TOPICS IN CALIFORNIA.

MUNICIPAL CORRUPTION—ROMANCE OF CRIME—DRAMATIC AND OTHER NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

San Francisco, June 6.—The chief topic here this week has been the misrule of the city by officials who have demanded large increases in estimates for their departments during the coming year. The tax levy for the present fiscal year was $2 25 on $100, and according to the figures submitted by the heads of city departments this will be increased next year to $2 50 on $100. The Superintendent of Streets thinks he cannot get along without an increase of $1,000,000 in appropriations. What has aroused the wrath of property-owners is that despite the heavy taxes there has been no improvement in the efficiency of the local government, nor any substantial results to show for the increased expenditures. The streets are badly paved, the sewers are not in good order, the City Hall still continues to absorb large sums, and is not completed; in a word, there is scarcely a single department which is not run as extravagantly and corruptly as Tammany ran the New-York offices before Dr. Parkhurst entered on his work of reform. Signs are not wanting of a great popular uprising against this corrupt municipal government which will clean out the gang of political bosses now in office and land the majority of them in State prison.

Because two county assessors have had difficulty in securing statements from banks, Governor Budd has issued peremptory orders to the Bank Commissioners to require every State bank to make a statement of its condition up to May 2. This will be a hardship to the 250 banks that have made prompt returns. It is believed that the Governor's design is to make the banks pay more taxes, but his authority to demand additional statements is questioned.

When the great railroad strike occurred two years ago the Southern Pacific lost thousands of dollars by the practical paralysis of its lines for several weeks. About 5,000 men joined the strikers, though they were warned that they would be blacklisted if they deserted the company in its hour of trial. Many of these men assisted in the destruction of railroad property and in violent assaults on employes who remained faithful. So when the strike ended the company carried out its threat and for two years it has refused to give employment to any striker. This week Manager Fillmore granted amnesty to all strikers who were not engaged in overt acts against the company. This will be a godsend to many men who have lived in precarious fashion for months. The lesson of the strike has been severe, for the men who joined Debs's movement had no personal grievance, as they were better paid and better treated than employes of any Eastern railroad.

A romance of crime as strange as any in fiction came to an end this week when John P. Harmens, a professional tramp, was sentenced to three years in Folsom prison for stealing money belonging to Wells, Fargo & Co. Harmens was camping out on the banks of the Sacramento River two years ago when he saw two train robbers, Browning and Brady, bury $50,000 which they gained by holding up a Southern Pacific train near by. He dug up the coin, transferred and reburied most of it, and then began a career in San Francisco of riotous living. His idea of pleasure was to pose as a prince in "dives" and to drink champagne where he had formerly drank beer. The detectives discovered him only after he had squandered two-thirds of the stolen money. Harmens is a man of some education, but he is a confirmed tramp and will doubtless return to the road when he has served out his sentence.

The Daly Company at the Baldwin Theatre closed this week a three weeks' engagement that has been more profitable than any theatrical season since Henry Irving was here. Ada Rehan was the central attraction, and this week in "Viola" she received warmer praise than in any of her former characters. The best critics united in declaring that she realized the ideal, and that her rendering of the role was of poetic charm. The success of the Daly engagement furnishes a convincing reply to those who have argued that good companies are not patronized by San Francisco audiences. At the Columbia Theatre Frawley's stock company has done well with "The Two Escutcheons."

Yosemite tourists will probably thank Governor Budd for his efforts to reduce the many overcharges in the famous valley. What he proposes to do is to break up the combine between the railroad and the stage lines so as to reduce the fare $13, to make the hotel give rates graded according to rooms, to furnish greater facilities to camping parties, and to abolish tolls on certain roads. He also has a visionary plan for utilizing the falls to light El Capitan, Sentinel Dome and other peaks by electricity, but there is small prospect of realizing this theatrical scheme.

The little city of Santa Cruz, eighty miles from San Francisco, is preparing for a repetition this year of the Water Carnival which proved so great a success last season. The river has been dammed and an artificial lake constructed that affords opportunity for picturesque spectacles. The carnival will open on Bunker Hill day, and this will be commemorated by a mimic representation of the battle. In the military parade will be marines from the Philadelphia, Oregon and Monadnock. Another feature will be a mimic battle between the Monitor and Merrimac. Many beautiful gondolas have been constructed, and the Queen of the Festival will have a superb throne by the water side.

A LARGE BUSINESS DONE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATED STOCK AND PETROLEUM EXCHANGE.

The annual report of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1896, will be issued on Monday. The report shows that, despite the dulness of business in Wall Street, there was an increase of about 4,000,000 shares in the transactions in stocks. In the mining stock department the sales increased about 600,000 shares. The transactions in wheat also show a marked increase, having grown from 614,328,000 bushels last year to 968,804,000 bushels this year, and the transactions for the closing month (May) were the largest of the year.

The assets of the Exchange in its general fund are $467,071 25, and the surplus of the gratuity fund amounts to $498,799 95. In the course of the year the Exchange purchased and cancelled 105 memberships, leaving the total membership at this time 1,823.

GUESTS AT GARDEN CITY.

Among the arrivals at the Garden City Hotel last week were the following from New-York: H. L. Doolittle, T. S. F. Decker, Mrs. Decker, Miss Steers, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stead, W. Henry Reese, Charles S. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Toune, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Ingersoll, Edward Holland Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bingham, E. N. Rogers, H. P. Case, D. H. Weisner, George H. Yewell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Archer, C. O. B. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sartoridis, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Royce, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Ranney, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Whitridge.

DECREE RETURNED UNSIGNED.

Justice Smyth, in the Supreme Court, has handed the papers in the case of Gilbert E. H. Moulton against Marion Eva Moulton to the clerk of the court without his signature. Moulton sued his wife for absolute divorce. The case was tried before Justice Smyth on May 29, and was undefended. Moulton, who was an actor, died the following day. At the time of the trial Justice Smyth told the attorney for the plaintiff that he was entitled to his decree, but yesterday, in returning the papers, he said that he had learned of the death of the plaintiff and therefore sent the papers back, with the decree unsigned.

DR. HARSHA'S ASSIGNMENT.

Frank J. McBarron, as receiver for the property of the Rev. Dr. William J. Harsha, pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Harlem, has brought suit in the Supreme Court against Edward S. Clinch and others to set aside an assignment made by Dr. Harsha to Clinch. In February last the trustees of the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work of Philadelphia obtained a judgment against Dr. Harsha for $4,706. This could not be collected, and Mr. McBarron was appointed receiver for Dr. Harsha in supplementary proceedings.

It has since been discovered that Dr. Harsha is in receipt of a salary of $5,000 a year from his church, and it is said that he made an assignment to the defendants of all his salary over $3,000 a year. The suit is brought to have this assignment set aside on the grounds that it was given without consideration and that it was made for the purpose of defrauding creditors. An accounting is also asked for from Clinch for all the moneys he has received under the assignment. He informed the church of the arrangement with the pastor, and has been receiving, it is alleged, $166 a month since the time the assignment was made, which was also in February last.

THE MARKET NOT ACTIVE.

USUAL SUMMER DULNESS IN REAL ESTATE.

TOTAL OF TRANSACTIONS REPORTED ONLY $1,400,000—LITTLE CHANGE EXPECTED BEFORE THE FALL.

The real estate market relapsed into dulness the last week. The total of transactions reported by brokers reached only $1,400,000, and this sum included two trades where the consideration amounted to nearly $500,000. It is hardly reasonable to look for any material improvement before the opening of the fall season, although in the interim there may be some important transfers of business property. Among the sales for the week were the following:

SALES IN THE WEEK.

L. J. Phillips & Co. sold No. 519 First-ave., five-story brick flat, lot 25x75, for Mrs. Selfredgh for about $17,500.

N. Wise sold the plot of five lots at the northeast corner of Lenox-ave. and One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st. to T. E. Crimmins, who gives in payment the four four-story flats at the southeast corner of Third-ave. and Ninety-fifth-st.

Thomas F. Ryan, the treasurer of the Metropolitan Traction Company, purchased No. 239 West Seventy-second-st., 23x80x102 feet, from Charles Buek. The price is $28,500. The house is not yet completed.

Cremin & Norton sold conjointly with H. S. Hewson the Lockwood Press Building, on the northwest corner of West Broadway and Bleecker-st., for A. J. Barb to William Brennan on private terms. A transfers by J. C. Lyons, the builder, prior to this shows the consideration to have been $127,000.

The same brokers sold for the estate of Mary B. Higgins No. 356 West Thirty-third-st. on private terms; also No. 139 West Thirty-second-st. to Thomas Diamond.

G. F. Johnson bought the Haines Bros.' piano factory, in Southern Boulevard, near Third-ave., for about $300,000.

Mrs. Jacob Hess bought No. 82 West Sixty-eighth-st.

W. P. Jones & Son sold No. 348 West Forty-fifth-st., a five-story apartment-house, 25x83x100.5, at about $36,000, for Charles Stumpf to W. Hencke.

William Cauldwell sold the property known as the Terrace apartment-houses, at the southeast corner of Park-ave. and Seventy-sixth-st., consisting of five brick houses, fronting 175 feet on Park-ave. and 100 feet on Seventy-sixth-st., to G. F. Johnson for about $285,000. Mr. Cauldwell takes in part payment some New-York and Brooklyn property.

Charles Buek sold the second one of his row of unfinished private dwellings, No. 239 West Seventy-second-st., 21x60x102, for $28,500.

The Lawrence estate sold four lots on the southeast corner of Twelfth-ave. and One-hundred-and-thirty-first-st.

CONVEYANCES AND MORTGAGES.

Following is the record of conveyances, mortgages and buildings projected in New-York for the last week, compared with the corresponding period in 1895:

CONVEYANCES.	1895. May 31 to June 6, inclusive.	1896. May 29 to June 4, inclusive.
Total number for entire city	410	446
Amount involved	$7,829,774	$4,792,580
Number nominal	219	183
Number 23d and 24th Wards, omitting new annexed district (Act 1895)	66	126
Amount involved	$107,575	$497,412
Number nominal	28	53
Number 23d and 24th Wards, including new annexed district	—	149
Amount involved	—	$538,823
Number nominal	—	41
MORTGAGES.		
Total number	359	416
Amount involved	*$20,290,525	†$9,306,251
Number over 5 per cent	127	154
Amount involved	$515,476	$1,198,671
Number at 5 per cent	153	219
Amount involved	*$17,700,098	†$6,747,673
Number at less than 5 per cent	79	52
Amount involved	$2,074,950	$1,358,885
Number of above to banks, trust and insurance companies	58	55
Amount involved	*$16,988,000	†$6,037,720
PROJECTED BUILDINGS.		
	May 31 to June 6, inclusive.	May 29 to June 4, inclusive.
Number of buildings	28	61
Estimated cost	$1,449,900	$2,732,525

*Includes mortgage by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for $15,000,000.
†Includes mortgage by the Hoboken Ferry Company for $4,500,000.

SEEKING POLICE PROMOTIONS.

OFFICERS WHO ARE LIKELY TO ENTER THE COMING EXAMINATIONS.

A rush of applications by police sergeants and captains for promotion is expected, now that the Commissioners have set dates for the Civil Service examinations and have declared that they will try to fill some of the existing vacancies. Although the examinations are to be competitive, the Commissioners can select the men they want to pass the examinations by giving a high or low rating for record, meritorious conduct and efficiency.

The examination of sergeants who apply for promotion to the rank of captain will be held on June 17. There are at present seven actual vacancies of captains, but the appointment of five inspectors and a deputy chief will create six additional vacancies, making thirteen in all. Several of the sergeants who are acting captains now are believed to be sure of promotion. Among them are John H. Grant, of the East Sixty-seventh-st. station; Stephen Brown, of West Thirty-seventh-st.; Stamkamp, of East Fifty-first-st.; Titus, of Macdougal-st.; Young, of Elizabeth-st.; Hogan, of Eldridge-st., and Vredenburgh, of West Sixty-eighth-st.

The examination for inspectors takes place on June 27. The most prominent among the candidates for promotion to inspectors are Captain Donald Grant, of the Old Slip station; Acting Inspectors O'Keeffe, Brooks, McCullagh and Thompson; Captain Kirchner, of West One-hundred-and-fifty-second-st., and Captain Sheehan, of West Forty-seventh-st. Although Commissioner Parker has repeatedly expressed his opposition to Brooks and McCullagh, Commissioners Roosevelt, Andrews and Grant probably will insist on giving to them a high merit mark and appointing them inspectors. Captains Grant and Kirchner and Acting Inspector Thompson are veterans. Acting Captains John H. Grant and Vredenburgh are also veterans. If Commissioner Parker holds up Brooks and McCullagh again all promotions may be blocked unless Chief Conlin comes to the rescue and recommends the men.

All officers seeking promotion must make application to the Police Civil Service Board, giving their names in full, the date and place of their birth, state whether they are married, and if so, what family they have, state in what kind of a school they received their education, give their height, state whether or not they were ever in the military or naval service of the United States, and their occupation, profession or trade previous to appointment on the force. The service record of each applicant will be filled in on the application blanks. The clerks in the office of the Civil Service Board were busy yesterday distributing blanks to officers seeking promotion.

SHERRY'S NEW PLACE IN FIFTH-AVE.

MR. BROKAW IS TO ERECT THE BUILDING—THE RENTAL SAID TO BE ABOUT $50,000.

The final arrangements for the lease of the property at Forty-fourth-st. and Fifth-ave. by Louis Sherry from Isaac V. Brokaw were completed yesterday. Under the terms of the lease Mr. Brokaw is to erect a structure of brick and stone which will be seven stories high and will embody all the modern features of architectural construction. Mr. Sherry, it is understood, intends not only to make this resort a unique place of its kind, but he also will seek to make the environment so unusual and at the same time so artistic in its features that the interior will be a special source of delight to the patrons of the place. It has been a matter of careful manipulation on Mr. Sherry's part to secure the terms of the present lease. Mr. Brokaw, it is understood, is to erect the new building, while Mr. Sherry is to become the tenant of the structure for a term of fourteen years. About $50,000 a year is understood to be the amount to be paid for the occupancy.

THE NEW GARDEN OF PALMS.

A construction that enables two distinct audiences to see the same performance and to see each other as well, is something new. This effect is to be utilized at Proctor's Pleasure Palace to-morrow, when the Garden of Palms is thrown open. An opening in the back wall of the music hall allows the stage to be extended into the palm garden. The stage setting, in the form of a conservatory, is permanent, and there is no shifting of scenes. The acts, it is said, are so selected and arranged that they can be seen to equal advantage from any point of view, precisely like those given in a circus ring. They embrace music, dancing, acrobatic and gymnastic features, a ballet and George Lockhart's elephants. There is communication between the two places. For example, a person in the garden descends a flight of half a dozen steps and comes into a passage lined with mirrors. This leads directly to the German concert hall, with elevator service to the auditorium above or the roof garden at the top of the building.

In the Garden of Palms there is a single overhanging balcony, divided into twenty-six boxes, with a promenade in the rear. The roof is supported by caryatides 20 feet in height. The dome of glass is arranged to slide back in pleasant weather, securing an outdoor effect. It can be closed instantly in case of a storm. White, ivory and pale blue are the prevailing colors in decoration. In the walls are set mirrors in the form of French windows, which reflect and magnify the scene.

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OPERETTAS AND GARDENS.

LIGHT AMUSEMENTS PLANNED FOR WARM NIGHTS.

The eighth week of the run of "El Capitan" at the Broadway will begin to-morrow evening, and it will be the liveliest one of the engagement. It will begin with a souvenir night, to commemorate the fiftieth presentation of "El Capitan." Bicycle night will occur on the following evening, when many cyclers will be present. On Wednesday evening the hotel men of New-York City will attend in a body. On Thursday evening John Philip Sousa will conduct the orchestra, and the members of the band will appear upon the stage with Mr. Hopper and his company in the march finales of the second and third acts. On Friday evening the graduating and furlough classes of West Point, accompanied by the commandant and officers of the post, with the members of the faculty, will make their annual visit to the Broadway.

The audiences that gather nightly to see "Thoroughbred" at the Garrick Theatre are still of gratifying proportions. It is now expected that the play will run through this month, if the weather is anything in season, and perhaps longer. No change has been made in the cast except that of Thomas Q. Seabrooke for Henry E. Dixey.

Those who are faithful to the old Gilbert and Sullivan operettas that delighted their younger days are doubtless glad to learn that one of the oldest and most loved of them all, "H. M. S. Pinafore, or the Lass that Loved a Sailor," is to be seen and heard again at the American Theatre this week. The members of the cast will be Miss Dorothy Morton, Flora Finlayson, Trixie Friganza, J. F. Sheehan, Joseph Lynde, J. G. Bell, W. MacLaughlin, Mr. Greer, Charles Drew and Miss Georgie Bryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellar will continue their performances of magic at Daly's Theatre for the present. It is many years since any better entertainment in this line than the present one has been given here, and nobody who delights in such things should let the opportunity pass of seeing so many wonders so charmingly performed.

To-morrow night there will be presented at the Grand Opera House "The Lily of Killarney," an Irish romantic opera by Sir Julius Benedict. This work was presented at the same theatre last season. It is founded on Dion Boucicault's play "The Colleen Bawn." Miss Rena Atkinson will be heard for the first time here as Eily O'Connor, and W. T. Carleton will sing the part of Danny Mann. The cast will also include Marion Lansdon, as Anna Chute, Clara Wisdom, as Mrs. Cregan, G. W. Campbell, as Miles-na-coppaleen, W. H. Hamilton, as Father Tom, and Thomas Ricketts, as Squire Corrigan.

"Waldmeister" will continue at Terrace Garden during the coming week. The manager, Michael Heumann, intends to give it a reasonable run. He has four other operettas, new to the country, to present in the course of the summer season. The promenade concerts in the open-air garden each evening, under the direction of Fred Brunner, are enjoyed by the visitors, and the usual Sunday concerts continue to be popular.

The roof garden at Koster & Bial's will open for the summer season to-morrow evening. It has hundreds of comfortable seats, numerous large boxes, broad promenades and ample table accommodations. Dr. Leo Sommer's enlarged Hungarian Band will furnish interludes to the vaudeville programme, and Max Gabriel will conduct the regular orchestra of the music hall. The roof garden boxes and seats are numbered to correspond with those in the auditorium, and in case of rain the audience will find corresponding accommodations downstairs, where the performance will be transferred. Josephine Sabel will be heard in some new French and American songs, the Hermale Trio of Tyrolean singers and instrumentalists will make their American debut, E. S. Abels and Miss Helen Lowell will contribute a sketch and Ducreux-Geraldine will be heard in French duets. Rossi, the Italian mimic, has saved a budget of transformations for the roof-garden opening, and Jenny Vaumore will sing a round of British music hall songs. Edison's vitascope will be shown for the first time in the open air.

To-morrow night begins the fifth and last week of "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley" at the Fourteenth Street Theatre. The singing is an attractive feature. The scenery and electric effects are handsome and appropriate.

At the Olympia Music Hall this week Fregoli will present a play in which he has not been seen here before, called "The Lightning Waiter." He takes seven parts in it. Other features of the bill this week will be Weber and Fields, in their sketch "The Schützenfest," including their burlesque of Fregoli; the Zaré brothers, banjoists, Pablo Diaz, a Cuban contortionist, Tochow's family of trained cats, Constanz and Ida, balancers, the Avolo Trio of xylophone soloists, and the Mathieuques. The Olympia Roof Garden is now approaching completion. Mr. Hammerstein is congratulating himself on the delay with his roof, the atmospheric conditions since the general roof-garden opening having almost precluded comfort in aerial resorts without the use of overcoats.

Tony Pastor has gathered together a company for this week which includes Miss Lydia Barry, the daughter of "Billy" Barry; Rice and Elmar, comic acrobats; Miss Maud Raymond, serio-comic, in topical songs; Frank Sheridan and Miss Annie Forrest, the Elmore sisters, Albertus and Bertram, Edwin Latell, Miss Charlotte Ray, character vocalist; Eddie Shayne and Mae Worden, Mlle. Valesca, in a wire act, "Paddy" Murphy and Blanche Andrews, in an Irish sketch; Bruns and Nina, in "A Little of Everything," including songs with stereopticon, paper tearing, etc., Charles Oaten's Marionettes, Phantasia Brilliant, and Tony Pastor, in new songs. William B. Henry, who for the last ten years has been the business manager of Mr. Pastor's traveling organizations, will have a benefit this evening. The following entertainers will appear: John W. Kelly, the Russell brothers, Miss Bonnie Thornton, Lady Sholto Douglas, the Rogers brothers, the Elmore sisters, Miss Annie Hart, Miss Kittie Mitchell, Stuart, Edwin Latell, Miss Katie Rooney, "Billy" Carter, Montague and West, Edward S. Abeles, Murray and Allen, Girard and Thompson, Zarno, Guyer and Goodwin, William Scott, Kirwin and Stone and Miss Gyori Juhaski.

The programme of the Madison Square Roof Garden has been popular with the public for the last week, and the several acts of the performers have gone so well that, with three exceptions, no change will be made in the programme for the current week. One feature of this garden which recommends itself is an arrangement of side awnings, which are lowered on cool evenings and prevent any cold winds from blowing over the audience. The newcomers this week are Smith and Cook, the Winterton sisters, in songs and dances, and Laura Vaughn, baryione. The performers who will remain are Louis Falkowski, Cora Routt, Falke and Semon, Bennetto and Reto, the Claflin sisters, the Davenport brothers, the four Gardners, Miss Lilly Post, in popular songs, and Press Eldridge.

Changes have been made at the Eden Musée in the last week in equipping the entire building with cooling apparatus. There is not a portion of the Musée where the temperature is allowed to rise above the normal summer heat at any time. The winter garden, where the daily afternoon and evening concerts are held, is especially cool. Palms and decorations have been placed at intervals and the effect, in contrast with the new groups recently placed in the winter garden, is extremely pleasing. The concert programmes will be made up of the most popular summer music, with a sprinkling of operatic music.

It is said that the crowning glory of Proctor's Pleasure Palace will be the garden of palms, to be opened to-morrow afternoon. The double stage is a novel experiment. The performances are so arranged that they may be viewed simultaneously by two audiences, seated in the palm garden on one side of the stage and in the auditorium on the other. The roof garden is also open from 8 to 12 o'clock. The performances there are regulated by weather conditions. When it is chilly or stormy the entire entertainment is given downstairs. The five Cee-Mees, who now make their American debut, are aerial gymnasts. There are three women and two men. The ballet, "The Twenty-four Hours," is performed by two dozen dancers, trained by Signor Albertieri, of the Metropolitan. George Lockhart's elephants are as much applauded as when they first appeared, ten months ago. In the throng of entertainers are Bettina Gerard, in character changes; the Pattens, Gertrude Mansfield, Major Doyle, the Pantzer brothers, head balancers; Arnim and Wagner, Emmina Italia and May Bell, in songs and dances; Annie Stockton and the Jackley-Rostons with their monkey pantomime and acrobatic novelties. The Sunday concert from 2:30 to 11 p. m. offers a special programme.

A good deal of fun is offered at Proctor's Theatre, Twenty-third-st. The Olympia Quartet gives an act called "The Independent Colored Cadets." Ross and Fenton have their travesty on "Fedora" and "Virginius." Albini, the conjurer, is adroit in card manipulation. Georgia Parker dances nimbly in wooden shoes. And there are Kathleen Warren and Mabel Craig, dancing girls from "The Widow Jones"; Mlle. Bernhardt, contortionist, James Bowman and Dick Gorman, Nellie Anderson, Frankie Haynes and Lelia Trimble, Olga Regina and Ella May, singers and dancers; John Block, bird and animal imitator, Graham MacMillage, character dancer; Frank Lawrence, gun spinner and club juggler, and the Kornis, with their miniature theatre. From 2:30 to 11 p. m. there is no break in the special Sunday programme.

The benefit to W. Lloyd Bowron, the leader of the orchestra, and Ernest B. Wright, the treasurer of the Fourteenth Street Theatre, takes place on Monday evening, June 15. The following have volunteered: Louie Gilson, Queenie Vassar, Louis Wesley, Barney Reynolds, Bernard Dyllyn, the "Old Homestead" Quartet, Mabel Stillman and Charles B. Ward.

While the London Royalty Theatre Company will be principally seen in "The Chili Widow" in its fifteen weeks' tour of America, which begins at the Garden Theatre in November, Arthur Bourchier has sent word to H. C. Husted, who will direct the tour, that he will also produce "The Queen's Proctor," "The Liar," "Kitty Clive" and a one-act play called "Monsieur de Paris," in which Mrs. Bourchier (Vyvian Vanbrough) made a good impression in London two or three months ago.

"Lost, Strayed or Stolen," a musical comedy by J. Cheever Goodwin and Woolson Morse, the authors of "Wang," "Pandandrum" and other light operas, will be presented at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, a week from to-morrow. The production will be made by the American Theatrical Syndicate and will be the first of its enterprises.

FEATURES OF THE FRUIT MARKET.

ORANGES FIRM, LEMONS IN SMALL DEMAND, PINEAPPLES PLENTIFUL AND BANANAS CHEAP.

The fruit market closed yesterday under more favorable conditions than those which prevailed earlier in the week, when the spell of cool weather had a depressing effect on business and prices. Oranges continued firm, and the high prices of the previous week were fully maintained. Lemons were in small demand, and despite the extremely low prices orders were disappointingly small. Pineapples, which are now plentiful, were in fair demand but at low prices. Bananas, which are abundant, suffered a decline of from 12½ to 25 cents a bunch, which was hastened by heavy arrivals. Florida peaches, which were in limited supply, sold for from $2 to $4 a carrier. California cherries brought from $5 cents to $1 10 a box, and Southern cherries were sold for from 4 to 9 cents a quart. Florida watermelons were sold for from 60 to 70 cents apiece, receipts being small. Before this week ends prices will be lower, as carload lots are now beginning to arrive. Large, sound strawberries ranged in price for quarts as follows: Maryland and Delaware, 10 to 12 cents; New-Jersey and New-York, 12 to 14 cents.

The receipts of Mediterranean oranges at all ports of the United States from September 1, 1895, to May 31, 1896, inclusive, were 678,000 boxes and 156,000 cases. The receipts from September 1, 1894, to August 31, 1895, inclusive, were 925,000 boxes and 63,000 cases. On this basis, it is estimated that the receipts this season will be fully 200,000 boxes less than those of last season. The quantity now on the way to this city and Baltimore, and due to arrive within the next ten days, is only 11,500 boxes and 7,200 half-boxes, of which only 2,000 half-boxes are destined for Baltimore. In view of these very light prospective receipts and the smallness of stock on hand, the market is expected to continue firm and with an advancing tendency for sound oranges. Present quotations are as follows: Messinas, 300s, from $4.75 to $5 a box; Rodis, 200s, from $4.50 to $5.25; California navels, from $4 to $5.50; seedlings, from $3.50 to $4.50.

The receipts of Sicily lemons at this port during May were 297,568 boxes, against 210,700 boxes in May, 1895, showing an increase of 86,868 boxes in a single month. The receipts at all ports of the United States from September 1, 1894, to August 31, 1895, inclusive, were 2,047,000 boxes. The receipts from September 1, 1895, to May 31, 1896, inclusive, were 2,057,000 boxes, or 10,000 boxes more in the nine months to June than during the previous entire twelve months. Experts estimate that during the remaining three months of this season the receipts will be so increased that they will be about 550,000 boxes in excess of those of last season. The quantity of lemons now afloat and due to arrive in this country within the next ten days is 32,500 boxes, which will be distributed as follows: New-York, 136,200 boxes; Boston, 30,000 boxes; Philadelphia, 19,500 boxes; Baltimore, 19,000 boxes; New-Orleans, 31,000 boxes. With these heavy shipments on the way, to be followed by others, and with the large stock on hand importers will find it difficult, even with prolonged and intensely hot weather, to sustain the present low prices for lemons, which are quoted as follows for boxes containing 300 lemons each: Fancy, from $2 25 to $2 75 a box; choice, $2 20 to $2 70 a box. Jamaica limes are in fair supply and selling for from $5 to $8 a barrel.

Pineapples are plentiful, but many are yet small and green. There were 13,707 barrels received by steamship from Havana during the week and 1,845 crates by steamship from the Bahama Islands, while five schooners from the Bahamas brought a total of 27,300 dozen. They are selling freely at from $4 to $12 a hundred, according to size and condition.

The receipts of bananas at this port during May were only 400,300 bunches, against 528,240 bunches during the corresponding month of last year, and 119,700 bunches during the week ending June 3, against 131,100 bunches during the corresponding week of last year. Despite this large decrease of receipts, the demand does not seem to be equal to the supply, which, it is said, will continue to decrease. The fruit is now selling at the following reduced prices for "firsts," with "seconds" and "thirds" at proportionate prices: Aspinwall, Port Limon, Banes and Sama for from $1 25 to $1 37½ a bunch; Jamaicas, from $1 12½ to $1 25 a bunch.

LIVELY CONNECTICUT POLITICS.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION—REPUBLICANS WHO WANT THE GOVERNORSHIP.

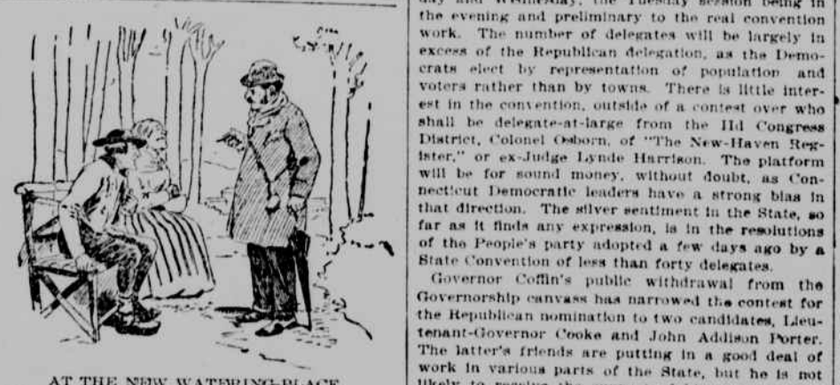
Hartford, June 6 (Special).—The Democratic State Convention for the choice of delegates to the Chicago Convention will be held in this city next Tuesday and Wednesday, the Tuesday session being in the evening and preliminary to the real convention work. The number of delegates will be largely in excess of the Republican delegation, as the Democrats elect by representation of population and voters rather than by towns. There is little interest in the convention, outside of a contest over who shall be delegate-at-large from the IId Congress District, Colonel Osborn, of "The New-Haven Register," or ex-Judge Lynde Harrison. The platform will be for sound money, without doubt, as Connecticut Democratic leaders have a strong bias in that direction. The silver sentiment in the State, so far as it finds any expression, is in the resolutions of the People's party adopted a few days ago by a State Convention of less than forty delegates.

Governor Coffin's public withdrawal from the Governorship canvass has narrowed the contest for the Republican nomination to two candidates, Lieutenant-Governor Cooke and John Addison Porter. The latter's friends are putting in a good deal of work in various parts of the State, but he is not likely to receive the support of his own town or county—Pomfret and Windham. In Pomfret, Charles Grosvenor, ex-State Senator, is a candidate for Controller, and it is understood that the energies of his townsmen will be concentrated in furthering his chances for that office rather than for the support of Mr. Porter for the Governorship. "The Windham County Transcript" is out for Mr. Cooke.

The grand list of the State for 1895 has just been compiled from the Town Assessor's returns at the Controller's office. It amounts to $444,321,927, as against $414,258,956 for 1894. This increase is unprecedented, and has resulted largely from the action of the State Board of Equalization in deducting from the returned lists of 1894 in order to make the work of the assessors more even and equitable. The various items of the list present some singular facts. For instance, there are only 1,361 pianos assessed, and there are probably more pianos than that in the city of Hartford alone, and there are only 718 clocks, watches and timepieces in the list. If such carelessness in entering taxable property exists in all departments, the grand list is not representative.

Hartford has a golf club fully organized, with Judge Samuel O. Prentice, of the Superior Court, as president, and many of the best known business men of the city as officers and members. A tract of land on the west side, not far from the Park, bequeathed to the city for park purposes, has been leased, and it is now being put into shape for the game by an expert. It is expected that the opening game will be played some time in the coming week.

The 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery will be the first of the volunteer regiments of the State to erect a monument on the Capitol grounds, in this city, the other regiments having placed monuments at Gettysburg, Antietam, or at other places where they saw service. The design of the 1st Heavies is unique, and will attract much attention. It is to be made up mainly of the mortar known as the "Petersburg Express," which was in their charge in the closing days of the war, and which has been secured from the general Government. This will be mounted on a pedestal, and, standing guard over it, will be a bronze figure of an artilleryman. Decisive steps for its erection will be taken at the next annual meeting of the command, which will be held in Bridgeport this month.



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