In and Around The Greater New-York.

WHITE PLAINS.

RUSHING WORK ON TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.

A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE BEFORE SNOW FLIES —READY FOR THE CONVENTIONS—

LOCAL NOTES.

Amid the rush and hubbub incident to the Westchester County Fair, the work of pushing forward public improvements has been steadily advancing in all directions. Costello & Naegel have been arranging to begin work in earnest on Monday on the paving of Railroad-ave. All the week a stone crusher has been crushing the rocky bowlders in the hills adjacent to St. Mary's Lake for concreting purposes. Teamsters have been employed, and the laboring interests in the village will be fairly well taken care of during the next two months. Thomas F. Hart, who has a contract for the grading of Martine-ave., Mamaroneck-ave., Lexington-ave. and Grove-st., is advancing his contracts. Grove-st. has been graded, Martine-ave. will be completed this evening, and the grading of Mamaroneck-ave. will be begun at once. The grading, where completed, makes a big improvement in the thoroughfares. Particularly is this so in Martine-ave., where the low ground between Brookfield-st. and Grove-st. has been filled in to a depth of three feet without any injury to property. Sidewalks have been laid the length of the avenue, and where formerly pedestrians in the southerly section of the village had to wade through mud during the spring and winter months to reach the station for New-York, now all is changed.

Next week the town will be given over to politicians from all sections of the county, as the county conventions of both the Republican and Democratic parties will be held here and the best men in the ranks will be placed in nomination for the suffrages of the people. The Republican County Convention will be held in St. John's Hall on Tuesday at 11 a. m., and on Wednesday the Democrats will assemble at the same place to put forward their best candidates. The campaign promises to be a lively one.

The County Court and Court of Sessions will convene here on Monday next, Judge I. N. Mills presiding. The calendar contains many cases. The Grand Jury summoned is composed as follows: Mount Vernon, J. W. Hoyt, Walter Hinkley, Henry Miuseulus and Henry Boedecker; Greenburg, Nicholas Hunte, Sylvester Buckhout, Henry Seeley and John Dobbs; White Plains, Thomas E. Foster, Lewisboro, Cordyne Hanford, James A. Wakely and Aaron E. Bishop; Rye, Thomas Brewer; Bedford, Jerry Banks; New-Rochelle, H. A. Seabrecht; East Chester, Stephen F. Higgins, Frank R. Chambers and Charles Dusenbury; Yorktown, Charles W. Carpenter; Mount Pleasant, Charles H. Hall and Bailey Kipp; Newcastle, Wright F. Tompkins; Poundridge, Ezra Lockwood; Yonkers, Walter H. Paddock; Mamaroneck, George W. Herbert.

The annual parade and inspection of the Fire Department will be held on Tuesday evening, October 22, at 7:30 o'clock. A luncheon will be served after the inspection at Doll's Union Hall. It is expected that 150 men will be in line.

The Board of Trustees has received a setback. Last week the Roads and Bridges Committee of the Board, at considerable expense, purchased pipe for a proposed drain to be constructed from the New-York Post Road and Mamaroneck-ave. to Broadway, where it was to run off into property owned by School Commissioner Thompson. That official did not take kindly to the village rights to drain water from the street upon his property, hence a notice to discontinue such a procedure estopped the proposed work this week.

Among the visitors in town this week was William S. Cameron, of Davenport, Iowa, now an influential merchant in that city, which he has also served as postmaster. Mr. Cameron a quarter of a century ago conducted a large general deygoods and grocery store here and was also the village postmaster. He is prominent in Masonic circles in Iowa, and was one of the charter members of White Plains Lodge, F. and A. M.

School Commissioner Thompson will hold teachers' examinations to-day at the public school in District No. 1.

Supervisor Schirmer is at his office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. to receive unpaid taxes.

Crawford N. Smith, jr., has been elected captain of a Sons of Veteran camp organized here last week.

Mrs. Mary Fiske Park, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will hold a reception in the lecture room of the Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

YONKERS.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES REGARDING THE SCHOOLS.

TROUBLE OVER THE NEPPERHAN RIVER—WATER BECOMING SCARCE—NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST.

The annual report of the Yonkers Board of Education, which was adopted this week, contains much interesting information. During the year the Board has had under its control ten schools and five classrooms in hired quarters outside. The schools were in session 183 days. The number of children in the city between five and sixteen years of age, according to the census taken by the Board early in the year, was found to be 7,633. The total registration in the several schools was 4,510 children, with an average attendance of 3,098. Evening schools were in session at the John M. Mason school seventy-seven nights, and at the Eickemeyer School seventy-three nights, with an average attendance at both schools of 214. An evening class for mechanical drawing was in session sixty-four nights in the High School, at which the attendance was good and the interest manifested pleasing. A school of domestic science, at which cooking was taught, was conducted during the year on the top floor of the Woman's Institute Building, in Palisade-ave. This branch was attended by 190 girls once a week during the school term. The truant officer made 413 visits to the schools, 710 visits to parents and 110 arrests. For more than a year the experiment of vertical writing has been made in the John M. Mason School. Its hygienic advantages and its uniform legibility have led the Board, at the suggestion of Superintendent Gorton, to adopt it in all the schools below the eighth grade. A site for a school to accommodate the children in the neighborhood of Woodlawn Park has been secured; plans have been adopted for the new building, and contracts for its erection will soon be awarded. On Monday the new school (No. 10) at Clinton and Prospect sts. was opened, and 400 scholars marched into the building at 9 o'clock. The opening of this school relieves the lower grades of the High School and schools Nos. 2 and 6. Miss Lucy A. Earle has been appointed principal, and the teachers assigned to the school are Mrs. Laura B. Anderson and the Misses C. Gertrude Davis, Cora I. Pultz, Mary E. Oehlhafen, Elizabeth M. Furey, A. F. Ryan, Grace M. Horton, Ida Skipper, Hertha Smith and Sarah E. Fisher. In closing his report President Nisbet says: "It hardly seems possible to build schoolhouses rapidly enough to keep pace with the annual increase of scholars, which now amounts to about three hundred—enough to fill six classrooms." The expense of maintaining the schools last year was $129,080.01.

The Nepperhan River, which flows through the heart of the city, is again engaging the attention of the Board of Health. During the month a number of men were employed, and the river was cleaned of all rubbish and filth for several hundred feet between North Broadway and Palisade-ave. A few days afterward, when an inspection was made, it was found that people were dumping rubbish into it as before. In view of the difficulty of preventing the stream from being polluted by persons who live over and by it, the Health Officer strongly urges that the stream be walled in and covered.

The continued dry weather has made the water question a serious one in this city. The Grassy Sprain Reservoir, from which the supply is taken, is lower now than it has been any time since it was put in use. The Water Commissioners have made an arrangement with the managers of the New-Rochelle Waterworks to furnish from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 gallons of water a day. This they have agreed to do for thirty or forty days. The work of laying pipe from Swain-st. (Yonkers) to the mains of the New-Rochelle company in Bronxville has been pushed forward vigorously this week, and Superintendent Lockwood confidently expects to draw from the new supply this morning. Pipes are being sunk in the Sawmill River Valley by the Water Board, with the hope of tapping a subterranean flow which, it is believed, runs toward the Hudson River.

The fall tournament of the St. Andrew's Golf Club will be held at the links in this city on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Entries will be received by Walter E. Hodgman, the secretary, not later than Monday. At 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday there will be a contest for the cup, presented by President John Reid, for those who have never played golf previous to 1894; at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday and Friday there will be matches for the St. Andrew's cup. On Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock there will be matches for the Willard Brown cup, and professional matches at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

A Mutual Savings and Loan Association was organized in Yonkers this week, with Edwin A. Quick, president; W. W. Butler, vice-president; Charles F. Brown, secretary; Wallace Smith, treasurer; R. E. & A. J. Prime, attorneys; Hyatt L. Garrison, appraiser.

The first of the fall dances of the Park Hill Country Club was held at the clubhouse on Tuesday evening. The evening's enjoyment was in charge of Stanford Brown, chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Mrs. Thomas C. Smith welcomed the guests. Preparations are under way for a Hallowe'en party.

Two weddings are announced for next week. On Wednesday evening Frank F. Oakley, of Verbank, and Miss Etta Geneva Hulse, daughter of Mrs. Rachel A. Hulse, will be married at the home of the bride's mother, at No. 47 Maple-st., this city. On Thursday evening Ambrose S. Havey and Miss Nettie E. Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry, will be married at the home of the bride's parents, No. 125 Woodworth-ave.

The wedding of Miss Cecil Hyde Waller, daughter of Joseph F. Waller, of Mile Square, Yonkers, and Edmund Hurtt Jewett, of New-York, was celebrated on Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride by the Rev. Dr. Edward H. Jewett, of the General Theological Seminary, the bridegroom's father. Miss Edna Rockwell, of Yonkers, was maid of honor, and Miss Martha Waller, Miss Sophie Shonnard, of Yonkers; Miss Elizabeth Jewett, of New-York, and Miss Poor, of Morristown, were the bridesmaids. Rutger Beecker Jewett, the bridegroom's brother, was best man, and the ushers were A. Lee Woodward Zeigler, of Baltimore; Robert Van Iderstine, of Brooklyn; Kenneth Waller, Rutger Green, of Syracuse; Derrick Lane, of Troy, and William A. Evans. Mr. Jewett is a great nephew of Governor Horatio Seymour and Mrs. Roscoe [illegible]ing, and a member of the class of '94, of Columbia. A large reception followed the wedding. Among the guests present were Miss Henrietta Wynkoop, Miss Elmendorf, Charles F. Homer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon Verplanck, Mrs. Runkel, Frank Waller, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Putnam, of New-York; Miss Beatrice Harraden, Mr. and Mrs. Tudor Jenks, Mrs. Alexander Smith, Mrs. Gunther, Miss Gunther, of Yonkers; Henry Miller and Miss Miller, of Utica; Mrs. De Kay, Miss Heinckin and Miss Johnson, of Staten Island. Mr. and Mrs. Jewett will live in New-York.

MOUNT VERNON.

INSPECTION OF THE HUTCHINSON RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

A MOVE TO BE MADE FOR A GREATER DEPTH OF WATER—ALDERMEN TO HAVE GOLD BADGES—LOCAL NOTES.

The Board of Trade entertained a large number of business men, manufacturers and private citizens on Thursday by showing them the improvements made on the waterfront and the navigable waters by the Government. Colonel Henry Huss, the president of the Board, was ably assisted by a special committee in looking after the guests of the city. Stages and carriages were provided, which started from the rooms of the Board of Trade in the Young Men's Christian Association Building at 8 o'clock, and after driving through some of the principal thoroughfares proceeded to the junction of Eastchester Creek and Hutchinson River, where the great improvements have been made. These improvements consist of dredging to a depth of nine feet, the reclaiming of land and the building of bulkheads and piers, etc., the purpose being to provide facilities for water transportation for both passengers and freight, and to encourage the building of manufactories. After inspecting the waterfront, the large coal yards and other business places in the neighborhood, the guests were taken on a steamer through Pelham Bay, and out on Long Island Sound. Refreshments were served on board of the boat by the Board of Trade. The Board purposes urging Congress to continue the work of improvement until a depth of fifteen feet of water is provided, so that coal barges and other craft bringing heavy building material, naval stores, etc., of greater draught than nine feet can reach the city's waterfront. The visitors found that Mount Vernon was not only well provided with excellent avenues and other thoroughfares, but that its private houses, business blocks, its municipal government, fire department, militia, public schools, clubs, etc., were equal to those of any city of its size in the State, and that its 18,000 population have good reason to feel proud of their city.

The Board of Trade is also moving in the direction of lower insurance rates for buildings. A special committee has been appointed to wait on the insurance companies and present facts showing the efficiency of the Fire Department, the sufficiency of the water supply, and the advantages which may be claimed in the matter of safety of dwelling in Mount Vernon over those of almost any other city. Another improvement which the citizens will urge on the Board of Trade to look after is that of the postal service. It has been suggested that the citizens draw up a petition, in which the needs of the city shall be explicitly outlined, especially for Sunday mail service. Under the eight-hour law no deliveries of mail nor collections from mail boxes are made after the middle of the afternoon on Saturdays until Monday morning, nor is there any mail sent out from the Postoffice from Saturday to Monday. The people feel that on Saturdays there should be a carrier delivery of mail later in the day, and that at least one mail should be sent out on Sunday, and that one late in the afternoon.

Mayor Edson Lewis is credited with having the courage of his convictions, and of having the courage to put his foot down solidly whenever there seems necessity to do so. He has often said, and he has shown by his actions, that he believes a "public office is a public trust," and that a public officer should be careful about the unnecessary expenditures of the public's money. On Tuesday night he signed a veto against a resolution of Alderman Buck's to appropriate $165 for eleven gold badges—one for the Mayor and one each for the ten Aldermen. Mayor Lewis did not believe that the taxpayers should pay for such official ornaments if they were desired, and declared he would veto the resolution if it was passed. The resolution was, however, passed over the Mayor's veto by a vote of 7 to 2, but Mayor Lewis declared that he would pay for his own badge and save $15 to the city treasury.

"The Argus," the Democratic newspaper, also has convictions which it has the courage to sustain, and heads an article relative to a recent Democratic convention, "Democratic House-cleaning in Order." It then proceeds to characterize some of the delegates chosen as lacking in character and personal following, adding that "one of these is an embezzler; another served a city as a councilman without legal right or title, and took an active part in its legislature; and still another shot down a fellow in cold blood."

Lieutenant E. W. Van C. Lucas, of the Army, a son of Philip Lucas, of this city, has been detailed for duty in the quartermaster's department, Willets Point.

St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church had a centennial celebration yesterday—the third since 1885. The first celebration, in October 24, 1895, was the hundredth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone; the second was in December, 1889, the hundredth anniversary of the first service in the church, and the one yesterday was the hundredth anniversary of the reincorporation and christening of the church under its present title. The next centennial celebration will be on October 24, 1995, the hundredth anniversary of the consecration of the church. If the Rev. Dr. W. S. Coffey, the present rector of the church, lives until June 21, 1902, he will celebrate the golden anniversary of the beginning of his services as a minister of the gospel in Mount Vernon. Judging from his present physical appearance, and his strong voice, there is every hope that the wishes of the people who know him may be gratified in the probability of his living and working in the church for many years to come. The celebration yesterday was mostly in the nature of addresses, confined largely to historical data, and the growth of this part of Westchester County, music, etc. An interesting circumstance in connection with the church building occurred recently, when a part of the flooring was removed for the purpose of laying some pipes. It seems that the old wooden church, used by the parish in the days of the Revolution, was torn down by the Hessian soldiers and used for firewood in the new building, which was used as a hospital, while in the course of construction. When the flooring was removed heaps of ashes, supposed to be from the fires of the Hessians, were found. Dr. Coffey, who had served as rector of the church for many years, was remembered by John Alsyne, who died in 1869, and left $25,000 to the church as an endowment for a house and the salary of the rector. Many other gifts have been made to the church. Dr. Coffey is also a prominent Free Mason, a past commander of Knights Templar, and has been prelate of Bethlehem Commandery for many years.

Bethlehem Commandery is arranging to give an entertainment to the people of Mount Vernon, on December 6, when the Yale Glee and Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin clubs will give a concert. As the commandery has given many invitation entertainments, it is proposed to sell tickets for the one in December, to cover the expenses.

First Assistant Chief Jewell, of the Fire Department, received a handsome gold badge on Monday evening, the gift being from a number of his personal friends.

The new undenominational church congregation, composed of citizens of Vernon Park, will begin regular services in the schoolhouse in that district to-morrow. The Rev. Mr. Kellogg has been engaged as minister. The church committee is composed of George C. Johns, Alderman Reid, ex-Alderman Citcht, Andrew Beatty and B. T. Kirby.

Miss Louise Dilefeld, of New-York, who has returned from visiting some friends in Rhinebeck, is spending a few days at the home of her brother on Chester Hill.

KATONAH.

William Moore, of the Farmers and Drovers' Bank, at Somers, has accepted a position in the new bank at Mount Kisco as cashier.

On next Tuesday evening John Dewitt Miller will lecture in the Katonah Methodist Episcopal Church for the benefit of the Village Improvement Association. His subject will be "Our Country's Possibilities and Perils."

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will hold a harvest festival in the silk mill next Wednesday afternoon and evening. An additional and attractive feature of the evening will be Aunt Jerusha's photograph album as shown by the King's Daughters.

OTHER WESTCHESTER TOWNS

PEEKSKILL.

Washington Engine Company, No. 2, with sixty men, the Peekskill Cornet Band, of seventeen pieces, and their hose carriage, were at New-Rochelle on Tuesday last. They went on Monday afternoon in a special train. While at New-Rochelle they were the guests of Relief Engine Company, No. 1. Washington No. 2 came in for much praise for its fine appearance. They returned on Tuesday evening, and were met by the entire Peekskill Fire Department. A march through some of the principal streets of the town was greeted by great crowds and an ample supply of bonfires and pyrotechnics. The celebration will occur again to-night upon the return of Columbian Engine Company, No. 1, and Columbian Hose Company, No. 1, from Reading, Penn., where they have been with thirty men each and their two new carriages, attending, by invitation, the State Firemen's Convention of Pennsylvania.

The Consolidation Committee of the Drum Hill School District met at the home of Supervisor William Mable on Tuesday evening. Mr. Mable was elected chairman of the committee, and George E. Briggs secretary.

Ex-Assemblyman David Wiley Travis, of this place, has been appointed by Judge J. O. Dykman one of a committee of three to draft resolutions upon the death of Calvin Frost.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday evening, and lasted until a late hour. The following officers were elected: President, F. I. Pugsley; vice-president, E. O. Carhart; secretary, A. D. V. Knapp; treasurer, Louise Griswold. George E. Briggs, who since the organization of the society five and a half years ago has been its corresponding secretary, resigned, and after several ballots J. A. Smith was chosen to fill the office.

Mr. William Hancock, who recently died, left an estate of $2,200 to his five children here. The will was probated on Saturday.

The sale of lands for unpaid taxes, which was to have taken place on Tuesday last, was postponed. Supervisor Haight will sell the properties this morning at 10 o'clock.

The Thirteen Club resumed their weekly receptions in Lyceum Hall last evening.

The Fresh-Air Club of New-York began their cross country walks this week. The first one was from Suffern, through Tuxedo, to Turners, this State.

The Peekskill Bowling Alley will reopen for the winter on October 15.

Miss Laura Osborn has resigned as teacher of drawing in Oakside School and accepted a place as teacher in the Shrub Oak School. Miss Kate Anderson succeeds her in the drawing department at Oakside.

TARRYTOWN.

"The Tarrytown Argus" has been removed from the building which it has occupied for over twenty years, on Orchard-st., to its new and commodious quarters in the new Argus Building, formerly known as Bird's Hall, which was recently purchased by its publisher and proprietor, M. D. Raymond.

Miss Rosalie Gould and Howard F. Clark will be married on Wednesday afternoon, October 9, at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson. It will be a church affair with a big reception later at Guncliffe, the country home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judson Gould. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Clark, of West Seventy-sixth-st., New-York City.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Methodist Protestant parsonage on Wednesday evening, when F. Ports and Miss S. Elizabeth Keys, of Baltimore, were married by the Rev. G. A. Ogg, of North Tarrytown.

Mr. Gillender, treasurer of the Knollwood Club, says it is the intention of the club to erect a toboggan slide on the top of the hill near his new house. The slide will pass through the Saw Mill Valley, near the clubhouse, and end on the opposite hill, making one of the finest toboggan slides in the country.

HASTINGS.

Mrs. Emma Schutz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schutz, and Harry Schoen will be married at 8 o'clock this evening. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents in this village. Following the wedding there will be a reception.

At the annual election of the Tower Ridge Yacht Club, held recently, the following officers were chosen: Commodore, W. F. Carpenter; vice-commodore, Samuel B. Sexton; captain, Dr. E. A. Brandt; secretary, W. Ross, jr.; treasurer, William H. Blaine; measurer, John B. Sanford.

A party of ten, made up of the foremen of the different departments of "The New-York Herald," came up to Hastings on Thursday in the yacht Erminie, owned by Louis Quanchi, manager of the photo-engraving department, whose guests they were. The occasion was the annual dinner of "The Herald" men.

C. H. Bevers has been elected a trustee of the Greenburg Savings Bank.

At the regular meeting of the Sewer Commissioners on Tuesday evening, bids for the completion of the sewer contract were opened, and the contract was awarded to Molloy & Murray, of Yonkers, whose bid was $4,026. The amount of work yet to be done is about one thousand feet, and the work must be finished by November 1.

SCARBOROUGH.

Mrs. Elliott Fitch Shepard has returned from Bar Harbor and is now occupying her new mansion, "Wood Sea," in this place.

The recent rifle shooting tournament at Scarborough Park has resulted in the organization of the Invincible Rifle Team. The team will be limited to ten and will practise on a range on the Cotton Gin Company's dock. The following are the officers: Captain, George Van Buren; secretary, Frank L. Jones; treasurer, Daniel H. Brundage; marker, David Van Buren. The other members are William H. Brundage, Joseph W. Washburne and Charles G. Blandford.

William Rockefeller, who is an enthusiastic as well as an expert bicyclist, in order to make it easy for wandering bicyclists, has caused a fine cinder path to be constructed along his property from the old Croton Aqueduct arch, on the north, to the lower entrance near Tarrytown. This makes the old Albany Post Road a fine run from New-York City to the Kingsland property at Scarborough.

The Shepard Memorial Church is soon to be lighted by electricity.

MOUNT KISCO.

A birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. Elliot C. Cowdin, in Newcastle, last Monday afternoon. There was a large attendance, and the proceeds were for the benefit of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

The regular meeting of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held on Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. E. P. Horton's, and on Wednesday afternoon the annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Helping Hand was held at the mission.

The Mount Kisco lecture and entertainment course for 1895-6 will be opened next Wednesday evening by John Dewitt Miller, who will lecture on "The Stranger at Our Gates" in the Opera House.

The Mount Kisco Band has been filling an engagement to play at the Westchester County Fair at White Plains this week, and is proud of the fact.

Miss Margaret Boyce, of San Francisco, is the guest of Mrs. E. P. Horton.

TUCKAHOE AND BRONXVILLE.

Waverly Engine Company, No. 1, and Waverly Hose Company, No. 1, have decided to attend the Firemen's parade at Yonkers October 17.

W. F. Jeffers, secretary of School Board, No. 3, is building a fine residence in Hull-ave., Waverly Hill, Tuckahoe.

Frank R. Chambers, Alexander Masterton, W. V. Lawrence and Alexander Leggett, wealthy residents of Bronxville, have petitioned the Town Board of East Chester to raise on the town's credit $3,500 to put a Telford macadam road from the Bronxville Railroad station up Penfield road, a distance of 4,200 feet. These men will advance the money for the work and will pay all the road's costs above that sum. The Board has voted to ask of the County Board of Supervisors permission to raise the sum applied for.

Mrs. J. Henderson, of Waverly-on-the-Hill, Tuckahoe, gave a house-warming last Saturday night, forty-five guests being present.

A petition containing 148 names of patrons of the Bronxville postoffice has been forwarded to Washington asking for the retention of the venerable postmaster, Lancaster O. Underhill, now eighty-seven years old, and the oldest postmaster in service and age, with one exception, in this country. Only a few signed for a change in the office.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Bronxville Reformed Church is preparing a barrel of clothing to send to the family of the Rev. H. Straks, at Maurice, Iowa.

A Good Government club was formed in Tuckahoe and Bronxville last evening, composed of the leading citizens of both villages, who mean to see that economy and regard for law are used in town offices and also to investigate the town affairs thoroughly.

PLEASANTVILLE.

Miss Georgie Elmer, of New-York, is the guest of her uncle, W. H. Moore, editor of "The Pleasantville Journal." Miss Grace Odell, of Wassaic, is visiting friends in this place also.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fletcher Johnson, who have been spending several months in Pleasantville, returned to the city on Friday for the winter.

The Independent Republican Club will hold meetings each Saturday evening in Sunset Hall.

The cornerstone of the Emmanuel Church will be laid on Sunday, October 13, with appropriate ceremonies. Addresses will be made by Professor Andrews, of Brooklyn; Dr. L. H. Back and Nilsenus Filosoff.

John D. Godwin, of Brooklyn, who has spent several summers in Pleasantville with his family, has purchased nine acres of ground from William H. Van Wart and proposes erecting a summer home. Mr. Van Wart has also sold his store at Bedford road and Broadway.

The Pleasantville Fire Department has received 200 more feet of hose, and expect an alarm signal to arrive this week.

Daniel D. Earle has begun work on a new house in Clinton-st.

The Odd Fellows are building a new lodge which is to cost about $2,500.

SING SING.

The Rev. John De Witt Miller will preach in the Highland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church to-morrow evening. Mr. Miller is a Westchester County man, having been born at Cross River, and is well known as a lecturer and preacher.

Colonel Franklin Brandreth and his family have returned to their home in this village from the Adirondacks, where they have been spending the summer.

The vital statistics for this town for September are summarized as follows: Marriages, 6; deaths, 13; births, 13. Of the deaths the oldest was eighty and the average thirty-five years. Nine of the thirteen births were girls.

The eightieth annual meeting of the Westchester County Bible Society will be held in the Presbyterian Church next Tuesday. The Board of Managers will meet at 10:30 a. m., Bible meeting at 2:30 p. m. The Rev. Dr. J. E. Price will deliver the address.

The 100th anniversary of Methodism in Sing Sing will be celebrated in the Highland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church during the week beginning Sunday, October 13, and ending Sunday, October 20. There will be extraordinary services on both Sabbaths. On Tuesday evening, October 15, Dr. James M. Buckley, Editor of "The Christian Advocate," will lecture upon "Peculiarities of Eminent Orators." On Friday evening, October 18, there will be a musical.

The Odd Fellows Association of this village on Tuesday last appointed a committee to look for a site for an Odd Fellows' hall. The society is flourishing, and the members think it will be good policy to own a home of their own.

The Rev. Thomas R. Harris, the new rector of St. Mary's Church, Scarborough, will occupy the pulpit at Trinity Episcopal Church, to-morrow evening.

A pretty dance was given by the associate members of the Mount Pleasant Field Club on last Saturday evening, in the clubhouse, on the Wolden Road. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deming, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Gowen, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. William M. McCord, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fred Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carpenter, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Maiden, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Value, Mr. and Mrs. Genet, Miss Barber, the Misses Thompson, Miss Havens, Miss Hyatt, Miss Mead, the Misses Armstrong, Miss Grant, Miss Bassett, Miss Tyler, Miss Brandreth, Miss Larkin, Mrs. Francis Larkin, jr., Messrs. Edward Cockcroft, F. B. Rogers, Nathaniel S. Hyatt, John Curry Barlow, Charles C. Hubbell, William M. Carpenter, J. H. Armstrong, Robert G. Mead, jr., George Hyatt, Louis F. Washburn, Julian Thornley and S. P. Hall.

ON THE LOWER EDGE OF KINGS.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM BENSONHURST AND ALONG THE BAY SHORE.

Mail facilities have been improved considerably by the introduction of a new clerk in the Bensonhurst Postoffice, who seems to take a little pride in having letters, etc., reach the people to whom they are addressed. It is an innovation warmly welcomed by the hitherto sorely tried residents, though no congratulatory mass-meeting is imminent on that account.

A fortnight ago The Tribune referred to the insufficient policing of the Bensonhurst district, and the proposition from outside men to perform special police services at night, for which the beneficiary was asked to pay at the rate of $36 a year. This, in connection with the already altitudinous public charges in the line of taxes, water, etc., was considered rather in the nature of an imposition, especially as the city was supposed to furnish the necessary protection. With this view the secretary of the New-Utrecht Taxpayers' Association of Bensonhurst called the attention of Commissioner Welles to The Tribune's statement, and asked a few pertinent questions relative thereto. The Commissioner promptly replied, and on Saturday evening Sergeant Somers, of the Twenty-fifth Sub-Precinct, waited upon the association's secretary, and said that hereafter five officers—three in uniform and two in citizen's clothes—would patrol Bensonhurst's streets after 10 p. m., and that ample protection would be afforded the residents in the future. About the time the Sergeant was furnishing this information a house of J. W. Oliver, in Eighty-second-st., two blocks from where he was standing, was entered by burglars, the thieves about looting the place, leaving the kitchen range because their wagon was full, having taken care to poison a formidable-looking dog the night before in order to make a complete job. A few days previous the houses of H. W. Hatch, Henry Mugge and Thomas H. Byrnes, in Van Pelt Manor, were robbed by the same unwelcome visitors. Naturally, the feeling among the people is anything but reassuring, though doubtless the police are exercising unusual care and watchfulness.

The Lincoln Club has vacated its old rooms at Bath Junction. The new quarters in Haton's Building are not yet finished. A house-warming of magnitude and benefiting the adornment of this progressive club is expected when the enlarged rooms are ready for occupancy.

To-morrow the Rev. Alfred H. Brush will occupy the pulpit of the New-Utrecht Church. He has fully recovered from his recent illness.

R. L. Brackett, of South Bensonhurst, secretary of the Gravesend Bay Yacht Club, has leased his house and with his family will live in New-York for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Parfitt will shortly move into their new home on Twentieth-ave.

Blythebourne is in certain parts much below grade, and the work is now going on of raising the streets and many of the lawns surrounding the houses. In some instances the buildings will also have to be elevated to the established line. The West End road is also raising its roadbed to correspond with the new grading and curbing of New-Utrecht-ave. The latter is being paved with Belgian blocks throughout, and where the new sidewalk is being laid out many old and handsome trees are being removed to make room for the improvement.

An effort has been made by the Kings County Gas and Illuminating Company to have the suit brought against it by Walter E. Parfitt, of Bensonhurst, to set aside its twenty-five year contract compromised. The company offered to cap 600 of the 4,000 lamps it supplies at the yearly rate of $28 a light, providing the suit is withdrawn. The proposition was promptly refused, and on Monday the entire matter was laid before Mayor Schieren and Corporation Counsel McDonald by Mr. Parfitt, and it was decided that the Law Department of the city shall assume the cost of taking the case through the Appellate Court. This "gas outrage," as it is called, was one of the many causes of the overthrow of the Democratic ring at the polls, and many residents are hopeful that this fact will not be forgotten when Election Day comes next month, as some of the same discredited officials are again seeking nominations for important offices.

The site of the old Avon Beach Hotel on Cropsey-ave. has been acquired by Otto Huber, the Brooklyn brewer. The property is 200x169 feet, and was purchased for $40,000. The Avoca villa, adjoining, is also owned by Mr. Huber, who contemplates the erection of a large brick hotel, modern and first class in all its appointments.

Colonel A. W. Johnson, of the Shore Road, Fort Hamilton, who is an invalid, has gone to Cleveland, Ohio, the home of his son, ex-Congressman Tom Johnson, who accompanied his father on the trip.

On Saturday last a silk pennant was won by the Naiad, sailed by Frederick and Louis Lathrop, of Bensonhurst, defeating Philip Pfalzgraf's Bessie. To-day a contest between 18-foot catboats, of the Gravesend Bay Yacht Club, will be sailed. R. H. Sherwood will present a small vote as a prize to the winner.

As long as the warm sunshine lasts, bathing will be indulged in along the beach. Every Sunday, when it is bright, some of the hardiest bathers are still found in the water. It is said a few keep up the practice until Christmas, and then break a hole in the ice.

Now that the nomination for Mayor is settled and the candidate gives entire satisfaction to all Republicans, barring the Butting-Worth adherents, the Senate, Assembly and Aldermanic conventions attract unusual attention. A "slate" has been fixed by Republican machinists in the VIIth Assembly District, and ex-Assemblyman Charles A. Conrady, of Bath Beach, is down as their man. Assemblyman Clarkson, it is conceded by all sides, has made an excellent record, and is in the field for a renomination, which the better element in the party say should be given him. Conrady's entanglements with the Democratic town ring are still fresh in the memory of the people, and those in a position to know candidly state that if he is nominated his defeat is a foregone conclusion. On the other hand, victory is possible with Clarkson, and if he is thrown overboard for a hack politician the Republicans will be minus a vote in the Assembly. There appears to be no question as to Clarkson's fitness, and his services are appreciated.

Major Francis E. Berler, who died in Fort Hamilton on Wednesday evening from an apoplectic stroke, was seventy-seven years old, and a direct descendant of the Cortelyous, the first family to settle in that part of New-Utrecht early in the seventeenth century. He served in the Mexican War as quartermaster under Captain Robert E. Lee, afterward the famous Confederate General. During the War of the Rebellion the Major was again in active service.

On Thursday evening R. B. Sedgwick, chief clerk in the Sheriff's office, and chairman of the ward delegation to the City Convention, gave a dinner to the delegates for the purpose of getting them in line to present a solid front for Bryant as the Mayoralty candidate. All were won over except W. Bennett, of Bay Ridge, who declared he would not support Worth's man and intended voting for Wurster. Sedgwick was chagrined at his failure to hold the delegation, and Mr. Bennett had the satisfaction of being the only man of it on the winning side.

The Boys' Club in Blythebourne will be formally opened next Friday. An elaborate and interesting programme is being prepared for the occasion.

LONG ISLAND.

NOTES FROM TOWNS IN QUEENS AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES.

JAMAICA AND WOODHAVEN.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hardenbrook, of Jamaica, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday evening. The Hardenbrooks came to Jamaica twenty-five years ago, and have lived in Hardenbrook-ave. ever since. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, and Mrs. Hardenbrook, dressed in her bridal trousseau of fifty years ago, was the recipient of many congratulations. She is sixty-six years old, while her husband is twenty years her senior. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wills, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wills, Mrs. Anna Wilson, J. M. Hazard, W. McKinley, jr., E. T. Newman and T. B. Wills, all of Brooklyn; Miss Nettie Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. L. Morris, of New-York; Dr. and Mrs. Belden, Mr. and Mrs. William Gillen, Mrs. William Cogswell, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Mills, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright, Miss Duryea, the Rev. John Tilton, the Rev. J. H. Hubbs, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Hendrickson, Mrs. Durland and Mrs. Ryder.

It having been reported that the New-York and Long Island Oyster Company had not properly leased their large beds, covering hundreds of acres in Long Island Sound and Huntington Bay and had obtained special privileges, Edward P. Doyle, one of the directors of the company, says that the company does not lease any land from the State. The land they owned was purchased from other parties, and all but one piece is held under franchise. One piece was a leasehold, and was purchased from Edward Thompson, the present shellfish commissioner. The lands under franchise are not cultivated on account of the prevalence of starfish. The lands were sold at public auction to the highest bidder, and any one could get land if they wanted it.

Another lively meeting of the trustees of this village was held on Thursday night. Trustee Foley offered a resolution that Trustee Henry A. Van Allen be censured by the Board for his indecorous language at the last meeting, and that if he failed to apologize that he be removed from all committees. It was passed, and Van Allen then arose and said: "I will see you in —— first." He continued to occupy his seat, and voted right along in the auditing of the several bills and other resolutions.

President Twombley apologized for the language he used in replying to Van Allen at the last meeting. An order was made to flag the east side of Canal-st. from Fulton-st. to Rockaway road. The village is confronted with bills of $81 from the Electric Light Company for street lighting, and of $217.50 from the Water Company for fire hydrants, and there is no money in the treasury with which to meet them.

A novel race took place at Woodhaven on Thursday between John Krug, a well-known saloonkeeper, and Fred Friedmuth, the former on foot and the latter on his bicycle. The course was 600 yards, and Krug had 400 yards handicap. Krug won the race and another was run, course 1,000 yards, Friedmuth allowing Krug 600 yards the start. Friedmuth was in a fair way to win this when his rubber tire was punctured and Krug was a winner again.

Under-Sheriff Baker, of Woodhaven, and a posse of deputies made a raid upon an alleged gambling club which hires rooms over Hoop's Junction House at Woodhaven Junction. The raid was made about 9 o'clock on Thursday night, but nothing came of it, as the members of the club had wind of the proposed visit over a week ago, and when the officers appeared everything was as proper as a church. The officers made a search, but could find nothing suspicious. The club is composed of a number of New-York men, no local residents being allowed in it at all. It has been running for about six weeks.

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