SHEEPSHEAD BAY RACES.

AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME OFFERED.

NOTED THREE-YEAR-OLDS TO TRY FOR THE SWIFT STAKES—NOTES AND GOSSIP OF THE TURF.

A fine lot of three-year-olds will contest the Swift Stakes at Sheepshead Bay to-day. Sir Matthew, Lamplighter, Victory and Yorkville Belle being among the number. The distance is but seven furlongs, and a stirring struggle is likely to take place. Kingston, short of work on Saturday, will run in the first race against Fairy, Major Daly, Leonawell, Alonzo and others. In the fourth The Pepper, a Realization candidate, will attempt to give a ton, more or less, to Tea Tray.

The card is enticing throughout. These are the entries in full:

FIRST RACE—A sweepstakes for three-year-olds and upward, of $20 each, with $1,000 added. Futurity course.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Kingston	127	Capt. Wagener	112
Fairy	124	Alonzo	111
Major Daly	114	Kildeer	107
Leonawell	114	Fremont	100
Cracksman	114	Knapsack	100

SECOND RACE—THE DAISY STAKES—A sweepstakes for two-year-olds, foals of 1890, of $25 each, with $1,350 added. Five furlongs, on the turf.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Sir Richard	118	Majolica colt	118
Ingot	118	Warsaw	118
Rightaway	118	Lou Rhett	115
Prince Imperial	118	Faithful	115
Lovelace	118		

THIRD RACE—Purse $1,000 for three-year-olds and upward. The winner to be sold at auction. Seven furlongs.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Walcott	112	Fremont	100
Vandee	109	Gertie D.	104
Busteed	109	Alcalde	96
Arab	109		

FOURTH RACE—A handicap sweepstakes of $25 each, with $1,250 added. One mile and a furlong.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
The Pepper	105	Lepanto	98
Bolero	100	Sir Catesby	95
Tea Tray	100	Gloaming	90

FIFTH RACE—THE SWIFT STAKES. A sweepstakes for three-year-olds, foals of 1889, $50 each, with $1,500 added. Seven furlongs.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Sir Matthew	122	Vestibule	113
Lamplighter	121	King Cadmus	115
Victory	119	Rex	112
Yorkville Belle	117	Alcina colt	107
Pickpocket	115	Emperor Otho	107

SIXTH RACE—Purse of $1,000. The winner to be sold at auction. One mile and a furlong on turf.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Kingsbridge	131	Snowball	117
The Sheriff	121	Gold Wave	102
Gettysburg	121		

First race at 2:30 p. m.

COLONEL SIMMONS AND OLD VIRGIL.

The quiet, dignified old gentleman, with the long whiskers, who presides in the judges' stand with an accuracy of judgment thoroughly satisfactory to every racegoer, was once the owner of a stable that contained three excellent horses, one of which was the great Virgil. Years ago, down in Kentucky, his native State, Colonel Simmons was driven in a buggy by Mr. Swigert to the latter's home.

"Swigert, that's a pretty good mover you're driving," he said, as they whirled along the turnpike. "What's his breeding and what can he trot in?"

"Why, Bob, don't you know this old horse? He's no trotter. He's old Virgil. I drive him because there's nothing else for him to do."

"How old is he?" the Colonel asked.

"Eight," answered Swigert, as he touched the racer with the whip and sped him along at a three-minute gait. The Colonel had never heard of Virgil, but made inquiries, found out all about him and offered Swigert $1,000 for him if he would stand training over the jumps. Six months later Swigert wrote:

"Virgil all right. Jumps well and goes sound."

The Colonel sent for him at once, started him on the flat in a two-mile race at New-Orleans, which he won in a canter, and raced him steadily thereafter for four years. At the end of that time Virgil had not a leg to stand on, but when Mr. Sanford saw him he wanted to buy him.

"What'll you take for him?" he asked Colonel Simmons.

"A thousand dollars," was the reply.

"All right," said Mr. Sanford, "he's mine."

"No, he ain't, either," the Colonel answered.

"But you said you'd take $1,000 and I said I'd give it," Mr. Sanford remonstrated.

"Yes, but I thought you were joking. Why, Virgil is nothing but a hopeless, helpless cripple. He isn't worth $1,000, nor anything like it. He'll never race again."

"I don't want to race him. I want to send him to my farm in Kentucky to put him in the stud."

"I don't think you could get him to Kentucky, his legs are in so bad a state. However, if you are bound to have him I'll tell you what I'll do. If after examination the veterinary surgeon says that he will stand the trip to your farm, all right, you may have him."

The examination proved satisfactory, Mr. Sanford paid the $1,000 and Virgil went to Kentucky. Swigert eventually became his owner a second time, when he bought Mr. Sanford's place and all his horses.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY HANDICAP.

These are the weights for the Sheepshead Bay Handicap, one and one-eighth miles, to be run at Sheepshead Bay to-morrow:

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Montana	128	Sorcerer	100
Machadoo	123	Wah Jim	100
Longfellow	120	Milk Young	98
Pessara	119	Warpath	97
Banquet	115	Portchester	95
Madstone	115	Castaway	95
Demuth	114	May Win	95
Fairy	113	Belero	95
Pickpocket	110	Yosemite	95
Lo chatchee	110	Doncaster	92
Tournament	110	Tom Tough	90
Nomad	109	St. Mark	90
Reclare	105	Lizzie	90
Longford	105	Springtide	90
Cracksman	103	George W.	90
Charade	102	White Rose	90
Livonia	102	Kirkover	90

NOTES AND GOSSIP OF THE TRACK.

The Realization is the next great race, and the following horses are being trained for it: Tammany, Victory, His Highness, Patron and The Pepper. Tammany's stock is now away up, as His Highness did not stay with his field a mile in the Suburban, and when Byrnes gives him strong work he does it so well that he gains friends every time he appears. William Lakeland watched His Highness closely in Saturday's race and wore a smile of satisfaction after it was over. Victory is trained at Brighton Beach and is practically an imported horse. His work has been satisfactory to his trainer. However, the sons and daughters of Brag, the sire of Victory, do not race successfully over a distance of ground.

Patron will receive his work at the old track at Eatontown and will not be upset by the constant excitement which horses undergo when stabled at a track where there is racing every day. The Pepper is bred to stay any distance. His real calibre is unknown, as he won his races with light weight up, going out with the track and setting the pace and winning all the way in good time. He will carry 115 pounds in the Realization. As he races to-day horsemen that have overlooked the son of Billet and Vega will have a chance to see what sort of an animal "Ed" Brown is training. The Pepper will receive his preparation in races and is likely to start in at least four of them before the Realization is run.

Charade may be a starter. He is a useful colt and when ridden with judgment runs a fair race.

The two-year-old question is still undecided in the minds of the trainers. The get of St. Blaise have not been prominent as two-year-old winners up to the present time, but Conover Leighton expects to show a good one when St. Domingo goes to the post.

P. J. Dwyer's Long Dock will be ready to face the starter, as he covers half-miles easily in 50 seconds.

Chicago does wonders in his work, but his running in a race is below the selling-class level.

F. Van Ness is to be called before the Board of Control, and the running of India Rubber investigated. Taral is indignant at the assertion made by Van Ness, that he did not ride to orders. He said the horse had no speed, and when the race was over he told his friends he would not ride again for Van Ness.

A. Covington is to be investigated, and his story of how he was beaten on Kirkover will be heard by the practical racing men who are members of the Board of Control.

"Fred" Taral received a valuable watch from J. L. Sullivan, of Boston, as a slight token of the champion pugilist's admiration of his personal qualities and skill as a jockey.

The Salvator Club intends to have a clambake that will excel all of Captain Babcock's previous efforts in that line. Captain Babcock is mowing his grass this week, but will find time to fetch his usual basket of cherries to the judges at Sheepshead Bay. Next week he intends to manufacture the "sass" for the clambakes that are to take place later in the season.

M. F. Dwyer is $125,000 winner and the season is only fairly begun. He says that he intends to keep it, and all that the bookmakers can win from him is $25,000, as he will stop betting when he loses that amount.

The winter books lost money on the Suburban. The holders of Varley tickets on the winner will derive satisfaction out of the affair by keeping them as souvenirs of the race and as evidence of their veracity when they recount their hard luck stories. The Hollywood contingent were on Montana to a man. P. Lorillard was greatly disappointed at Locohatchee's display. Hamilton was not himself, his friends say, as he was upset by reducing. Hennen Morris asked if D. Gideon would match His Highness against St. Florian and give him ten pounds after the showing he made in the Suburban. When told that the chances were that Mr. Gideon would still make a match, he said: "We are opposed to flatches, but would willingly start in a race with him at even weights."

Major Domo was greatly distressed, as his race was much harder on him than on the others engaged, as he was ridden to a standstill and every ounce taken out of him. M. Byrnes said but little and gave Garrison the credit due to him for nursing Montana until he regained his stride and then trying for the race, when it looked as if he was hopelessly beaten. Mr. Byrnes has trained three Suburban winners, Pontiac, Salvator and Montana. If no accident befals him Tammany is likely to be the horse Byrnes will send to the post in 1893.

Poet Scout made many friends, as he ran a good race.

A number of the trainers said it would be a good idea to revive the old custom and give another race for horses engaged in the Suburban and have the winner of the original carry a penalty of seven pounds.

ALMOST AT THE BOTTOM.

PLIGHT OF NEW-YORK'S BALL TEAM.

THE FIRST HALF OF THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE ALMOST OVER—RECORDS OF THE CLUBS.

Only three more weeks remain of the first half of the League championship baseball season, and although the lead of the Boston team is still ample, the New-Englanders' chances to-day are not nearly as bright as they looked two weeks ago. On July 15, a new start will be taken and the friends of the New-York Club hope for better results. The promised strengthening of the team has not taken place yet, but the new players will unquestionably materialize before the team starts on its next Western tour.

Last week was a trying one for the leaders, and the advantage of both the Boston and Brooklyn teams, has been materially lessened. The Philadelphia team has been playing a remarkable game of late, and has fought its way from the rear division up to third place. The Quakers did the best work in the League last week, winning all six games played. The good work of the Cleveland nine has put that team in fourth place; the week's record being six victories and only one defeat.

The local team held its own in six games, Boston won two and lost three, while the Bridegrooms won three games and lost four. Cincinnati broke even in four games, while the despised Washingtons won five out of six games and pushed ahead of Pittsburg. The Washington team is now only a few points behind the New-Yorks, and the chances are that the local team may be forced to take an even lower place than it occupies at present. The record to date is as follows:

Clubs.	Boston	Brooklyn	Philadelphia	Cincinnati	Chicago	New-York	Washington	Pittsburg	Louisville	St. Louis	Baltimore	Games won
Boston	..	3	1	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	2	30
Brooklyn	2	..	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	2	32
Philadelphia	3	3	..	2	2	4	1	2	4	5	2	30
Cincinnati	1	2	3	..	3	3	1	3	1	3	0	29
Cleveland	2	0	2	3	..	3	3	1	2	0	3	39
Chicago	1	2	1	0	2	..	4	5	1	1	2	20
New-York	1	2	1	0	2	1	..	2	1	4	3	22
Washington	1	1	2	2	4	0	1	..	4	2	3	21
Pittsburg	1	1	1	4	1	3	4	1	..	1	4	25
Louisville	1	2	0	1	3	4	1	3	3	..	2	21
St. Louis	3	3	3	1	2	0	2	2	2	0	..	19
Baltimore	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	16
Games lost	10	10	22	23	21	25	26	27	31	31	33	36

As the Eastern teams will have to finish in the West, a comparison of the work between the two sections will be interesting. To date the Eastern nines have the best of the battles, having won ninety-three games to seventy-seven for their rivals. The Boston team has the best record, having won twenty and lost only nine games. Chicago leads for the West, with sixteen victories and a round dozen defeats. The Bridegrooms have won seventeen and lost ten games in their battles with the Western teams. The records are as follows:

EAST VS. WEST.

East vs. West.	Cincinnati	Cleveland	Chicago	Pittsburg	St. Louis	Louisville	Games won
Boston	3	3	4	4	2	4	20
Brooklyn	3	3	2	4	2	3	17
Philadelphia	2	2	4	4	2	5	19
New-York	2	2	1	1	3	4	13
Washington	1	0	4	3	2	5	15
Baltimore	1	1	1	1	3	2	9
Games lost	13	15	12	18	15	21	....

WEST VS. EAST.

West vs. East.	Boston	Brooklyn	Philadelphia	New-York	Washington	Baltimore	Games won
Cincinnati	1	2	3	1	3	3	13
Cleveland	2	0	2	3	1	4	12
Chicago	1	2	1	4	3	3	16
Pittsburg	1	1	1	4	1	4	12
St. Louis	3	3	3	2	2	1	14
Louisville	1	2	0	1	3	3	10
Games lost	9	10	10	15	15	18	..

One or two teams in the Eastern League show signs of distress, and it will be a good thing for the League if they retire. A ten-club circuit is too bulky, especially in a minor league. The Providence team holds the lead at present, with the Albany nine second, and Rochester third. The record is as follows:

Clubs.	Providence	Albany	Rochester	New Haven	Syracuse	Elmira	Binghamton	Philadelphia	Troy	Buffalo	Games won	Games lost
Providence	..	0	1	0	1	3	0	4	4	4	23	35
Albany	2	..	3	2	2	0	2	3	5	4	24	28
Rochester	1	5	..	1	2	1	3	2	3	5	24	29
New-Haven	2	1	3	..	3	2	2	2	3	2	20	36
Syracuse	2	0	1	2	..	3	2	3	0	4	17	32
Elmira	0	3	1	1	1	..	3	2	4	1	16	31
Binghamton	0	3	1	1	1	2	..	2	1	2	13	31
Philadelphia	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	..	0	1	13	34
Troy	3	1	2	0	1	2	2	2	..	0	13	35
Buffalo	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	2	..	8	31
Games lost	12	14	15	16	15	15	18	21	22	23	..	..

The Fordham College and Defendam teams played at Fordham yesterday, and the collegians suffered defeat for the first time recently. Murphy pitched a capital game, and his support was excellent. Smith did the only effective batting for Fordham. The score:

Fordham College	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
Defendam	3	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	x	10

The Cuban Giants and Star Athletics crossed bats at the Long Island grounds before the usual Sunday crowd yesterday. The Cuban Giants outplayed their rivals at every point, and won as they pleased. The score:

Cuban Giants	7	0	0	1	3	1	3	0	x	15
Star Athletics	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

GAMES TO-DAY.

Baltimore vs. New-York, at Baltimore.
Philadelphia vs. Brooklyn, at Philadelphia.
Boston vs. Washington, at Boston.
Pittsburg vs. Cleveland, at Pittsburg.
Chicago vs. Cincinnati, at Chicago.
St. Louis vs. Louisville, at St. Louis.

There are no professional games in this neighborhood to-day, New-York playing at Baltimore and Brooklyn at Philadelphia.

BASEBALL IN THE WEST.

St. Louis, June 19.—The Browns won to-day's game in the eighth inning, through a consecutive lot of hits made off Viau, who had up to that time been invincible. Weather hot. Attendance, 9,000. The score:

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Basehits—St. Louis, 7, Louisville 4. Errors—St. Louis 2, Louisville 1. Pitchers—Gleason and Viau. Umpire—Hurst.

Columbus, June 19.—Milwaukee won to-day because the home team did not care for victory. The umpiring of Serad was bad. The game was played in a sea of mud and water. Attendance 1,800. The score:

Columbus	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Milwaukee	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	x	6

Basehits—Columbus 6, Milwaukee 10. Errors—Columbus 1, Milwaukee 1. Batteries—Columbus—Clausen and Jantzen; Milwaukee—Donohue and Widner.

THE LUXURIES OF LIFE.

Lady Violet Greville in The London Graphic.

A writing-table which is not rickety and does not wobble with every movement of your hand, a cosey easy-chair, a plentiful supply of paper, a pen that will write—not the pointed abomination manipulated by the groom of the chambers himself, which he is pleased to call a quill—a bed that is not lumpy and with a curious undulation in the middle which seems to indicate the late presence of some exceptionally corpulent body, a fireplace that does not smoke, a bell that will ring very close to the ear of your maid, a window that will open, and a fairly punctual cook. All these are trifles, and yet make up the sum of human happiness.

Some people never open their windows, and force their guests to live in an exhausted and vitiated atmosphere; others open all the windows and doors simultaneously; shivering and miserable, less hardy mortals are thus bitterly reminded of a breezy morning at Brighton. Some misguided persons load their tables and their jardinieres with heavily-scented plants and flowers, and fill their vases with damp and poisonous leaves and branches until delicate and sensitive souls grow faint and sick; others banish the simplest blossoms, and eschew all brightness and beauty, so that their drawing-rooms resemble barns. Few indeed are the sympathetic hostesses who study their friends' tastes, who are attentive without being officious, indulgent without being neglectful, and a visit to whom forms the pleasantest and most delightful of reminiscences.

It is indeed the rarity of little luxuries abroad which makes so many people reluctant to leave home, where they have everything ready to their hand, where the little feds every human being indulges in are studied and regarded, where your taste is consulted and your comfort unostentatiously attended to. Some uncomfortable bachelors there will always be who care for nothing, and pride themselves on their position as old campaigners, and have learned to limit their wants; but even they prize their pipe, their easy-chair, the very solitude and liberty which have become to them indispensable luxuries.

In fact, our luxuries are the things which alone differentiate the brute from the man. The very moment we have learned the value of our comforts we have at once risen in the social scale. All refined, domesticated animals—even the dogs and the cats of our domestic circle—appreciate soft cushions, cosey nooks, warm fires, and thick carpets in truly intelligent fashion, and will despise the servants' quarters, the back stairs, and the attics in a manner which would be risible if it were not touching, as showing the influences of teh more cultivated mind on inferior beings.

OCEAN GROVE AWAKE.

READY FOR THE CROWDS OF SUMMER VISITORS.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED—VARIOUS MEETINGS THAT WILL BE HELD—SOME OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO WILL BE PRESENT.

Ocean Grove, N. J., June 17 (Special).—This famous religious resort already begins to feel the thrill of summer life among its hundreds of boarding houses and hotels. During the long, dreary winter this town goes into a profound slumber. But in the spring the inhabitants emerge from their places of repose and attack the surrounding scenery with paint brushes and scrubbing instruments. By the time the great crowds of clergymen and worshippers, cottagers and hotel guests arrive, the town presents a new appearance and looks like a garden. The advance guard of the seekers after religious truth and ocean breezes are already wending their various ways through the shady streets.

Ocean Grove is subject to an annual deluge from the ink vials of wrath of certain irate newspaper men, who rail because they cannot do as they like in this resort. They find columns of fault with the "restrictions." These irate newspaper men, when writing articles on "puritanical laws" and what-not, misrepresent both the officers of the association and the objects and aims of the corporation. The clergymen and laymen who made Ocean Grove, when they sent their charter to the New-Jersey Legislature for enactment, did not intend to found an ordinary seaside resort. The preamble to the charter fully explains the matter; it reads as follows:

"Recognizing the truth and beauty of the Scriptural declaration, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,' and being especially impressed with the propriety of having a portion of the land sketched the sea consecrated to sacred uses; we whose names are hereunto annexed with a single eye to the Divine glory and in humble dependance upon our Heavenly Father's aid do hereby solemnly covenant together to use certain lands which have been providentially committed to our trust for those high and holy purposes. And we further declare it to be our design to make this a perpetual obligation upon Christ's altar and to enjoin its strict obligation on those who may succeed us. And to this end we mutually pledge our Christian honor."

It will readily be seen from the foregoing that if a man wishes to drink a bottle of beer or play high-low-jack he should go to Elsewhere, and not come to Ocean Grove. For Ocean Grove is a place set apart. The wicked rabbis are told to keep off or come, be quiet, and listen.

The opening day of the religious exercises on the campmeeting grounds will be Sunday, June 26. Mrs. Palmer's meeting for the promotion of holiness will be held in the tabernacle at 9 a. m. The Young People's Meeting will be held in the Temple at the same hour. The Rev. C. H. Yatman, the celebrated evangelist, will be the leader.

The opening sermon at 10:30 a. m. will be preached by the Rev. J. H. McCarty, D. D., of the Central New-York Conference. The Ocean Grove summer Sabbath-school, which includes the famous Bible-class of Dr. Hanlon, of Pennington seminary, will begin in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church will at that time hold a reunion service in the auditorium. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. Stokes, Dr. Hanlon, the Rev. C. H. Yatman and others. Beach meeting will be held as usual at the foot of Ocean Pathway at 6 p. m. The Rev. Mr. Yatman will preach the evening sermon.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New-Jersey will be held in the auditorium on July 6 and 7.

On July 11 the Society of the King's Daughters, of which Mrs. Margaret Bottome, of New-York, is president, will hold its annual meeting.

The Ocean Grove Sunday-School Assembly will be held from July 12 to 21, inclusive. The Rev. Dr. Sims, the Chancellor of Syracuse University, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, July 17, and the Rev. J. E. Adams, the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Morristown, N. J., will deliver the Chautauqua literary and scientific Circle oration on Thursday, July 21. The Rev. Dr. B. B. Loomis will preside over the entire session.

The New-Jersey Sabbath Union will hold its anniversary on Friday, July 22, under the direction of the secretary, the Rev. J. H. Knowles, D. D.

On Tuesday, July 26, the African Methodist Episcopal Church will hold its annual jubilee. The services will be in charge of one of the bishops of that Church.

The National Temperance and Publication Society will be in session from July 27 to July 31, inclusive. J. N. Stearns, of New-York, will be in charge of the services. That popular orator, Colonel George W. Bain, of Kentucky, will deliver an oration. The Silver Lake quartette will be in attendance.

The twenty-third anniversary of the first religious meeting ever held at Ocean Grove is Sunday, July 31. The morning sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society will be in convention on August 20 and 21. Prominent missionary workers from foreign fields will address the meeting.

The great annual camp-meeting services will begin on August 22 and will continue the usual ten days. The opening sermon will be preached by Bishop John H. Vincent at 10:30 in the morning.

Thomas Stackhouse, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is here for the summer with his family.

One of the new cottages in the town will be occupied this season by Roderic C. Penfield, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. R. H. Middleton, Miss Dorothy Middleton and T. Elliott Middleton, of Hagerstown, Md.; Mrs. A. Edwards, of Philadelphia; Mrs. R. Honey, of Newport, R. I.; Dr. and Mrs. William Law, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. R. Irby and Robert Irby, of New-Orleans; Miss Annie Wolfe, of New-York, and Dr. M. N. Chamberlain, of Cheshire, Conn., are registered at the Gem in Beach-ave.

Among the arrivals at the Atlantic House are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rohner, Mrs. William D. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Deway, Mrs. Y. C. Terry and W. E. Phillips, of New-York City; P. B. Smith, of Chicago; J. M. Anderson, of Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Prof. R. L. Barnes, of Trenton; George A. Bowman, of Katonah; William Thatcher, of Lambertville, N. J.; Miss E. C. Silkman, of Morristown, N. J.; W. C. Dalzell, of South Egremont, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gleason, of New-Canaan, Conn.; D. H. Brown, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Murphy, of Freehold, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stickney, of Albany.

ATTEMPTING TO KILL A BARBER.

Annunziate Giocondo, a young Italian living at No. 239 West Twenty-seventh-st., was a prisoner in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday charged with attempting to kill Alphonso Storiozzo, a barber, at 106 West Twenty-fifth-st. Giocondo was employed by Storiozzo until two months ago, when he was discharged for incompetency. Since then he has been annoying Storiozzo by throwing dirt into the barber shop. Yesterday morning they met in front of the shop. A few words passed between the men, and Giocondo, drawing a 22-calibre revolver, fired a shot at Storiozzo. The bullet struck Storiozzo on the chin and glanced off. Giocondo fired three more shots at Storiozzo. One of the bullets struck him in the chest, while another passed through his coat and lodged in a wallet which he had in his inside pocket. The fourth bullet passed over Storiozzo's head. The shots were fired in rapid succession, and attracted the attention of a policeman who arrested Giocondo.

At the Jefferson Market Court Giocondo pleaded not guilty and said he was trying to scare Storiozzo. Justice Grady held him for further examination in default of $1,500 bail. The injured man's hurts are slight.

BURNING AN ANCIENT OAK.

From The Pall Mall Gazette.

Early on Saturday an unusual spectacle was witnessed in the Home Park at Hampton Court, when a magnificent oak growing about twenty yards from the Long Water, was discovered to be on fire. The future fire-brigade, under Superintendent Norman, were quickly on the spot, and the alarm having been sent to Kingston and Surbiton, the steam engines from those places arrived shortly afterward, a copious supply of water, pumped from the long Water, being poured on the burning oak. The tree is said to be 1,100 years old, and one of the eight largest oaks in England. It is thirty-three feet in circumference, having an average diameter of eleven feet. The trunk is hollow for about ten feet, and several of the larger branches above that are also in a decayed condition. It was in the hollow of the oak that the boy burned herself, and as the flame spread from branch to branch the effect was singular in the extreme. The fire was extinguished in a few hours, but not before the fine old tree had been almost completely destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

TRUTHS ABOUT TAMMANY.

THE REV. THOMAS DIXON, JR., SPEAKS OUT.

SOME STIRRING REMARKS, WELL-KNOWN, BUT WORTH REPETITION.

Tammany Hall heard from the Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., yesterday. That organization stirred up a hornet's nest when it caused the arrest of the aggressive minister who preaches at Association Hall, and yesterday he denounced the members of the society as a crowd of organized criminals, and said that the municipal government of New-York was a reproach and a disgrace to the Nation. Mayor Grant came in for his share of criticism. The judiciary, too, Mr. Dixon said, had been disgraced by the elevation to the bench of a rumseller who was a chronic violator of law. The chairman of the Board of Excise was again soundly scored by the outspoken young pastor. He has not one redeeming trait, Mr. Dixon said, and Tammany and the city administration touched the lowest tide of degradation when the appointment of this Excise Commissioner was made. Here is what the Rev. Dr. Dixon said in part about municipal corruption:

"It is conceded without discussion by 62,000,000 people in America that the rottenest city government in the English-speaking world is in New-York. So profound is the disgust and contempt in which this city's municipal authority is held by the people of the Nation that it is now impossible to secure for the city any great assembly or exhibition of a National character.

"For this we have to thank Tammany Hall—an organization of civilized brigands banded together for the sole purpose of plundering the public treasury. It knows no principle save that of self-interest. It wears the cloak of a National party beneath which to conceal the assassin's dagger. The only power recognized within its royal domain is the power of a 'pull.'

"It has transformed the government of the second city of the world, that holds the key of the New World, into a comedy of thieves. The name of the municipal government of New-York is the joke of two continents. Our municipal record under this band of plunderers has formed the world's international burlesque of free government. We are the laughing stock of Europe and the recipients of the pity and contempt of our fellow Americans. With shame we recognize more truth than poetry in the withering scorn of Rudyard Kipling as he describes Manhattan Island as a long pig trough between two sewers. This certainly is a moral if not a physical fact. For all of which we have to thank Tammany Hall.

"You certainly pay enough to have the grandest, cleanest, most beautiful city in the world. Into your city treasury every year pours a Niagara of gold—more than the sum total required by the governments of twenty-four of the greatest States of the Union.

"And what do we get in return? In brief, we get the meanest school-houses of any great city in America, and not enough of them, turning annually thousands of children into the streets to become criminals; filthy ill-paved streets; fire traps and death traps dotting the city in every direction, that violate the laws until the coroner sits over the ruins and the insurance companies furnish money for a new building; vermin infested station-houses, dirty and cheerless, into which the shelterless wretch is kicked and left upon the floor; inadequate hospital service, with unrelieved disease and starvation among the poor; an inadequate or ill-managed water service, poisoned by 2,000 catalogued nuisances in its watershed; thousands of betrayed trusts in the granting of city franchises to corporations that hold our highways and pay nothing for the privilege and give us inadequate facilities of travel; a police service declared by a grand jury to be the friends and protectors of crime and criminals, receding by the estimate of the foreman at least $7,000,000 annually as the price of official blackmail, and retaining on its payroll men charged in open court with the foulest crimes known to civilization; a judiciary that has been disgraced by the elevation to the bench of a saloon-keeper who was a chronic violator of law, and of other political thugs of equally shady antecedents, who had not the first qualification or attainment to redeem the infamy of their appointment; an Excise Commissioner, the villany of whose record as set forth in the decisions of our highest courts was not one redeeming trait, who when arraigned for the violation of his solemn oath, was described by the reporters present as so drunk that the judge presiding had to call him to order. This man, with such a record of office, we have promoted to the chairmanship of the Board of Excise, and in this appointment our administration touches the lowest tide of mud and degradation; a police officer that cannot see 5,000 open saloons on Sunday and hundreds of gambling hells and brothels until pointed out by Dr. Parkhurst, and yet who can easily get a warrant for the arrest of a grocer who sold a cake of soap on Sunday and of a preacher who dared in his pulpit to apply soap to a foul city government! Tammany will stand some things, but has evidently determined to draw the line once for all at soap.

"As a fitting climax for all this we have a Mayor presiding over the city, when not otherwise engaged in presiding over liquor dealers' conventions, who has branded himself as a self-confessed criminal, and received a second term as Mayor in vindication of this criminal confession that while in office he had appropriated $20,000 in illegal fees. Back of him stand the governing committee of Tammany Hall. Back of these men stretches an army of rum-soaked, licentious violators of law whom Tammany has fostered and upon whose ill-gotten gains the deep tribute of blackmail is regularly laid.

"I do not deny that there are many misguided men of honest life and purpose who are numbered among the adherents of this disgrace. But the strength of Tammany Hall is not found in these men of integrity. It is found in the old guard of 60,000 men who marched to the polls and voted for William M. Tweed's candidate for Register while the city yet stunk with the exposure of that notorious old regime. This trained army of thugs would vote for Judas Iscariot at the bidding of their boss. Therefore Tammany defies every pulpit that may thunder at her villainies. Her army asks no questions. With the experience of years as a heritage, and the audacity of the devil as a birthright, Tammany defies the moral sentiment of the world!

"Shall men who believe in truth and right cringe before this beast? Or shall we challenge the brute to mortal combat, and lift up our prostrate and disgraced city?

"Let every man in New-York who believes in purity and home and righteousness and God give now the weight of his manhood to the regeneration of the city! Let us separate this question from state and National issues and pledge ourselves to know no parties until this work is done! To that end let us organize! Organized crime can be met only by organized manhood!

"If what I have said this morning be not true, it may be libellous. Let the henchmen and hirelings see to it! If it be treason, let the dastardly tyranny that is crushing the life and manhood out of our city make the most of it.

"Is it is necessary in the present debauched life of the city for an honest citizen to serve a term in prison for daring to speak the truth, I am as ready to serve my God in the penitentiary as in this pulpit!"

Mr. Dixon says he has not yet ended his remarks about Tammany, and next Sunday morning he will have something more to say about the Wigwam braves, and the corrupt city government. He says he will produce some record next Sunday to prove some of the statements he has made. "When a man says I have made use of an untruth it is due to the people who come here that I prove that that man is in error. Next Sunday I will have those proofs here," he said.

THE REV. DR. MACARTHUR KNOWS IT.

NEW-YORK CITY THE SYNONYME FOR MUNICIPAL MISGOVERNMENT.

The Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, delivered an able address yesterday morning, taking for his subject "Recent Methods of Municipal Reform." After a brief introduction, the speaker went on to say: "The man who does not feel much pride in his city lacks the important element of good citizenship. The growth of cities in our day is one of the wonders of the time. This growth is characteristic not only of New-York and Chicago, but also of the cities of the Old World. The gregarious tendencies of the race are manifested to a greater degree than ever before. Political economists and philanthropists find themselves utterly unable to solve the problems growing out of the rapid growth of cities in our day. These problems are more difficult in a city like New-York, because of the presence here of many foreign elements. The better class of immigrants seek Western homes and the worse sink into New-York slums, as lead sinks into soft mud. The government of such a city as this involves difficulties easier to recognize than to remove. Every man should be a good citizen and, in the true sense of the word, a politician. The man who is so devoted to the other world that he will not do his duty in this is not likely to see another world as good as this.

"God clearly indicated His will that a great city should be on Manhattan Island. The natural advantages of this city ought to make it the cleanest, sweetest, purest and noblest city of the republic. I shall not use terms of wholesale denunciation in speaking of this city we all love and in whose honor we delight, but frankness compels us to admit that New-York is the synonyme around the globe for municipal misgovernment. We are to a considerable degree governed by the worst elements in the community and the fault is our own. We can have just as good a government, municipal, state and National, as we desire; but as long as our best class of citizens fail to perform their political duties, vile men will be exalted and evil will triumph.

"I believe with Mr. Gladstone that we ought to make vice as difficult and virtue as easy as possible. The law should relentlessly pursue the house of shame, the