TOPICS IN CALIFORNIA.

THE MURDERER BUTLER—CHURCH PEOPLE STIRRED UP—PERSONAL AND GENERAL NOTES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—An incident which created much excitement here was the arrival of the murderer Butler from Australia. The man has a record of many victims whom he lured to remote mining districts back of Sydney and then killed in the most cowardly way. It was thought from the reports of his deeds that he was a fellow of great cunning and resources, and the Australian officers who came over here to capture him feared that he would escape before the sailing vessel on which he had shipped could reach the harbor. Instead, he proved that his intelligence was low, for he not only remained on board without making an effort to reach shore, but he had in his luggage the personal trinkets of several of his victims, including Captain Lee Weller, for whose murder he will be extradited. The man has shown himself a coarse, vulgar braggart, inflamed with the common criminal's desire for notoriety and careless of what to-morrow will bring. The usual crowd of morbid curiosity seekers has besieged his cell, and he has driven a lively trade in autographs at fifty cents each. The Australian detectives smile grimly meanwhile, and hint that they will change all this in New South Wales. They say a month will be sufficient to try, convict and hang him.

Church people have been much exercised over the statement made by President Jordan of Stanford University that "a revival of religion in which men lose their reason is a form of drunkenness, no more worthy of respect than the kind which lies in the gutter." The address in which this remark was made was before the Unitarian Society of Berkeley. The whole object of the address was to prove that the sane mind rejects all emotional manias as it rejects stimulants, depending upon a wholesome optimism which always comes with work well done. Several preachers have denounced President Jordan for what they call his slur on a vital principle of the Christian religion, but in reply he says that he did not mean such revivals as Moody holds, which he believes do great good, but the sensational gatherings of the cheap, professional revivalists who travel about the country and who invoke the aid of trances and spasms in their work. To expose such religious malpractice he regards as a duty equal to the exposure of quackery in medicine.

For ten days rain has fallen in Northern and Central California, which effectually puts an end to all fears of drouth this winter. This brings the total rainfall for the season considerably above that of last year to this date. In fact, through the lower San Joaquin Valley, noted for its dryness, the rainfall ranges from six to nine inches, which is about double that of last season. The only fear now is that rapidly melting snow may swell the rivers and cause floods at Stockton and Sacramento.

The tax collectors' returns for January make a significant showing, as they amount to $60,442, against $26,382 for the corresponding month last year. These taxes are not legally due until the end of March, so that when money is scarce, as it was last year, the advance payments are small. Financiers regard this as one of the best signs that the near approach of McKinley's Administration has stimulated confidence and made money more plentiful.

The disbandment of the Chinese Six Companies, which occurred this week, marks another step in the decadence of the local Chinatown. For forty years this organization has been the banker and confidential agent of nearly every Chinaman in California. In its treasury were thousands of dollars to care for the sick and to remove the bones of the dead to China. It was trusted implicitly, and its officers were always men above reproach. No scandal ever tainted its management. It retained much of its old power until two years ago, when feuds in Chinatown led to the formation of the See Yup, or Four Companies. This was represented as not a seceder from the Six Companies, but a new organization, yet as it took two-thirds of the business away from the old society the result was the same.

A woman with a history died this week. She was Miss Julia Spauilding, who reached the great age of ninety-seven years. She was a washerwoman in the early days, who intrusted her savings, which amounted to several thousand dollars, to Harry Meiggs, a shipping merchant and banker. Meiggs got into difficulties and one day fled to Chili on one of his ships, leaving an army of mourning creditors behind. After several years she discovered that Meiggs had made a great fortune in Peru, so she set off for Callao, called on Meiggs and demanded what he owed her with full interest. He received her like a princess, entertained her lavishly and sent her home with all her demands paid in full. She shrewdly invested in San Francisco real estate, which brought her in a good income. Her example induced others to apply to Meiggs. In time he paid all his creditors, and his friends had a bill passed by the State Legislature giving him immunity for his crime, committed over forty years ago. Meiggs's discovery in another land and his voluntary payment of all his old debts forms one of the most curious episodes of pioneer life in California.

Modjeska has had a very successful week at the Baldwin. Her Lady Macbeth did not meet the anticipations of the critics, but in "Adrienne Lecouvreur" she surpassed herself and in her artistic make-up removed all signs of age. She closes the week with "Mary Stuart." No seats could be bought for the Saturday matinee three days ago. Louis James opens at the Baldwin on Monday in "Spartacus."

Shipments of California navel oranges to Florida have begun from Pomona, near Los Angeles. Orders have been received for a weekly consignment of oranges until March 15. Lemons are also being sent in large quantity to Florida.

Captain Thomas Meiers, who recently purchased for himself and associates seventeen claims in the Silver Bow district back of Juneau, Alaska, expects to develop a bonanza in low-grade ore which will surpass the famous Treadwell Mine, on Douglass Island. The ore averages $6.85 a ton, and the cost of working is less than at the Treadwell, where ore is worked for $1.10 a ton.

GUESTS AT JACKSONVILLE.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 6 (Special).—The following people have arrived at the Windsor Hotel here: Senator T. C. Platt and a party, Mrs. T. C. Platt and two children, of New-York; Colonel M. I. O'Brien, Mrs. G. B. Swift and her family, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Adams, Brooklyn; I. W. Dudley, New-York; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Luther W. McConnell, Chicago; H. W. De Forrest, C. F. Wattson, I. M. Clark, G. H. Redmond, New-York; H. C. Duval, president of the Florida Central Railroad.

IT HAS NO PAID EMPLOYES.

The New-York Female Sick Assistance Society was founded just at the close of the War of 1812 for the relief of the sick poor, without reference to color or nationality. The officers and managers constitute the visiting committee. The society has not a paid laborer, all serving without compensation, in order that all money contributed shall go to the relief of the sick poor. This society does a work that cares for all needy sick persons, including those who have no church affiliations and strangers without friends or means. As many of its members and subscribers have died, and their liberal gifts and legacies have been spent in the work, the society, feeling the depression of the times, is in urgent need of immediate relief to carry on its work, and appeals to the generous public to help by gifts of money. The society provides coal, flannels and bedding, procures the filling of prescriptions and the nourishment necessary to the recovery of the sick.

The large number of individuals out of employment, and who in consequence, when sickness comes, are unable to help themselves, makes this work a public necessity. All gifts will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the treasurer, Miss Catherine Pryer, No. 52 West Twenty-seventh-st.

REVIEW OF THE FIRST BATTERY.

The 1st Battery, Captain Louis Wendel, was reviewed by General Louis Fitzgerald at the armory, in Forty-fourth-st., on Tuesday evening. After the review General Fitzgerald presented medals for long service to the following members of the command: For twenty years, First Sergeant John G. Jansen; fifteen years, Captain Louis Wendel; ten years, Lieutenant Robert M. Lyman and Quartermaster-Sergeant George Knauer. Medals for 100 per cent duty were presented to Sergeant Herman Ringelman, Sergeant M. Siegfried, Corporal William Jost, Trumpeter John Haux, First Sergeant John G. Jansen, Corporal H. Clayton, Corporal Henry Sendel, Lance Corporal Oscar Zschoge and Privates R. Ireland, H. W. March, Charles Goechus, Charles H. Munger, Guldon Sergeant M. Keller, Sergeant Frank Keller, Sergeant Frank Connell, Corporal F. W. Esper and Privates George M. Cockle, Frank P. Coulton and John E. Mathews. Quartermaster-Sergeant George Knauer received a gold watch from his comrades.

ATLANTIC CITY IN WHITE.

A BRIEF TOUCH OF WINTER WELCOMED AT THE SEASHORE.

SOCIAL INCIDENTS OF THE WEEK—NEW-YORK GUESTS AT THE HOTELS.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 6 (Special).—It is rare that Atlantic City has a genuine visitation of winter weather, but this week the City-by-the-Sea found itself within the territory that was mantled by the falling snow. To both visitors and residents this proved a decided novelty instead of a disagreeable condition, and was appreciated for the enjoyment it afforded, only limited by the short duration of the storm. In three days every evidence of winter had been obliterated and Atlantic City once more experienced a restoration of its usually mild temperature and enlivening breezes. Lasting as it did but a short time, the storm in no way impeded travel or diminished the number of arrivals, which this week has been larger than in any previous one this winter.

The social incidents of the week have proven highly entertaining, and the arrangements made for those to take place in the near future promise a wealth of entertainment and will speedily while away the winter days. On Wednesday evening a novelty in this line took place, which attracted much favorable criticism from the large and fashionable audience that crowded the Morris Guards Armory. The affair was given by the Photographic Society, and consisted of interesting displays on canvas of the efforts of the amateur photographers under whose auspices the entertainment was given. The views had been taken in almost every part of the United States, and included a large number of reproductions of local interest. At the conclusion a dance was given in which over three hundred people participated.

One of the last progressive euchre parties of the winter series, for the benefit of the Sanatorium Free Bed Fund, was held Tuesday night, and in point of attendance and enjoyment was the most successful yet held. The last affair of this character for the benefit of the same charity will be held on the 23d inst., and every effort is being put forth in order to accommodate the anticipated large number of players. Fifty valuable prizes will be offered to the contestants and every detail in connection with it will be given on the same large scale.

A "blue tea" was held Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian Church, the proceeds of which were devoted to the general church fund. The affair was under the supervision of the young men of the congregation, who not only prepared the menu, but acted in the serving of it. The financial encouragement therefrom was most satisfactory.

"The Modern Tableau" was the title selected by the young ladies of the Olivet Presbyterian Church for their entertainment, which was held Friday evening. The novelty introduced was that of doing away entirely with the services of the men, and in addition to the presenting of the programme the women assumed the responsibility even of acting as ushers. The result proved a most satisfactory addition to the fund for the building of the new church.

Among the private entertainments of the week were three given by Mrs. A. Brown Endicott, wife of the City Solicitor, who, at her home on States-ave., last Wednesday, in the morning entertained the Daughters of the Revolution; in the afternoon the Women's Research Club, who in addition held a most interesting discussion on popular subjects, and in the evening the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church.

The Vocal Union have announced next Thursday evening to be the date of their first public concert, which will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall. In addition to glees, choruses, etc., the programme will contain much notable musical talent, both vocal and instrumental.

The work on the improvements along the beach front has been moving rapidly, and everything is gradually getting into shape. The management of the ocean pier have begun the erection of the foundation for a tramway to connect the entrance of the pier with the extreme ocean end. A small car, propelled by electricity, will make frequent trips for this distance, and aside from the novelty of the ride it will undoubtedly prove convenient to patrons, as the distance now exceeds 1,500 feet.

Among the New-Yorkers in town this week have been the following:

At Kuehnle's Hotel—L. A. Manager, D. L. Lustig, G. L. Lewis, W. W. Rose, H. N. Carpenter, J. L. Marcean, L. J. Worth, T. F. Rosegrant, G. Fred Pollock and H. L. Benson.

At the Hotel Dennis—Miss Johns and E. P. Guernsey.

At the Shelburne—Miss N. E. Townley and T. P. Nisbett.

At Haddon Hall—Mr. and Mrs. George A. Lee, Miss C. Wise, Mrs. F. C. Lyon, W. L. Anderson, O. M. Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Anthony, G. B. Shoemaker, R. H. Warren, A. Sullivant, H. B. McQueen, H. A. Ensign, R. H. Warren and G. W. Gregerson.

At the Seaside House—Samuel Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Durrel, H. Durrel, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Baines, T. Supplee, H. Walton, A. H. Rhinehart, P. H. Bernard and E. B. Ellsworth.

At the Hotel Traymore—Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomson.

GENERAL ROLOFF AGAIN ARRESTED.

HE, WITH DR. LUIS, MUST ANSWER TO A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY IN BALTIMORE.

General Carlos Roloff, Secretary of War of the Cuban Provisional Government, and Dr. José J. Luis were arrested yesterday in Commissioner Shields's office, in the Federal Building, on two warrants requiring them to appear in Baltimore for trial to answer charges of "conspiracy" and "aiding and abetting" in connection with a filibustering expedition which left Baltimore for Cuba in July, 1895. They furnished $3,500 bail each.

Assistant United States District-Attorney Hinman consented to the dismissal of charges against General Roloff preferred in this city in connection with the filibustering expedition on the steamship Woodall, which took place in 1895, and consented to Dr. Luis's release upon his own recognizance in the same case.

The hearing of the charges against Dr. Luis and Enrique Trujillo, an editor, to the effect that they were concerned in the steamship Horsa expedition was set for yesterday, but Leon J. Benoit, who appeared for them, waived examination before Commissioner Shields, and the matter goes before the Federal Grand Jury.

To-morrow at 10 o'clock Assistant United States District-Attorney Hinman will move, before Judge Brown, in the United States Criminal Court, for the removal of General Roloff and Dr. Luis to Baltimore. It is believed that this formality will end all legal proceedings against Cuban patriots in the United States courts in this city.

There is a belief among prominent Cubans in this city that a sensational move against the Junta is in contemplation by the Spanish authorities. Just what form they anticipate it will take they will not say.

TWO CHARGES AGAINST MRS. MARTIN.

SHE IS HELD FOR ANNOYING HENLEY, AND IS TO BE EXAMINED AS TO AN UNPAID BOARD BILL.

The principal figure in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday morning was Mrs. Hoffman Martin, the actress, whose trouble with the landlord of the Mystic Apartment-house, Thirty-ninth-st., near Broadway, brought her considerable notoriety several months ago. Two weeks ago she had E. J. Henley, an actor, in court, and charged him with the larceny of $50. In court the next day the charge against him was dismissed. Since then Henley says that Mrs. Martin has been sending him and his wife threatening and insulting letters, and on Friday he went to Jefferson Market Court and obtained a summons for her appearance in court yesterday morning. Shortly afterward Mrs. Helen A. Ralph, who keeps a boarding-house at No. 22 West Twenty-seventh-st., also applied to Magistrate Deuel for a warrant for Mrs. Martin's arrest, alleging that she had defrauded her out of $51 on a boarding-house bill. The warrant was given to Court Officer Dugan to serve, and he arrested Mrs. Martin at No. 50 West Thirty-fifth-st. yesterday morning.

She appeared in court dressed in the latest fashion. The actor's complaint was taken up first, and he, through his lawyer, John Reilly, of No. 320 Broadway, put in evidence several letters received by himself and Mr. Henley in which Mrs. Martin advised him that it would be best for him to return her $5 if he did not want trouble. John Nagle, manager of Margaret Mather's company, testified in corroboration of the evidence submitted by Mr. Henley, and Magistrate Deuel held her in $300 bail to keep the peace with the actor. She did not have a bondsman ready, and was locked up.

She was held for examination until to-morrow in the case of Mrs. Ralph's charge. Mrs. Martin acted as her own lawyer, but made a poor one. She denied that she owed the money to Mrs. Ralph or that she had ever meant to threaten Henley.

FALSELY ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Chief of Police Harding and Detective Oliver, of New-Brunswick, N. J., went to Police Headquarters yesterday forenoon to look at James C. Taleaferro, the travelling salesman who was arrested in Cincinnati several days ago, and who was believed to be Thomas A. Stout, an alleged forger, who was charged with having swindled Jones, Kennett & Hopkins, of Wall-st., out of $16,000 on forged checks. The prisoner was brought to New-York on the complaint of the Holland Trust Company, one of whose employes identified him as Stout.

Detective Oliver and Chief Harding have known Stout, the alleged forger, for a great many years. The prisoner, Taleaferro, was brought before Harding and Oliver, who at once agreed in saying that he was not Stout. In view of their positive declaration, Taleaferro was at once sent to the District-Attorney's office by Captain O'Brien, and it is likely that he will be discharged from custody. Taleaferro came willingly to this city from Cincinnati, but said that he was not the man wanted, and he now threatens to bring suit for false imprisonment against the Holland Trust Company.

LAKEWOOD GAYETIES.

SLEIGHING, SKATING, DANCING AND PARTY-GOING FILL IN THE TIME.

A TALK ON WORK AMONG THE INDIAN WOMEN—NEW ARRIVALS AT THE COTTAGES AND HOTELS.

Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 6 (Special).—The sleighing here this week has been fine, not only in the drives, but on the streets of the village, so that wheels are the exception and the chime of sleigh-bells fills the air. Early in the week, before the snowfall of Tuesday, there was skating on a long highway of cleared ice opposite the Laurel-in-the-Pines. Ice harvesters are at work again filling the houses with clear ice that averages seven inches in thickness.

The considerable addition to the cottage colony this week testifies to the popularity of cottage life at this resort. Mrs. Frederic R. Coudert has spent the week at the Laurel House while arranging the cottage at Clifton-ave. and Fifth-st. for their occupancy to-day. Mrs. Charles H. Godfrey, of New-York, went to occupy Dr. Dashiell's cottage in Upper Madison-ave. on Tuesday. C. W. Mayer, of Philadelphia, has taken the cottage at Clifton-ave. and Second-st., and arrived with his family. William H. Cutter and Mrs. Cutter, of Woodbridge, are occupying the Stothard cottage near Lexington-ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey F. Kerr go to-day to take possession of the cottage at Third-st. and Forest-ave.

Lakewood cottagers have suffered no discomfort during the succeeding cold waves and storms, which has served to emphasize the cheerful comfort of their homes in the pines. A beautiful spot in the midst of the snow was the greenhouse of the Misses Leslie in Forest-ave. Miss Leslie has two greenhouses, one a nursery, where young plants are brought forward, and the other, opening off the dining-room, is a mass of exquisite bloom and fragrance. Rare bulbous plants share the space with those brought by Miss Leslie from countries she has visited. A stag horn aloe from the Rock of Gibraltar, anemones from the Roman Campagna and semi-tropical plants from Florida and the South—to say nothing of the heliotrope, stephanotis, yellow Southern jasmine, azaleas, daffodils and nasturtiums, together with hundreds of others that bloom in defiance to the snow outside.

After rather a dearth of intellectual entertainment this winter, Lakewood cottagers listened to a delightful reading by Miss Edith M. Thomas at the Oaks this morning. Miss Thomas came at the special request of personal friends, and the eager manner with which the limited number of tickets was purchased testified to an appreciation of her poetry. There was no attempt at elocutionary art, Miss Thomas appearing simply as a poet reading her poems. Professor William H. Carpenter introduced Miss Thomas with a pleasing speech, in which he praised the classical purity of her verse and called her the greatest woman poet of America. The reading was arranged by Mrs. Clarence C. Curtiss, Mrs. George W. Stockly and Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Sidney Lanier, will read from her husband's poems at the Oaks next Saturday.

Mrs. Waldo Richards will give a dramatic and dialect recital at the Laurel House to-night for the benefit of the Lakewood Library.

The dinner and dance at the Country Club last Saturday night was attended by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Haddock, who had as their guests Miss Beard and Mr. Miley; Mrs. James Converse had as her guests Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Vail, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight M. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bage Kerr.

Mrs. Kingdon gave a luncheon at Hilltop on Tuesday, when the guests were Mrs. Samuel S. Beard, Mrs. D. L. Schwartz, Mrs. William H. Carpenter, Mrs. W. R. Bynner and Mrs. Edward L. Harding. The house was beautifully decorated with American Beauty roses, while the decorations of the tables were pink roses and white hyacinths, with American Beauty roses and violets as favors.

Mrs. William A. Hamilton entertained a company of friends at cards and a Welsh rabbit at her home in Fourth-st. on Wednesday evening. The party that joined Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton at whist included Mrs. Kingdon, Mrs. Washington Durbrow, Mr. Miley and Mr. Converse.

Mrs. A. W. Kenney gave a luncheon in honor of the birthday of her friend, Miss Myers, on Wednesday. The entertainment was the first given in the new home built by Mr. and Mrs. Kenney in the summer. There were extremely pretty table decorations of pink, crimson and white carnations with maidenhair fern. There was also a birthday cake to honor the occasion.

Three church and charity meetings took place this week. The February meeting of the Woman's Aid Society of All Saints' Church was held in the parish house on Monday afternoon. The most important business of the meeting was to perfect arrangements and plan costumes for the annual sale of the society—a Lady Washington tea party on February 20.

Tuesday's storm prevented a large attendance at the meeting of the Sewing Club, which met with Miss Laura Kimball at the home of Dr. W. S. Kimball, in Lexington-ave.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of All Saints' Church, which was held in the parish house on Wednesday, was particularly interesting, in that Miss Sybil Carter, who teaches lace-making to Indian women on the Western reservations, spoke at length of her work. As a missionary some years ago Miss Carter formed the opinion that there was a difference between the actual idleness and the attributed laziness of the Indian women, and it was Miss Carter who conceived the idea of teaching them lace-making, and carried it into effect. She remained among them five years, and from the twelve pupils first gathered by Miss Carter the result is now seven schools with as many teachers—four in Minnesota, one in Nevada, one in Wyoming and one in Oklahoma. Miss Carter finds the women eager to learn and capable of reproducing pillow lace made in Italy 200 years ago, as well as Venetian lace of a later date. They also make original designs in lace and embroidery. The Indians are clever needle-women, and Miss Carter laughingly told of their criticism of the sewing on the garments in missionary boxes, and later of the change wrought in their lives by the lacemaking—from dirty, careless living to clean, comfortable homes in which the chiefs are interested. Miss Carter spoke of the dreadful suffering from scrofula among the boardbound infants, and told how she had done much to avert it. Continuing in a lighter vein, she told two beautiful Sioux legends of the birds, and closed with a statement of the financial aspects of this only industry for Indian women. A number of examples of the lace were shown, and Miss Carter expressed her pleasure at a recent order for a valuable piece to be shown at the World's Fair in Paris as the work of the women of the North American Indians.

Although deep snow covers the links, there is no diminution of golfing interest. The trophies to be played for at the tournament of the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club have made a brave show in the window of a Main-st. jeweller this week. Mrs. Gould's tankard, the large three-handled loving-cup presented by the club, Dwight M. Harris's alpine cup in the form of a club bag, and the minor prizes of a cut-glass cigar jar with silver tip, a silver flask and cigar-box. The dates of the tournament are February 12 and 13, although the snow makes those dates somewhat doubtful at present. At the Laurel-in-the-Pines the cup recently presented to the Golf Club of Lakewood by Francis P. Freeman has been shown this week. The cup is a handsome one, with a highly burnished surface broken by a band design in repousse, which continues partly over the two handles, and appropriate inscriptions. The cup is given for the weekly handicap play, open to members and season subscribers, on Saturdays during February and March. It would seem that in the event of the links being unfit for play on any of the eight Saturdays, the contest for Mr. Freeman's cup might well run into April.

Announcement is made that J. Stuart Blackton, the cartoonist, will give three entertainments at the three leading hotels next week, in the interest of the Sick Babies' Fund. As arranged at present, Blackton will appear at the Lakewood Hotel on February 11, at the Laurel-in-the-Pines on February 12 and on February 13 at the Laurel House.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Strong entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dwight M. Harris at dinner at the Laurel-in-the-Pines on Sunday evening. A party of golfers who are staying at this house while waiting for the snow to melt on the links includes Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilmot and Lathrop Colgate, of New-York. Mr. Porter will give the annual masquerade ball for his employes in the main dining-room of the house next Thursday evening.

To-night at the Lakewood Hotel there will be a musical and dramatic entertainment in the ballroom. Miss Anna Terbune Martin will appear in recitations and a monologue; Elizabeth Rieter, soprano, will sing; Corinne Flint will play the violin, and Miss Isabel McCall will be accompanist.

Mr. Silleck will give a dance for his guests on Lincoln's Birthday, which will be followed by entertainments in rapid succession until Washington's Birthday.

Lucius Hosmer, the leader of the Laurel House orchestra, has just finished the score of a comic opera, "The Walking Delegate." The libretto is written by Charles Emerson Cook, Editor of "The Boston Budget," and John B. Schoeffel will produce the opera at the Tremont Theatre in Boston on May 31.

Among the prominent New-Jersey people who have visited the Laurel House this week are Mr. and Mrs. John C. Smock and Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. St. John, of Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Flavel McGee, of Jersey City, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mulford, of Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Schalck, of New-York, celebrated their golden wedding at the Palmer House on Tuesday. A numerous company of children and grandchildren came down from town, and Mr. and Mrs. Schalck were the recipients of flowers and congratulatory telegrams from a wide circle of acquaintances.

M. C. Bouveer, of New-York, and Miss Bouveer are recent arrivals at the Lakewood Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic J. de Peyster arrived at the Laurel-in-the-Pines this week.

Mrs. C. W. Dunstan is the guest of Francis P. Freeman at Edgmere. Mr. Freeman leaves Lakewood to sail for Bermuda next Wednesday. He will be absent about three weeks.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Morgan Dix are among prominent arrivals at the Laurel House.

Among the New-York arrivals at the Lakewood Hotel are M. C. Bouveer, Miss Bouveer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schiff, Louis Ranger, Louis Ranger, jr., J. Sergeant Cram, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. W. Sanger, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Booth, Henry Parish, D. C. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Warburg, Miss Susan Herterich, Miss Marie Herterich, Miss Sargent, A. Herterich, Miss Kelso, M. M. Belding, George Rosenthal, Charles C. Macy, O. M. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hoggson, G. G. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lohman, Judson S. Todd, H. Q. French, S. E. Altmeyer, Mrs. E. M. Storms, Henry Bill, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Stedman, M. Van Wezel, G. Hirschberg, W. B. Pendleton, W. B. Roe, Miss Claude Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. B. Schwattman, J. S. Carr, Mr. Coe, W. C. Rollins, Miss Frankie Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Marksenstein, William P. Burr, John Jackson, George Southack, A. Sampter and Alwyn Ball, jr.

Late arrivals from New-York at the Laurel House include the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Morgan Dix, Mr. and Mrs. George Jeremiah, Miss Marjorie Stevenson, Mrs. Cyrus Clark, Mrs. W. H. Pomeroy, George H. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, John Taylor, Franklin W. Boyd, Mrs. J. H. Hinton, Frank McConnell, J. E. Burke, Mrs. F. R. Coudert, R. Van Nest, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Waddell, Miss E. Waddell, J. C. Whitney, H. Goodyne Stewart, the Rev. E. R. Stone, Dr. A. W. Stein, Charles W. Packard, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ropes, F. E. Hagemeyer, C. Gunther Miller, Henry P. Givens, D. Herbert Lloyd, Francis G. Lloyd, A. H. Angell, G. V. Onderdonk, Francis M. Roser and M. D. Barr.

Arrivals from New-York at the Laurel-in-the-Pines include Mr. and Mrs. Bowles Colgate, Miss Florence Colgate, Lathrop Colgate, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilmot, W. V. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gawtry, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stoeckel, the Misses Jackson, Lewis M. Norwood, E. E. Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bacon, William Macnaughton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams, Arthur Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Myles Standish, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Swords, J. L. Hutchison, Theodore W. Pierce, and Mrs. William Bliss, Miss Bliss, Miss Burrell and Mrs. C. E. Danforth arrived this week from Short Hills to remain until the house closes.

Among New-York arrivals at the Palmer House are Edwin H. Koehler, J. H. Koehler, Arnold W. Koehler, Miss Ida Robinson Adams, Mrs. E. J. Myers, Mrs. Leonard Benner, Mrs. Voorhees, Mrs. H. A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Levy, C. F. Searles, Miss J. Hirschhorn, Miss Hirschhorn, Miss Anna Regina Kelly, Mrs. W. G. Moore and David Goutheum.

A CUNNING ROGUE CAUGHT.

HE OBTAINED ADVERTISEMENTS FOR A PAPER THROUGH FORGERY.

A well-dressed man about thirty-six years old, who gave his name as W. E. Chapman, of No. 320 West Thirty-sixth-st., was arraigned in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday morning by Detective-Sergeant Doran and Detective Tinker, of the Central Office, who said that his right name was W. E. Cooley, and that he was one of the "slickest" all-around rascals they had ever had to deal with. For several months complaints were received by Captain O'Brien, chief of the Detective Bureau, to the effect that a man was going around town representing himself as an agent for a real estate paper and soliciting advertisements for it. He had the paper's blank receipts, which he would fill out, and then forge the signature of A. W. Sweet, treasurer of the paper, in return for sums ranging from $2 to $5 which he obtained for advertisements, which, of course, he never turned in to the paper.

The specific complaint made against him in court yesterday was preferred by Mrs. J. H. Blakeley, of No. 1,566 Broadway, whom he swindled in this way. By request of the detectives, he was remanded for examination until to-morrow.

In his rooms the detectives found a quantity of Bartholdi Hotel stationery, also a rubber stamp bearing the hotel signature, another one of the Y. M. C. A. of Twenty-third-st. and a bank stamp "certifier" of the Hudson River Bank, and a large quantity of blank bank checks of various banks throughout the country. Cooley, the detectives say, is wanted in New-Orleans and Philadelphia for forgery. When arrested by the detectives Friday night he showed fight, but they quickly subdued him. He was caught through a woman with whom he had been associated, but who is now unfriendly to him.

LABOR MEN CONFER WITH ROOSEVELT.

A committee of labor men, consisting of George K. Lloyd, of the Tin and Sheet Iron Workers; John Maher, of the Cab Drivers' Union; Robert Ainslow, of the Stone Cutters' Union; John Henry, secretary of the Central Labor Union, and W. J. O'Brien, of the Board of Walking Delegates, called on President Roosevelt yesterday and conferred with him in regard to devising a general system of co-operation between the police and strikers to govern labor disturbances. The committee made several suggestions, which, however, the Commissioner did not approve of. They suggested it would be well to keep the police away from the places where there was no danger of violence, and they also proposed to allow their pickets to pass through the police lines in order to dissuade non-union men from taking the place of the strikers.

Commissioner Roosevelt said it was the duty of the police to anticipate trouble as much as it was to quell it. As for permitting the pickets to pass through the police lines, he told the committee that this would be inadvisable and might lead to unnecessary disturbance.

The Commissioner said that no general system could be adopted to govern strikes in a co-operative way, but he saw no reason why pleasant arrangements could not be entered into between the police and the workingmen to govern strikes which were anticipated or already in progress. The committee went away well satisfied with its visit.

THE NEW OFFICIAL REGISTER.

The new Official Register has been issued by the Adjutant-General's Department. It contains, besides the names of all officers of the National Guard, now in service, and the names of Governor Morton's staff, the staff of the present Commander-in-Chief. The names of Chief of Engineers and Governor Black's military secretary are not given in the published list. On the list of Governor Morton's staff the name of Edward Morris Hoffman appears as Inspector-General, and the name of General McLewee, who served in that capacity up to within eleven hours of the expiration of his term of office, does not appear in the book. The little volume is poorly bound, and the cover is made of paper much inferior to that which was used on previous books of the same kind.

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Lot 4—Printed Warp Gros Grain and Taffeta, light colorings, **69** cts.; original prices, $1.00 to $1.75.

Lot 5—Brocade Gros Grain and Peau de Soie, dark colorings, **98** cts.; original prices, $1.75 to $2.00.

Lot 6—Printed Warp Gros Grain and Taffeta, **98** cts.; original prices, $1.50 to $2.00.

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All new and desirable.

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Lot 10—22-inch Black Satin Pekin Stripes, **69** cts.; stock price, $1.00.
Lot 11—22-inch Black Satin Brocades, **98** cts.; stock price, $1.50.
Lot 12—20-inch Black Moire Velour, **95** cts.; stock price, $1.25.
Lot 13—21-inch Black Moire Velour, **$1.09**; stock price, $1.35.
Lot 14—22-inch Black Moire Velour, **$1.29**; stock price, $1.50.

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Lot 18—20-inch Black Taffeta, indestructible, **85** cts.; stock price, $1.00.
Lot 19—19-inch Black Satin Rhadames, **59** cts.; stock price, 75 cts.
Lot 20—24-inch Black Satin Rhadames, **79** cts.; stock price, 98 cts.
Lot 21—21-inch Black Satin Rhadames, **98** cts.; stock price, $1.25.
Lot 22—21-inch Black Satin Rhadames, **$1.19**; stock price, $1.39.
Lot 23—21-inch Black Satin Luxor, **85** cts.; stock price, $1.15.
Lot 24—22-inch Black Satin Luxor, **95** cts.; stock price, $1.25.
Lot 25—23-inch Black Satin Luxor, **$1.09**; stock price, $1.39.
Lot 26—23-inch Black Satin Luxor, **$1.29**; stock price, $1.50.
Lot 27—22-inch Black Faille Francaise, **89** cts.; stock price, $1.15.
Lot 28—22-inch Black Faille Francaise, **98** cts.; stock price, $1.35.
Lot 29—20-inch Black Satin Duchesse, **59** cts.; stock price, 69 cts.
Lot 30—22-inch Black Satin Duchesse, **69** cts.; stock price, 89 cts.
Lot 31—22-inch Black Satin Duchesse, **89** cts.; stock price, $1.15.
Lot 32—27-inch Black Satin Duchesse, **98** cts.; stock price, $1.25.
Lot 33—24-inch Black Satin Duchesse, **$1.29**; stock price, $1.50.
Lot 34—22-inch Black Satin Duchesse, **$1.39**; stock price, $1.75.
Lot 35—22-inch Black Satin Duchesse, **$1.69**; stock price, $2.00.
Lot 36—22-inch Black Satin Duchesse, **$1.89**; stock price, $2.25.
Lot 37—21-inch Black Gros Grain, **72** cts.; stock price, $1.00.
Lot 38—22-inch Black Gros Grain, **95** cts.; stock price, $1.25.
Lot 39—22-inch Black Gros Grain, **$1.09**; stock price, $1.50.

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