THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED.

LENOX HEIRS DISAPPROVE THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE MISSION BOARDS.

MISS RACHEL KENNEDY EXPLAINS WHY NO LEGAL STEPS WERE TAKEN TO INSURE "LENOX HALL" BEING KEPT BY THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The statement of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, which was published in The Tribune, in regard to the proposed sale of the Lenox property at Fifth-ave. and Twelfth-st., and which caused so much discussion among Presbyterians, has proved anything but satisfactory to the relatives and a large number of the friends of the Lenox and Kennedy families. Letters have poured in on Miss Rachel L. Kennedy, the nearest relative of the late James Lenox, from Presbyterians all over the country, adding their disapproval to hers of the course adopted by the two boards. Miss Kennedy inherited a large portion of the Lenox and Kennedy estates, and was a party to the sale of the property to the two boards.

Miss Kennedy made the following statement to a Tribune reporter, at her home, No. 41 Fifth-ave., yesterday, concerning the statement made by the boards:

"The statement of the boards evades the core of the whole matter. There is no charge made as to their violation of any expressed conditions in reference to the holding of the property or any disregard on their part of the letter of any legal contract. But there are certain considerations, sometimes regarded as even more rigidly binding than legal technicalities, which they utterly ignore. When the transfer of the present property occurred the assumption that the boards had obtained permanent headquarters, to be enduringly associated with a conspicuously generous benefactor of missions, was so confident and universal that the idea of any explicit conditions was not for a moment entertained. Its entire absence is, in itself, the most significant indication of the strength of feeling which prevailed at the time of the original transfer and which, apparently, made the bare suggestion of legal limitations an uncalled for superfluity.

"No one for a moment doubts that if, at the time when the residence of Mr. Lenox was yielded by his heirs, it had been remotely hinted that the purchasers designed to occupy it merely as a temporary lodging house, until more convenient quarters could be obtained, the boards of the Presbyterian Church would never have been housed at the corner of Fifth-ave. and Twelfth-st. I, myself, as a party to the transfer, would never have assented to the affair, had I not distinctly understood that the property was to remain perpetually in the hands of the Presbyterian Church.

"The sentiments of Robert Lenox Kennedy with reference to such a scheme can be gathered with unmistakable clearness from the following letter from his widow, written when she heard of the scheme in which the boards have become embarked:

"'The proposed sale of Nos. 53 and 55 Fifth-ave. is a great wrong, both to the Lenox family and the interests of the Presbyterian Church. The latest gift of Mr. Kennedy was to secure that property for the use of the Presbyterian Church, and the $5000 he gave was with the understanding that it should be kept for the boards of the church. It was sold at a low price with that end in view. He was greatly pleased with the fact that it was all arranged and settled and spoke often of it on his last journey to Europe.'

"That the feeling of objection to the course of the boards in this matter," continued Miss Kennedy, "is not confined to a natural sense of injury in the breasts of those nearest akin to Mr. Lenox, but pervades a wide circle of well-known and indefatigable friends of missions, is clearly shown in letters from the Rev. Dr. Gosman and others, solicited by The Tribune's references to the proposed sale of the Lenox property. A letter from me, protesting against the sale, was made before at least one of the boards previous to their published statement. But it ought in all fairness to be said that there were parties keenly interested within easy access from the meeting rooms of the boards, who could have scarcely been overlooked without a mental effort, who were not afforded any opportunity for expressing their wishes. In view of the stress laid upon the overpowering business advantages which dictate this move, it is a curious fact that the Finance Committee of the Foreign Mission Board, presumably selected because of business ability, reported as a unit adversely to the proposition, and were overruled by the voice of the boards. Several of the signatures to the statement of the boards are of those who began service subsequently to the occupancy of the present building, and are therefore only conversant with the facts by hearsay, and have presumably no personal interest in feelings which cluster about the personality of those who had passed away prior to their entrance upon office."

BLAUT PLEADS GOOD FAITH.

HE CONSIDERED THE REPORT CORRECT, HE SAYS.

THE DEFENCE OPENS ITS CASE IN THE TRIAL IN OYER AND TERMINER—THE CHARGES NARROWED DOWN.

The prosecution finished its testimony yesterday in the trial of Joseph F. Blaut, president of the Madison Square Bank, and the defendant was placed on the witness stand in his own behalf. The case is before Judge Barrett in the Court of Oyer and Terminer. Leopold Michaels was the first witness called. He was the stenographer in the bank who gave notes for twenty-five shares of stock, which had been placed in Michaels's name so as to evade the law forbidding the bank to purchase its own stock. The witness said that he had no interest in the stock, and did not know to whom it belonged. On cross-examination by Mr. Lauterbach, the witness testified that when the schedule of June 1 was shown to the defendant, the latter asked C. E. Selover, the assistant cashier, if the statement of the amount of money due by directors was correct. Mr. Selover had said that it was all right, but that if anything was wrong he would tell Mr. Blaut. The witness added that when the statement was sworn to Mr. Blaut was away. He admitted to Assistant District-Attorney Davis that he had been with Blaut a great deal lately. Several other witnesses, including G. H. LeG. Morton, the discount clerk of the bank, were called. Then Judge Barrett narrowed the case down to the transactions with W. R. Thompson and Michaels, both of whom appeared on the bank's books as owners of its stock, for which they did not pay.

William Fromme then opened the case for the defence. He then called Charles Eugene Sullivan, who became assistant cashier of the bank in March, 1891. He declared that he made out the report of June 1, 1893.

John Delahanty was the next witness. He was counsel for the Madison Square Bank from 1891 to 1893. He testified that he bought shares in the Madison Square Bank in March, 1893. George M. Hardt, president of the Chatham National Bank, testified as to Mr. Blaut's personal character, which, he said, was excellent. Other witnesses were also produced to give evidence as to Mr. Blaut's character.

The defendant next took the stand. He said he was born in Germany, was forty-five years old, and came to this country in 1866. He entered into the banking business in 1885. He said he was a director of the Columbia Bank before he became president of the Madison Square Bank. This was in 1891. The witness said that in 1889 the firm of Hemund & Blaut had entered into a negotiation to sell 2,000 shares of the Madison Square Bank stock. The witness then told about the Louisiana State Electric bonds and the loan made by the Madison Square Bank of $150,000 to the Fort Wayne Electric Company on $200,000 of these bonds.

"I regarded the transaction with the Fort Wayne Electric Company as a cash transaction and the investment as a very secure one," said the witness.

"Did you dispose of any stock in the Madison Square Bank?" asked Mr. Davis.

"I never disposed of a cent's worth," replied Blaut.

Blaut then told how the Madison Square Bank acquired the stock belonging to Mr. Cryder. The transaction in which Leopold Michaels figured was made in good faith, and the notes were reported as an asset in the schedule in the shape of a loan.

"What occurred in the preparation of the report and schedule of June, 1893?"

The witness said that he told Mr. Sullivan not to include the Fort Wayne loan in the report, as it was not the proper place for it.

"Did you see the schedule when you signed the report?" was asked.

"No. I never saw the schedule until I saw it in court."

The defendant will be cross-examined this morning by Mr. Davis.

ELDORADO SOLD TO HERMAN WALKER.

The real estate and personal property of the Palisade Amusement Company was sold yesterday afternoon at Hoboken, in pursuance of an order of the court to satisfy creditors' claims amounting to $50,609. The property was knocked down to President Herman Walker, of the now defunct Palisade Amusement Company, for $5,700, subject to two mortgages upon it—one of $150,000 and another of $42,000—besides interest, back taxes, etc., amounting to $8,000. The principal bidder in opposition to Mr. Walker was James H. Symes, one of the heavy creditors, who represented other creditors. The lease will be renewed by Mr. Walker. The mortgages upon the property are in foreclosure.

FOR A HOSPITAL'S ANNUAL BALL.

The New-Jersey State Hospital at Morris Plains will hold its annual fancy dress ball to-morrow evening. The march will be led by Dr. B. D. Evans, the medical director of the institution, and Mrs. Heather, of Dover, N. J. Moses K. Everitt and wife will represent George Washington and Martha Washington.

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

FRAUD CHARGED IN THE CONVEYANCES.

A new movement was made yesterday in the contest over the estate of Demas Strong, once State Senator, who left the bulk of his large estate to his four daughters, and only $2,500 to each of his six sons. Objections to the probate of the will were filed by David Strong, one of the sons, but after the will of Mrs. Strong, made several years before her husband's death, had been found and probated, the contest was withdrawn. But yesterday a lis pendens was filed in a suit begun by David Strong to set aside certain conveyances of property by his mother to his father. In 1882 she conveyed one house to John J. Clark, who in turn conveyed it to Demas Strong. In January, 1885, she conveyed two other houses to her daughter, Mrs. Julia D. Harris, who in turn conveyed them to her father, and a like transaction with another house took place in 1886. Mrs. Strong died in 1889. It is alleged in the proceedings that she was not mentally capable of understanding these proceedings when they were taken, and that fraud was committed in the transactions. The defendants in the suits to set aside the conveyances are Julia D. Harris, Clarissa R. Goodnow, John J. Clark, Richard P. Strong, Maurice B. Strong, William D. Strong, George J. Strong, Joseph L. Strong, Grace Simpson, Jennie McMahon and Simon Strong.

A GUARDSMAN CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Julius Penbes, twenty years old, a private in Company F, 47th Regiment, and living at No. 66 Schaeffer-st., was arrested yesterday afternoon while at work in the crinoline factory of Norwood Brothers, North Ninth and Roebling sts., on a charge of grand larceny, preferred by Henry G. Searing, a liquor dealer at No. 75 Berry-st. Searing occupies apartments over the store with his family. On Thanksgiving Eve, while the family was absent from the house, the apartments were entered and a gold watch, a small diamond lace-pin and clothing were stolen, valued at $100. The robbery was reported to the police, but they failed to recover the property or capture the thief. On Monday evening Searing's twenty-two-year-old daughter, Julia, attended the review of the regiment by Mayor Schieren at the armory. As young Penbes marched out of his company-room to go to the drill floor Miss Searing noticed a pin like that her father lost on the front of a black tie. Upon going to her home the young woman informed her father of her discovery. She knew Penbes, as she was employed in the factory with him.

Yesterday Searing, with his wife and daughter, went to the Fifth Precinct and reported their suspicions to Detective Hayes, who accompanied them to the factory where Penbes was at work. When asked if he wore a diamond pin, he said he did, but not in working hours. The pin, he said, was at his home. Detective Hayes accompanied Penbes to his home to see the pin, which Searing said resembled the one stolen from his apartments. Young Penbes said he had purchased the pin two weeks ago from a peddler in Grand-st., for 25 cents. He was then arrested and locked up in the Fifth Precinct. The prisoner is said to have an excellent reputation. He will be arraigned in the Lee-Avenue Police Court to-day.

TROUBLE WITH THE MILLBURN RESERVOIR

Despite the fact that for weeks water has been pumped into the Millburn reservoir of the Brooklyn Waterworks, there is less than a foot of water behind the dam. The millions of gallons which have been pumped up by the pumps at Millburn have percolated into the earth, and are now flooding the lowlands and the cellars of the farmers. The reservoir was constructed by Edward Freel. He obtained the contract four years ago. The contract price was $762,000. Payments of over a million have been made. The reservoir was supposed to have been completed last August, and the pumps began the work of filling it. The water ran out about as fast as it ran in. Exactly where it went to is not known. A gang of men was set to work and repairs were made. This work was in progress when cold weather set in. Just after the election in Brooklyn the contractor displayed an unusual amount of energy. All his own teams and all he could hire in the neighborhood were put to work. The force of men was greatly increased. The cold weather, of course, put an end to all operations. On February 1 pumping was resumed. Pumping ceased on Friday last, and there is less than a foot of water in the reservoir. Mott Smith, a farmer, has engaged Robert A. Davidson, lawyer, to bring suit against either the city of Brooklyn or the contractor, as the facts may warrant. Jeremiah Brower has engaged counsel for the same purpose. The reservoir has a capacity, if water-tight, of 500,000,000 gallons. It is close to the Montauk Division of the Long Island Railroad. The water intended to be stored in it is obtained from several ponds and streams along the route of a conduit of brick, extending from the pumping station of Massaqua.

A. C. SMITH FOR COLONEL.

An election of the 23d Regiment has been ordered for next Monday night for the selection of an officer to take the place of Colonel Partridge, who recently resigned. The only one mentioned for the place up to the present time is Lieutenant-Colonel Alexis C. Smith, and in all probability he will be elected. Lieutenant-Colonel Smith has been a member of the 23d Regiment since March 1, 1876, on which date he joined Company A as a private. He has been successively private, corporal, sergeant, first-sergeant, first-lieutenant, captain and lieutenant-colonel, being elected to the last-named place, which he now holds, on December 5, 1887. He has been an extremely popular officer in that office, and after Colonel Partridge resigned scarcely any one was thought of for the place except Lieutenant-Colonel Smith. In private life he is a lawyer.

FIREMEN TO CELEBRATE THE DAY.

The Uniformed Company of the Exempt Firemen's Association of this city has been invited by the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Brooklyn to unite with it in celebrating Washington's Birthday to-morrow in that city. The members of the company will assemble with their band in front of City Hall, this city, at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. They will have with them their old style hand engine. Ex-Chief Engineer Harry Howard will accompany the organization from the City Hall and march with it in the parade. The officers of the Uniformed Company are Robert B. Mooney, foreman; Lawrence Dalton, assistant foreman; Joseph J. Morgan, financial and recording secretary; Matthew J. Fogerty, corresponding secretary, and James E. Colegrove, treasurer.

KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS BY A TROLLEY-CAR.

Thomas Cochrane, forty years old, of No. 227 Harris-ave., Long Island City, while crossing the car tracks in Kent-ave., near South Fourth-st., yesterday morning, was struck by trolley-car No. 132 of the Franklin-ave. and Prospect Park line and seriously injured. He was taken unconscious to St. Catherine's Hospital. Cochrane obtained employment on Monday after he had been idle for several months, and was to go to work yesterday. When he was struck by the car he was on his way to work. He has a family.

A collision occurred yesterday between a trolley-car and furniture truck belonging to the Brooklyn Furniture Company, at Division and Kent aves. Both the truck and car were badly damaged. At the time of the collision the car was filled with passengers, and considerable excitement followed. No one was injured.

THE DEAD MAN WAS A FORGER.

A week ago Frederick Schlomann, superintendent of the Brooklyn branch of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, living at No. 65 Pilling-st., committed suicide in a stable at No. 47 Pilling-st., by severing an artery in his left wrist. It was believed at the time that Schlomann had taken his life while temporarily insane, as he had complained for several days before of severe pains in his head. Yesterday it was learned that Schlomann had forged the names of William Brodie, George H. Smith and C. J. Pilton, Long Island City business men, to notes for more than $1,000, and that the notes are in the possession of the Wallabout Bank in Brooklyn. The dead man at one time lived in Long Island City, where he took an active part in politics, and held office under Mayor Sanford.

SHOT BY HIS WIFE IN A QUARREL.

The facts came to light in a police court yesterday that Julius F. Knipes, of No. 183 Wynne-st., was shot by his wife on Sunday, that they had made up their differences, and that Knipes had the bullet in his pocket. He is a plumber, and has been married several years to a wife younger than himself. They have lived inharmoniously for some time, and on Sunday evening the husband found his wife with several half empty beer bottles before her in their dining-room. He emptied them in a sink, and angered her so that she got a revolver and pointed it at her husband. He grappled with her, but was shot in the side. A physician cut the bullet out and pronounced the wound to be not dangerous. The case would probably not have been made public had not a detective heard of it and arrested Mrs. Knipes. She pleaded not guilty, before Police Justice Connolly yesterday, and was admitted to bail. Her husband was with her, and they left the courtroom arm-in-arm.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

The expert accountants who have gone over the books of the missing excise cashier, W. D. Lohmann, will report to-day or to-morrow. They say that the deficit will not exceed $19,400, which is only $375 more than at first reported, and that this was all taken in January, the 1893 accounts being found correct.

W. W. Stephenson Post, G. A. R., has asked the Mayor for a permit to fire a salute on Fort Greene Park to-morrow, without expense to the city, and the Mayor has granted it.

The Rev. John Loughran, rector of the Roman Catholic Church of the Visitation, explained yesterday that the slight trouble in the choir of his church arose from the fact that four singers, all of one family, had been excluded from the choir because they disturbed it, and as they had threatened to make trouble he had policemen on hand to prevent it.

Company D, of the 14th Regiment, will give a concert and reception at the armory this evening.

HOME NEWS

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

BREVOORT—Samuel Bowles, of Springfield, Mass. FIFTH AVENUE—Ex-Judge John M. Thurston, of Nebraska. GILSEY—General Austin Lathrop, of Corning, N. Y., and Major John W. Powell, director of the United States Geological Survey. HOLLAND—Thomas B. Bryan and Daniel H. Burnham, of Chicago. MURRAY HILL—Ex-Postmaster-General Don M. Dickinson, of Detroit, and ex-Congressman Carlos French, of Connecticut. NORMANDIE—Congressman F. H. Gillett, of Massachusetts. WALDORF—William L. Elkins and A. J. Cassatt, of Philadelphia, and Colonel John C. Haskell, of South Carolina.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Dog show, Madison Square Garden.

President Blaut's trial, before Judge Barrett.

Harvard Club dinner, Delmonico's, 6:30 p. m.

Rapid Transit Commissioners, No. 22 William-st., 2:30 p. m.

Larchmont Yacht Club election.

Board of Education, 4 p. m.

Union League Club special meeting on Police Reform, 8 p. m.

Good Government Club E, No. 338 East Twenty-third-st., 8 p. m.

Harlem Democratic Club, No. 17 East One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., 8 p. m.

Middle States Regatta Association, Hotel Marlborough, 8 p. m.

Wide Awake Republican Club, No. 233 East Tenth-st., 8 p. m.

Grolier Club annual meeting, 8:30 p. m.

Park and Aqueduct Commissioners' meetings.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The pilot-boat Washington reports that on last Saturday she spoke the schooner William Donnell, bound for Philadelphia, badly crippled by heavy gales. The second mate of the schooner had been knocked down during the storm and had a leg broken. The Washington saw the schooner in latitude 40.20, longitude 69.

At a meeting of the trustees of the American Yacht Club, held yesterday, the following were elected members of the House Committee to serve for one year: David S. Cowles, Dr. Charles I. Pardee, William H. Starbuck, Clement Gould, William H. Parsons and George W. Jall.

Among the passengers on the North German Lloyd steamer Lahn, which sailed yesterday for Southampton, were C. W. Bonynge, M. Coppini, Miss E. S. Hamersley, Miss S. Hamersley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Victor and Miss Victor.

By special order No. 188 from department headquarters, Hans Powell Post, No. 688, G. A. R., is to be known as Hans Powell Post, No. 329.

Howard W. Vernon.—You can get all the information you want about the Moslem services by writing to Alexander R. Webb, No. 30 East Twenty-third-st.

The Rev. Dr. James Chambers is delivering a course of Sunday-night lectures to Calvary Presbyterian Church, One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st., near Fifth-ave. On next Sunday evening his subject will be "The Best Anti-Poverty Society."

Isaac Rathkowsky was convicted in General Sessions yesterday of trying to poison Mrs. Pearl Meyer and her two daughters, of No. 9 First-st., on February 6. He was the rejected suitor of one of the girls. The poison was placed in their soup. The prisoner was remanded for sentence.

An exhibition of books relating to the fine arts and architecture will be given to-morrow at the Library of the Young Men's Christian Association, Twenty-third-st. and Fourth-ave., from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

A free lecture will be delivered in the lecture hall of the School of Social Economics, No. 34 Union Square, this evening by Professor Van Buren Denslow, on "Laborers and Millionaires."

The 1st, 2d, 5th and 9th Regiments of the Baptist Boys' Brigade will be reviewed at the 23d Regiment Armory at 3 p. m. to-morrow.

The Rev. Charles C. Greig, successor to Dr. McAll, of the McAll Mission, in France, will address the New-York Auxiliary on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Church of the Incarnation, Thirty-fifth-st. and Madison-ave. The Rev. Dr. Arthur Brooks will preside. All interested in French evangelization are cordially invited.

The Museum of Art will be open free to the public to-day, to-morrow and Saturday, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Sunday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock, and Friday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock. The admission on Friday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. is 25 cents.

Admission to the Museum of Natural History is free to-day, to-morrow and Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; on Saturday from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m., and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p. m.

The modern paintings in oil and water-colors belonging to the estate of R. M. Streeter will be sold to-morrow and Friday evenings at the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries, No. 366 Fifth-ave.

The last of the books from the library of James Redpath were sold yesterday at the auction rooms of Bangs & Co., No. 739 Broadway. The prices obtained were not high, as with few exceptions the volumes offered were not of great value, and included many well-worn editions of standard works.

Work has been begun on the extension of the roadway on the north side of the Brooklyn Bridge at this end. The ironwork for the extension on the downtown side is nearly all in place.

Marksmen's badges will be presented to the members of the 9th Regiment who are entitled to them at the armory this evening. The regiment will be reviewed by Brigadier-General Wolfrich.

MR. M'CLAVE HUNTS FOR BURGLARS.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONER AND HIS SON RESPOND VALIANTLY TO THE ALARM GIVEN BY THEIR NEIGHBORS.

Police Commissioner McClave and his son Albert McClave had an exciting experience on Sunday morning last, hunting for burglars. The story leaked out at Police Headquarters yesterday. Mr. McClave lives at No. 121 West Seventy-second-st. Hugh Porter, a well-known railroad lawyer, whose office is at No. 11 Pine-st., lives next door, at No. 123. Mr. Porter is away on a Western trip, and his wife and daughter are alone at home. About 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, when it was pouring rain, the McClaves were aroused by the cries of "Police, police!" Mr. McClave's son Albert, who slept in a front room, was the first to be awakened. The cries came from the street. He threw open the window and looked out. Mrs. Porter and her daughter and servants were crying for police from the window of their sleeping rooms.

"Oh, Mr. McClave!" they screamed, "there are burglars in the house!" The burglar alarm is ringing!" Young McClave hastily dressed himself and ran downstairs. In the mean time the Commissioner had been aroused by Mrs. McClave, who cried that there were burglars next door. Mr. McClave grabbed his revolver and opened the window looking out into the yard, thinking if the burglars tried to escape that way he would get a shot at them. But he saw nothing.

Partly dressed, he went next door with his son. One of the servants opened the door, and said that the burglar alarm connected with the rear basement door was ringing, and that thieves must have broken in. The Commissioner and his son, both armed, started down into the basement. In lighting the gas, Mr. McClave severely burned his thumb. After they made a light they searched the house, but found no burglars. The rear basement door was open. It had been blown open by the wind. The women of Mr. Porter's family had been greatly frightened, however, by the false alarm. The Commissioner and his son went back to bed after their adventure.

PROF. POULTON LECTURES AT PRINCETON.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 20 (Special).—The first of the series of Spencer Trask lectures for this year was given in the Second Presbyterian Church this evening by Edward B. Poulton, Professor of Entomology in Oxford. Professor Poulton has recently come into prominence by his remarkable investigations and discoveries in "insect coloring." The lecture, which was upon "Insect Coloring," was finely illustrated with stereopticon views.

CHARITABLE SOCIETIES TO GET THEIR MONEY.

Corporation Counsel Clark yesterday informed J. C. O'Brien, of Albany, the legal representative of over a score of charitable societies throughout the State, that they would receive within a week the money due to them from the Immigration Commissioners. It will be paid out of the money which the city transferred to the State in payment for the ownership of Ward's Island. This will be good news to these societies, as they have been kept out of their money for over twenty years. The debts, however, have been bearing interest, which now amounts to more than the principal did originally. The claims were for $100,000 previous to May 1, 1876, but as they bore interest from that date they amount to $217,000. This money was due the charitable institutions because they took care of the paupers who were in charge of the Immigration Commissioners. They had an interest in Ward's Island, and promised to pay their debts when the property was sold. The city agreed to purchase it last year, providing the State discharged the debts of the Immigration Commissioners out of the purchase money. The price agreed upon was $1,000,000, of which nearly $800,000 would go into the State Treasury, and the rest to pay the mortgage held by the charitable societies. This money was paid over by the city to the State, but owing to an oversight on the part of the State officials the satisfaction fees were not paid. The arrangements were, however, completed by Assistant Corporation Counsel Sterling yesterday, and Mr. O'Brien was informed that his money would be ready for him in a few days.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

MOUNT VERNON.

The Board of Education of Mount Vernon met on Monday night and considered the budget, which asks for $122,000 for the maintenance of all the schools of the city, covering a period of eighteen months. This also includes payments of $30,000 of bonds which will become payable within a few months, and also $19,000 interest due on outstanding bonds. A resolution was adopted that steps be taken to establish a high school as provided in the new Consolidation act, and the following committee was appointed to investigate and report on the matter: Messrs. Bard, Rhoades, Wilken, Reed and Farquharson. Miss Gernon was appointed principal, and Miss Margaret Gillespie, vice-principal, of the Fifth-ave. school. A. B. Davis was appointed principal of the High-st. school. The appointment of the latter is temporary, as he will probably be made principal of the high school when it is established. . . . The citizens have made the following additional nominations for members of the Board of Education, to be voted for on March 1: First Ward—W. H. Bard and W. A. Reed. Second Ward—W. A. Armstrong and William Hollpin. Mr. Armstrong is ex-president of the Fourth District Board, and Messrs. Bard and Roedel are members of the present city board.

YONKERS.

The old Jarvis A. Waring homestead, on the west side of Ashburton Place, corner of Ashburton-ave., Yonkers, was sold at auction yesterday. The property has a frontage of 150 feet in Ashburton-ave. and 50 feet in Ashburton Place, with a frame dwelling and stable. Mrs. Aurelia Newell was the purchaser, at $6,000. . . . Nepperhan Lodge of Masons celebrated last evening the twenty-first anniversary of its first communication. . . . The Yonkers post-office will close on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. There will be one collection and a delivery at 7:30 by the carriers. All mails will be dispatched according to the regular schedule. The office doors will be open till noon, and in the evening from 6 to 9 o'clock, for the accommodation of boxholders. . . . Mayor Weller has called a special meeting of the Common Council for Friday evening, to consider the tax levy. . . . Hobin Rexford Welsh, wife of William Welsh, the business partner of Mayor Weller, died at her home in this city yesterday. She had been an invalid for many years. She was the daughter of Thomas Rexford and Adelia Antoinette Wood, and was born in Yonkers in 1841. In October, 1866, she was married to William Welsh, then in business in New-York City. During her residence in New-York she was a member of the Twenty-third-st. Presbyterian Church. Upon her return to Yonkers to live she united with the First Presbyterian Church.

NEW-JERSEY.

JERSEY CITY.

The jury in the case of Joseph Schultze, of Gutenberg, charged with causing the death of Frank Kreyer, of the same town, for shooting at the American flag, was discharged yesterday at 11 o'clock, being unable to agree. Kreyer, of the jurors believed Schultze's statement that when he knocked Kreyer down he had no intention of injuring him, but the twelfth man, James T. Castleman, insisted on a conviction for manslaughter. Castleman was a witness at the trial of Guiteau for the assassination of President James A. Garfield. The jury was out from 12:30 on Monday.

William M. Dougherty, a Jersey City lawyer, says that he went into Patrick McArdle's liquor store, in Exchange place, and drank a glass of cider. He alleges that it made him sick, and he was confined to his bed for several days. He alleges that the cider was poisoned, and he has brought suit against McArdle for $10,000 damages.

A man giving his name as Frederick Teacher, of Hartford, Conn., was committed to the penitentiary yesterday for ninety days by Justice O'Donnell, charged with begging. Monday night Teacher was found ringing the door-bell of ex-Governor Abbett and ex-Governor Bedle, having a letter of introduction to them soliciting alms. When the man was searched at the police station several letters were found on him, bearing the signature of several persons, which were forgeries, addressed to Congressmen Cummings and Fiedler and Senators Sherman and Smith, asking for assistance. The police think that he is a sneak thief.

NEWARK.

Giles De Mott, one of the oldest residents of Newark, died on Monday, at his home, No. 123 New-st., where he had lived for fifty-two years. He was ninety-two years old. Mr. De Mott was a native of Paterson, Morris County, having been born there when it was a trading post for Indians. He leaves two sons and one daughter, all married, and ten grandchildren. He had been a member of the Second Presbyterian Church for over half a century.

ELIZABETH.

Efforts are being made to convert the new Union Church at Lorraine, which at present is nonsectarian, into a Methodist church. This step, however, is strongly opposed by Silas D. Drake, of Elizabeth, who is the founder of the church, and gave the ground on which it stands. Mr. Drake, in order to protect the people who contributed toward the erection of the church, took out a mortgage of $1,000 on it. He says he stands ready to convert it he can get positive assurances from the trustees that the edifice will remain nonsectarian, but he will foreclose the mortgage if it is decided to turn it over to any particular denomination. Mr. Drake says the undertaking has cost him $1,800, and he personally canvassed for subscriptions towards the church, which was opened last September. The building cost $5,000, and seats 250 people.

ORANGE.

The seventieth anniversary of the consecration of St. Mark's Church, of Orange, N. J., was celebrated yesterday with appropriate services. Those who took part in them were Bishop Starkey, of the diocese of Newark, the rector of the church, the Rev. Frank B. Reazer, the Rev. William Richards, of All Saints' Church, Orange; the Rev. Lewis F. Lightfoot, of Woodbridge, N. J., the Rev. C. D. Gurnee, the Rev. Edward Cleveland, of New-York, and the Rev. Dr. C. H. W. Stocking.

The Rev. John Fulton Patterson, pastor-elect of the Central Presbyterian Church, of Orange, was on Monday evening formally received by the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and installed as the pastor of the church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, of Princeton; the charges to the pastor were made by the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Ehlich, of the Belle Presbyterian Church, of East Orange, and the charge to the people by the Rev. David O. Irving, of Bethel Presbyterian Church, of East Orange.

FOR METHODIST MISSIONARY WORK.

A GIFT TO ITS SOCIETY OF VALUABLE BUILDINGS IN CHILI, ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE LABOR.

The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, at its meeting in Minneapolis last November, accepted a generous proposition made by Anderson Fowler and Richard Grant to transfer their property in Chili and all their work there to the Missionary Society.

For a number of years Anderson Fowler and Richard Grant have been developing a large, self-supporting mission in Chili. This mission had grown strong, but these men concluded to present the entire field, with all its buildings, to the Missionary Society of the Methodist-Episcopal Church.

The details of the transfer were under consideration at the December and January meetings of the Board of Managers and at the meeting of the Missionary Board, held in this city yesterday afternoon the legal formalities were completed, and final action was taken providing for the full transfer to the Missionary Society of property worth over $200,000 and the assumption of the work in Chili by the society, to be carried on upon the plan of self-supporting missions. Appreciative action has been taken in recognition of this large gift to the general system of Methodist missions. This property forms a part of the Conference of South America, where Argentina and Chili are the two chief fields of Methodist missionary work.

MATTHEW GREEN GETS FIVE YEARS.

THE STREET CLEANING FOREMAN WHO KNOCKED DOWN AND KILLED JAMES HALSTEAD SENTENCED.

Matthew Green, formerly foreman in the Street Cleaning Department, convicted in General Sessions last week of manslaughter in the second degree in killing James Halstead, was sentenced to five years at hard labor in State prison yesterday by Judge Martine. W. F. Howe, defendant's lawyer, in a long speech reminded Judge Martine that the jury had recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the court, declared that Green's character had been good, and that Green was not following Halstead to kill him, but to have him arrested.

Judge Martine, in imposing the sentence, said that he could not believe Green was acting in self-defence when he knocked Halstead down. "You would have done better," he said to Green, "if you had not put in that defence, but had come here and confessed what you had done and said you were sorry."

"I have that feeling," interposed Green, "but I didn't know how to express myself."

"May be so," said the Judge, "but it was not your attitude. I will not give you the full term of fifteen years, but five years in State prison."

THE WINE, SPIRIT AND BEER EXHIBITION.

The first annual exhibition of the wine, spirit, beer and tobacco industries opens its doors to the public at Madison Square Garden on next Monday night, to continue every day from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m., during the entire week. Great preparations are being made by exhibitors, and the displays will be artistic and novel. The managers of the exhibition have purchased the Arion Society's beautiful decorations and floats, which were used at the recent ball. They may now be viewed by the general public at 25 cents admission. Sousa's band will play two concerts each day. The programmes will be arranged to suit the different days, and these are to be classified in national order—American, British, German, French, etc. This will be Sousa's first appearance at the Garden.

FOUND IN A DEAD WOMAN'S BED.

OVER $3,000 IN BANK ACCOUNTS IN THE ROOM OF AN AGED CREATURE DISCOVERED LYING LIFELESS ON THE FLOOR.

Mary Connolly, sixty years old, was found dead yesterday morning on the floor of the small rear room in which she lived for the last three years, on the first floor of No. 89 Baxter-st. Cornelius Sullivan keeps a barroom in the basement, and has apartments on the first floor. When he came home at 2 o'clock yesterday morning his wife told him that one of the windows of Mary's room had been open all the preceding day, and the lonely occupant had not been heard stirring around. Sullivan called in Policeman Brophy, who entered the rear room through the window.

As his feet reached the floor he stumbled over the aged woman's body. She had evidently been dead for many hours. The corpse was in a cramped position between the wall and a small table, and from the examination made by Policeman Brophy it appeared that she had strangled to death, as her chin was pressed rigidly down on the breast. It is supposed that the woman became ill and was opening the window to obtain air when she fell back either unconscious or died from heart disease.

The dead woman was rather eccentric, and persisted in living alone, although relatives, who live in Jersey City, frequently offered her a home. Roundsman Sweeney and Patrolman Devlin, of the Sixth Precinct, in searching her room, found in the mattress of the bed three bank books, showing balances footing up $3,228.60, and a purse containing $62.17 in cash. The search was made at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and the accounts were with the Bleecker Street Bank of Savings, the Immigrants' Industrial and the Bowery Savings banks. The dead woman made her money by hard work, all of it being earned by her own hands. She worked first as a domestic and later as a washerwoman in the Chambers Street Hospital.

A DINNER FOR THE NEW CHANCELLOR.

At the dinner to be given to the Rev. Dr. J. R. Day, Chancellor-elect of Syracuse University, at the Hotel Savoy on next Friday evening, under the management of the Alumni Association of Syracuse University, it is expected that the following will be the leading speakers: Bishop E. G. Andrews, on the "Relation of Christianity to Education"; the Rev. Dr. Henry A. Buttz, president of Drew Theological Seminary, on "College Ethics"; William Nottingham, of Syracuse, on "The Possibilities of Syracuse University"; the Rev. Dr. B. P. Raymond, president of Wesleyan University, on "Our Sister University"; the Rev. E. S. Tipple, on "The Relation of Alumni to Alma Mater"; L. M. Vernon, Dean of Syracuse University, on "The Fine Arts." A large attendance of alumni, alumnæ and friends of the university is expected at the dinner.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise 6:46. Sun set 5:42. Moon rises p m 7:45. Moon's age 15

HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A M—Sandy Hook 8:22. Gov. Island 8:42. Hell Gate 10:36
P M—Sandy Hook 8:35. Gov. Island 9:16. Hell Gate 11:09

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line.
Nuoja	Christiansand, Feb 2	Thingvalla
Russia	Havre, Feb 6	Hamb-Amer
Cuba	Liverpool, Feb 7	White Star
Norwegian	Glasgow, Feb 6	Allan-State
Rhein	Liverpool, February 8	White Star
Alesia	Kingston, Feb 15	Atlas
City of Para	Colon, Feb 14	Columbian
Trinidad	Bermuda, Feb 19	Quebec
Corean	Glasgow, Feb 8	Allan-State
Lydian Monarch	London, Feb 6	Wilson
Parmesia	Glasgow, Feb 10	Anchor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Noordland	Antwerp, Feb 10	Red Star
Amsterdam	Rotterdam, Feb 10	Neth-Amer
Europa	London, Feb 8	National
Orizaba	Havana, Feb 17	N Y & Cuba

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Aller	Bremen, Feb 14	N G Lloyd
Germania	Liverpool, Feb 14	White Star
Weimar	Bremen, Feb 10	N G Lloyd

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	Line.	For.	Mails close.	Vessel sails.
Majestic	White Star	Liverpool	3:00 a m	6:00 a m
Venezuela	Clyde	Charleston	3:00 p m	3:00 p m
Westerland	Red Star