a consummation so great and glorious as the establishment of the greatest city under the sun."

CONQUEST OF DIFFICULTIES.

THE OLD STORY OF THE PROMISED LAND REPEATING ITSELF TO-DAY—A SERMON BY THE REV. S. GIFFARD NELSON.

In the Bedford Avenue Baptist Church, yesterday morning, the Rev. Dr. S. Giffard Nelson preached from Numbers xiii, 28. He said, in part:

"Soon after leaving Mount Sinai, the children of Israel, under the leadership of Moses, came to the borders of the promised land. They might have entered then, nor known the melancholy experience of forty years of desert wandering. But they lacked faith, and the courage faith inspires. The spies crossed over, and, returning, reported the land to be all that the most sanguine fancy pictured it; but, said ten of their number, 'the people be very strong and the cities are walled and very great, and, moreover, we saw the children of Anak there.' So, notwithstanding the coveted possession was in sight, the host of Israel recoiled affrighted. Two brave men, Caleb and Joshua, counselled courage and action, but the multitude regarded them as foolhardy enthusiasts. How exactly the old drama repeats itself in the frequent human experience of to-day. Very soon after the disciple enters on the Christian life he is confronted by difficulties. If he be intelligent, he meets with difficulties that are speculative. We are all eager to see with certainty beyond this life. The language of the impatient heart is, 'Show us the Father.' We seek at least some faint photograph of the headlands of immortality. We forget that knowledge here must be relative; that man in his thinking cannot rise above his race. Our temper, condition and pursuits preclude positive knowledge of the world of spirits.

"Yet, rational investigation insists, if there be a God and a better world, that the Divine should have traced upon the firmament a map of the viewless realms. Shutting their ears to the deliverances of the soul, and unable to receive those of the spirit, men turn to nature for an answer to the spiritual problem—seek to fathom the ocean by dabbling in a wayside pool. Nature being under a reign of law, one is to believe that nothing can happen but in conformity to law, as man understands it. So prayer is unavailing and Providence a myth. We forget that laws, though universal, are constantly being modified to special uses. Even our own utilization of the laws of electricity and that by which sound travels—that these laws are available for our special ends and yet are never broken by our adaptations—are facts to whose significance we appear to be blind.

"Infinite power is not so conditioned by that which it has created as to be enslaved by it. To know God men must turn within, rather than without. The soul, where spirit meets with spirit, God with man, is the tribunal of spiritual judgment. Enter within yourself and do your thinking for yourself. Divest the mind of prejudice and preconception. Concern yourself but little, and in the outset not at all, with doctrine and dogma. These are the husks of theology on which many perish. Seek to know God. Ask Him, and He will commune with you. He will teach you those things that lie deeper than logical demonstration will ever conduct you.

"Again, there are difficulties growing out of experience. There are anomalies in life. The noble overcome by adversity, the rich fool waxed insolent; the good cause overborne, the evil for the time triumphant—is not faith shaken by these things? No; for now I know and see but in part. The business of faith is not to solve the universal problem. To find God in my individual experience, this is enough; for, if I find Him there, I shall trust Him in all things and everywhere."

DR. BANKS ON "ATHLETIC CHRISTIANITY."

The Rev. Dr. Louis A. Banks, of the Hanson Place Methodist Episcopal Church, preached yesterday morning on "Athletic Christianity." His text was I Cor. ix, 24-27; II Tim. ii, 4; Hebrews xii, 1-2; Phil. iii, 13-14. He first referred to the interest with which the whole civilized world read the daily accounts of the international athletic games which are now being carried on in the classic city of Athens, in historic Greece. He said the revival of these Olympian games is of no slight interest to us as Christians, recalling as it does many of the illustrations which are used in the New Testament. Paul was an alert traveller, and nothing escaped his notice that was of human interest, and he seized upon whatever was in the public mind to illustrate to his hearers the higher spiritual life toward which he was leading them. If this was wise for Paul, it certainly is not unwise for us to take advantage of the aroused public interest in these feats of physical agility, skill and endurance, the better to illustrate the conditions of the nobler racecourse of spiritual life, where the prize is not a crown of olive, but an unfailing wreath of immortal glory.

In observing the conditions of these ancient games the first thing noted was the preparation required. Not every one was allowed to compete, but only those who had qualified a year in advance. The beginning of a stalwart Christianity is like that. There must be a definite entering the lists of the Christian course.

Another condition was that each competitor should be a freeborn Greek, and if he belonged to a State which had broken the Olympic truce, his State had to pay the fine before he could enter the lists. This recalls the significant fact that none of us would have any chance of winning the crown of righteousness if Christ had not paid our fine with his precious blood.

In noticing some of the conditions of success, earnestness and self-denial come first. These contestants were temperate in all things. They did not permit themselves to indulge in anything that might weaken them in the final struggle. There could not be a better example of Christian self-denial. There is also another suggestion to be drawn from these contests; we do not have to run the way alone. Friends are looking on with sympathetic eyes, and we have the inspiration of their fellowship. Another source of inspiration is that no matter how many competitors there may be, all who strive earnestly may win the prize—an incorruptible crown.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SPRING.

PROSPECT PARK AND OTHER RESORTS CROWDED WITH PEOPLE—BICYCLE RIDERS OUT IN FORCE.

A lovely spring day, combined with the five-cent fare on the Nassau Road to Coney Island, opened the line with a more than landoffice boom yesterday. At every street corner groups stood waiting a chance to get on a car, and frequently had to wait a long time before an opportunity occurred.

Prospect Park was crowded with people. The cyclists were out in great force, and each entrance had groups of spectators watching with much pleasure the riders as they flashed past. Ninth-ave., or Prospect Park West, as it is now called, is largely used as a bicycle school for beginners, and their efforts to control the wheels caused much merriment among the crowd which strolled along the avenue. The driveways were crowded with carriages going down the road to Coney Island. The cycle paths, however, attracted the most attention; a great number of women were among the riders, and tandems were to be seen on every hand.

Greenwood Cemetery had an immense number of visitors, who strolled through the beautiful avenues of that city of the dead. Some were led there by the beauty of the place, while others visited the graves of their loved ones. The clear day gave a splendid view of the Upper Bay from the hills, across to the wooded heights of Staten Island and the smoke-obscured shores of New-Jersey. Here and there white-winged schooners lent life to the picture as they skimmed over the placid waters of the Bay.

Even Fort Hamilton caught its share of the Sunday traffic, although it is about as dismal a pleasure resort as can be found in the United States. Since the big hotel of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad was burned down a few years ago the place has never recovered, and its bleak and battered pavilions offer but little to interest the visitor outside of the panorama that the Narrows always presents to the eye.

FATHER AND CHILDREN HURT.

Louis F. Heine, forty-six years old, of No. 166 President-st., with his two daughters, Annie, aged ten, and Alma, aged five, was driving down Third-st. in a light wagon at 5:10 o'clock last evening. At Fifth-ave., trolley-car No. 49 of the Atlantic-ave. line struck the wagon, throwing Heine and his children into the street. Mr. Heine was injured about the head, Annie's arm and wrist were hurt and Alma was bruised about the body. They were attended by an ambulance surgeon and went home. The wagon was damaged to the extent of $50.

MENDOCINO WILD HOGS.

From The San Francisco Call.

"A good many years ago," said the gentleman from Mendocino, "some of the ranchers turned their hogs loose on the mountain ranges to find food and shelter as best they could. Well, many of these brutes stayed domesticated and kept within easy distances of the farms, where they could be found on short notice; a few, however, wandered off into the mountain fastnesses, and in a few generations lost all resemblance to the domesticated animal.

"I've heard that when chickens have been turned loose in wild regions and left to shift for themselves, in a short while they grew smaller, became of a uniform color, got so they could use their wings as well as quails or grouse and became finer eating than in the tame state, but I can't vouch for this. I don't know that I ever saw any of them. But in the case of these wild hogs you may count me in with the authorities.

"In the first place their bristles are longer than the ordinary animal, their tusks are larger and keener, their eyes have a sort of wicked way of rolling around restlessly in the sockets, and holy smoke! but ain't they vicious though!

"These hogs generally travel in groups, but now and then you will meet some surly old boar alone, and then you want to look out. Unless they are pretty hungry they won't attack a man without provocation, but when they do, the safest place is a tree. When one makes a run at you he generally moves too speedily to shoot, and if you don't hit him fair and square, a bullet will be deflected from his tough hide like a boy's marble."

ANTI-ANNEXATIONISTS HOPE.

SENATORS BRUSH AND WRAY ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE MAYORS' VETOES.

OFFICIAL DISAPPROVAL EXPECTED TO WEIGH MORE WITH THE LEGISLATURE THAN LEXOW'S APPROVAL—THE OPPOSITION STRONG IN THE ASSEMBLY AND GROWING IN THE SENATE.

Brooklyn's two anti-consolidation Senators, Dr. George W. Brush and Albert A. Wray, who have led the fight at Albany against Senator Lexow's Greater New-York bill, were seen at their Brooklyn homes on Saturday by a Tribune reporter, and both said they were greatly encouraged by the vetoes of Mayors Wurster and Strong to believe that consolidation will be defeated this year. Senators Brush and Wray have fought hard and long against the forcing of consolidation upon Brooklyn, and have never lost courage, despite the strong opposition arrayed against them. While they had confidently expected that Mayor Wurster would veto the bill, they were uncertain as to Mayor Strong's attitude upon the measure, and they said yesterday that the attack which had been made upon the bill would, in all probability, prove fatal to it.

Dr. Brush said that the shock caused at Albany by the two vetoes had been so great that the ultimate effect could not be clearly foretold at present. He added:

"Senator Lexow still declares that the bill will become a law, and is consoling himself with the belief that it will be passed over the vetoes, and signed by the Governor. In my opinion, however, the weight of the double disapproval of the two Mayors will be greater than Lexow's approval. When the bill was discussed in the Senate and Assembly, the legislators from the upper part of the State had no formal and official opinion regarding it upon which to base their actions. They heard arguments for and against it from New-Yorkers and Brooklynites, and were left in considerable doubt as to the real feeling in the two cities. But now they have before them messages of disapproval from the official heads of the two city governments.

THOUGHT IT A PARTY MEASURE.

"Most of them looked upon Lexow's bill as an organization measure which they should support because it was approved by most of the party leaders, and they favored the bill because all the rest of their party colleagues were favoring it. In the Legislature, as everywhere else, men do not like to be exceptional. They prefer to move with the crowd. I think that many of them cast their votes against their judgment, but the opposition to the bill has now been set before them so forcibly and unmistakably that I confidently believe they will refuse to support it longer. One Senator has told me within a day or two that he had changed his mind about the measure and would cast his vote against it when it comes up again, although he had previously supported it. I have not made a canvass of the members, but am convinced that many of them will pursue the same course.

"The Republican Senators and Assemblymen have had their eyes opened by the fact that two Republican Mayors, both of whom are consolidationists under the right conditions, have disapproved the bill, while the only message of approval came from the Democratic Mayor of Long Island City. This they will look upon as a very significant point. They have also seen that they could not have passed it through the Assembly without Democratic votes.

"The bill which I presented on Friday has been in my desk for two months. I brought it out at this time to strengthen Mayor Wurster's veto. The bill embodies my ideas more nearly than any other yet presented as to what should be done on this question of municipal government—one of the most stupendous questions now before us. A wise Civil Service measure, judiciously administered, will do a great deal toward the settlement of that question. When we can get the idea of spoils out of political life we shall elevate the whole tone and character of politics, and we shall get a better class of men to take an interest in it and to hold political positions. The amended Constitution, as adopted by the people in 1894, has really committed the State to the Civil Service idea, and, while I believe the professional politician is inimical to the operation of a Civil Service law, he might as well accept the fact that it has come to stay.

LEXOW'S HAND.

"Lexow will do what he can to have the bill passed over the vetoes. Such a passage of the measure, I am convinced, would portend disaster to the Republican party. I consider that the measure which I have introduced is the best for the purpose which we are all seeking. The bill gives a metropolitan commission a chance to investigate. It is the intention to have the territory treated of divided into districts, each of which is to have its own local government. A central council would have charge of all the great works, such as bridge building and the like, but the details are to be worked out by the Commission.

"I cannot say what the future course of action on the consolidation bills will be. The vetoes will be read on Monday night, but no one can tell what will happen then."

Senator Wray says that he is convinced that Lexow's bill will be beaten when it is brought up again. "It may get through the Senate," he said, "but in the Assembly the opposition is too strong. Opposition has, however, grown in the Senate, as well as in the Assembly, because now the official declarations by the Mayors have been issued, and these declarations have something behind them. I asked Chairman Hackett yesterday whether Lexow's bill would again be presented. He replied that it would not only be presented, but would be passed. Still, I believe that the measure has grown extremely unpopular, and that its promoters will be deserted by many of those who have hitherto favored it. Senator Brush's bill is a good one, and founded upon the right ideas. His provision that any change in municipal government should be referred to the people for approval or disapproval is one that the voters have a right to demand, and one that we shall attempt to secure for them."

VETERANS HAVE A REUNION.

Soldiers met and exchanged courtesies over the flowing bowl at the annual dinner of the survivors of the 173d Regiment at Saengerbund Hall, in Smith-st., on Saturday night. In all the members of the old regiment number ninety. Last night fifty of them sat at a dining table on the second floor of the place named. Howard C. Conrad, president of the organization, made an address of welcome and introduced the speakers of the evening. Of these ex-Assistant District-Attorney Shorter was the first to respond. His remarks were in reference to "Our Reunion." Some of the other speakers scheduled were Judge Clements, District-Attorney Backus, Jesse Johnson, General E. L. Molineux, Senator Brush and the Rev. John J. Armand.

Colonel Fellows, who was a Confederate soldier, sent a letter of regret.

THE REV. A. STEIMLE INSTALLED.

The Rev. A. Steimle was installed as the pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, at Association Hall, last night. The hall was densely crowded. The audience included some of the most prominent Lutherans in Brooklyn, among them being ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren. The musical part of the programme included the anthem "Jubilate" (Preston), by the quartet, Miss Renata Wolff, Miss Marie C. Waters, Paul Siegel and Harry Randall; solo, "Lead, Kindly Light" (Pinsuti), by Miss Marie C. Waters; the anthem, "Great is Thy Love" (Bohm), by the quartet, and three hymns by the congregation. The charge to the pastor was delivered by the Rev. Dr. C. F. Krotel. The installation was performed by the Rev. John A. W. Haas, who also made an address to the congregation. The benediction was pronounced by the newly made pastor.

FUNERAL OF DUNCAN C. RALSTON.

The funeral of Duncan Cumming Ralston was held at 8 o'clock last evening in the rooms of the Brooklyn Theosophical Society, at No. 464 Classon-ave. The rooms were well filled with members of the society and other friends of Mr. Ralston. John M. Pryse opened the services by reading extracts from an ancient book called "Songs Celestial," "The Book of Golden Precepts," an Egyptian form of ritual addressed to the soul on its passage to the eternal realms, a passage from Christ's Sermon on the Mount, and the Lord's Prayer according to the translation of an eminent Greek scholar and member of the Theosophical Society. Mr. Pryse also made a few personal remarks upon his acquaintance with Mr. Ralston. He was followed by Ernest T. Hargrove, of England, an associate of the late William Q. Judge; William Main and John H. Requa, each of whom testified to their regard for Mr. Ralston.

The body will be cremated this morning at Fresh Pond.

IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

A POLICEMAN NARROWLY ESCAPED BEING KILLED.

HE HAD A HARD FIGHT WITH A "BAD MAN" AND WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL UNTIL HELP CAME.

Policeman Meehan, of the Bedford-ave. station, had a narrow escape early yesterday morning from being killed at the hands of James Murphy, who lives at No. 11 Front-st. Murphy has the name of being a dangerous man when drunk, and when he raised a disturbance at 1 o'clock yesterday morning at Union-ave. and North Tenth-st. Meehan advised him to go home. This made the fellow angry, and he seized a heavy cobblestone and advanced toward the policeman. Meehan drew his club and for the second time ordered Murphy to go away. Murphy hurled the stone at the policeman and struck Meehan on the right shoulder. Then Murphy attacked the policeman. He drew a knife, and made several jabs at him. Meehan swung his club and occasionally landed a blow on the ruffian's head. Finally Murphy seized Meehan and both fell to the ground. The noise of the scuffle attracted the attention of Policeman Golden, of the Herbert-st. station. When he got to where the two were fighting Murphy was on top of Meehan and raining blows on his head with his hand. Golden used his club with such effect that Murphy turned his attention to him, which gave Meehan a chance to get on his feet, and then both policemen tackled Murphy. He turned quickly once, and before Meehan knew what was coming the fellow kicked him in the groin, causing Meehan to fall back. He resumed the encounter again in a minute, and Murphy was overpowered.

In the mean time Joseph Gück, of No. 255 North Eighth-st., and Thomas Gartland, of North Seventh-st. and Bedford-ave., friends of Murphy, came up and interfered with the two policemen. They were also arrested. At the station Murphy said that all he regretted was that he had not been able to kill Meehan, as he made up his mind to. He said that he would be more successful the next time. Both policemen charged Murphy with assault and the other men with interfering with them. They were arraigned in the Lee Avenue Police Court and remanded.

HIGHWAY ROBBERS CAUGHT.

QUICK WORK BY A GREENPOINT DETECTIVE.

Matthew Tierney, twenty-six years old, of No. 3 Vernon-ave., Long Island City, and William Frazer, twenty-seven years old, of No. 65 Freeman-st., Greenpoint, were remanded in the Ewen Street Police Court yesterday for assault and highway robbery. Their victim was Michael Muller, a bricklayer, who lives at No. 131 Dupont-st. He visited friends in Greenpoint on Saturday night, and after midnight started for home. When he reached Clay and Oakland sts. the two prisoners, it is alleged, were seen by a night watchman, Edward Kraus, of No. 417 Oakland-st., to sneak out from a dark spot and steal up behind Muller. One of the assailants knocked Muller down with a blow in the back of the neck. Muller is a powerful man, and although he was under the influence of liquor he began to resist. Once he scrambled to his feet, when his assailants threw him down again. Then he began to call for help. The thieves soon silenced him by stuffing a handkerchief into his mouth. When he still resisted, they struck him with their fists and kicked him. Muller was finally too exhausted to defend himself any further, and the thieves rifled his pockets and secured $18. Then they ran away. Kraus had witnessed the assault and robbery. It was over so soon that before he could give an outcry the robbers were gone. He went over to Muller and helped him to his feet and rapped for help. Policeman Kreus heard him, and communicated with the station. Acting Detective Behlers was put on the case.

Within thirty minutes after the affair Frazer and Tierney were arrested in a liquor store in Long Island City, near the Hunters Point bridge. Muller, who had been taken to the station, positively identified the two prisoners, and so did Watchman Kraus. The prisoners denied knowing anything of the robbery, but the police recognized them as old offenders. They were arraigned before Justice Laimbeer and held for trial.

LIGHT ON JOHN JEFFERS'S DEATH.

Dr. William F. Valentine, Coroner's Physician, made an autopsy on Saturday on the body of John Jeffers, a retired fireman, of No. 1,068 Hancock-st., who died early on Friday morning from what was believed to have been an accidental fall. Coroner Nason, after an investigation on Friday, had declared that Jeffers received the injuries accidentally. On the night when Jeffers staggered into his house a message was received at the house signed "John Holden," inquiring after the condition of Jeffers. It was found that the message was sent by Charles Ball, a friend of the family. Ball, when found by the police, satisfied them he knew nothing of how Jeffers had been injured, and that he simply was told that Jeffers had been wounded, and he wanted to know as a friend of the family how he was. It was learned that Jeffers was in a saloon at Broadway and Jefferson-ave. for some time before he started for home. The result of the autopsy yesterday showed that Jeffers's wounds were caused by a blow on the head, and that he could not have received the injuries by falling.

EXCITEMENT OVER A SUBWAY EXPLOSION.

Two manholes over the subways of the New-York and New-Jersey Telephone Company at Manhattan and Greenpoint aves. blew up with a loud report yesterday afternoon, causing intense excitement. A few minutes before the explosion a car of the Calvary Cemetery line passed the spot. After the excitement subsided a man who said he was John Rafferty, of No. 282 Seventh-ave., New-York, went to the police station and said that when the explosion came he was struck on the head by a flying stone. He refused medical aid.

FATHER MALONE PRESIDED.

The Rev. Sylvester Malone, regent of the State University and rector of the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, in Wythe-ave., presided last night in the Amphion Theatre at an entertainment and lecture for the benefit of St. Leonard's Academy. The lecturer was the Rev. James Donohue, the rector of St. Thomas Aquinas's Church, who spoke on "Christian Poets and Poetry Previous to the Sixteenth Century." The lecture was interesting throughout. The following programme was carried out:

Recitation	Anthony V. O'Rourke
Vocal solo	Miss Gertrude Gallagher
Recitation	Francis L. Kenny
Tenor solo	James McKenna
Recitation	Miss Daisy E. Moller
Vocal solo	Miss Minnie E. Gallagher
Basso solo	J. N. Sheehan
Humorous selections	Joseph A. Nugent
Violin solo	Benjamin R. Isaacs
Recital	Dr. W. J. Callan
Tenor solo	Henry Woram

THE CITY PARK BRANCH DEDICATED.

The dedicatory exercises of the City Park Branch of the First Presbyterian Church occurred last night. The building was thronged, many being unable to obtain seats. The invocation was by the Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, after which came responsive Scripture readings, led by the pastor, the Rev. Gaylord S. White. The lesson was John xv, 1-17. The congregation then rose and sang, "Arise, O King of Grace."

The dedicatory sermon was by the Rev. Dr. John Hall, who chose for his text Ephesians v, 25, 26 and 27. He dwelt especially upon the first clause of the first verse: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church." Doctrine and duty are closely associated all through the Scriptures, and it was proper that it should be so. When we turn away from doctrine we are likely to forget duties. Were the duty enjoined in this passage performed, how many disgraceful divorces would be averted; how much more of peace, happiness and prosperity we should have!

Before making the dedicatory prayer the Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler spoke of the pleasure he felt in taking part in the services, and recalled the dedicatory services in the old chapel, which took place thirty years ago, and in which he took part. The administration of the Lord's Supper followed. The sacramental address was by the Rev. Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, the prayer of thanksgiving by the Rev. J. Douglas Adam and the benediction by the Rev. Gaylord S. White.

"And so you're going to tour your own company, after all. Who's finding the money?"

"Oh, my breach of promise comes off next week!"—Judy.

LIKELY TO BE SETTLED SOON.

ONLY ONE OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF THE EASTERN PARKWAY EXTENSION.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Furst, who has in charge the condemned strip of land at the junction of East New-York-ave. and Eastern Parkway, through which a road is to be run connecting the two streets, thereby making a continuous bicycle path from Coney Island to Patchogue, will probably settle the matter this week, so that work can be begun in a short time. The property is owned by a German woman, who has lived on the lot for many years. The property was condemned under the provisions of the Abell bill. While no price has been stipulated for the property, the owner not knowing what amount she will receive, there is little doubt that the matter will be adjusted satisfactorily. Under the provisions of the bill a commission must appraise all lands so condemned, but in this case official sanction was given in respect to the letting of the contract, the adjustment to be made on the property afterward. The probability is that the property will be appraised at a fair value this week, and the owner will accept it without any further proceedings. The contract for the street connection has already been let, and the contractor is ready to go to work as soon as ordered. The bicycle path will run on the Parkway as far as Thatford-ave., then one block north to Glenmore-ave., and out to the county line. The short extension from Glenmore-ave. and Enfield-st. with Broadway will soon be begun, and the connection thereby made with Queens County.

Bicycle riders will hail the completion of the so-called Glenmore road with great satisfaction. At the present time it is necessary for them to travel about a mile over Liberty-ave., in order to reach the Merrick Road. Liberty-ave. is paved with Belgian blocks, but the street is full of holes and in about as bad a condition as it could be. Probably no repairs have been made since the blocks were laid, and the condition of the street, taken in connection with the car tracks, makes Liberty-ave. a rough road to travel. When the asphalt pavement is laid in Glenmore-ave. and the contemplated improvements finished, the thoroughfare will be a favorite road for wheelmen.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

The 23d Regiment rifle team, by winning its fifth consecutive victory on Saturday evening, secured possession of the Eagle Trophy for the current year. In the contest the 23d Regiment team won five games and lost none; the 13th Regiment won three and lost two; the 47th won one and lost four, and the 14th also won one and lost four. Two protests have been entered, but the decisions upon these protests will have no effect in changing the possession of the trophies. In Saturday evening's contest the 23d Regiment scored 172 points at 200 yards and 186 points at 500 yards. Its opponent, the 13th Regiment, made 168 at 200 yards and 179 at 500 yards. In the match between the 14th and 47th Regiments the former made 191 and 199 in the 200 and 500-yard trials, as against 181 and 190 for the 14th Regiment.

The Department of the South and South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, State of New-York, holds its fifth annual meeting at the Hotel St. George on Tuesday afternoon and evening, the anniversary of the bombardment of Fort Sumter in 1861.

The Rev. William Morrison, pastor of All Saints' parish, will marry on Wednesday evening, April 29, at 8 o'clock, Miss M. Fletcher, eldest daughter of C. H. Fletcher, No. 143 Lincoln Place. Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, will perform the ceremony, and will be assisted by the Rev. Dr. Greer, of New-York. A reception will follow the ceremony at the home of the bride's father.

There was a meeting at No. 533 Greene-ave. on Saturday night to organize an Allison club. With the exception of a gray-haired veteran, who said he was a personal friend of the Senator, and who remained only a few moments, there were only four young men present. Three of these were apparently not yet old enough to vote, and the fourth was a Harrison man. There were no speeches, no resolutions and no organization. Another meeting, it was said, would be held next week.

The Pi Delta Kappa Society, composed of members of the senior class of Packer Institute, gave a presentation of the three-act comedy, "The Ladies' Battle," in the Packer Chapel on Saturday evening. Miss Altmuller, one of the teachers of the institute, was the director of the entertainment. Parts were taken in the cast by Miss Webster, Miss Adele Walton, Miss Muns, Miss Heuermann, Miss Paffard, Miss McCartee, Miss Bates and Miss Thompson. Miss Maude Wilson, president of the senior class, made the introductory remarks.

Timothy McGarry, a hatter, of Newark, N. J., with two other men, entered August Reese's grocery, at No. 607 Park-ave., yesterday morning. They demanded drink, it is alleged, and when Reese told them that he didn't keep a saloon they went out. McGarry took the cover of a milk can, which he hurled through a large window. He was arrested, and in the Lee Avenue Police Court was remanded until to-day for trial.

Lorenz Wecker, thirty-eight years old, of No. 119 Johnson-ave., fell from a car of the Myrtle-ave. line, at Broadway and Myrtle-ave., yesterday morning, while stepping off the rear platform. He received severe contusions on his face and on his side. Surgeon Keegan, of St. Catherine's Hospital, attended his injuries.

While James Meehan, of No. 314 Eckford-st., and Patrick Harrity, of No. 179 Java-st., young men, were having a dispute early yesterday morning near the former's home as to whose turn it was to treat, Harrity drew a knife and stabbed Meehan in the back, inflicting a severe wound. His cries brought several men, who took him home, where he was attended by Ambulance Surgeon Sternberg. Harrity escaped.

St. John's Church, Far Rockaway, Long Island, has elected as wardens William E. Foote, Alfred Neilson; vestrymen, Harold Herrick, Newbold T. Lawrence, John F. Scott, Edward L. Rogers, Nathaniel B. Day, Henry A. Hinchy, Daniel Whitford, James Harper.

Arrangements have been completed for the matinee benefit for the Memorial Hospital for Women and Children on Thursday, April 16, at the Park Theatre. The entire "Trilby" company from the Garden Theatre will play one act of the famous drama. Mme. Janauschek will appear in the little drama "A Mother's Plea," her own translation from the German. There is an orchestral accompaniment all the way through the piece. The Bostonians will have a prominent place in the programme. Maude Banks and Eben Plympton will present "Auld Robin Gray," and Edward Harrigan's company will appear in one act of "Old Lavender."

Brigadier-General James McLeer has accepted the invitation of Colonel F. V. Greene to review the 71st Regiment on Wednesday evening, April 22. A dinner will be given to General McLeer and staff at the Waldorf after the review.

On Wednesday evening next the Rev. W. C. Wilson, the pastor of the North Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, will marry Miss Maggie Lonsdale, the daughter of one of the oldest members of the congregation. The marriage will be strictly private and the couple will go on a brief wedding trip. On their return they will have a reception which will be in charge of the church congregation. Mr. Wilson has been pastor of the church for five years and is popular.

FIRE IN A BOARDING-HOUSE.

Fire broke out at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the cellar of the residence of Henry Thompson, at No. 220 State-st., which he runs as a boarding-house. There was a lively scurrying among the boarders to save their effects and several of them lost a portion of their belongings. The building was damaged to the extent of $1,500 and the furniture $1,000. A man named Kelly was slightly burned about the face and hands in endeavoring to save some household goods.

SHE KNEW IT WAS FRESH AND BOUGHT IT.

From The Detroit Free Press.

In spite of the business he had engaged in, the corner grocer was not devoid of sympathy for his fellow-man. The fact that he put down 27 cents in the passbook every time he sold 6 cents' worth of young onions was due to his having been born a lightning calculator. In the kindness of his heart he said to his assistant:

"Hiram, you'd better hang out a sign in front of the door, where the painters have been at work. Somebody will come along and rub against it if you don't."

"That's so," replied Hiram. "We want to look out for that. Paint costs money these hard times."

He had scarcely concluded his work of lettering and hanging the placard when the young woman who had not been married very long came around the corner. She stopped to look at the notice.

"Is there anything we can do for you to-day?" asked the grocer.

She paid no attention to him, but read aloud in a thoughtful way, "Fresh Paint."

Then she stepped up to it and put her forefinger into it, while the grocer nearly swooned.

"Excuse me, ma'am," he said, "but that sign was put there to warn people not to"——

With a look of superb dignity she said:

"It looks like very nice paint, Mr. Scooper. If you are sure it is perfectly fresh, as you represent, you may send me a pint or so to try."

GRAND ARMY BUGLE NOTES

SOME OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

DEATHS OF COMRADES—MEETINGS OF VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS.

General George von Schack has issued his first order as Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day parade, as follows:

General Order No. 1.

New-York, April 10, 1896.

1. Having been elected Grand Marshal of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the city of New-York, for the year ending the first Monday in February, 1897, I hereby announce the following staff appointments: Comrade John B. Hyde, to be Adjutant-General and chief of staff; Comrade Abram L. Webber, to be Assistant Adjutant-General. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Other appointments will be announced in future orders.

2. Headquarters will be established at the armory of the 71st Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., Park-ave. and Thirty-fourth-st., April 20, and will be open for the transaction of business between the hours of 10 a. m. and 9 p. m. daily.

3. Commanders are directed to fill in the inclosed blank and forward the same to these headquarters at once. By order of

GEORGE VON SCHACK, Grand Marshal.

Official: JOHN B. HYDE, Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.

The "inclosed blank" referred to in the order is for the purpose of ascertaining the number of comrades each post will have in line on Memorial Day, and any special recommendations which post commanders may desire to make regarding the parade and the day's observances.

Detective-Sergeant Thomas Holland, one of Brooklyn's best-known police officers, died on Saturday night, April 5, after a long illness, at his home, No. 423 Grand-st. He was born in Brooklyn in 1840. He served in the 133d Regiment, New-York State Volunteers, during the Civil War, and was promoted for bravery to be a lieutenant. After his discharge he joined the police force, and made a record as a good policeman. He was past commander of Dakin Post, G. A. R., and a charter member. His body was taken Monday morning to the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, in Wythe-ave., where funeral services were held. There was a large attendance of friends. The venerable Father Malone preached the discourse. He paid a warm tribute to the memory of the dead man, and laid particular stress on the excellent record of Mr. Holland as a member of the police force. Captain Martin Short and the entire force of the Bedford station attended the services. Dakin Post and Sylvester Council, of the Catholic Benevolent Legion, were also largely represented.

The fifth annual meeting and dinner of the Veteran Association of the Department of the South and the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, State of New-York, will be held at the Hotel St. George, Clark-st., Brooklyn, to-morrow, the anniversary of the bombardment of Fort Sumter in 1851, and of the reholsting of the flag at that fort in 1865. The afternoon meeting, Major William J. Carlton, 48th New-York Volunteers, first vice-president of the association, presiding, will begin at 5:30 o'clock. General N. M. Curtis, United States Volunteers, president of the association, is to preside at the dinner, which will be served in the hotel dining-room at 7:30 o'clock. An address will be delivered by the Rev. H. L. Wayland, chaplain of the 7th Connecticut Volunteers, with reference to the life and services of Major-General Alfred H. Terry, United States Army, commander of the Tenth Corps; and many well-known veteran officers will by their presence add special interest to the meeting, and take part in the patriotic exercises incident to the occasion.

This double anniversary of important events in the history of the Civil War is of peculiar interest in connection with military and naval operations in the Department of the South and of the South Atlantic Fleet. All veterans identified therewith, and with the siege of Charleston, are eligible to membership in this association, and will be made welcome at the meeting and dinner with their friends. Those desiring to take part should send notice to Major C. B. Parsons, treasurer, No. 72 South-st., New-York City. The price of dinner tickets is $1.

SHOT BY HIS COMRADES.

The recent death of Comrade Geoghegan at his home in Avenue C recalls a story of the war which the dead man was fond of telling. Geoghegan was born in Ireland, but came to New-York in his boyhood. He learned the trade of a shipjoiner, and went to the war with Thomas Francis Meagher and the Irish Brigade. In one of the battles on the Chickahominy Geoghegan captured one of the Louisiana Tigers, and with a comrade was bearing him away a prisoner. Leaving the prisoner standing alone, Geoghegan and his comrade went off to get some coffee. General Meagher, who was taking a nap in his tent near by, awoke and found the rebel standing outside. "Who are you?" said Meagher to the rebel. "I am a prisoner," he replied. "And why did you take up arms against the Union?" asked Meagher. "I came with many of my neighbors, and maybe you'd do the same if you were there," said the rebel. "You are an Irishman," returned Meagher, and pulling out his flask he invited the prisoner to drink, saying, "We can be friends, anyhow." At this Geoghegan and his comrade came up and took their prisoner off, he walking between them. The rebel sharpshooters opened fire, and the Louisiana Tiger fell dead, between his captors, shot by his own comrades.

The Veteran Association of the 82d New-York Volunteers—2d Regiment, N. Y. S. M.—at its annual meeting at Maennerchor Hall, on Wednesday evening, elected officers for the year as follows: Presiding, elected officers for the year as follows: President, Lieutenant Denton E. Magowan; first vice-president, Captain John W. Dempsey; second vice-president, Corporal Henry H. Derr; treasurer, Lieutenant John Boyle; secretary, Lieutenant George W. Witherell; financial secretary, Assistant Sergeant William J. Darbey; sergeant-at-arms, Sergeant John Hewitt; trustees, Daniel Powell, David McMunigle and Joseph Hyde. The annual dinner of the association will take place the evening of May 21, which is the anniversary of the departure of the regiment for the war in 1861. An historical committee consisting of Captain John W. Dempsey, Colonel John T. Pryor, D. McMunigle, W. J. Darbey and John Boyle has been appointed, and also a committee to locate the positions the regiment held at the battle of Antietam.

MEMORIAL DAY IN MOUNT VERNON.

Farnsworth Post, of Mount Vernon, is arranging to make the Memorial Day of 1896 one long to be remembered. The post will follow the custom of the past in the matter of strewing flowers over the soldiers' graves in St. Paul's Churchyard, East Chester, Woodlawn Cemetery and Bronxville Cemetery. In the evening an entertainment will be given in Lincoln Hall, the use of which has been given gratuitously by the Republican Club for many years, at which there will be speaking, recitations and music. On Memorial Sunday morning the post will attend divine services in the Reformed Church, the Rev. F. L. Scudder officiating. The 11th Separate Company, National Guard, which has acted as escort for several years, will do the same this year. The Charles T. Nordquist Camp, Sons of Veterans, will also be in line.

Comrade Philip B. Low, of Alexander Hamilton Post, who is a representative in Congress from this city, made an effective speech in the House a few days ago in support of a proposition to improve the condition of the Navy. Among other things he said: "Our country must build up the Navy, keep it at a proper standard, and then there will be no occasion for thrilling the heart of our Nation by a dynamite message. It is true that we are confronted with a depleted Treasury. But what has that to do with it? If the Administration is bankrupt, the country is not. There are loyal hearts and plenty of money among the 70,000,000 people living under the folds of our flag who will gladly and cheerfully indorse any outlay to build up the marine arm of our country's service and make it what it ought to be. I hope every Administration from now on will consider it a national duty, to wit, that the Army and Navy shall be the last two departments to economize upon. We want peace, but peace without honor means servitude. Peace with honor is expensive, but war is more so."

Major Hugo Hillebrandt, who served in the 29th New-York Volunteers, died on Saturday, April 4, at the home of his friend, General Robert Avery, U. S. A., retired, No. 98 Second Place, Brooklyn. Mr. Hillebrandt was appointed first lieutenant and adjutant of the 39th. He was promoted to captain and major. He was mustered out on account of wounds received at Gettysburg and of disease contracted in November, 1863, in the Mine Run campaign, where the Army was exposed for several days to sleet and rain without any shelter or proper supplies. Major