast transit on the East Side and the Broadway cable cars will no doubt be able to carry nearly double the people that they do now. The Commissioners are likely to have their report ready to send to the Mayor this afternoon. This report considers only two questions, the necessity of a steam road and the route to be taken by it.

The Commissioners are endeavoring to fix upon a course which will cause the tearing down or cutting into as few new buildings as possible. They fear more than anything else now that a decision may come from the Court of Appeals at the last moment, holding that the old underground charter still exists in fact, rather than as a scheme confined to paper only. A decision of this kind will compel the Commissioners to give this company the right to construct the new road along those sections of the route which are coincident with the Vandenburg route.

Not much attention has been paid to the route above Forty-second st. The suggestion that either Madison or Lexington ave. may be selected has already raised a storm of opposition from property owners and real estate dealers. Several lawyers have asked permission to appear before the Commission to oppose such relations. Orando B. Potter and Woodbury Langdon, who comprise the Law Committee, were busy yesterday getting opinions of leading lawyers on the Vandenburg charter.

The Executive Committee of the Workingmen's Reform League met yesterday at No. 323 West Fifty-third st., and appointed a sub-committee to call on the Rapid Transit Commissioners to present their views on the question of Rapid Transit. The league members strongly favor the underground system.

CLOSING PRICES OF CALIFORNIA STOCKS.

San Francisco, June 17, 1890.

	Yesterday.	To-day.		Yesterday.	To-day.
Alta	1.35	1.30	Ophir	5.35	5.85
Best & Belcher	3.90	4.05	Plymouth	3.80	4.05
Bodie Consol	.70	.75	Sierra Nevada	3.10	3.25
Challar	3.90	3.90	Union Consol	2.95	....
Con Cal & Va	4.75	4.80	Utah	1.10	....
Crown Point	2.95	3.00	Yellow Jacket	3.10	3.60
Gould & Curry	2.75	2.95	Commonwealth	4.50	4.90
Hale & Norcross	3.25	3.20	Nevada Queen	.95	....
Mexican	3.05	3.50	Belle Isle	1.00	.85
Mono	....	.40	North Belle Isle	1.60	1.60
Navajo	.45	.50			

NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

JERSEY CITY.

HIBERNIANS IN CONVENTION.

The State Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was held yesterday in St. John's Hall. State Delegate John Hart, of Newark, presided and there were 230 delegates present. Secretary John J. Clancy, of Trenton, read his report showing that the order is in a prosperous condition. The membership was increased 973 during the year, and there are now 2,715 members in the State. Resolutions were adopted declaring the allegiance of the Order to the Catholic Church, expressing faith in the ultimate success of the Home Rule Movement in Ireland, thanking Gladstone, Parnell and their colleagues for their efforts in behalf of Home Rule, and pledging the moral and financial support of the Order to the cause. Maurice F. Wilbere, National Delegate, delivered an address in which he said that the Order is now 100,000 strong in the United States. John J. Clancy was elected State Delegate. Richard Haggerty, of Camden, was elected secretary, and Michael B. Holmes, of Jersey City, treasurer. The next convention will be held in Elizabeth, in 1892.

The investigation in the Mayoralty contest was suspended yesterday while the lawyers went to Trenton to argue the application made by counsel for Mr. Perkins for a further extension of time to take testimony.

A rumor circulated about the Court House yesterday that one of the election officers had agreed to turn State's evidence created considerable excitement. The man alluded to denies that there is any truth in the rumor.

NEWARK.

THE SYNDICATE PAYS A GOOD ROUND SUM.

The Philadelphia syndicate which recently got control of the Essex Passenger Railway system and the Newark and Irvington line in Newark has completed the transaction by paying $1,650,000 for the bulk of the stock of the principal stockholders, including John and Robert Ballantine, William Clark, S. S. Battin, A. Q. Keasbey, Andrew Lemassena, Alexander Turnbull and Wolcott Jackson. The stock was sold at $150 per share. A temporary organization of the new board was made. The Newark and Elizabeth Railroad, which has also been brought under the control of the syndicate, will be paid for under a different arrangement.

The Hudson and Bergen Street Railroad Company has been consolidated with the Essex Passenger Railway system. The road will run from Harrison through Kearny and Arlington to the Bergen County line. The capital is $100,000. The motor to be used will be electricity.

SHE NEARLY KILLED HER NEIGHBOR.

Mrs. Thomarsh, twenty-six years old, is lying in the City Hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain, and probably dying from the effects of an assault committed upon her yesterday by Mrs. Carrie Gilmore, a neighbor. The women had some trouble about their children, which culminated in Mrs. Gilmore knocking Mrs. Thomarsh down and kicking her in the head and breast. After a hard tussle Patrolman Webber succeeded in arresting Mrs. Gilmore and she is held to await the result of the injuries inflicted by her upon Mrs. Thomarsh.

The American Manufacturing and Export Company was incorporated yesterday with a capital of $500,000. The objects declared include the manufacture of machinery, the preparation of grain and seeds for market, the purchase and sale of real estate, etc. The offices are to be in New-York and Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey B. Dunham celebrated their golden wedding on Monday night at their house, No. 355 Summer-ave. Friends were present from New-York, Paterson, Brooklyn and Western cities.

The annual reunion of the Second Brigade, U. S. Volunteers, will be held to-day at Association Hall. Mayor Haynes, General James L. Rushling, General E. Burd Grubb, Governor Abbett, ex-Senator Sewell, ex-Chancellor Runyon and others will make addresses.

ELIZABETH.

TWO WOMEN THROWN FROM A CARRIAGE.

Mrs. John W. Felton, jr., well known in society, and her niece, Miss Palmer, who is visiting her, were driving yesterday afternoon, when they were run into by a horse-car close to the railroad crossing at the Union depot. Both women were thrown violently out of their carriage, but they escaped without injury. The carriage was partly wrecked, while the spirited horse broke away from his fastenings and ran up Morris-ave. for over a mile before he was caught.

ORANGE.

Mrs. George J. Seabury and another lady narrowly escaped a frightful accident yesterday. Mrs. Seabury was driving to the Orange depot in a village cart, and turning too short on reaching the station, overturned the cart, and threw both the women out on the hard street. The horse started to run but was caught. Beyond a number of serious bruises, no damage was done.

A brilliant concert in aid of the First Presbyterian Church of South Orange was given in the church last evening under the auspices of the Young People's Christian Union. The church was crowded.

A pleasant lawn party was given by Mrs. Samuel Colgate, at her home, "Seven Oaks," in Centre-st., yesterday afternoon, to the boys department of the Young Men's Christian Association. There were about 150 present.

NORTHERN NEW-JERSEY COUNTIES.

PLAINFIELD.—A private musical society was organized on Monday night. Its concerts will be given in the new Casino. The officers are: President, Rowland Cox; vice-president, Colonel Mason W. Tyler; treasurer, H. G. Runkle; secretary, William Kaufman. . . . The trustees of the State Normal School have placed the Plainfield High School on the "approved list," thus allowing its graduates the privilege of entering the second class of the Normal school upon the presentation of their diplomas. Only four schools in New-Jersey have been so preferred. . . . The fee for initiation to membership in the Union County Country Club has been fixed for the present at $50. The yearly club dues will be $40, payable semi-annually, in advance. The building committee is making rapid progress with the $20,000 clubhouse on West Seventh-st.

HOBOKEN.—The cornerstone of the new building of the First Baptist Church of Hoboken will be laid at Bloomfield and Ninth sts. this afternoon.

RUTHERFORD.—The Borough Council on Monday night elected H. H. Copeland, of the law firm of Copeland & Lace, to succeed Luther Shafer as Borough Counsel, Mr. Shafer's term having expired. . . . A reward is offered for the discovery of the thieves who broke into the shop of Colonel J. E. Cook, president of the Rutherford Carpenters' Union, and stole valuable tools.

OTHER SUBURBAN TOWNS.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WHITE PLAINS.—The ninety-second annual meeting of the Westchester County Medical Society was held yesterday in the rooms of White Plains Lodge, F. and A. M. Forty physicians were in attendance. Dr. H. E. Schmid, of White Plains, read a paper on "Some Personal Observations upon the History and Claims of Hypnotism, and its Employment in Certain Diseased Conditions." The officers elected are Dr. P. H. Mason, of Peekskill, president; Dr. N. F. Curtis, of White Plains, vice-president; Dr. W. F. Green, of Yonkers, secretary; Dr. J. H. Howe, of Mount Vernon, treasurer. The annual dinner was given at Doll's Union Hotel. . . . In the attempt to elect a village president last night Trustees Matthews, Smith and Harmon varied their votes for twenty successive times between Charles Dutcher, John R. Cox, Dr. Magness, William P. Platt, John Read, E. A. Slosson, N. H. Hand and Harvey Husted. Trustees Long, Miller and Verplanck voted for William R. Tibbits first, last and all the time. The Board then adjourned until next Monday evening.

YONKERS.—The Palisade Boat Club of Yonkers opened its new club-house at Greenwood-on-Hudson last evening, by throwing open its doors to its friends. About 200 were present at the reception. The new club-house is one of the finest on the Hudson. The club has acquired about 200 feet of water front and upland. The latter will be connected with the club-house by a bridge. Next year a casino is to be built on the uplands. The present officers of the club are Edward M. Jackson, president; Robert B. Getty, vice-president; E. B. Holden, recording secretary; J. B. Foster, corresponding and financial secretary; W. W. Seraghorn, treasurer; captain, E. Martin; lieutenant, G. Reeves.

MOUNT VERNON.—The companies which combined early in the season and doubled the cost of ice to consumers have suffered more than the public have. The people protested in strong terms against the imposition of an advance of 100 per cent, but without effect. Many families then gave up the use of ice. The dealers have now reduced the price to 80 cents a hundred pounds, but the people are not yet ready to submit, and another reduction must take place before many yield. . . . Mrs. Emma M. Clark, wife of Captain Frank M. Clark, died at her home in Mount Vernon yesterday from cancer of the stomach. She bore her sufferings patiently. Mrs. Clark was a woman of a lovable character, kind, thoughtful and generous. She was born in Athens, Bradford County, Penn., in 1844, the youngest of thirteen children. She was married to Captain Clark in 1866. The funeral will be held at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mount Vernon to-morrow.

LONG ISLAND.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—Joseph R. Huntting, the North Hempstead justice of the peace who is charged with misappropriating $21,000 trust funds, and who was indicted by the Grand Jury last week, was surrendered to Sheriff Goldner by his bondsmen yesterday. Huntting will resign as justice of the peace and also as superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday-school at Roslyn.

HICKSVILLE.—Andrew Ruyer, a well-digger of Hicksville, had a narrow escape from death yesterday. He was digging a well for Mrs. Adam Louck when one side of it caved in. Ruyer was down a depth of eight feet and the earth came up to his chin. His cries for help were heard by William Zopp and William Barreles, who after several hours' work succeeded in rescuing the unfortunate man. Ruyer was unable to walk after he was taken out. His injuries are serious.

RIVERHEAD.—The will of William W. Merriam, an eccentric school teacher who died suddenly about two years ago at Manor, was admitted to probate yesterday by Surrogate Tuthill. He left his entire estate valued at $90,000 to the United States Government. His four sisters, residents of Springfield, Mass., contested the will. They were represented by ex-Governor Robinson, of Massachusetts.

HEMPSTEAD.—Lockwood De Mott, jr., a well-known young man, has made two ineffectual attempts at suicide, one by jumping into a well and the other by cutting his throat. He was to have been married to Miss Ida Griffin last Wednesday night. When he appeared for the ceremony he was told that Miss Griffin had changed her mind, and the young woman's mother ordered him from the house.

ROCKLAND COUNTY.

NYACK.—A lively school war, which has been raging for three weeks, has culminated in action by the people. Last month the Board of Education requested the resignation of Professor John A. Demarest, principal of Union Free School, at a time when everything seemed harmonious. The Board said that Mr. Demarest lacked power to discipline the thousand children under his control. Supposing he would resign they gave him a warm recommendation. This Mr. Demarest made public and hundreds of taxpayers protested against the action of the Board. The local newspapers added fuel to the flame. School Commissioner Knapp, of Haverstraw, has declared, in a letter, that Professor Demgrest is a strict disciplinarian, and that the Nyack school is at the head of the schools of Rockland County. A petition, signed by nearly 2,000 citizens, condemning the Board's action and asking for Mr. Demarest's re-engagement, will soon be presented. . . . A month ago there was promise of an exceptionally large cherry and berry crop throughout this region. Owing to continued dampness, there will not be enough fruit picked to pay for the harvesting. Strawberries and cherries are rotting rapidly and fears for the failure of the blackberry crop are also entertained.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

FEATURES OF NEW-YORK DEALINGS.

There was less liquidation and less speculation in the wheat option market yesterday. There was some foreign buying and the encouraging influences were the decrease in the amount on passage to Europe (1,744,000 bushels), some unfavorable crop reports and a good export demand, including late engagements on Monday. The tame cables exerted little effect in influencing operators. July options opened at 92 1-8, fell to 91 3-4 and closed at 92 5-8 cents, the latter being the bid price on the curb at the close. August rallied from 91 3-8@90 7-8 cents to 91 3-4 cents, but on the curb was a shade easier. September opened at 91 1-4, went to 90 5-8 and recovered the loss. December fell from 93@93 1-4 cents to 92 5-8, recovered to 93 1-4 cents and closed on the curb at 93 3-8 cents bid. Sales were reported at 93 1-2 cents. The near by months show a net gain of 7-8 cent, later options being up 3-4@1-2 cent.

Cash wheat improved 1-2@1 cent. There were sales late Monday and yesterday of 160,000 bushels for export, principally for Portugal and England. The Portugal purchases included 72,000 bushels of No. 2 winter red, and the English engagements embraced nearly 60,000 bushels of spring lots.

There were thirty-four loads of corn engaged for export and this demand caused a late rally from an easier opening. The increase of 16,000 bushels on passage to Europe caused some weakening in the options at the start, but the speculation market ended up 1-4@1-8 cent.

Oats were unsettled, but the late months in the option line felt the influence of good buying. June and July closed unchanged, and August and September were up 5-8 and 1-2 cent respectively. Cash lots were a shade lower, with only 35,000 bushels taken for export.

Lard was steady and the options closed practically unchanged. There were sales of 1,150 tierces on the spot and to arrive, but whether for export could not be lear