THE BALL IS SET ROLLING.

GIANTS LOSE THEIR OPENING GAME.

BOSTON'S FINE PLAY CARRIES THE DAY—A GREAT CROWD—THE SCORE.

The National League championship baseball season of 1891 was formally opened yesterday under unusually auspicious circumstances. Great crowds witnessed the four games, but the attendance at the Polo Grounds eclipsed that of any previous opening day in this city. That baseball is not dead, has not been crippled or lost any of its popularity could not have been more fittingly illustrated than it was at the popular Harlem playground yesterday.

The field presented a gala appearance when at 4 p. m. Umpire T. J. Lynch yelled "Play," indicating that the battle between the New-York and Boston teams would begin. Nearly 18,000 happy people were packed into the inclosure. Flags, bunting and streamers bedecked the grand stand. Every seat in the grand stand and "bleacheries" was full, and a human wall extended around the remainder of the field. The club had failed to secure a license, and Cappa's 7th Regiment Band did not give a concert, as was anticipated. The band, however, did escort the players on the field to lively music.

The only grumbling of the day occurred over the facilities furnished by the elevated roads. The crowd was too large for Colonel Hain's men and rolling stock. Among the spectators were many well-known people, ministers, physicians, merchant princes, brokers, actresses, etc. The upper tier was reserved for women and their escorts, and it was freighted down with feminine loveliness. There were five tallyho coaches in the far outfield and a score or more of carriages. The usual photograph and camera nuisance was present, conspicuous and tantalizing.

The players of the two teams assembled at Wall-st. and Broadway at 1 p. m., and were driven to the grounds in tallyho coaches. The line of parade was crowded with people, and the players got a royal reception all along the line, and also when they appeared at the grounds.

The game was a stirring one, Boston winning, not through superior play, but on account of blunders by Tiernan and Gore. Tiernan simply made an error; all good players do that; but Gore's blunder was something more. In plain English he tried to win applause by making a difficult play out of an easy one, and his bungling caused him to make an error and lose the game in the last inning. Buckley caught one of the finest games ever seen; while Richardson's work was really artistic. Clarkson and Rusie were the pitchers, and it is hardly necessary to remark that that part of the work was well done. The little mascot made his reappearance with the team, but he does not seem to have grown lucky during his year's retirement. Friends of the Giants need not worry over their defeat. They lost the first game each year that they won the world's championship.

At 4 o'clock Umpire Lynch called play, with New-York at the bat. As Gore stepped to the plate he was presented with a floral horseshoe, and then all the nonsense was over and the battle began in earnest. With two strikes and three balls Clarkson sent the next one straight over the plate. Gore's bat met it squarely and the ball bounded off between second and first. It slipped through Tucker's fingers and Gore was safe on first, and a mighty shout went up. Tiernan, as trim as a thoroughbred, then sent the ball sailing to safe territory in left field, scoring the first honors of the season. Glasscock understood his play and sacrificed his chances to advance each runner a base. O'Rourke hit to third, and although Nash threw him out at first, Gore was enabled to score on the play. Connor was sent to first on called balls, and then made one of his famous diving slides into second. Richardson sent up a foul fly which Tucker captured and Boston went to the bat.

That nimble ex-cowboy, Long, was the first man up and he sent the ball sailing into the crowd in left field. Long would have remained on third, but Rusie foolishly left the box and Long started for the plate. Rusie might have captured Long at the plate, but in his haste threw the ball low and Long scored. Stovey was sent to first on balls and Tucker hit safely past Glasscock. Sullivan made an apparent safe hit to short right, but Richardson made a capital running catch. Buckley and Glasscock caught Stovey off second and he was put out. Quinn, after being struck on the head and knocked down, went to first. Brodie sent a grounder to Richardson and was put out at first. The inning closed with the score 1 to 1.

Denny started the second inning, but was thrown out at first. Buckley hit viciously to short, and Long made several frantic grabs for it, but he could not smother the tantalizing little sphere. Rusie forced out Buckley at second, after nearly straining his back reaching for outcurves. Gore ended the chances for runs by sending a high fly to Sullivan. For Boston Nash and Bennett were put out, but Clarkson went to first on balls. Buckley caught the great pitcher napping, and he was put out, and the game was still a tie.

In the third inning Tiernan gave Stovey a long chase, but Stovey was equal to the occasion. Glasscock was thrown out by Nash. O'Rourke won shouts of approval by knocking the ball over Sullivan's head and taking two bases. He went to third on a passed ball, and scored on a hit by Connor. Richardson also hit safely, but he was forced out an instant afterward by Denny's amateur drive at short.

But the Giants were ahead and everybody felt pleased.

Then the Giants' strong boy took hold of Boston's batters and struck out Long and Stovey, while Richardson tossed Tucker's puny drive to Connor. The inning ended with the score at 2 to 1 in favor of New-York, while the crowd in the "Cranks' Corner" whistled a stanza from "Annie Rooney" and everybody grinned. Smiling is not fashionable at a ball game.

The fourth inning saw the Giants blanked, Gore's hit being the only feature. In the last half of the inning an amateurish muff by Tiernan enabled Boston to score a run and tie the score, and made the friends of the local club groan. Sullivan was sent to first on balls and then stole to second. Quinn and Brodie were put out and Nash sent an easy fly to right field. Tiernan muffed the ball and Sullivan scored. The three-foot mascot would have made an easy catch of it. Then the spectators got up and "stretched" to give vent to their pent-up anguish, and to unkink dormant muscles at the same time. Bennett struck out, leaving the score 2 to 2.

Neither side scored in the fifth inning, a hit by Connor and pretty base-stealing by Stovey being the features. Neither side scored in the sixth, although Boston got two hits and came dangerously near doing it. Blanks were also added to the list in the seventh inning. Clarkson and Long made hits, but Buckley retired both by capital snap throws to the bases.

No runs were made in the eighth inning, but in the ninth the game was won and lost. When Rusie reached first on a fumble by Long and went to second on a wild pitch, the onlookers began to feel that a victory was assured the Giants. Then Gore hit safely to left field and Rusie scored what looked to be the winning run.

But Gore had a little circus trick to perform at the last moment, which was destined to prove the sensational feature of the whole game. Rusie sent Nash to first on called balls and Bennett hit safely to centre field. Clarkson struck out. Long then sent the ball sailing to centre field and Gore started after it with the speed of a young cyclone. Then he hitched himself, ran sideways and was getting ready to make a wonderful play out of an easy catch. The ball struck his hands and bounded out and into the crowd. A cry of horror went up as Nash and Bennett crossed the plate with the winning run.

Up at the club-house Captain Ewing had an animated conversation with Gore. Just what the captain said may never be known, but hereafter Gore will not try to win applause, but will play baseball as it should be played. "Was it an error?" said Ewing to the writer last night. "It was a rank one." The tabulated result follows:

NEW-YORK.

	r	1b	po	a	e
Gore, c. f.	1	2	1	0	1
Tiernan, r. f.	0	1	1	0	1
Glasscock, ss.	0	0	2	2	0
O'Rourke, l. f.	1	0	1	0	0
Connor, 1b.	0	2	8	0	0
Richardson, 2b.	0	2	3	5	0
Denny, 3b.	0	1	2	0	0
Buckley, c.	0	0	7	5	0
Rusie, p.	1	0	1	1	1
Totals	3	9	25	13	3

BOSTON.

	r	1b	po	a	e
Long, s. s.*	1	2	5	4	2
Stovey, r. f.	0	2	0	0	0
Tucker, 1b.	0	1	10	1	1
Sullivan, l. f.	1	1	1	0	0
Quinn, 2b.	0	2	2	2	0
Brodie, c. f.	0	1	2	0	0
Nash, 3b.	1	0	1	2	0
Bennett, c.	1	1	4	1	2
Clarkson, p.	0	1	0	3	0
Totals	4	9	27	13	5

*One out in the ninth inning.

New-York	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	—3
Boston	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	—4

Earned runs—New-York 1, Boston 0. Base on errors—New-York 3, Boston 2. Left on bases—New-York 8, Boston 8. Base on balls—Off Rusie 5, off Clarkson 1. Struck out—By Rusie 7, by Clarkson 2. Stolen bases—Connor, Richardson, Stovey 2, Tucker, Sullivan. Runs batted in—Connor 1. Gore 1. Three-base hit—Long. Two-base hit—O'Rourke. Sacrifice hits—Glasscock, O'Rourke. Passed balls—Bennett 1. Wild pitch—Clarkson 1. Umpire—Lynch. Time—2:02.

The Staten Island Cricket and the New-York Athletic Club teams played a game at Livingston yesterday before a good-sized crowd. The Staten Islanders outplayed their opponents at every point and won easily. The score by innings was as follows:

Staten Island C. C.	2	0	1	0	4	0	9	6	x	—22
New-York A. C.	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	—5

A great game was played at Fordham yesterday between the St. John's College and Lehigh University teams. The nines were so evenly matched that the game was declared a draw after eleven innings had been played, each team having two runs.

The American Association record to date is as follows:

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Louisville	9	3	.750	Columbus	4	7	.364
Boston	7	3	.700	Washington	3	6	.333
Baltimore	6	3	.667	Cincinnati	4	8	.333
St. Louis	6	5	.545	Athletic	3	7	.300

The New-York and Boston teams will play again at the Polo Grounds to-day.

GAMES IN OTHER CITIES.

Pittsburg, April 22.—Six thousand people witnessed the opening game of the season to-day between Chicago and Pittsburg. Galvin occupied the box for Pittsburg, and was not hit hard at critical points. Luby for Chicago was a puzzler up to the seventh inning. Hutchinson was then substituted by Chicago, and this ended Pittsburg's run-getting. Chicago won the game in the tenth by a beautiful three-bagger by Dahlen and a single of Carroll's. The score:

Chicago	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1—7
Pittsburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0—6

Batteries—Chicago 12, Pittsburg 8. Errors—Chicago 1, Pittsburg 4. Pitchers—Luby, Galvin and Hutchinson. Umpire—Powers.

Cincinnati, April 22.—The League championship season was begun to-day before a large crowd by a game between the Cleveland and Cincinnati teams. Cleveland won by good batting in the first and sixth innings by the following score:

Cleveland (N. L.)	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	x	—6
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	—3

Batteries—Cleveland 1, Cincinnati 8. Errors—Cleveland 4, Cincinnati 2. Pitchers—Young and Mullane. Umpire—McQuade.

Louisville, April 22.—The Louisvilles won the last game of the St. Louis series to-day through Doran's excellent pitching. Shinnick's second base play was a feature of the game. The score:

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Louisville	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	x	—4

Batteries—St. Louis 3, Louisville 12. Errors—St. Louis 3, Louisville 2. Pitchers—Stivetts and Doran. Umpire—Ferguson.

Joe Gerhardt was signed to-day by Manager Chapman to play second base.

Boston, April 22.—The game to-day was exciting. Both pitchers were in fine form and had excellent support. Boston won the game in the eighth on doubles by Brown and Joyce, and Richardson's single. Stricker, Cross, Murphy and Corcoran carried off the fielding honors. Attendance, 1,200. The score:

Boston (A. A.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	—2
Athletic	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—1

Batteries—Boston 8, Athletic 8. Errors—Boston 3, Athletic 3. Pitchers—Buffinton and Weyhing. Umpire—Snyder.

Amherst, Mass., April 22.—The baseball game here to-day between the Amherst and Riverview Academy teams was one-sided and uninteresting. Bingham, formerly of Harvard, pitched seven innings for the visitors. The score:

Amherst	2	4	0	0	1	0	9	1	2	—19
Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	—2

Batteries—Amherst 8, Academy 5. Errors—Amherst 4, Academy 18. Batteries—Hare, Hunt and Cutler; Bingham, Hinckley and Wheeler.

Princeton, April 22 (Special).—The Princeton nine met the Staten Island Athletic Club team this afternoon. The features of the game were the sharp fielding of both teams and a double play by Dana, Durell and Knickerbocker. The batteries were: For Princeton, Bergen and Brown, and for Staten Island, Krauss and Rooney. The score was as follows:

Princeton	0	0	2	0	3	3	1	0	0	—8
Staten Island	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	—6

Earned runs—Princeton 3. First base on errors—Princeton 3, Staten Island 4.

Albany, April 22.—The Albany team defeated the Williams College nine to-day by this score:

Albany	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	—8
Williams College	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	—4

Batteries—Albany 5, Williams 4. Errors—Albany 4, Williams 4. Batteries—Sprogel and Bess, Devlin and Brown, Spaulding, Hollister and Cuett.

Baltimore, April 22.—The Baltimore club left for Boston to-day to play there to-morrow, Friday and Saturday. Cunningham is in bad condition and Healey is still lame, so the club has virtually only one pitcher. The team is also without a regular shortstop, and will be fortunate if it gets one game.

AN EASY VICTORY FOR BROOKLYN.

Philadelphia, April 22.—The League season opened auspiciously here to-day so far as the attendance was concerned, but the game itself was nothing to brag of. Before the game, the clubs, preceded by a military band, made the usual field parade, and each was given a cordial reception. Brooklyn secured seven runs in the first inning as the result of four hits, two fielding errors and three men sent to first by Gleason. The Phillies then settled down and managed to forge ahead in the fifth, but there they stopped, while the visitors kept banging out enough runs to secure them a victory. Attendance 8,985. The score:

BROOKLYN.	r	1b	po	a	e	PHILADELPHIA.	r	1b	po	a	e
Collins, 2b.	1	2	3	4	0	Hamilton, l. f.	1	0	3	1	0
Griffin, c. f.	2	3	2	0	0	Shindle, 2b.	1	2	1	2	1
Pinckney, 3b.	2	1	1	2	1	Delehanty, 1b.	0	1	7	0	0
Caruthers, r. f.	2	0	2	0	0	Thompson, r. f.	1	1	1	0	0
Foutz, 1b.	1	4	9	0	0	Myers, 2b.	1	0	3	2	1
O'Brien, l. f.	1	2	2	0	1	Clements, c.	3	4	9	0	2
Ward, s. s.	2	2	3	4	2	Mayer, c. f.	1	0	1	0	1
Daly, c.	2	3	5	4	1	Allen, s. s.	0	2	2	1	0
Hemming, p.	1	2	0	0	1	Gleason, p.	0	0	0	3	0
Total	14	19	27	14	6	Total	8	10	27	10	5

Brooklyn	7	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	—14
Philadelphia	1	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	—8

Earned runs—Brooklyn 4, Philadelphia 4. Two-base hits—Griffin, Pinckney, Ward, Hemming, Shindle, Thompson, Clements 2. Three-base hits—Foutz, Ward. Stolen bases—O'Brien, Hamilton, Shindle, Delehanty, Myers, Mayer. First base on balls—By Gleason 5, by Hemming 5. Hit by pitched ball—By Gleason 2. Struck out—By Gleason 4, by Hemming 4. Passed balls—Daly 1, Clements 1. Wild pitches—Hemming 2. Time—2:20. Umpire—Herst.

ALL HAVE FAITH IN THE COURTS.

POLITICS IN CONNECTICUT HAVE LOST THEIR INTEREST FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Hartford, April 22.—Politics seem to have lost their interest for the good people of Connecticut. The courts having taken charge of the Governorship question, people no longer distress their minds with it, but rest content in a firm reliance that justice will be the outcome. The Senator-Governor of New-York is apparently too busy with the problems which engage his attention in his own State to stir up any more disturbance in Connecticut, and so everybody seems well satisfied. The House is adjourned until next fall and its members are more interested now in the yield of the farms that make the Connecticut Valley a "garden of the Lord" than in politics. The great white Capitol, which gleams in the spring sunshine through the budding trees, is still haunted by the lonely Senate. Two or three times a week the Senators meet for a quarter of an hour, and after listening to prayer, adjourn. They do this in a forlorn manner in the vain hope that Governor Bulkeley will prorogue the body, as he has a right to do under the State Constitution, and thus give grounds for a complaint. But Governor Bulkeley, apparently, has no intention of doing anything of the kind. If the Senate wants to meet it is a harmless diversion.

The writ of quo warranto which has been issued against Governor Bulkeley is to be returned on Friday at New-Haven. The Democrats who have sued out the writ took a couple of months, at least, in its preparation. They have given the Republicans ten days in which to reply to it. At first they asked that only a week be allowed, but the court granted an extension of three days. The time granted the Republicans is so much out of proportion to that taken by the Democrats in preparing their side, that it is thought that on Friday the counsel for Governor Bulkeley will ask for a further extension. The great importance of the case, involving as it does so many intricate points of constitutional law, will not permit of it being hurried. Meantime, Governor Bulkeley is winning golden opinions from all parties by the manner in which he bears himself in the contest, and although every now and then a fugitive from justice leaves Connecticut for the protection offered by Governor Hill in New-York, few people regret their departure.

"THE LAY OF THE LAST MINSTREL."

One of the rising young men in British music is Harnish McCunn, whose setting of a cantata entitled "The Lay of the Last Minstrel" has been much talked about since its first performance in Glasgow in December, 1888. It was only natural, therefore, that the announcement that the New-York Chorus Society would produce the work should have excited considerable interest. After one substitution the cantata was sung last night by the society at its last concert in the Lenox Lyceum. Unfortunately, however, the affair was disappointing. Mr. Wiske's enterprise was not paired with foresight, and when the parcel containing the orchestral parts was opened for the rehearsal yesterday forenoon it was found that the publishers had neglected to send the parts for the stringed instruments. An effort was made to help out the deficiency by permitting the strings to play as best they might from the vocal score and to make up for a very insufficient band by introducing a pianoforte and cabinet organ, but the result was such as to discourage all desire to pronounce on the character or merit of the composition. The fact is doubly deplorable, for the music seems to be fresh, melodious, in parts also vigorous and decidedly beautiful, and Mr. Wiske's forces, especially the solo singers, Miss Dutton, Mr. Theis and Mr. Lamson, were evidently capable of doing the music full justice.

LAGRANO HELD FOR MURDER.

An inquest into the cause of death of Charles Morro, alias Frank Mauro, the Italian who was stabbed in a row in East One-hundred-and-fourth-st. near Second-ave. on April 19, was held yesterday before Coroner Schultze. Ferdinand Lagrano, the prisoner accused of the crime, was present. Lagrano is accused of having used a long double-edged knife made from an old file. Rafalio Antico, an Italian, living at No. 316 East One-hundred-and-fourth-st., witnessed the fight. He saw the prisoner make two passes at Morro with a large knife, the second blow taking effect in the stomach.

Joseph Gallagher, an employe in a lumber yard in East One-hundred-and-sixth-st., testified to having seen Lagrano run into the lumber yard and throw his knife away. This knife he secured and afterward he caught the prisoner. From the evidence of other witnesses it appears that Morro, his brothers and others, had been playing an Italian game of ball in the back yard of No. 311 East One-hundred-and-fourth-st. when the fight occurred. The man who began the quarrel with Morro was a friend of Lagrano, but his name none knew. Lagrano appeared to have thrust the knife into Morro without provocation. The Italians think that he must have had some wish to end his life. It looked like the work of the Mafia. The jury found that Morro had met his death at the hands of Lagrano, who deliberately stabbed him without cause or provocation. Lagrano was recommitted to the Tombs to await the result of the investigation of the Grand Jury. The witnesses were sent to the House of Detention.

DEATH OF "POP" RYAN.

George Ryan, more commonly known as "Pop" Ryan, for many years stage door-keeper at the Union Square Theatre, died on Tuesday at his home, No. 108 Third-ave., from pneumonia resulting from grip. He had held his post at the theatre ever since it was under the management of Shook & Palmer. He was about eighty-five years old. In earlier life he was in the ship chandlery business, and is said to have lost a considerable fortune. He leaves a son, who will succeed him at the theatre, and a daughter. The funeral will take place this afternoon, and the burial will be in Evergreens Cemetery.

FOR MR. LASAK'S MILLIONS.

A DAUGHTER WHO WANTS HER SHARE.

MRS. SCHERMERHORN ATTEMPTS TO BREAK HER FATHER'S WILL.

The proceedings in ejectment instituted by Mrs. Antoinette Lucinda Schermerhorn against Ophelia Juliet Cuthbert and others for the possession of the summer mansion of the late Francis W. Lasak, at Dobbs Ferry, came up for trial before Judge Dykman in the Supreme Court at White Plains yesterday. The parties to the action are daughters of the dead millionaire, who for many years was in the fur business in Fulton-st., in this city. He retired some twenty years ago with a fortune variously estimated at from $2,000,000 to $5,000,000, and until his death in February, 1889, he lived in retirement at the Dobbs Ferry country seat of the family. He was eccentric to a marked degree, and was known in and about Dobbs Ferry familiarly as the "Crazy Captain." By the terms of his will he left the income on $30,000 annually to Mrs. Schermerhorn, while the bulk of his millions went to her other sisters. The reason for this, she alleges, is that a quarter of a century ago she sided with her mother in a quarrel which led to a separation between Mr. Lasak and his wife.

Surrogate Coffin admitted the will to probate after a contest several years ago, and the present suit opens up again the entire question of the competency of Mr. Lasak to make a will. There was a large array of counsel present yesterday, representing all the parties interested. The panel of jurors being exhausted, an extra panel of fifty was drawn in the afternoon, and nearly the entire day was taken up in securing a jury for the trial of the cause. A jury was obtained at 4 o'clock.

Christopher Fine opened the case for the plaintiff. He told how Mr. Lasak virtually disinherited his daughter, Mrs. Schermerhorn, for giving testimony in favor of her mother when she sued for a divorce in 1868. He proposed to prove that Mr. Lasak was incapable of making a will because he was not of sound mind for twenty years previous to his death. One of the insane freaks of the dead millionaire, he said, was that he repeatedly took a gun and went about looking for his dead son Edgar. Not finding him on one occasion, the plaintiff declares, he shot through the siding of the house.

The only witness called yesterday was Albert Chauvet, a grandson of Mr. Lasak, who testified as to the heirs of the dead man, and on this testimony the plaintiff rested. Mr. Johnson, of Hoadly, Lauterbach & Johnson, of New-York, then presented the last will and codicil of Mr. Lasak, which had been admitted to probate before Surrogate Coffin, to which Robert Sewell, representing the plaintiff, objected, but he was overruled by the Court. The taking of testimony will be continued to-day. It is said that over fifty witnesses are to be examined.

THE PREACHERS IGNORE HIM.

FATHER IGNATIUS THINKS IT QUEER THAT HE HAS TO CARRY ON HIS WORK ALONE.

The attendance at Father Ignatius's sermons in Association Hall, Twenty-third-st. and Fourth-ave., appears to be constantly growing larger, although it has not as yet reached the size of the crowds that gathered to hear him on his previous visit to this city. In both of his addresses yesterday he referred to the subject that he has now made the keystone of his work and which he calls "the purifying of the Episcopal Church." In the evening, speaking on the subject, "Jesus and the Wolves in Sheep's Clothing," he said in part:

"There is full liberty for the unbeliever outside the sheepfold, but if he puts on sheep's clothing and enters, I say it is time to follow out our Master's warning, 'Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing.' They put on the sheep's garments to get into the shelter of the fold, and they rob us of our precious faith, sowing doubts in the minds of men. I have many people come to me and tell me of the miserable condition into which such teaching has plunged them. Shall we let such teachings go on? Shall we allow it to continue until the names of Martin Luther and Christ are spoken of as synonymous in their importance to the Christian? It has come to that in this city, and in this Church. The flock that heard it had nothing to say, and I am pronounced mad because I have something to say."

A number of circulars have appeared in this city giving warning to the people about Father Ignatius. They were issued about three years ago by a clergyman in England who objected to some of the monk's sayings. The charges they contain against him are nearly all based on the fact that he is fighting what he calls "churchianity," and the utterances credited to him are such as he is using every day.

In talking with a Tribune reporter yesterday afternoon, Father Ignatius said:

"A morning paper reports that Dr. Morgan Dix laughed when told of the remark I made, that it would be well for him to take this matter up, and said, 'Father Ignatius is very kind, but I don't know as it is any of my business.' I would like to ask Dr. Dix if he believes that his salvation depends upon these things, the reality of which seems to be in doubt in the minds of some of the clergymen of the Church. If he does believe it, he should certainly exert himself to preserve them, and not leave it to a poor foreigner like me. The clergymen are all up against me for supporting their own religion. It seems so very queer!"

The Rev. Dr. Newton was asked yesterday if he had received any letter from Bishop Potter in regard to the matter. He said that he had not, and that he did not care to talk about what Father Ignatius was doing. The Rev. C. E. Saunders, assistant rector of St. George's Church, said in regard to the monk: "We all feel inclined to take no notice of him."

TO BREAK GROUND FOR THE MONUMENT.

CEREMONIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONOR OF GENERAL GRANT'S MEMORY.

The services on the occasion of breaking ground for the Grant Monument on Monday promise to be of unusual interest. General O. O. Howard has telegraphed the committee in charge that he will have one company of infantry present, together with a band. There will also be a body of United States troops from Fort Columbus, and a battery of artillery, that will land at One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. and North River from the steamer Chester A. Arthur. The deputy commander of New-Jersey will be present with his staff. Secretary Tracy has detailed the United States steamer Yantic, Commander Rockwell, to fire an appropriate salute in front of the tomb. A delegation of the State Department, G. A. R., will also be present.

Clark Wright and F. S. Bartram, of Alexander Hamilton Post, No. 162, in behalf of Department Commander Freeman, have invited the Grant Monument Association and their invited guests to meet at the Hotel Claremont, at Riverside Park, at 1 o'clock p. m. About 2,000 invitations will be sent out. There will be a sale of boxes at auction on Saturday, at 4 p. m., for the entertainment to be held May 2, at the Madison Square Garden Amphitheatre. The upset prices will be $10, $13 and $15, according to location. Those who want boxes may apply to A. B. De Frece, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

General C. H. T. Collis, chairman of the committee, has announced the following programme: The Department Commander and his staff will have charge of the entire ceremony; New-York City posts will report to Marshal George Chapell; Kings County posts to Marshal George M. Brown; posts from out-of-town departments will report to Marshal John Kohler, chief of staff; the different posts will assemble at Riverside Park at 3 p. m., sharp, without music; New-York posts on the east and south sides of the mound; Kings County posts on the west side of the mound; visiting posts on the north side, forming a whole square, facing inward.

The order of exercises will be: Overture by the United States band, prayer by the Rev. Clark Wright, "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by a chorus under the direction of S. G. Pratt (W. H. Lawton, the tenor, will sing the solo), introductory remarks by Department Commander Freeman, oration by General Horace Porter, song, "America," by the chorus, during the singing of which the ground will be broken by the Department Commander, G. A. R., salutes fired by the Yantic and by the battery of United States artillery, Doxology by the chorus and audience.

The annual dinner of the Grant Birthday Dinner Association will be held at Delmonico's at 7 o'clock p. m. on Monday. Over 125 guests are expected to be present. Joseph H. Choate will preside. W. M. Evarts will respond to the toast "General Grant." Informal speeches will be made by Senator Hiscock and by a number of officers of the war, both Union and Confederate. General O. O. Howard, Admiral Braine, General Floyd Clarkson and several representatives of the Loyal Legion will be present.

DEATH OF MRS. MOSES YALE BEACH.

Fannie Townsend Beach, wife of Moses Yale Beach, died on Tuesday at the home of her brother, Homer Townsend, of Utica, N. Y. A little less than three years ago she was married. Her husband was at that time connected with The Tribune. She leaves, besides her husband, and her mother, Mrs. Homer Townsend, who is also seriously ill, four brothers—Homer C., John A., Walter C. and George A. Townsend; and three sisters—Mrs. E. B. Mitchell, of Herkimer; Mrs. J. B. Wood, of North Adams, Mass., and Miss Mary Townsend.

THE PETROLEUM MARKET

NEWS FROM THE FIELD AND RANGE OF PRICES.

The only feature to the crude oil market yesterday was an outbreak of dealings at the Stock Exchange. There were sales of 23,000 barrels at 68 1-2@69 cents. The options at the Consolidated Exchange were almost wholly neglected, 2,000 barrels being recorded at 68 3-8@68 5-8 cents. The market is in a stagnant condition because of the risk attending short sales, while the field news continues to dismade "long" ventures. The visible supply of refined oil at the seven principal Continental European ports by the latest advices was 777,000 barrels, an increase of 201,000 barrels over the same date in the previous year. The amount taken for consumption from July 1, 1890, has been 4,016,000 barrels, a decrease of 21,000 barrels from the corresponding period of the preceding year. Refined oil was heavy at 7.15 cents in barrels and 9 cents in cases. Foreign quotations were: Antwerp, 16 1-4 francs; Bremen, 6.40 marks; London, 5 11-16@5 3-4 pence.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

FEATURES OF NEW-YORK DEALINGS.

It was another great day yesterday on the Produce Exchange as far as activity in wheat speculation was concerned, the sales being 24,264,000 bushels, but it was a bear day, through and through. The cable accounts were rather easier, and at the outset foreign houses showed a decided disposition to liquidate and accept profits on their recent purchases. The market opened at a decline of 1-2@1 1-2 cents with a considerable pressure to sell, particularly in the late months. A reaction of 1-8@1 5-8 cents then took place; but a general decline followed, ranging all the way from 1 1-2 to 3 1-4 cents, and the close was weak in sympathy with a like condition of the Western markets, final prices showing net declines of 1 5-8@2 3-4 cents for the day. The spot movement was fair, due to a reduction in prices of 3 3-4@4 1-2 cents. Exporters took 36,000 bushels for prompt shipment, and for forward delivery there were heavy purchases for September shipments at prices 2@2 1-4 cents above the September option. May opened at $1 23 5-8, advanced 1-8 cent, then with many rallies declined to $1 20 1-2, the closing price. July started at $1 17, sold at $1 15 1-2@$1 17 7-8, and closed at the lower price. August began at $1 12, ranged from $1 13 5-8 down to $1 11 3-8, the closing price. December opened at $1 10, advanced to $1 12 and closed at $1 10 1-8.

In corn there was a fair speculative movement, and in sympathy with wheat the market was lower, closing at a reduction of 1@1 1-4 cents. The option sales were 1,888,000 bushels, and 162,000 bushels were taken for spot and forward delivery. Exporters took 96,000 bushels. Prices in the cash market were very irregular and generally weaker.

Oats continued dull and weak, futures closing 1@1 1-2 cents lower, and spot lots showing a corresponding decline. Sales were 345,000 bushels, and 77,000 bushels for futures and spot respectively.

Lard ruled rather more active, and in sympathy with corn the feeling was easier, closing prices indicating a reduction of from 8 to 12 points. Spot lots were dull. Sales were 250 tierces, at $6 92 1-2 for Western steam.

The closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—May, $1 20 1-2; June, $1 17 7-8; July, $1 15 1-2; August, $1 11 3-8; September, $1 09 7-8; October, $1 09 3-8, and December, $1 10 1-8.

Corn—May, 79 1-4; June, 75; July, 73 1-4; August, 72 1-2 cents.

Oats—May, 60 3-4; June, 60 1-4; July, 59 3-4 cents.

Lard—May, $6 91 bid; June, $7 06; July, $7 20; August, $7 32; September, $7 45.

The receipts of grain and flour reported yesterday at New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston were as follows: Wheat, 15,001 bushels; corn, 17,336 bushels; oats, 57,893 bushels; total grain, 90,230 bushels; flour, 37,563 packages. At Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis the arrivals were: Wheat, 79,900 bushels; corn, 251,139 bushels; oats, 181,459 bushels; total grain, 512,498 bushels; flour, 36,223 barrels.

THE TRADE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 22 (Special).—Wheat declined two cents to-day, and the May option shows a loss from yesterday morning of six cents. The turn the trade has been looking for appears to have come the world over. Liverpool closed at a decline of 1 1-2 cents, Paris at a decline of 65 centimes. There was bull news to-day, but it was without effect. Bradstreet made a decrease of 1,625,000 bushels; there was a cargo of wheat taken at Milwaukee, a cargo at Baltimore and there was considerable new business at New-York. The liquidation of holders once started, however, ordinary news was without any influence. There was a great deal of short wheat covered. That had no effect either. One of the bull cliques at New-York tried to peg the market after it had about half of its decline. The effort had to be abandoned. The close was almost at the bottom. May sold from $1 12 3-8 to $1 10, and closed at $1 10 1-4@$1 10 3-8. July sold from $1 10 1-2 to $1 08 5-8, and closed at $1 08 7-8. Weather conditions continue surpassingly fine. Corn samples keep on declining. They lost about half a cent to-day. Futures were weak. May sold from 71 3-4 to 70 3-4; July, from 67 1-4 to 66 1-8. The close was at the bottom. Showery weather continues to interfere with the free movement. Cash oats were 1-2 cent lower, the futures dull and easy. May sold from 55 5-8 to 54 1-2, July from 52 5-8 to 51 1-2, and closed at 51 3-4. Provisions dragged again. Pork lost 20 cents, lard 10 cents, ribs 15 cents, from last night.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

Baltimore, April 22.—Cotton quiet; middling, 8⅞c. Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat—Southern—Steady; Fultz, $1 20@$1 28; Longberry, $1 22@$1 28; No. 2 red, $1 21½; steamer, No. 2 red, $1 18½. Western weak; No. 2 winter red, spot, and April, $1 20; May, $1 18⅝@$1 19; July, $1 16@$1 16¼; August, $1 12. Corn—Southern—Inactive and lower; white, 83@85c; yellow, 85@86c. Western quiet and nominal; mixed, 81@81¼c; April, 81c; May, 78⅝@79c; July, 73½c. Oats are quiet and easy; ungraded Southern and Pennsylvania, 64@66c; do Western white, 65@66c; do mixed, 63@65c; graded No. 2 white, 66c. Rye quiet and nominal; prime to choice, 95@98c; good to fair, 90@93c. Hay firm; prime to choice timothy, $12 50@$13. Provisions unchanged. Butter unchanged. Eggs unchanged. Coffee firm and unchanged. Sugar steady and unchanged. Copper unchanged.