YOUNG MAN FOUND DEAD.

BEVERLY TUCKER'S BODY WAS LYING IN A ROAD NEAR WHITE PLAINS.

THE CASE IS BEING INVESTIGATED, BUT IT IS THOUGHT THAT HE ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIMSELF.

About 1 o'clock Thursday morning Dr. F. O. Wright, of this village, was driving home in North-st. from a professional visit out in the country. When opposite the property of Thomas Gibson, a farmer who lives about a mile and a half from this village, Dr. Wright saw the body of a man lying by the side of the road. Dr. Wright and his companion got out of the wagon in which they were riding, and upon investigation found the body to be that of a young man, lying face downward, with a bullet wound in his head near the right ear. By the side of the body, within the relaxed grasp of the right hand, was a revolver with one chamber empty. When found the body had evidently been lifeless some time. Dr. Wright at once informed the people of the vicinity, including the family of Mr Gibson, and the body was identified as that of Beverly Tucker, a young man about twenty years old, whose mother, a widow, lives in North-st., a short distance from the Gibson house. An investigation showed that on Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibson, their daughter, Miss Lizzie Gibson, whom young Tucker was visiting, and a cousin of Miss Gibson's, a young woman from the city, had visited the Tucker homestead, where they had eaten supper and spent the evening. About 9:30 the visitors started for home, and were accompanied by young Tucker, who walked arm and arm with the two young women. They arrived at the Gibson house in due time, and shortly after young Tucker started for home. Nothing more was heard of him until he was found dead at the gateway of the Gibson property some hours afterward. It is believed that the young man took the revolver with him for protection on his way home, and that as he started out he examined the weapon and in doing so accidentally discharged it. No other reasonable theory can be advanced as to the cause of his death, as he was of a genial disposition, had many friends, and his home surroundings were everything that could be wished for. Coroner Burch took charge of the case, setting the date of the inquest for Thursday of next week.

Peter Jacques, the wounded Bedford Station burglar confined in the jail at this place, continues to improve. He expects a visit from his wife next Sunday. The prisoner has not yet secured the services of a lawyer to take charge of his case.

YONKERS.

At the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners on Wednesday Patrolman Edward O'Conner and Patrick J. Welsh were tried. The former was charged with leaving the city without permission. O'Connor recently had a night off and went out of the city. While away he was taken sick and could not report for duty at the 6 o'clock roll-call next evening. He said he did not know he was breaking any rule. Policeman Welsh was tried on two charges, one for being one hour and forty-four minutes late at rollcall on the morning of June 11 and the other for lying on a pile of railroad ties on the Tuckahoe Road while on duty in uniform on August 5. He pleaded guilty to the first charge, but denied the second. The Commissioners reserved their decision.

Patrick McNulty, who keeps a liquor store at No. 257 New-Main-st., was fined $25 yesterday by Acting City Judge William Riley. He was charged with ill treating John Hickton, sixteen years old, whom he had taken from the Home at Peekskill. The fine was paid.

The managers of the branch Sunday-school of the Warburton Avenue Baptist Church, at No. 222 Riverdale-ave., will give a fresh air excursion to-morrow afternoon for the benefit of mothers and their babies. The steamer Pauline has been secured, and will start from the public pier at Main-st. at 2 o'clock. Those who wish to avail themselves of the sail may obtain free tickets by applying to Miss Viola Fox, the librarian, at the rooms, No. 222 Riverdale-ave.

At the meeting of the Board of Civil Service Commissioners on Wednesday night, James J. Mulcahey, of No. 8 Parker-st.; William J. Hawkes, of No. 158 Oliver-ave., and Peter F. Morgan, of No. 34 St. Joseph's-ave., were examined as candidates for appointment to the office of chief engineer of the reorganized Fire Department. Dr. Nathan A. Warren has received the appointment as department surgeon, and examined a number of candidates for appointment as firemen yesterday. It is expected that by the end of the week the Fire Commissioners will have made all the appointments. Charles Stahl, the present chief engineer of the Volunteer Fire Department, has withdrawn as a candidate for chief engineer of the reorganized department.

An informal meeting of the committee on the cornerstone laying of the Hollywood Inn was held on Wednesday night, and matters in connection with the celebration were discussed. Several members of the Committee on Building were present and looked the plans over carefully. It is hoped to have the building completed by next June.

The Irving Hose Company had a moonlight sail last night. The party started on the Charles Spear at 7:45 from Peene's pier and sailed as far as Nyack. Dancing was enjoyed during the trip.

The Ladies' Altar Society of St. Joseph's Church held a home social last night at Stein's Sawmill River Park. The women had the assistance of Patrick Whelan, John H. Blute, Jere O'Leary, John Murray, John Higgins and James Dalton in arranging the affair.

Luke Collins, thirty-six years old, who escaped from the Flatbush State Hospital several days ago, was found in this city yesterday by Policeman Welsh and Special Officer Carey.

The case of Lyman Andrews, of New-York, who was accused by his wife of non-support, was before Acting City Judge Reilly yesterday morning. There was a preliminary hearing last Saturday. When the case was called yesterday, Alfred Beglow, counsel for Mr. Andrews, asked that the case be dismissed. Lawyer Harrigan, who appeared for Mrs. Andrews, consented to this, explaining that the complaint had been made under a misapprehension of the facts on his part. There is an existing order from the Supreme Court which covers the case. It is not expected that there will be any further action in the case. Mr. Andrews has provided his children with homes, and has agreed to contribute to his wife's support.

NEW-ROCHELLE.

The second annual picnic of Harmonie Lodge, a German Benevolent society, will be held at Washington-ave. and Fifth-st., West New-Rochelle, on Labor Day. Lodges from neighboring towns are expected to be present. George Benz, Adam Hass, Robert Olbert, Conrad Heidig and Gustav Eickstein are on the Committee of Arrangements.

While James Crawford was bathing in Echo Bay yesterday afternoon a colored boy stole his clothing, shoes and hat. Crawford went home in his bathing suit. Charles Hendricks was arrested and admitted his guilt. He lives in a section of the village known as New-Jerusalem.

A meeting of the Bryan and Sewall Club has been called for Saturday evening in the Town Hall. The meeting will be addressed by William Sulzer and William H. Russell, of New-York.

The last of the series of open-air band concerts was played last evening at the Huguenot Hotel. The musicians were entertained at supper by George Grab, jr.

Captain C. T. Kuehler, of the New-Rochelle Wheelmen, the only Westchester County cyclist who was at the National convention, has returned home from Louisville.

The prizes won in the recent relay race of the Westchester County Wheelmen's Association will not be given to-night, as has been previously announced.

The New-Rochelle Fire Patrol has accepted an invitation from the Nerod Engine Company, of West Chester, to visit there on Labor Day and march in the parade. The company will be accompanied by the Philharmonic Band.

Miss Josephine Burnett, of Far Rockaway, is visiting her cousins, the Misses McGovern, of Guion Place, and the Misses Burnett, of Huguenot-st.

HASTINGS.

Train No. 79, of the New-York Central Railroad, yesterday ran into O'Dell's express wagon at Washington-ave., Hastings. George Grant was driving, and he could not see the train on account of the steep grade at the avenue. He was killed and the two horses were also killed. The wagon was wrecked.

MAMARONECK.

The Board of Education has decided to open the schools on Tuesday, September 8, instead of August 31. Improvements now under way at the High School cause the delay. The contract for the carriage and bicycle sheds has been given to Joseph Reardon at $400.

It is reported that the Mamaroneck Wall Paper Factory will resume operations September 15. The factory has been closed for more than a year, and its payroll of $2,000 a month has been missed by the shopkeepers of the village.

James Coleman, the coachman, who stole a watch and revolver from his employer, Edwin Garcia, jr., was arrested in New-York and brought to Mamaroneck for trial. The man pleaded guilty, and Justice Clery committed him to the county jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

LARCHMONT.

Fathers O'Neill and Cathoney, Dominicans of St. Vincent Ferrers Church, New-York City, will hold a protracted mission meeting in St. Augustine's Church from September 20 to 27. The services will include a series of lectures on the tenets of Catholic doctrine.

RYE.

The thirteenth annual tournament of the Rye Lawn Tennis Club will begin to-morrow. The order of play will be as follows: September 5, men's doubles; September 12, mixed doubles; championship games, September 19 and 26. The Misses Erving, Miss Whittemore, Mrs. Frank Wiggin, Mrs. Henry Wiggin, Miss Sarah Hopkins and John Golloway are among those who will contest.

Father Barry, of the Church of the Resurrection, has been spending the week in the Royal Academy of New-York. He will return to the parish to-morrow.

MOUNT VERNON.

The new Church of the Ascension, which is being erected on Chester Hill, will be completed and ready for dedication by November 1.

In addition to the horse races at the Allendale track on Labor Day, a ten-mile bicycle match has been arranged between William Fredericks, of the Mount Vernon Cycle Club, and Raymond Fries, of the Huguenot Wheelmen, New-Rochelle.

Mrs. Franklin T. Davis, Mrs. A. E. Hitchcock and Mrs. Charles H. Stecker, the members of the Westchester Woman's Club who were recently appointed a committee to secure larger quarters than the organization now has in the Young Men's Christian Association building, have submitted their report in favor of Willard Hall. The proposition has been accepted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, by whom the hall is owned.

A large attendance is expected this evening at John H. Littlefield's lecture on "Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln." The lecture will be delivered at the Young Men's Christian Association building, under the auspices of the Young People's Society for Christian Endeavor of the Reformed Church.

Mayor Fiske has been chosen by the Aldermen as captain of their baseball team, and gray and red have been adopted as the colors. The Yonkers team will be attired in blue.

PORT CHESTER.

The fourth annual picnic for the children of the town given by the citizens of Port Chester was held yesterday at Purdy's Grove. The attendance was largely increased over that of other years, nearly 1,000 children being present. The children marched to the grove led by the Port Chester Cornet Band, and as they entered each received a tin horn and small American flag. Dinner was served between 12 and 1:30 o'clock by the following committee of women: Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hadden, Miss Carrie McDermott, Miss Nellie Parker, Miss Hilliker, Mrs. W. F. Wakefield, Mrs. W. C. Worden, Mrs. J. R. Rockwell, Mrs. Howard Slater, Mrs. Thomas Tompkins, Mrs. Howard Taylor, Mrs. James Logan, Mrs. Norman Wishart, Mrs. William Eaille, Mrs. George Merritt and Mrs. Charles Ross. One hundred watermelons were served later in the day. The band played in the afternoon and games of all kinds were enjoyed. Many well-known citizens and their families drove out to the grove to see the children. The plan of a public outing for the poor children was first started by the Rev. W. F. Wakefield and Theodore C. Parker, and it has now grown to be a holiday, the residents contributing much to make the picnics a success. The committee in charge this year was made up of the Rev. W. T. Wakefield, Theodore C. Parker, Harry Hunt, Philip Baker, James S. Merritt, W. J. Foster, J. H. McQuilkin, Jacob Baker, Christian Winkelbach, Julius Pruison and Howard Bell.

The members of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans met on Wednesday evening in the Board of Trade rooms and formed a McKinley and Hobart Club, with forty-two members, pledging themselves to vote for sound money and good government. W. H. Huyler was elected temporary chairman and R. H. George secretary. Resolutions were adopted and arrangements proposed for a mass-meeting in the future to be addressed by General Sickles.

The Board of Education has given notice that the public schools will be reopened on Wednesday, September 2. The grade of the Brooksville and Grace Church-st. schools has been raised one year, so that Miss Wardwell's and Miss Foster's classes will come back to their old rooms and take advanced work under the instruction of the same teachers.

SING SING.

Acting Police Justice John F. Jenkins yesterday morning sentenced George Gooley to six months' imprisonment in the Kings County Penitentiary for beating his mother, and also similarly treating another woman who lived in the same house, all because his dinner was not ready when he wanted it. The justice gave him all the law would allow, and said he only regretted that he could not give him three times as much.

THE GERMANIC'S NEW RECORD.

SHE MAKES THE TRIP IN SIX DAYS, TWENTY-ONE HOURS AND THIRTY-EIGHT MINUTES.

The White Star steamer Germanic, which arrived here yesterday morning from Liverpool and Queenstown, eclipsed her best previous performance. Her time of passage was six days, twenty-one hours and thirty-eight minutes. The Germanic's best previous record westward was made in July last year, and was covered in six days, twenty-three hours and twenty-seven minutes. Among her passengers were W. H. Andrews, Dr. Allan Baines, Richard Harlow, Justice McMahon of the Canadian Supreme Court, the Rev. Dr. W. C. Roberts and Professor W. P. Stewart.

TO OPEN THE BAR ASSOCIATION'S HOME.

LORD RUSSELL TO BE ITS GUEST ON THE OCCASION OF THIS FORMALITY.

Arrangements have been made to open formally the new home of the Bar Association of the City of New-York some time in the first week of October. Lord Chief Justice Russell will be in this city from October 5 to 10, and the formal opening of the building will be made the occasion of a reception to Lord Russell.

S. Sidney Smith, the chairman of the Building Committee of the association, stated yesterday that no details of the opening and reception had yet been arranged, and that it would be necessary to communicate with Lord Russell before the precise date could be set.

NO PROSPECT OF A SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

Regarding the reported prospective international strike of seamen and longshoremen, Secretary J. Williams, of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union, who was seen at his office, in South-st., near Wall-st., yesterday, said: "The men on the coasting vessels are receiving better pay than they did twelve years ago, when freights were three times as high as they are now, and the men are better treated and have better quarters." When asked about the reports that the British Seamen's Union had sent agitators out from England to all the countries having seaports, Mr. Williams said that none of the agitators had been sent to the United States and none were expected.

"We are able to take care of ourselves," he continued. "Our union has now been in existence in the United States for more than eight years, and we have had great success. The Canadian Seamen's Union and the Seamen's Union of British Columbia affiliated with us last year, so that we now call the organization an international one, but we never advocate strikes. The report about the international strike probably arose from the fact that the English union sent a delegation to Belgium and organized a strong association there."

A COMPROMISE AMONG FRUIT DEALERS.

The joint committee of fruit buyers and fruit importers, appointed at the suggestion of Mayor Strong, has agreed upon an experimental compromise of their difficulties, which will be placed in operation to-day. The buyers complained to the Mayor that samples of fruit to be sold at auction had been tampered with by openers employed by the importers, who denied the allegation. It has been agreed that, after the samples have been opened, the openers shall leave the pier, and that there shall be no "trimming" or "rearrangement" of the fruit afterward. Representatives of both sides will be on hand at to-day's sale when about 25,000 boxes of lemons will be offered. There is a lively interest in the fruit trade as to the outcome of the experiment.

A TAILOR'S SHOP WRECKED BY FIRE.

Two alarms were turned in at 6:30 last night for a fire which was discovered on the first floor of the four-story brownstone building, No. 85 East Fifty-fifth-st. The building is owned by F. W. Livingstone, and is entirely occupied by Morris Block, a women's and boys' tailor, who lives and also conducts his business there. No one was in the building when the fire broke out, as Mr. Block and his family are spending the summer on Staten Island. Damage to the amount of $5,000 was done before the firemen had the flames under control. The cause of the fire and amount of insurance on the building and its contents are both unknown.

THE ROANOKE IS OVERDUE.

The four-masted sailing ship Roanoke, owned by Arthur Sewall & Co., of Bath, Me., which is the largest wooden clipper afloat, is now 123 days out from Honolulu, bound for this port. She sailed on April 27, with a cargo of 5,379 tons of sugar, shipped by J. D. Spreckels, and was spoken off Cape Horn on June 24 by the American ship William H. Macy, which arrived here from China yesterday. The Roanoke has been accustomed to make the passage from the Sandwich Islands to this port in about 100 days. No fear for her safety seems to be entertained, but several tugboats are reported to be cruising along the coast between here and the Delaware Breakwater, hoping to intercept her and get large fees for towing her into port.

SHOWALTER STARTS FOR HOME.

Showalter, who returned from Europe on Wednesday, started for Georgetown, Ky., yesterday. He had not much to say on the Nuremberg tournament. He said that he saw at the beginning of these contests that he would not be able to do justice to himself, as he could never play good chess in the morning hours. He enjoyed his trip to Europe greatly, and he finally added that Pillsbury's achievement in beating Tarrasch, Tschigbury's achievement in beating Tarrasch, Tschigbury, Lasker and Steinitz in the tourney was favorably commented upon by all the leading European papers.

ROYAL Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

ALBEMARLE—Edward W. Bok, of Philadelphia. EVERETT—Professor E. W. Bass, of West Point. FIFTH AVENUE—Ex-Postmaster-General John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia; ex-Governor Person C. Cheney, of New-Hampshire; Congressman R. B. Mahany, of Buffalo; President David J. Hill, of Rochester University; W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, and Ethan A. Hitchcock, of St. Louis. HOLLAND—Assistant Secretary of State W. W. Rockhill, Beriah Wilkins and Walter Wellman, of Washington. MURRAY HILL—Judge E. E. Farman, of Warsaw, N. Y. WALDORF—General James H. Wilson, of Delaware; Milton H. Smith, of Louisville; Herman Stump, United States Commissioner-General of Immigration; Frank Thomson, of Philadelphia; Baron Schlippenbach, German Consul at Chicago, and Logan Carlisle, of Washington.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Probable arrival of Li Hung Chang on the St. Louis.

Funeral of A. T. Van Nest, Trinity Chapel, 10 a. m.

Opening of headquarters of Business Woman's Auxiliary Republican Club, No. 1,473 Broadway.

Sound-money Democratic primaries, evening.

Trotting meeting of Parkway Driving Club.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Edward Crosby Rice, known as "Big Ed" Rice, who was arrested on a charge of stealing a reticule from Mrs. Amelia Cohen, of No. 24 Montgomery-st., Jersey City, was discharged in Jefferson Market Court yesterday afternoon, as Mrs. Cohen refused to press the charge.

The campaign headquarters of the Woman's Republican Association of New-York will be opened at No. 1,473 Broadway, near Forty-second-st., today at 2 p. m.

A. L. Conger will lecture before the H. P. B. Theosophical Society, No. 142 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., on Sunday at 8:15 p. m., on "The Theosophical Crusade."

The twelfth and last of the series of entertainments given every week in the summer at the Young Women's Christian Association, No. 7 East Fifteenth-st., will take place this evening at 8 o'clock. It will consist of a concert and exhibition of the summer work by the singing, physical culture, millinery and embroidery classes. All women are cordially invited.

Three new patrol wagons will go into service today in the Oak-st., Charles-st. and Union Market precincts. Chief Conlin has detailed and transferred several policemen to do duty on the wagons.

HARRY HILL DIES AT FLUSHING.

THE STORY OF HIS LIFE AND HIS WELL-KNOWN PLEASURE RESORTS.

Harry Hill, the old-time sporting man and pioneer concert-hall keeper, of this city, died at Flushing, Long Island, last evening from malaria, said to have been brought on through drinking impure water. Mr. Hill came to this country from England in 1850 on one of the pioneer packet ships, which in those days landed at Flushing, Long Island. In England he had been a truckman and a frequenter of racetracks. He was employed at Epsom by George M. Woolsey, of the old sugar refining firm of Howland, Aspinwall & Woolsey, of this city, to take charge of a racing stable in Astoria, Long Island. Afterward he became the proprietor of a livery stable at the old Bull's Head Hotel, at Third-ave. and Twenty-fourth-st. A few years later he sold his horses to the Third Avenue Railroad Company, and was the driver of the first car which ran on that line from the City Hall to Harlem Bridge. In 1854 he opened a grocery store at Crosby and Houston sts., and secured a grocer's license to sell liquor.

A little later he leased the entire building at that number and opened a primitive "club," which had no name in particular, but was significant of many things in general. Conspicuously posted on the walls of the establishment were the legends: "Members of this club must not indulge in obscene language," "Take a little wine for thy stomach's sake," and "Lovers not wanted here; therefore, not appreciated." His place was patronized by well-known men from all parts of the country, who when visiting this city were accustomed to pass one or more evenings there.

The "attractions" offered were of a low variety order, but Hill, who was muscular and daring, always maintained a degree of decorum which pleased his patrons. He was a master of fisticuffs and prize-ring rules, and was often selected as the stakeholder or referee for ring contests. It was his boast, and it has seldom been contradicted, that no one could be robbed in his place.

He violated the excise laws habitually, but was permitted to continue to do so for many years until, as he averred, the police demands for "protection" were more than he could afford to pay. Open warfare with the police followed, and he was compelled to close his resort. Afterward he opened liquor stores at Harlem, Flushing and other places, which were unsuccessful, their failure, according to his assertions, being attributable to police persecution. In his halcyon days Hill was reported to have a considerable fortune. He had a large farm and a sporting hotel at Flushing, Long Island, where he entertained his friends most lavishly.

WARNING TO MONEY-LENDERS.

AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO MAKE NO FURTHER WESTERN LOANS UNTIL THE SILVER QUESTION IS SETTLED.

An officer of one of the largest life insurance companies in the country has just returned from a business trip in some of the Western States. To a Tribune reporter he made the following statement, which gives an object lesson to money-lenders or the "goldbugs" of the East, as they are now denominated by the Bryanites or Silverites:

Our company has been, and still is, lending several millions of dollars in Iowa, Arkansas and some other States on land and mortgages. We have never had occasion to foreclose a single mortgage in the States mentioned. We have always valued the security as ample to protect our loans. By the aid of our money handsome homes have taken the place of old rookeries. Also, farms that formerly were of no value have been transformed and made productive, and thus thousands of people who now carry the axe, the hoe and other implements used by the workingman have, by the aid of our money at low rates of interest, been helped to earn their own living.

My experience during my recent trip West will, however, discourage our making any further loans on Western property for the present. Before leaving home I took letters of introduction to some prominent bankers in the West. I was assured that these letters, on presentation, would accord me a hospitable reception. With this assurance I made my first call, with a friend, on the president of a large banking institution in Arkansas. My reception proved far from being agreeable. In fact, I was insulted in unmistakable language.

Upon withdrawing from his office I asked my friend for an explanation of this uncalled-for attack on myself and my company. He replied: "This banker, like many others all over this Western country, was for years the Shylock money-lender. His interest rates for money run from 10 to 20 per cent each year. Your company entered the West with your millions of funds and broke the interest rate down to 6 and 7 per cent a year. You have therefore ruined his business. If he succeeds in driving you and other loaners of money out of the West, he and other Shylocks will again have these unfortunate borrowers at their mercy."

Since my return home we have received many applications for money from that and other Western sections of the country. One applicant has just offered us a fruit farm as security for a loan of only $6,000 that we know to be worth $20,000. He requested us to reply by telegraph our decision. Our answer was "No." Some of our loans are now maturing, and we are appealed to for an extension of time. It is not our purpose to be oppressive. But having been informed through some of their political representatives that they propose to pay us back in a depreciated currency, or silver, we prefer to curtail further lending of money until we know definitely how this money question is to be settled in the approaching election. If then the results convince us that these borrowers are against repudiation and free silver, we shall continue to aid the West as in the past with money to improve and build up its homes. No more loans, however, will be made by our company until this pending political question is settled in a way that will restore our confidence, which at present is so outrageously shocked.

The name of the officer and of the company he represents is withheld from publication for the present at the request of the former.

A BLOCK ON THE BROADWAY LINE.

The entire system of the Broadway cable line below Houston-st. came to a full stop last evening at 7 o'clock. The cause of the stoppage was to be found somewhere in the Houston-st. powerhouse, but whether or not it was a breakdown of machinery could not be learned. The officials of the road, as usual, were entirely ignorant of the affair. The blockade on the line lasted for about half an hour, and the cars above Houston-st. were stalled by the blockade to and above Union Square.

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WILLIAM HENRY SMITH'S WORK.

THE VETERAN NEWSMAN'S BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE OLD ASSOCIATED PRESS.

From The Journalist.

With the death of William Henry Smith, which occurred at Lake Forest, Ill., on July 27, the last of the second generation of Press Association managers passed onward. The first conspicuous figure in the work of news-collecting on an extensive plan was D. H. Craig, whose death occurred but recently at the age of eighty years or upward. He was once the autocrat of the news business in the East, and his Western coadjutor was George B. Hicks, whose headquarters were at Cleveland. Mr. Craig's principal assistants were Messrs. Goberight, of Washington; Fulton, of Baltimore, and Blanchard, of Boston. All of these men have also been gathered to their fathers.

The power of Craig and Hicks was suddenly broken one day by a little man named James W. Simonton. He was one of those who, with Henry J. Raymond, founded "The New-York Times," and he was the unresting, virile and sometimes recalcitrant correspondent of that paper in Washington for several years. In 1866 Mr. Simonton, who had purchased an interest in "The San Francisco Call" and "The Bulletin," came on from the Pacific Coast with an unpleasant light in his eyes to see why his news service was so unsatisfactory. He had complained to Craig and had received no attention beyond being referred to Hicks. For some fifteen years Craig had carried things with a high hand, and he courted an attack on his management from any source. He was like a village bully who had never been trounced. But Mr. Simonton was a fighter whose courage had not quailed when he was summoned before the bar of the Senate and sent to prison on the plea that he was a contumacious witness, and he forced Craig to the wall. When the New-York Associated Press was ready to remove Craig, the question arose, "Who can fill his place?" Mr. Simonton replied that he would take it temporarily—until somebody could be found to fill the bill—with the result that he stayed in the position for a period of fourteen years, retiring in 1880, when he was succeeded by James C. Hueston. Mr. Simonton died at Napa City, Cal., in 1881.

With the downfall of Craig, his partner, Hicks—and Mr. Simonton demonstrated that they were partners in more senses than one—was also eliminated, and it was then that William Henry Smith came to the front as manager of the Western branch of the service. His influence was immediately felt, and under his diplomatic touch an independent organization, the Western Associated Press, was created, and it worked in combination with the New-York Associated Press, and the latter's successor, The United Press, for more than twenty years prior to 1893, when there was another and much more serious disagreement between the East and the West.

HIS CONTEST WITH HUESTON.

In 1882 Mr. Hueston involved the New-York Associated Press in a disturbance with the Western Associated Press, which the pacific overtures of Mr. Smith, which had generally prevailed with Mr. Simonton, were powerless to allay. There had been numberless occasions during the preceding ten years when Mr. Simonton could have been accommodated with a fight, but by Mr. Smith, but they were a conservative and friendly pair when they came together, although their correspondence was delightfully warlike when viewed by persons not likely to be injured by the result of the battle, if one should ever be precipitated. But Hueston, who had formerly been Mr. Simonton's principal assistant in New-York, had been living in London for some years. He was the European representative of the New-York and Western Associated Presses and he imbibed some very autocratic ideas from his contact with British institutions. Besides this, he was naturally of a contentious nature, and, as one of the famous Louisiana Tigers, had served with credit on the Confederate side in the War of the Rebellion. He was a man of distinct ability. He had been a telegrapher in the military service of the South, and was familiar with the mystery of the wires. He was a graduate of Princeton College and of the Columbia College Law School, in New-York, and his experience in news business on both sides of the Atlantic peculiarly fitted him to make a most brilliant and unequivocal success. But he went into a conflict with William Henry Smith and was defeated. A truce was agreed upon; Hueston tendered his resignation as general manager of the New-York Associated Press, which was accepted, and, pending a permanent settlement between the two organizations, Erastus Brooks, assisted by George A. Leach, was in charge of affairs. Among those who were active in bringing about a peaceful solution of prevailing troubles were William Henry Hurlbert, George Jones, Isaac W. England and David M. Stone. All of them, like Hueston, Brooks and Leach, sleep the deep slumber from which there is no physical awakening.

MR. SMITH'S MASTERLY MANAGEMENT.

Mr. Smith succeeded Mr. Brooks as soon as the details of a new contract between the New-York Associated Press and the Western Associated Press could be agreed upon, and for nearly ten years he was in full command of both organizations. He brought order out of chaos, improved the service, perfected the pouch-wire system, introduced the typewriter among press operators, made a modus vivendi with the growing and restless rival of the Associated Press—viz., The United Press—and in every way so systematized and strengthened the position of the Associated Press as an organization that up to 1891 its service was the best, the cost of it to its members and clients was the least, and the franchises owned by its newspapers were the most valuable at any time during its history. But the situation was not satisfactory to certain gentlemen in Chicago, and they so harassed Mr. Smith, and so disgusted the managers of The United Press, that the latter put an end to the modus vivendi on October 20, 1891, and Mr. Smith retired to the West a few months later. The mischievous element that finally destroyed the original Western Associated Press and enable The United Press to absorb the New-York Associated Press, which it did in December, 1892, is now in charge of that remarkable institution, the Chicago Associated Press.

Mr. Smith sustained a great loss in the death of his wife, which came when he was being scourged by men from whom he expected better things, and a further blow was dealt him more recently by the sudden death of his daughter, Mrs. Charles R. Williams. I saw him last at his home at Lost Rock, surrounded by his books and a vast amount of data, from which he was constructing a history of Rutherford B. Hayes and his Administration as President.

A MANY-SIDED NATURE.

As we talked of literary matters he was so fluent and genial, and I knew so well how kind he had been to the unfortunate, how firm he could be with his equals, and how determined and almost defiant he was with his superiors when he thought they were in the wrong—as we talked, I say, I could not make it seem that this was the man who, when General Logan, then a Senator from Illinois, had supposed he would find in the new Collector of the Port of Chicago under President Hayes a man who would be as clay in the hands of the potter, had proven a foeman worthy of even Logan's unwaverling steel. It all reminded me of what I overheard Henry M. Stanley say to a lady at a reception in New-York some years ago: "Nature never intended me," said Stanley, "for an explorer. I was created to sit by my own fireside and be a man of peace, contented in his obscurity. I am an explorer from the necessities of the case. I went to Africa reluctantly, in the first place, and I return there with ever-increasing reluctance." He who had kept the agile and pugnacious Simonton in line, who had made a brilliant campaign and won the victory when the Napoleonic methods of Hueston compelled him to do battle or surrender, and who had not been afraid of the great Logan when their views of public duty were in conflict, was by nature a sweetly gentle and lovable man. I think, perhaps, he read Shakespeare when he was young, and thought well of Polonius's advice to Laertes to beware of getting into a quarrel, but, when once in, to make things as interesting as possible. But his preference was for peace and the quiet of home life, for books and pictures and the soothing influences of all natural phenomena. The woods were his friend, and the songs of the birds and the sighings of the winds about Lost Rock were to him as sweetest music.

His friends may take, I think, this bit of comfort out of what seems to us as his untimely death. Some of us—the more the better—believe in Emerson's theory of reincarnation, and, although Mr. Smith died when he was in his sixty-third year, it is true that not one man in a hundred having similar advantages and opportunities has developed intellectually and spiritually as fully as he had.

If, in the wisdom of the Creator, man begins on the next plane of existence at the point where he stopped on this plane, then but few who had lived even a score of years longer than our friend were better fitted spiritually for the higher life than he whose brief hour here was rounded with a sleep at Lost Rock a little while ago, but whose soul goes marching on.

WALTER P. PHILLIPS.

SUICIDE OF A YOUNG MAN.

A man about twenty-six years old secured a room at the Pennsylvania House, in Jersey City, Wednesday afternoon. He registered as A. L. Wilson, but refused to add his place of residence. At 9 o'clock last night gas was detected coming from his room, and the door was forced open. Wilson was found dead on the bed. Beside him lay a note directed to the Coroner. It read: "No one is interested in me. Bury me as I am in Potter's Field." Nothing was found in the dead man's pockets but a bunch of keys and a pair of eyeglasses. The body was sent to the Morgue.

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AMONG THE YACHTSMEN.

THE LARCHMONT CLUB'S SCHOONER RACE.

A HANDSOME TROPHY OFFERED FOR THE CONTEST ON SEPTEMBER 12—REGATTAS OF OTHER CLUBS ANNOUNCED.

Almost equal in importance to the series of telling contests which characterized its week of racing will be the schooner race of the Larchmont Yacht Club, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 12. In view of the value of the trophy to be contested for—a cup valued at $500—there should be an unusual amount of interest displayed among schooner owners in waters other than those to which is assured the attention of New-York racing craft. John F. Lovejoy, Otto Sarony and H. C. Wintringham, comprising the Regatta Committee, possibly have this prospect in mind in thus early announcing the race as a fitting climax to the busiest season the organization at Larchmont Manor has known. The trophy will be known as the "Larchmont Cup for 1896." The usual course must be adopted in entering yachts, and all entries must be in by 9 p. m. of September 10. All schooners will sail in one class on their allowance conditions, and there will be no instructions as to sails or crew.

The Larchmonts also announce their fall regatta, which will be sailed on Monday, September 7, Labor Day. For the regatta prizes will be given in the various classes where two or more boats start, and a second prize will be given where four or more boats cross the line in good racing faith. The preparatory signal will be sounded at 11:30 a. m., wind and weather permitting. All yachts will be classified as follows:

Schooners: Series A—Class A, all over 95 feet racing length; Class B, not over 95 and over 85 feet racing length; Class C, not over 85 feet and over 75 feet racing length; Class D, not over 75 feet and over 65 feet racing length; Class E, not over 65 feet racing length.

Sloops, cutters and yawls: Series A—Class 1, all over 80 feet racing length; Class 2, not over 80 and over 70 feet racing length; Class 3, not over 70 and over 60 feet racing length. Series B—Class 4, not over 60 and over 51 feet racing length; Class 5, not over 51 and over 43 feet racing length; Class 6, not over 43 and over 36 feet racing length; Class 7, not over 36 and over 30 feet racing length; Class 8, special 34-foot rating class, special 30-foot class. Series C—Class 9, not over 30 and over 25 feet racing length; Class 10, not over 25 feet racing length; Class 11, all mainsail cabin yachts over 25 feet racing length; Class 12, all mainsail cabin yachts not over 25 feet racing length.

Open yachts: Class 13, all mainsail yachts over 20 feet racing length; Class 14, all mainsail yachts not over 20 feet racing length; Class 15, all jib and mainsail yachts; Class 16, the special 21-foot class; Class 17, one-half raters.

Members of the following clubs are requested to enter their boats for these contests: The New-York, the Eastern, the Seawanhaka Corinthian, the Atlantic, the Corinthian, the American, the New-Bedford, the New-Haven, the New-Rochelle, the Corinthian of Marblehead, the Hull, the Douglaston, the Indian Harbor, the Riverside, the Horse Shoe Harbor, the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, the Sea Cliff, the Huguenot and the Shelter Island yacht clubs.

On the day of the special schooner race there will be a race for the new 30-footers, and it is hoped that by that date the cup-hunting yachts may be once more drawn to these waters to the number of a dozen or more. The club steamer will leave the float at 10:30 the morning of the race.

The annual regatta of the Stamford (Conn.) Yacht Club will be sailed off Shippan Point, Stamford, on Saturday, September 5. There will be two classes for schooners, the 95-foot class and those of 85 feet and under. The classification for single-masted vessels and yawls will embrace all craft from 70 feet to 30 feet measurement, and the 34-footers will be found in the 36-foot class. Entries will be received for open sloops of 25 and 20 feet. In the latter class 21-footers will be included. There will also be classes for cabin and open catboats, 25 feet, and a special class for half-raters. A silver cup will be the award to the victor. The starting signal will be made at 11:30 a. m. The Regatta Committee are E. E. Bruggerhoff, chairman; J. R. Whiting, jr., and Stewart W. Smith, secretary.

To-morrow the Huguenot Yacht Club will hold its second annual regatta off Huckleberry Island, New-Rochelle. The race will be sailed under the rules of the Yacht Racing Union of Long Island Sound. The entries will range from 36-foot cabin sloops down to the half-raters.

The annual regatta of the Huntington Yacht Club will be sailed in Huntington Bay, Long Island, to-morrow, the starting signal to be sounded at noon. Here are the classes for which entries will be received: Class No. 1, cabin sloops—43-foot class; 36 feet and not over 43 feet. Class No. 2, cabin sloops—36-foot class; 30 feet and not over 36 feet. Class No. 3, cabin catboats—30-foot class; 25 feet and not over 30 feet. Class No. 4, cabin catboats—25-foot class; 20 feet and not over 25 feet. Class No. 5, open catboats, fixed ballast—20 feet and under 30 feet. Class No. 6—Special class for 15-foot half-raters. The Regatta Committee comprises George R. Rogers, D. A. Stover and Arthur K. Buxton.

George E. Gartland, D. W. Merritt and Charles E. McManus, the Regatta Committee of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club of Greenwich, Conn., are making preparations for the special race of the club, which will be sailed off Greenwich Harbor on Saturday, September 12, at 11