HOME NEWS.

NEW-YORK CITY.

To-morrow evening De Kolta, the magician, will produce his most noted illusion, "Le Cocoon," at the Eden Musee. Sacred concerts by the Hungarian orchestra are a part of to-day's attractions.

Christopher Stewart, formerly publisher of "The Union-Time," a colored Republican newspaper, was yesterday appointed messenger to Chief Inspector Mulholland, of the Contract Labor Bureau. Mr. Stewart is one of the brightest of the young colored politicians in this city. He comes from the XIth Assembly District.

The Tribune yesterday received the following contributions to the fund for John Carlin, who nearly lost his own life in attempting to rescue a woman from the East River a few days ago: "Cash," $5; "Admiring Sympathizer," $2.

Water Register Riley reported that his Croton water receipts for the last week had fallen to the low figure of $13,952 80.

These additional contributions have been received by A. W. Ringman, treasurer of the Drygoods Auxiliary Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association: Stieglitz & Ballin, $50; Cheney Brothers, $75.

Controller Myers yesterday denounced the report that he was about to remove ex-Senator James Daly, Superintendent of Markets and Collector of City Revenue, as false and malicious. Mr. Myers said that nothing had occurred upon which even the shadow of such a story could be rested.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art will be open free to the public this afternoon. It will be open free also between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Richard Shakeshaft & Co., of No. 137 West Twenty-third-st., manufacturers of wood-mantels, did not succeed to the entire business of W. T. Mersereau & Co., as was reported, but only purchased the mantel business of the firm, which was formerly at No. 2,104 Seventh-ave.

Mayor's Marshal Engelhard issued 160 city licenses last week; fees, $327 50.

ODDS AND ENDS OF SPORTS.

FOR THE EASTERN BASEBALL LEAGUE.

PUSHING THE ORGANIZATION—THE PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

The prospects of the proposed Eastern Baseball League look much brighter than they did a few weeks ago, when the New-York and Philadelphia League clubs refused to allow clubs to be placed in those two cities. President C. D. White and James Martin have been working earnestly to bring the new League to the front, and their efforts will undoubtedly be rewarded with success.

Manager Mutrie has been visiting the cities in the upper part of the State, and he reports the most flattering prospects everywhere. A meeting will be held either in this city or in Albany in ten days to bring the League to a focus. The eight cities to make up the League are as follows: Newark, Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Elmira, Albany and Troy. This will make a strong circuit, and under a sensible salary limit and the double championship arrangement all the clubs ought to make money. President White has issued a call to the clubs of those cities and the replies have been encouraging in every instance. It is proposed to confer with the Western League, the interests of the two organizations being identical. President White's idea is that the salary limit of each team for six months shall not exceed $12,000.

In speaking of the new League's prospects yesterday President White said: "A distinctive feature for minor leagues is the double championship series, with the possible or rather probable series to decide the championship. This plan provides for a spring series, to continue from such date in April or May as may be selected and terminate on some date from July 1 to the 10th. The club winning the greatest percentage of the games shall be recognized as the champion club for that series. On some date following the close of the spring series all the clubs shall start on an equal basis for the fall series, said series to continue until such dates in September or October as may be agreed upon.

"Should the winner of the spring series be also the winner of the fall series, a thing hardly probable, of course no extra series would have to be arranged. But should one club win the spring series and another the fall series, then an extra series, say of ten games, could be arranged by the League to decide the championship. Every team would have an incentive to fight desperately from start to finish, and no team would be apt to get so far behind as to be out of the race.

"One of the most essential things for the minor leagues to do is to place themselves on a co-operative or partnership basis; that is, to have equal division of gate receipts on a basis of 45 per cent to visiting clubs, 45 per cent to the home club, and 10 per cent to the main or central organization.

"The small cities are essential for the formation of leagues, as minor leagues cannot arrange their circuit so as to include any large cities, and in order that the League shall remain intact, the adoption of the above mentioned plans, viz., signing and alloting of players by the secretary of the League, insuring that no club shall pay higher salaries than the other clubs, the double-championship seasons, the equal division of gate receipts with a percentage going to the League for ordinary and extraordinary expenses, and the pooling of holiday receipts—will make minor leagues a success.

"Another important point, for minor league club organization is to perfect its organization on as broad a basis as possible. There should be as many people interested as it is possible to obtain. Centralization of power is, in the minor leagues, with a few exceptions, a wrong principle and a failure. Make your capital stock from $3,000 to $5,000, divided into shares at $10 each, and allow no one person to hold over twenty shares and endeavor to obtain as many stockholders as it is possible, making your club the representative of the city in name as well as in fact. Collect the entire capital stock; elect a board of directors with full power to act; select a manager of reputation, and your success is assured and the stability of the League is established."

TO HAVE THEIR ANNUAL CLUB DINNER.

A meeting of the board of governors of the Manhattan Athletic Club was held at the clubhouse on Friday night. The following elections took place: Malcolm W. Ford, director of gymnastics; F. R. Fortmeyer, director of aquatics; G. C. Walton, director of skating; delegates to the Middle States Regatta Association, Messrs. George W. Carr, J. B. Anderson and F. R. Fortmeyer; delegate to the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, F. R. Fortmeyer; delegate to the Lawn Tennis Association, Harry L. Bloomfield. The dramatic association of the club was authorized to produce, under the auspices of the M. A. C. Dramatic Association, a new opera by C. M. Coolidge, entitled "King Gallinipper." The regular annual club dinner will be given on Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. It is intended to make this the most enjoyable gathering of the club members that has ever been held. The committee has the assurance that several eminent speakers will contribute to the success of the occasion. The number of tickets has been limited to 500, and the price will be $3 each. The list will close on Wednesday, February 3, at 9 a. m., and all applications must be in by that time.

McALLISTER AND THORNE WIN.

Poughkeepsie, Jan. 30 (Special).—Oakleigh Thorne and Charles McAllister are in town to-night, the guests of Thomas J. Swift. They shot a match to-day at Larchmont against Captain Money and Charles Money, of England; Walker Breeze Smith, Tuxedo; N. Simpkins, W. Gilbert and S. L. Jones, New-York; Bayard Thayer, Boston, and C. W. Cattwright. Thorne and McAllister won by killing nineteen birds out of twenty. Much money changed hands. McAllister and Thorne say to-night that they challenge any amateur shots in the country for $20,000 a side, thirty yards' rise and fifty yards' boundary.

SCHAEFER AND SLOSSON STILL TALKING.

The billiard experts Schaefer and Slosson seem determined to adopt the methods so prevalent among prize-fighters, and try to settle championships with their mouths instead of the usual sensible manner. Schaefer's friends assert that Slosson is making entirely too many demands for a defeated man, and Slosson's friends say equally as uncomplimentary things about the Chicago expert.

Slosson says that he will insist upon Schaefer playing him a championship game before Schaefer plays the proposed game with Ives. "If Schaefer does not play me before he does Ives he will wait a long time before he can arrange another game with me," said Slosson yesterday.

THE HORSE BEAT THE MAN EASILY.

Keyport, Jan. 30.—About 500 spectators this afternoon witnessed a race at this place between Charles Aucmach, of Keyport, and the horse Charlie, owned by R. Wallace. The race was for $25 a side, distance 200 yards and turn. The horse was an easy winner by ten yards.

THEIR DIFFERENCES ARE ARRANGED.

The troubles of the Williamsburg Athletic Association and the Xavier Athletic Club have been happily settled. It is said that some ill-advised remarks of President A. Peverelly, of the Williamsburg Athletic Association, led the Xaviers to withdraw their entries from the Williamsburg tournament to be held in Brooklyn next week. Now all the differences have been amicably arranged and the Xavier athletes will compete in the tournament, and another little athletic tempest in a teapot has gone up in smoke.

DOBBS FERRY REPUBLICANS

AN ANSWER TO AN ILL-CONSIDERED ATTACK ON THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: An article appeared in "The Greenburgh Register" (a small sheet of no account), printed at Dobbs Ferry, dated January 29, under the heading of "Kilkenny." The writer of that article must have been drinking something inflammable. He starts out in a fit of anger and immediately begins to ply the lash on the back of the Republican Club of that place; he says it is an injury to the party, that its efforts of late have been to beget factional fights among Republicans. Now, before going further, let me say that I think it can be easily proved that the writer has done as much as any Republican voter in the district toward this injury, and the only factional fight I know of he made. The club is perfectly harmonious; there are no dissensions in the club whatever. The dissension is with the writer. He is only one man, while the club's roll shows 126 members; and because that 126 refuse to dance when he plays the fiddle he becomes irritable and peevish, and says they "are an injury" and calls them fighters. Now, you can easily see what causes his angry passions to rise.

Then, he goes on and says it begged $50 from the candidate for Senator, and a like sum from other candidates last fall. Without writing at any length on this subject, let me say that we will just ask Mr. Rhodes, our candidate for Senator, if that statement is a truthful one, and we will put the same question to all the county candidates, and see if they will bear the writer out in this assertion. He knew better when he penned that statement. There are no beggars in that Republican club. It is composed of loyal and reputable citizens, and the character and reputation of those men will bear just as much sifting and scrutiny as that of the writer.

He next makes a sort of half-hearted charge, that there was money paid to the club for which there was no accounting. There is no use going into the details of this charge, but I will say that if the "kicker" will call on J. L. Taylor, secretary of the club, and W. H. Lester, secretary of the executive committee, he will find them perfectly willing to enlighten his dark spots. The character and standing of these two men are proof to the Republican voters of this place that the charge is as empty as the man who made it. Now, he goes at the extravagance of the club, and says $200 a year for rooms that would be full priced at $75 shows that. Well, Mr. Writer, if you have any rooms suitable for the club, at $75, let us know where they are and we will consider their renting. It is certain that we cannot get our present rooms at any less. The Democratic Club will take them off our hands any day, at the price we pay. Next, he says that the "Wild-West method is tinctured more with wind than with dignity and brains." Let me say for the benefit of the writer that the only real good "Wild-West" show we ever had was when he had another man was in camp, one taking the part of "Chief Bad Man," and the other "Chief You-Tickle-Me-and-I'll-Tickle-You," and truthfully he says dignity and brains were absent. And finally the writer says: "We need every possible vote in our contest with the sharps and crooks who have captured the Democratic party." In parting, let me inform this very, very good man, that it is just such men as himself that will drive Republican voters out of the party; they will not stand this domineering of one man over the majority. He knows very well what has been done, and he knows that it has been done against the wishes of right out of every ten people in this place. It is a shame that the will of the majority should be so thwarted, simply to gratify the desires of one man. No people will stand this one-man triphammer power any length of time, and, let it be understood that we still live, and we hope to live long enough to see all these old back-numbers rubbed out. Respectfully, FAIR PLAY.

Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., Jan. 29, 1892.

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

An entertainment was given at Hardman Hall Tuesday evening in aid of the Memorial Library Fund of St. Mary's Alumnae Association. The programme consisted of story-telling in costume by Misses Josephine, Rosalind, Peggy and Lucy Webling of London, England, who gave the love scene from "King Henry V," two scenes from the "Lady of Lyons" and a comedietta entitled "In Olden Days." The Misses Webling had the assistance of Menzel Rabock, violinist, and Miss Wilhelmine Johnson, pianist.

The Hamilton Republican Club will meet at No. 217 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. to-morrow evening. Owing to the illness of the president of the club at the last meeting, the installation of officers and the appointments of committees were postponed until to-morrow night.

The district committee of the XXIst Assembly District Republican Association will meet at No. 105 East Fifty-ninth-st. to-morrow night, to elect a successor to D. Morgan Hildreth, jr., in the County Committee.

A meeting of the Republican Club of the IXth Assembly District will be held at No. 1 Abingdon Square to-morrow night.

A musical performance in aid of the "Society for the Relief of the Destitute Blind of the City of New-York and its Vicinity," will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House on February 25.

The masquerade ball of Koltes Post, Grand Army of the Republic, will take place at the Germania Assembly Rooms on Wednesday evening next.

The St. Andrew's Young People's Association of St. Andrew's Church, Fifth-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st., will give a musical and literary entertainment on Thursday evening next in the Sunday-school room of the church, consisting of readings from famous authors, followed by living illustrations.

A preliminary meeting for the purpose of organizing the New-York Society of Mineral Painters will be held at No. 140 West Twenty-third-st. to-morrow at 3:30 p. m. The object of the organization is to secure combined effort to promote the establishment of a National association, and to insure adequate representation of the ceramic painters of New-York at the World's Fair.

A meeting in the interest of working women will be held under the auspices of the Working Women's Society at room No. 24, Cooper Union, to-morrow evening. The subjects of discussion will be: "Is Legislation in behalf of the employes of Mercantile Establishments a necessity? The conditions of employment in mercantile establishments; a bill providing for the inspection of mercantile establishments; history of attempts to legislate in behalf of such employes in this and other States."

The annual convention of the Order of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Beneficial Order, for this district, combining the New-England and the Middle States, will be held at 9:30 o'clock this morning in the assembly rooms of Temple Bethel, Seventy-sixth-st. and Fifth-ave. Isaac Rosnosky, of Boston, president of this district, will preside. One hundred and thirty delegates, representing the seventy-two lodges of the district, will be present. The business will mainly be routine, with the exception of a discussion of the Russian refugee movement and the possible adoption of active measures of aid in that direction.

The New-York Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States will have a meeting and a banquet at Delmonico's on Wednesday evening next. It was expected that Senator Sherman would be present and read "A Paper Commemorative of General William Tecumseh Sherman," but he has been compelled by physical indisposition to inform the commandery that he will be unable to comply with his promise, but must defer his engagement until the April meeting of the commandery.

The German Charity Ball will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House on Thursday by the German Liederkranz, Arion and Beethoven Mannerchor. Anton Seidl will direct the two orchestras of 130 men in the Centennial March, Wagner; Fackeltanz, Meyerbeer, and the Tannhauser March, Wagner. The concert will begin promptly at 9 o'clock.

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