TOPICS IN CALIFORNIA.

THE GREAT STRIKE WILL ENTAIL A HEAVY LOSS UPON FRUIT-GROWERS—THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC POLICY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

San Francisco, July 7.—Nothing except the great railroad strike has been talked of in California for the whole week. The stoppage of every overland and nearly all local trains has made the State revert to the conditions of forty years ago. Nearly all mail matter reaches this city by river or ocean steamers, and all overland mails are sent to Portland and dispatched from there by the Great Northern. San Francisco has had no letters or papers from the East of later date than June 24. It required nearly an entire week for the Department at Washington to make arrangements with the Pacific Coast Steamship Company to carry the mails. The blockade has been a great hardship to Eastern tourists, as many are forced to take the overcrowded coast steamers in order to connect with the northern overland railroads. Many with through tickets to Alaska have been compelled to sleep on the floors of the saloons, although their tickets called for berths. The departure of the Oregon steamers has revived memories of similar scenes in pioneer days, as the boats have been crowded with passengers and the decks piled high with freight which could not be stowed away below. All business has suffered severely from the strike. Merchants are sending out no travelling men, and there is absolute paralysis of traffic with great interior centres. Hence large cities like Fresno are suffering from famine in groceries, beer and ice. Fruit canneries are clamoring for granulated sugar, the lack of which threatens to force them to close in the height of the season. In the great early fruit-growing centres like Newcastle, Vacaville and San José the outlook for fruit is very gloomy. At Newcastle hundreds of acres of young orchards have come into bearing this year, but the owners will get nothing for their crops, as no overland fruit trains have been run for over a week. These men have no arrangements for drying fruit, hence the loss is complete. At Vacaville tons of early fruit are being dried or canned, but the loss is heavy, as much fruit has been wasted. San José is just beginning to feel the influence of the railroad blockade. It sends out 250 carloads of fresh fruit for the East every day in an ordinary season. If this blockade continues, this enormous quantity will have to be dried or canned. The facilities are inadequate and the labor supply insufficient.

The Southern Pacific policy in dealing with the strike has been to avoid bloodshed. The company would prefer to have regular troops placed at Sacramento, for then there would be no chance of disobedience of orders. The failure of the militia to fire on rioters on Wednesday was due to conflict of orders. Marshal Baldwin says he gave the necessary orders, but General Sheehan denies this and says they were countermanded; hence he ordered his men to retire. The position of the railroad company was misconstrued at first, but H. E. Huntington, in several open letters to the newspapers, defined the Southern Pacific ground so clearly that no one could fail to understand it. He put it plainly that surrender to the demands of the Railway Union would be practically turning over to this union the running of the railroad, as on any trifling pretext it could tie up the entire system. His letters had a marked influence on public sentiment.

The winning of control of the local Democracy this week by Max Popper has disgusted all reputable members of the party, as they see in it signs of the sure return of blind Boss Buckley. Popper is Chairman of the Democratic General Committee, and has aspired to be boss, but during Buckley's long exile in Canada and Europe he showed so little capacity that the blind leader can now easily supplant him. Buckley is using Popper as a mask to conceal his own designs. He may even permit him to enjoy the outward appearances of supreme command, but Buckley himself will govern the Democracy in the coming election as he did for ten years before his banishment.

A heavy winning was made by the brokers who reinsured the British ship Lasmene, from Calcutta. The vessel had been out only 125 days, but she had not been heard of in that time. Hence the British underwriters became panic-stricken and actually offered 50 per cent for reinsurance the day before the vessel arrived. They lost $30,000 and would have lost more had she been delayed a few days longer.

COTTAGE CITY AND NANTUCKET.

AN EARLY AND PROMISING SEASON.

Cottage City, Mass., July 7 (Special).—The season here may be said to have fairly opened with the "Fourth," although, as usual, the crowds are not expected until the middle of the month. The hotel-keepers do not more than pay expenses during the first few weeks, but are obliged to open in order to accommodate the early comers. As usual there are more Boston people than from any other one city, yet the place is growing in popularity with New-York guests. Most of the finer cottages are open, and the general appearance much improved. The grounds of the Narragansett Cottage and Barbara's Villa are among the best at the city. The social life has not yet begun, although many members of the Oak Bluffs Club are already here. Mrs. Robinson, of Providence, who has a beautiful villa on the Highlands, is to give the first reception for a houseful of guests on July 16. The pleasant series of Naumkeag hops is to be conducted as usual. James A. Barnes has arrived at his cottage.

The following New-York people are at the Pawnee—Walter H. Nelson, John A. Lott, William E. Bull and R. J. Easton. At the Island House are N. H. White, G. W. Brown, Charles R. Wilder and H. S. Thompson. At the Oakwood, Percy F. Clarke. At the Naumkeag, O. Godfrey Cornfield, William E. Jones and Charles M. Cornfield.

At Nantucket the hotel-keepers report a season earlier and with better prospects than last year. The Ocean House, Springfield, Nantucket, Surf Side, Sherburne, Bay View, Veranda and Point Breeze are all open.

A committee of citizens is conducting a vigorous campaign against the storekeepers of Nantucket who sell liquor without a license. Thirteen indictments were brought before the grand jury when it sat on Tuesday and every one was sustained.

Isaac I. Peet, president of the Deaf and Dumb Hospital in New-York City, is at the Point Breeze; Wheeler H. Peckham is at the Sea Cliff.

GUESTS AT WESTPORT INN.

Westport-on-Lake-Champlain, N. Y., July 7 (Special).—The Westport Inn is fast filling with guests. The hop Saturday night was a decided success. The fishing is excellent, and with boating forms the chief amusement, although the drives and tennis are well patronized.

Among recent arrivals are H. Y. Wemple, vice-president Manhattan Life Insurance, with family; Mrs. W. B. Clerk and the Misses Clerk, of New-York; W. B. Cole and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cutting, Mrs. Riggs, Brooklyn; Dr. W. W. Barstow and wife, Flushing, L. I.; the Misses Rogers, Boston; A. B. Huey and family, Philadelphia; W. W. Patten, Edinburg, Scotland.

Among the cottagers are James Howell and family, of Brooklyn, and Professor Marks, of Philadelphia, with his daughters.

ROUND LAKE SCHOOLS TO OPEN.

Round Lake, N. Y., July 7 (Special).—The festivities of the 4th of July were as festive, on a plain, orderly scale, as they were rude and boisterous in the great cities. The fitting feature was a children's parade, with fully a hundred children in line, with the foremost ones so small that it was not possible for the master of the brass band to invent a tap to fit their tiny steps, and consequently it was something of a go-as-you-please march. They were followed by a dozen baby carriages.

With the close of the 4th came the summer rush, and the annual departure of the mosquitoes. There are now at the various hotels, the Wentworth, Flowery Orient, Burnham, Russell House and Windsor, the following guests from New-York and other distant places: Elliot W. Bushe, Mrs. Bullinger and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kimball, Miss Jane M. Socum, and Edmund J. Myer, all of New-York; Mr. and Mrs. Barton Cruikshank, of Brooklyn; Chester Loomis and family, of Englewood; Professor and Mrs. Charles B. Ames, of New-Brunswick, N. J.; Mrs. Stafford, of New-York; Don Gustavo Domingo Franklin, of Caracas, Venezuela; Mrs. F. R. Barnes, of Boston; Miss Mary Reynolds, of New-Sharon, Iowa; Miss Mary Bradish Titcomb, of Brockton, Mass.; James P. Gordon, of Trenton, N. J.; J. Harby, of Sumter, S. C.; F. T. Ingalls, of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. George E. Cleveland, of Buffalo; Mrs. S. D. Brown and Mrs. W. D. McKillip, of Burlington, Vt., and E. R. Fuller, of Rochester.

The schools of art, music, languages and classics all open on Monday, and each one finds a number of pupils awaiting it. Mr. Loomis's art school has found great favor among students in the winter schools wherever it has been known, and Mr. Myer's music school has long ago become one of the popular features of the Sylvan Village. The meeting of the college and seminary presidents will be held on Friday (to continue until Tuesday), at which Melvil Dewey, State Librarian, will speak the first day on "The Responsibilities of Colleges and Seminaries."

ATLANTIC CITY CELEBRATED.

AN UNUSUAL RUSH TO THE SEASHORE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY.

BATHING IN FULL SWING—TENTS ON THE BEACH—GOOD RAILROAD SERVICE—GUESTS FROM NEW-YORK.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 7 (Special).—If Atlantic City's ability for accommodating unexpected rushes of visitors was ever tested, the last week certainly was one of the trials. Aside from the influx of a week in July, there came an unprecedented Fourth in point of numbers; but every arrival found bed and board according to his fancy and circumstances and suffered no inconvenience. From early morning until midnight on the Fourth the visitors were outdoors. The boardwalk, avenues, inlet district and excursion house section were crowded with the throngs of pleasure-seekers, who, under the clear sky with the scores of varied amusements at their command, made all of the day that was possible. In the evening fireworks and other patriotic observances of the occasion were in order. A large majority of the hotels gave pyrotechnic displays on their lawns, while the beach front presented a continual shower of rockets, Roman candles and set pieces. Many of the hotels gave dances which were largely attended. A feature at the leading houses was the elaborate dinner and an accompanying handsome menu card.

The bathing season has opened in earnest, and with the thousands of bathers that take a dip in the surf every day, it is a noteworthy fact that the bathers are so free from danger. Drowning rarely occurs, and then only through the foolhardiness of the victim or the unexpected attack of cramp or heart failure. During the day a portion of the public life guards are stationed along the beach at short distances apart, while the remainder take up their positions in the lifeboats which are kept afloat at a proper distance from shore and within easy range of the bathers.

An innovation that has recently been introduced on the beach sands is a plentiful supply of small white canvas tents of the "A" variety, which have been erected at frequent intervals outside of the boardwalk. They are open at both ends and at the lower sides, allowing occupants a view of the beach and ocean in either direction, and at the same time a protection from the sun's rays.

The summer schedules on both the Pennsylvania and Reading railroads have come into effect, and afford better communication between Atlantic City and the outside world than the City-by-the-Sea has ever enjoyed. Trains to and from Philadelphia are scheduled about one hour apart all day long.

The Atlantic City Baseball Club opened their season at the Inlet Baseball Park last Monday, and since then have played four games with amateur clubs and were victorious in each contest. Since the local team demonstrated its ability on the opening day the attendance at the games has been large.

Congressman Ryner, of Baltimore, arrived at the Hotel Dennis this week with his family for a long stay.

At the Waverly are Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall, J. Blackett, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Waver and Miss L. Kearney.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wood and S. N. Cone are at the Imperial.

G. H. Atwood, G. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stickel, J. A. Sherman, W. A. Lines, Mr. and Mrs. S. Marten, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Patterson, C. W. Everingham and A. Amker are at Kuehnle's Hotel.

Mrs. M. T. Furness and W. Reed are at Haddon Hall.

W. A. Campbell, S. Alexander, Mrs. V. M. Walters, E. Walters and James Fitzgerald are at the Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hill, F. J. Willas, Mrs. J. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. Younge and Miss Gertrude Younge are at the Irvington.

J. E. Sanders, Alfred W. Dubois, Joseph Griffin, Miss Bessie Hilborn, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, William Gibson, Judge and Mrs. J. A. Wicks, L. Sanders and J. M. Wright are located at the Loray.

At the Seaside House are William R. Royce, Mr. and Mrs. J. Humphrey, C. M. Keith, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jones, Miss M. Jones, J. E. Kearney and W. A. Jackson.

John D. Rockefeller, Jesse Hipple, James D. McManus, Mrs. A. C. McManus, Charles S. Gilpin, Miss Agnes Reeves, Miss E. C. McManus, H. H. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Leland, N. Williams, John Bustard, George A. Hall, Miss J. Rosenmiller, Miss Florence Rosenmiller, Miss Sax, Mrs. M. K. Armstrong, F. G. Eulay and F. S. Leslie are at the Hotel Traymore.

At the Mansion are M. M. Williams, P. Bonnett, Miss A. Wilson, William Phalin, A. J. Lyon and J. R. Ellis.

At the Hotel Windsor are registered P. Wells, jr., Miss P. Wade, Mrs. Frank Mayo, Miss Mayo, Miss M. Raymond, Edward B. Cook, A. G. Cobb, D. G. Phillips, E. F. Flynn and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Beadwell.

At the United States Hotel are A. A. Tauskey, W. F. Lowe, M. E. O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Madlock, Mr. and Mrs. M. Collier and W. J. Adams.

CONNECTICUT POPULISTS.

HARTFORD PAVEMENTS—CITY COLLECTORSHIP.

Hartford, Conn., July 7 (Special).—The Populist convention in this city on the 4th was a small affair compared with any of the political conventions held in the State. The largest attendance at any one time was forty-six, and of this number there were many who were not delegates. But the size of the convention was not the noticeable part of it. It was the fact that the delegates, without any notable exception, were the remnants of the Greenback and the United Labor parties, which have posed before the State in many campaigns during the past twenty years. The suggestion made by one of the delegates that Government officials be employed six hours a day only and that they receive one dollar an hour without distinction was received with applause, but did not get into the platform. E. C. Bingham, of Cheshire, who is on the ticket for Governor, is a former with decidedly pronounced views on money matters. He is a Greenbacker and an all-around Free Trader. Dr. Perkins, of Danielsonville, who is second on the ticket, has just left the Democratic party and has been an irrepressible figure in Democratic conventions in the eastern part of the State for many years. He is a good speaker and will probably lead the Populist campaign in the State. The other men on the ticket have a limited acquaintance in the State.

The Joint Committee on Paving, which includes the Street Commission, has a report which it will submit to the next meeting of the city government. It will make no positive recommendations, but will have a decided leaning toward asphalt in some form.

The City Collectorship is in a badly muddled condition. There is no legally appointed city collector, and the town collector, Mr. Fowler, is collecting the city tax with some show of success. Meanwhile the city attorney, W. J. McConville, has written an opinion at the request of Mayor Brainard, which asserts that Mr. Fowler has no more right to collect the city tax than any other of the good citizens of Hartford, and recommends that the tax be paid to the City Treasurer, who refuses to receipt for any tax payments made to him. A conference of the Republican Aldermen, who have the settlement of the matter in their hands, has been held, but the two factions did not get together. Whether the Mayor will call another meeting for the election of a city collector is uncertain. There have been 179 ballots without result already.

GUESTS AT WATCH HILL.

Watch Hill, R. I., July 7 (Special).—Watch Hill is always a little later than the Pier in attracting the crowd, and this year is no exception. All the hotels are open, however, and have fair quotas of guests. The prospects are excellent—far ahead of last year. The following are among the recent arrivals at the hotels.

Atlantic House—I. Cole and wife, I. Forsyth, N. W. Riker, of New-York; Edward Schenck, of Brooklyn.

Watch Hill House—A. C. Oatly, Dr. E. E. Abbott, James W. Bacon, M. Lane, E. Morton, Edward Swann, Wood Fosdick, Mary Rogers, Herbert Abbott, Henry L. Yonge, E. E. Etheridge, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haley, of New-York; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Donaldson and family, B. Abbott, of Brooklyn.

Larkin House—Mrs. S. C. Van Dusen and family, S. R. Weil, Mrs. I. Yates, J. K. Coombs, I. H. Wood and wife, D. W. Comstock, R. Waldo, John Ward and wife, of New-York; the Rev. I. Ward, of Brooklyn.

Ocean House—L. W. Fairchild, T. L. Fairchild, J. T. Emott, A. Donaldson, C. C. Emott, Dr. C. Pardee and wife, Miss J. S. Snow, Mrs. T. De F. Beecher and family, J. E. Fisher, J. E. Fisher, jr., Malcolm Anderson, C. S. Webb, of New-York.

Plimpton House—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Andrews, J. L. Anderson, Mrs. Clara Stanton, Mrs. C. H. Stanton, P. R. Hall, M. E. Abbott, Miss M. B. Abbott, Mary Moreau, Mrs. Rebecca Moreau, Mrs. M. Denson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Codenas, of New-York.

ARRIVALS AT BLOCK ISLAND.

Block Island, R. I., July 7 (Special).—Among the recent arrivals at the Ocean View are Mr. and Mrs. M. Small, Master Herbert Small, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Oakes, Mr. and Mrs. James McNaught, Treadwell Cleveland, William Nelson Cromwell, George E. Bourne, C. Dewar, R. H. McNaught, Miss Brady, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Seymour, Master Seymour, Dr. and Mrs. George E. Brewer, E. Jeans, R. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Comfort, Randall Comfort, R. F. Baldwin, James E. White, and Miss Randall, all of New-York.

CHARMS OF LAKE GEORGE.

A PLACE WHERE NATURE IS STILL NATURAL.

PATRONS WHOSE HEARTS ARE TRUE TO THE PLACE OF THEIR CHOICE—ARRIVALS AT COTTAGES AND HOTELS.

Lake George, N. Y., July 7 (Special).—There are lakes and there are lakes, but there is only one Lake George. When for the first time one sees this bewitching spot one realizes that into his experience there has come a new source of delight hitherto undreamed of. We enjoy its blue waters, its limpid depths, its cottage-dotted shores, its encircling mountains, taking on each day a new and more beautiful character; its clear, sunny skies and its health-giving atmosphere. And at last we leave it, with a mistaken idea that we have absorbed all the beauty, drank in all the enjoyment which are to be gathered from its blue depths. But when we come again, as every one does who comes at all, we realize that we have had as yet but a taste of the ideal enjoyment which this spot is capable of giving to receptive souls.

That this is not simply a fancy of the writer is proved by the fact that each summer there return the same lovers of the beautiful, and that each summer finds no diminution of their enthusiasm, no sense of weariness with the quiet but intense pleasures which fill the long days. A sentiment which is, I fancy, common to all who have had the privilege of spending the summer, or a part of it, at Lake George, is a feeling of restfulness which satisfies the eye, the mind, the whole being. Nor is it difficult to guess the cause of this restfulness and peace. While the causes may be many, the chief one is the constant sight of "natural nature." Velvet lawns and Queen Anne cottages are all very well, and, if one must needs have them, they may be found along these shores; but, fortunately, they are not the feature of the place, and even these marks of an extreme civilization are all the more intensified in their beauty by their surroundings of rugged mountain and sparkling water.

And yet no one must imagine that Lake George is a resort composed only of lake and mountains, and the summer colony of cottagers and hotel habitués. By no means. Here may one see life pictured in many aspects, and, in order to study these different types of humanity represented in this place of places, one needs only to sit on the broad veranda of the Lake House and watch the passersby along the elm-arched street of Caldwell. The stylish and span turnout, with horses responsive in trappings of silver, with coachman as serene as a well-bred coachman ought to be, with occupant as well dressed and wearied as the owner of such a splendid equipage ought to appear, that product of the dying century, the up-to-date young man, the invalid in search of health; the countryman from Warrensburg, enjoying with his bride their honeymoon; the hardy mountaineer driving to town his team to dispose of his produce; the half-breed Indian, sturdy and brooding—these are but a few of the many types of the human family which may be studied at pleasure by one who is a lover of a student and who can be the one without being the other of mankind.

The season has opened most auspiciously and, from the point of view of a hotel manager, promises to be an exceptionally successful one. Most of the larger houses have made improvements in their ménage and grounds, and can offer greater opportunities than ever before to those in search of health and pleasure.

The Fort William Henry is under the new and efficient management of Macdonald & Co., who are well known as experienced and successful hotel men. There are already large numbers of persons registered here, many of whom are the guests of seasons back.

The Sagamore, handsomer and more elegant than ever, has arisen from the ashes of its predecessor a veritable palace of delight. No spot on the lake is more choice than that of the Sagamore, as it commands a magnificent view of the lake and at the same time offers unusual attractions in itself. Many of the cottages of the Sagamore are occupied for the season, among them being that of General Robert Lenox Banks, the Hellenic. The cricket is as busy as ever, and is one of the prettiest launches on the lake.

Commodore and Mrs. J. B. Simpson and family are in their beautiful summer home, Nirvana, dividing their time between this and their ranch, the Fanita.

The Lake House is also under new management, L. T. Finch having succeeded H. E. Nichols in this office. This house, well known for its first-class appointments and for the charming class of persons who come here, is again filled with its former guests, many of whom have summered here for ten years or more. Many familiar faces are also seen among the cottagers of the Lake House, among those being Alexander Orr and family, F. D. McCann and family, who have again taken the Marie cottage; Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Odell and Hamilton Odell.

H. H. Carpenter has rented the Warren cottage, whose former occupant, the organist of St. Bartholomew's, has gone further up the lake.

Other cottagers who have arrived are Captain D. S. Tennison, of New-York, who a few days ago had a severe loss in the burning of his barn, when several of his fine horses were injured; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Terrett, treasurer of the New-York Baseball Club, has taken the Leavitt cottage, on the Boston road.

The Hon. E. M. Shepard and family have also leased a cottage on the Boston road.

A. L. P. Bangham and family have arrived at their cottage. The Cramer cottage is also lively, and the Pocahontas daily sees swimming the water from point to point. H. H. Hayden and J. A. Hayden have both returned to their cottages with their families.

Walter Price has opened his beautiful home, which commands one of the finest views of the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. William De Muth are in their cottage on Bolton Bay. Dr. J. S. Brewer and family are occupying their former home on the east side, near Paul Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watrous have come for the summer to their cottage, near the Hague.

Dr. Delavan Blodgood, of Brooklyn, is again settled at the Bungalow, one of the "Hen and Chickens" group of islands.

On the east side among the cottagers are Mrs. William Wilson, John J. Phelps and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elnar Martin, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Burleigh, Warner Miller and family, Frank Robbins and Commodore J. Johnson, U. S. N.

Among recent arrivals are the following:

For William Hotel—J. L. T. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connolly and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. George Haines, Mrs. Reynolds, W. F. Leonard, William R. Barnard, Frank Schlieff, Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Fisher, J. W. Savin, Mr. and Mrs. William De Post, Mr. and Mrs. F. Darlco, C. H. Munson, E. S. Corwell, Mrs. C. H. Smith, L. C. Lehrs, E. Titus, jr., William B. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. William Chattfield, Miss Jessie Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. John Lansen, L. S. Connover, C. P. H. Varry, Silas A. Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Gallatin, W. S. Sullivan, E. H. Hombstel, Mrs. C. L. Imlach, William B. Imlach, George M. Imlach, Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Waite, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cotsels, Harvey Weller, Fred S. Haskell, C. P. Anderson, W. B. Chambers, J. F. Crandell and Miss Crandell, W. D. Reynolds, Miss Reynolds, S. Kakales, Mrs. Charles N. Pollock, J. McEnroe, Professor Otto Dietrich, Charles Gahren, Henry Gahren, Max Gohlke, Siegfried Herzig, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Marchand, Mrs. W. Dorlon, Mrs. Sol. Rosener, Nelson Zabroski, T. Upham, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hualker, Dr. and Mrs. Rowditch Morton, Mrs. M. and Smith, J. McKim Newton, Winthrop Tappan, R. W. Clark, D. C. Tait, Kate R. Wright, Mrs. J. Holmes and family, J. W. Gilbert, Emma H. Lewis, Henry Klaus, Colonel H. A. Staetzer, Bruce Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis, Herbert Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. John Haydock, J. F. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. William Noble and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Ludlow, W. A. Potter, Thomas L. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Atkin, of New-York.

Lake House—Mrs. M. Ward, the Misses Akin, John Stevens, George W. Rouse, Thomas Gilphin, W. A. Hunter, William Barnard, Joseph A. Benisch, Miss Leah Benisch, W. R. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Overton, Mrs. Heidenburgh, Henry James, M. Bellany, George Simmons, C. J. Trout, jr., George F. Bannon, W. D. Boyhe, Frank C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Odell, N. W. Little, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. McQueen, Henry Lee, W. W. Lake, Miss Rosina Keogh, George A. Henke, A. D. Purvies, L. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Koemsel, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carpenter, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Lanehart, Miss Waterman, the Misses Mullane.

Crossbyside—Peter De Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Charles De Baum, Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keans, Harry Binchell, R. H. Hass, Mrs. Mathilda Gallagher, Miss Sophie Dressler, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Burchell, Thomas H. Burchell, H. J. Burchell, jr., J. H. Burchell, Mrs. A. N. Maynard, Miss E. E. Maynard.

RHINEBECK WATERWORKS.

Rhinebeck, N. Y., July 7 (Special).—One convenience which this village has long needed has been a system of waterworks for private and public use. The project of introducing such a plant has been the subject of discussion during the last week, as J. B. Thompson has made maps and planned the details of a water system and made application to the board of village trustees to construct the same. The plan is to force the water from the lake which lies on the south side of the village through a system of filters, and thence into a large reservoir, which will be on a high hill east of the town. From this elevation there will be force enough gained to throw a stream over the highest building in the place. The water for the fire department's use is to be furnished from not less than thirty hydrants. If the board of trustees takes favorable action the "Rhinebeck Water Company" will be organized, and if the people vote in favor of the water for public uses the work will be at once pushed through.

AT NARRAGANSETT PIER.

MANY MERRY-MAKING GUESTS AT THE HOTELS.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., July 7 (Special).—The lengthening lists of hotel arrivals and the daily increase of people upon the bathing beach are sure indications that the season at the Pier has opened up in prosperous style. The first hunt of the Narragansett Hounds was held Tuesday afternoon, and the first dance of the season at the Casino was given on Wednesday night. From this time on, for the next two months, life at Narragansett Pier will be gay for the visitors, and probably with resulting profit of all who cater to their wants.

A country club has been organized, a meeting being held at the Casino on Tuesday for that purpose. Dr. Charles Hitchcock, Henry R. Kane, William C. Warren, R. G. Hazard, James W. Cooke, Franklin W. Moulton and Philip S. Randolph were elected as an Executive Committee to raise funds, to decide on a clubhouse, and appoint sub-committees. Mrs. R. G. Dun, Mrs. Howard Lapsley, Miss Florence Lockwood, Mrs. Edward L. Coster, Mrs. Edward Conner, Dr. Thomas Buckler, Dr. Duncan Emmett and Gerald Gray were selected as a committee on admissions. A golf ground and a tennis court will be laid out.

The cottages are nearly all taken and the hotels have more guests than for the same time for a number of years past. Everything points to a very successful season. Recent arrivals are:

Massasoit House—Mortimer C. Addoms and family, Mrs. C. F. Richardson, Miss Gorham, Robert Clark, Rev. Arthur Mason and wife, the Misses Mason, Alexander T. Mason, James C. Nightingale, New-York; Stuart K. Carter, East Orange, N. J.

Revere House—Mrs. G. L. Beeckman, Miss Beeckman, New-York; D. H. Duer, Baltimore; Miss C. H. Barlow, Hamilton Barlow and wife, Washington.

Metatoxet—Miss Emilie J. Robert, Mrs. de Exoriaza, Miss de Exoriaza, Miss Gumbernot, Miss K. Gallagher, William Gregory and family, W. T. Hulbert and family, Mrs. F. W. Edmonds and family, William W. Kip, Miss Richardson, Mrs. J. R. Mount, J. W. Edmonds, Miss Mount, of New-York; C. B. De La Vergne, jr., and wife, Mrs. W. H. Child, of Brooklyn.

Atlantic House—Mrs. Edward S. Peck and family, Theodore Braine, Charles D. Wright, Frederick S. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. W. Irving Clark, W. Irving Clark, jr., Miss K. Dunham, of New-York.

Chandler's—Percy L. Mellermott, J. V. Woolley, James McKeough, Josephine Cahill, S. D. Cahill, George Robinson, of New-York.

The Gladstone—Gerard Berry, C. B. Dambmann, E. C. Patterson, Mrs. E. A. Madan, J. A. Madan, Charles A. Stone, Louis Brash, Mrs. W. A. Fraser, Mrs. R. H. Channing, J. Parker Channing, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jessup, Dr. L. Strange-Strousch, C. R. Lamont, K. M. Murchison, Miss Marie Murchison, K. M. Murchison, jr., Louis O. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Earle, Miss Earle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Wickes, Miss Wickes, of New-York.

The Arlington—Mrs. H. Augustus Taylor, Henry E. Gregory, of New-York; R. H. Brown, Miss Brown, Miss K. Lyon, Orange, N. J.; Edgar G. Enos, Troy, N. Y.

Matheson House—Henry C. Howell, and family, New-York, N. J.; Francis S. Kinney and family, Miss T. C. Nixon, R. de Murias and family, Mrs. Francis M. Hodges, F. A. Batcheller, William F. Brine, Edward Carleton, E. P. Gott, Charles Hall, Miss Florence Giles, Mrs. Benjamin A. White, Alden Batcheller, Mrs. Henry J. Miller, John M. Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Churchill, Miss Hoyt, Mrs. E. Macdonald, Hoffman Miller and family, Mrs. A. Taylor, Mrs. J. H. Sonenberger, A. S. Wilkerson, A. H. Wickes, George A. Batcheller, of New-York.

The Rockingham—Mrs. Burke-Roche and family, Dunlap Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dietz, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Druzer, F. Blumenthal and family, Mrs. James Hoyle, Edward Grossman, M. P. Ryan and wife, Mrs. S. A. Stillman, Mrs. G. W. Campbell, Miss Georgia Campbell, Miss Mabel Campbell, Mrs. R. A. Towne, Mrs. H. D. Chagett, of New-York.

Greene's Inn—George L. Davidson, Miss Lillian L. Hall, Franklin Graham and wife, Edward Tatum, Miss Ruth Perkins, Mrs. F. R. Harris, J. A. Ferris, of New-York.

Pettaquamscutt House—Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Rodman, Miss Ethel Rodman, Master I. P. Rodman, Mrs. A. E. Robinson, East Orange, N. J.; Louis Pitard, Alfred Pray, New-Orleans; F. B. Trott, Charles Devoe, Mrs. Charles Devoe, Master Willie B. Devoe, Frank K. Viall, of New-York.

RHODE ISLAND HALF-HOLIDAYS.

POOLROOMS—WATER SUPPLY—ELECTRIC RAILROAD.

Providence, R. I., July 7 (Special).—The new law relative to the banking business went into force to-day. Hereafter all the banks will close at 12 o'clock on Saturdays. Notes, drafts, etc., dated after May 11 this year, and falling due on any Saturday or holiday, will be payable the first business day thereafter, instead of the first business day previous as heretofore. The closing of the banks at noon on Saturdays will have a tendency to broaden the scope of the Saturday half-holiday, which is gradually becoming a feature in Rhode Island.

The Legislature recently passed a bill for the suppression of poolroom gambling, while permitting it on the racetracks on the days of the races. The poolrooms in this city closed up for a short time, but they began running again, doing a brisk business. The people expected that the chief of police would take some action, as it is understood that the law was designed to reach just such cases. Yesterday three arrests were made.

The City Council seems to have taken a completely new stand on the question of filtration of the water supply. There seems to be every probability now that a natural filtration plant will be established, instead of the alum plant which had been decided upon heretofore. The plant will be seventy-five acres of land three miles above the Pottaquamscutt pumping-station, and it is probable that the filtration plant will be located there. It will occupy about seven and one-half acres.

Rails for an electric road from Exchange Place to Smithfield, along Transcript, are to be laid. The road will be laid down along the extension of Francis-st., beneath the new station, as soon as the street is mapped out and the stone work completed. The opening of the line, however, will probably not occur until the steam railway tracks are elevated, which will not be for a year to come.

WEST POINT'S SUMMER VISITORS.

West Point, July 7 (Special).—Ex-President José J. Rodrigues, of Costa Rica, and his family, arrived at the West Point Hotel this week. The ex-President will remain here for some time. The Misses Alvarado and the Misses Dent are with the party. At guard mount and parades the ex-President and his family come down from the hotel and watch the manœuvres of the battalion from Visitors' Row. J. Pierpont Morgan will start on a cruise in his yacht Corsair about the middle of the month. Mrs. Morgan will sail for Europe on July 20. She will be accompanied by her two daughters. Judge W. Strong, of Washington, and the Misses Strong are at Craney's. The Misses Wheeler, of Alabama, expect to remain here until the end of August.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Coleman, of New-York, are at the West Point Hotel.

Mrs. T. W. Fitch and the Misses Fitch, of Pittsburg, will remain here during the summer. Mrs. Fitch is a daughter of General Sherman.

Coonel and Mrs. Langdon, of Fort Hamilton, are staying at the West Point Hotel.

Among the prominent arrivals at Craney's during the last week are the R. W. and Mrs. F. W. Jackson, J. Van Gasbeek, W. W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hoffman, C. A. Delgado, of New-York; Miss Wight, of Pittsburg, Mrs. J. S. Davis and Miss R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Beach, of Brooklyn; Mrs. J. S. Cheney and Mrs. J. W. Cheney, of South Manchester, N. H.

The arrivals at Stephen's Hotel are Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dinant, of Atlanta, Ga.; J. W. Johnston, Philadelphia; Julian Scott, Plainfield; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Loutz, Philadelphia; Paul Williams, Newton, L. I.; Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Rhoff, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dietz, George W. Dietz, Ernest Gloeckner, R. E. Gloeckner, John A. Schoenenberger and William C. Davis, of New-York.

The arrivals at Cranstons were Samuel I. Chauncey, of Brooklyn; Dr. and Mrs. H. Moorehouse, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, John Brooks and Walter Brooks and family, Mrs. Charles Gulden, Miss Gulden, Henry L. Yale, Mrs. James E. Tolfree, Thomas F. Wood and family, Mrs. J. W. Cleland, Miss Cleland, Mrs. M. L. Kelsey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Keech, Mrs. William Hitchcock, Dr. D. W. Bullack and S. R. McCombs, of New-York, and John G. Corbin, of Chicago.

NOTES FROM THE CATSKILLS.

Kingston, N. Y., July 7 (Special).—Another week of ideal Catskill weather has passed over the range and everybody has enjoyed it to the full.

The Hon. L. Wolf, late Minister to Egypt, is at the Kaaterskill, with Mrs. Wolf. Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, and his family are also there. Among other guests are A. H. De Forest and family, R. L. Rodenbough, Mrs. E. N. Delmar, Edward Cramer and family, D. J. Kenny, Thomas Burgess, A. L. Cushing, A. R. Attmayer and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Words, all of New-York.

Mrs. Thomas K. Beecher is camping out with a party of friends at Beecher Lake.

Dr. George F. Shrady and family have arrived at their Pine Grove cottage on the Hudson for the summer.

At Locust Grove Farm, Hurley, are the following Brooklyn people: Mrs. Lewis M. Herring and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warmell, Mr. and Mrs. Walcott, and Mrs. R. S. Turner and Miss Louise Witham, of Long Island City.

Senator Clarence Lexow was the guest of Bank Superintendent Preston, at Winnisook Lodge, on the Fourth.

Elbridge T. Gerry is soon expected with his family at Lake Delaware.

William H. England is in Kingston.

The new cottage of Mrs. Joseph Keppler, at Elka Park, is about completed.

The grounds about the railway depot at Stamford have been tastefully laid out and planted, a great improvement there. Churchill Hall, the New Grant, Atchinson, Bancroft, the Madison and the other resorts are filling up rapidly.

The Roxbury people are making a vigorous effort to secure the new Soldiers' Home, which is to be built by the State. Stamford is also in the field very earnestly with numerous available sites.

Mrs. T. B. Bronson has taken the Howard Crosby cottage at Pine Hill. George Munro, the publisher, has arrived at his Birch Creek home for the summer. Mr. Polymus and family have the Rip Van Winkle cottage; Mr. Day and family the Miller cottage; Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, the Penrose; H. M. Buchanan and family the Schley cottage. Leon Tannen