IN THE CYCLING WORLD.

STRIKE AMONG THE TRACK BUILDERS AT THE GARDEN.

GOOD SPORT PROMISED TO-NIGHT—DINNER OF THE CYCLE BOARD OF TRADE IN BROOKLYN—POOR PROSPECTS FOR ROADS TO-MORROW—NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The management of the cycle tournament at Madison Square Garden to-night promises that everything will be in readiness for the racing men and the public. The track has been built under the direction of the old-time rider, C. Ashinger, and the veteran has had his troubles. He says that he is out $200 on the job, because he has had to work his forces overtime. He hired men who were not members of the union for $1 a day, it is said. This fact brought about trouble yesterday afternoon. A walking delegate made his appearance and ordered a strike at once, when Manager Powers came in and put a stop to the trouble. All the non-union men left the building, and the work went on as if nothing had happened. It is promised that the track will be ready for the racing men to practise on early this afternoon. W. W. Wilson, of Buffalo, will be the clerk of the course to-night and Albert Mott will be the referee. During the six-day race Messrs. Batchelder and Wilson will alternate as referee.

The annual dinner and election of the Cycle Board of Trade of Long Island was held at the Argyle, in Brooklyn, on Thursday night. The reports showed that the treasury was in good shape and the association in the best condition. The election of officers resulted as follows: George W. Bennett, president; C. Weeks, jr., vice-president; E. H. Smith, secretary; J. H. Wilcox, treasurer; C. Weeks, jr., J. H. Wilcox, H. Osborn, W. Devine and H. L. Wilkins, Finance Committee.

The reports received at the headquarters of the League of American Wheelmen for this district yesterday are, as expected, rather discouraging for those who hope to take their usual Sunday rides awheel. The rain and snow have left the suburban roads in wretched condition, and it is doubtful whether it will clear off in time for the roads to dry out by Sunday. The cyclists expect bad weather for Monday, and that day of the week is now known as "Black Monday" among the wheelmen.

Elaborate preparations have been made for the Cuban Fair, to be held this week in the Arcade, at Tillary and Washington sts., Brooklyn. The opening will take place Monday night at 8 o'clock. There will be thirty-six booths. The executive and other committees have arranged a dozen or more voting contests, the winners of which will be presented with bicycles, pianos and other articles. A pool tournament, open to all comers, will be conducted by the Logan Wheelmen, who have secured a number of entries. The Kings County and Paramount Wheelmen will conduct voting contests for the most popular Brooklyn clergymen and the most popular Brooklyn postoffice employe.

The winners of the prize medals offered by Captain Gibb of the Century Wheelmen to the three members attending the largest number of regular club runs during the season of 1897, were as follows: First prize, J. P. Walsh, 34 runs; second prize, F. L. Latham, 33 runs; third prize, Edmund Munck, 33 runs. Of the 37 runs scheduled for the season, 3 were postponed on account of rain, and 24 took place, with an average attendance of 57, varying from 26 to 172. The road officers were not included in the competition.

The New-Jersey Division of the League of American Wheelmen held its annual meeting in the Davis Parlors, Newark, last night, and elected seventeen delegates to the National League. The treasurer's report showed a good balance. The membership increased over three thousand during the year, and there were about seventeen hundred lapses. A resolution was adopted indorsing a proposed legislative bill to place the Hudson County Boulevard in charge of a commissioner appointed by Justice Lippincott. The salary of the secretary-treasurer was made $750. C. Frank Kireker was re-elected chief consul.

The Windsor Terrace Wheelmen held their first reception Thursday night in the club parlors, which have been refurnished. Dancing was indulged in and refreshments were served, after an entertainment by Miss L. Post, mezzo-soprano soloist; Miss L. Cunzy, soprano soloist; George Rose, elocutionist; A. Frank, barytone soloist; L. Simmelkiair, piano soloist; F. Miner, tenor soloist, and the Chapple brothers, mandolin medley.

Cyclists desiring to join the League of American Wheelmen may obtain full printed information and membership blanks by sending names and addresses to the Cycling Editor, The Tribune.

BELGIUM ADOPTS MILITARY BICYCLES.

Washington, Dec. 3 (Special).—The War Department has learned that the Belgian Government, after severe tests, has adopted for its corps of cyclist riflemen, recently organized, a folding bicycle, which overcomes all objections to wheels tried by other governments, its low frame enabling soldiers to dismount, and, while standing astride the top bar of the frame, fire and resume their saddle without difficulty. The machines were tested by a detachment of twenty men and three officers in a month's steady riding, averaging one hundred kilometres a day under the most trying circumstances, with fifteen days' rain and twenty days of soft roads. Besides the regular day's runs, reconnoissances were made over rough fields, marshes and fields and through woods, the wheels being readily folded and carried on the back without much inconvenience, the weight of each machine being about thirty-two pounds. Ten makes of wheels were tested, including one from America, which was too light.

A DENTIST FINED $350.

A heavy fine was inflicted in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday upon Frank Wallington, the proprietor of the Knickerbocker Dental Parlors, of No. 645 Eighth-ave., for practising dentistry without a license. Gaetano Amato, an agent of the Dental Society, and Peter Golden, who said he was a professional bicycle rider, swore that Wallington had done work for them and had accepted money in payment. Wallington, who is a man seventy years old, admitted that he had been fined $100 for two similar offences in 1893, but swore that he was only the manager of the place and that his nephew, Frank W. Wallington, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Dental School, was the proprietor. In passing sentence on Wallington, Presiding Justice Hayes said that if there ever was a case deserving to be punished it was this. He sentenced Wallington to pay a fine of $350 or to serve sixty days in the City Prison. The fine was paid.

SUFFERED FROM ALCOHOL, NOT OPIUM.

The young woman who was taken to Roosevelt Hospital on Thursday night, supposedly suffering from poison, was discharged from the hospital yesterday, it having been discovered that she was suffering from the effects of alcohol, and not opium. She said that she was Margaret Harris, of East Orange, N. J., and said that she became ill on the way home and accepted the assistance of the man who accompanied her to the drug store. No attempt, she said, was made by him or any one else to rob her.

A WAY TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC.

The Commissioner of Public Works has sent a letter to the Board of Aldermen, suggesting that, on account of the rush of traffic in some of the narrow downtown streets at some times in the day, an ordinance be passed directing that certain streets shall be used only for traffic going to the westward, and others for eastward traffic, excepting where the destination of a vehicle is in the street. Finger-posts, he suggests, could be placed at street corners to direct traffic.

ALDERMAN BROWN'S PROPERTY.

Alderman Nicholas T. Brown yesterday expressed annoyance on account of a report that he had transferred all his real estate to his wife previous to her death, and that her sisters were about to bring a suit for a division of the property. He said he did transfer his real estate to his wife at one time, in order that he might not have to go on bonds, but his wife transferred the property back to him and there could be no legal proceedings to divide the property among his wife's sisters. The report, he said, had been started to injure him politically.

A CHALLENGE TO SPIRITUALISTS.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 3.—President Becker of the National Anti-Spiritualist Association, at Adrian, Mich., has issued an invitation to the National Spiritualist Association to join in appointing a committee to meet a similar one from the Anti-Spiritualist Association, thoroughly to investigate the phenomenon of modern Spiritualism. Full opportunity is to be given to Spiritualists to state their belief and show phenomena, and equal opportunity for full investigation of the phenomena.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS TO BE TRIED.

Providence, Dec. 3.—Edward Kennedy, William Anthony and David Anthony, Christian Scientists, were adjudged probably guilty of illegally practising medicine, after a hearing in the Sixth District Court to-day, and they were bound over to a higher court. During the hearing counsel for the defence raised the question of jurisdiction, urging that the law, as interpreted by the State Medical Board, interfered with the religious liberty of the defendants.

SAYS THE POLICEMAN MADE HIM SWIM.

A PEDLER CHARGES THAT HE WAS SHOT AT UNTIL HE JUMPED INTO THE RIVER.

Michael Hennessey, a pedler, of No. 1,209 First-ave., made serious charges at Police Headquarters yesterday against Patrolman John B. Samson, of the East Sixty-seventh-st. station. Hennessey said that Samson compelled him to jump into the East River several nights ago, and to swim several blocks before he could get out of the water. Inspector McLaughlin, who heard the charges, decided that the case should be investigated, and Samson will be tried before the Commissioners.

Hennessey keeps his horse in a stable in Seventy-fourth-st., east of First-ave. About 4 a. m. on November 23, he said yesterday, he, with two other pedlers, named McCormick and Gorman, were going to the stable to get their horses and wagons, when, near Seventy-third-st., they met Policeman Samson. The policeman asked where they were going, and when they told him that they were going to work replied, "You lie like thieves." He rapped for assistance, and another policeman came. Samson, so Hennessey said, told the policeman that he wanted to have the three men identified, and took them to a watchman in Seventy-third-st., but the watchman did not know them. Then, Hennessey alleges, Samson said, "Let's take them to the dock and give them a ducking," and the two policemen compelled the three men to go to a dump at the end of Seventy-third-st. When they got there Samson said that it would be a good thing to give them a swim. A scow was lying at the dump, and the three men were compelled to walk to the top of the dump and to jump into the scow. Then, according to the pedler, Samson fired several shots between their legs and with an oath commanded them to jump overboard and swim. McCormick and Gorman said they could not swim, and Hennessey said he begged to be allowed to take his coat off. Samson rapled, "You'll take off nothing." He then fired another shot between their legs.

Hennessey said yesterday that he then jumped overboard, and the tide carried him as far as Seventy-fourth-st., where he tried to land, but was unable to climb upon the pier. He swam as far as Seventy-eighth-st., where he climbed upon a coal barge and made his way to the East Eighty-eighth-st. police station, where he sought assistance. The sergeant, seeing that his clothes were wet, suspected that he escared from Blackwell's Island and held him as a suspicious person. There had been no escapes, so Hennessey was discharged in the Harlem Police Court in the morning.

The three pedlers identified Policeman Samson yesterday, but they could not tell who the other policeman was.

F. HOPKINSON SMITH BRINGS A SUIT.

WANTS HIS SHARE OF THE PROFITS OF A LIGHT-HOUSE BUILDING CONTRACT.

F. Hopkinson Smith, the artist and author, and James Symington have brought a suit in the Supreme Court directed against William H. Flaherty. All of the parties are contractors, and the complainants are partners in business. In the action Mr. Smith figures as Francis H. Smith. According to the complaint, both plaintiff and defendant were bidders for the contract for the construction of two lighthouses, one at Plum Beach and the other at Smith's Point, N. J. There was an agreement, so it is alleged that if either of the two firms secured the contract the profits were to be divided. The Smith's Point contract was awarded to Flaherty at a bid of $40,000, and Flaherty borrowed $1,500 from Smith & Symington. After the work had been completed Flaherty repudiated his agreement.

Smith & Symington secured an injunction restraining him from disposing of the profits pending a trial of their suit, and yesterday Flaherty asked Justice Andrews to vacate the injunction. Decision was reserved.

CANNOT ACQUIRE BENSONIA CEMETERY.

SMALL PARKS LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CITY NORTH OF THE HARLEM.

The Board of Street Openings at its meeting yesterday received from Corporation Counsel Scott an opinion that the Small Parks law did not apply to that part of the city north of the Harlem River, and that therefore it did not authorize the acquirement for park purposes of the old Bensonia Cemetery, in Morrisania, which has become neglected and a resort for tramps. The final maps for the Rivington Street Park were approved, as were those for the new street on Washington Heights, which the Board decided to call Highbridge Terrace, although it is not near Highbridge.

Mr. Scott advised the Board that the application for a mandamus, which is to be argued in the Supreme Court on Monday, did not nullify the plan for extending the Riverside Drive by means of a viaduct as far as One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth-st., even if the Board is obliged to consider plans for extending the Drive still further. A number of petitions for small street openings were placed before the Board from the North Side, and referred to Commissioner Haffen, of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.

"Is there any ground up there in your country left for more streets?" asked the Mayor of Mr. Haffen, jokingly. "I want to leave you a little work to do when you get to be President of the Borough."

"Only about enough territory to make two-thirds of Manhattan Borough," replied the President-elect of the Bronx.

"Well, I'm going to be in business at No. 75 Worth-st. after January 1 myself, and I wouldn't like to leave you without something to occupy your time."

MOTHER AND CHILDREN STARVING.

THEY CAME FROM IRELAND A MONTH AGO, THE MOTHER HOPING TO FIND WORK AND PLENTY.

A mother and three children were found suffering from hunger, much emaciated, and living in squalid quarters in West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., yesterday afternoon. The mother was Mrs. Mary Daly, forty years old, and the children were Mary, six years old; Ann, five years, and Ellen, fourteen months. They were living with the brother of Mrs. Daly, Patrick Duffy, who is a driver of a car of the Boulevard line. He reported at the West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. police station that Mrs. Daly and her children were suffering from a contagious disease. Dr. Heath, of Manhattan Hospital, investigated the cases and pronounced the rash that had broken out on the persons of the mother and her children scurvy superinduced by starvation and excessive toil.

Mrs. Daly said that she came from Ireland about one month ago. Her husband died several years ago; she worked hard in order to provide for her children and to raise enough money to come to America, where she supposed that any woman could obtain work if she wanted to work, and where she heard that work was easier and pay much better. When she arrived in this country she went to the home of her brother, Patrick Duffy. She found that he earned only $8 a week, and it was all that he could do to support his wife and two children on his wages, but he received his sister and her children, and Mrs. Daly worked hard to get enough to eat, and often went without food, until finally she broke down.

The children were removed to Bellevue Hospital, and Mrs. Daly was taken to the Harlem Hospital.

PROMOTIONS BY THE FIRE BOARD.

After the executive session of the Fire Board yesterday President Sheffield announced the following promotions of firemen and engineers to the grade of assistant foremen: William J. Duffy, E. T. Galloway, John F. Higgins, Martin M. Coleman, John F. King, Joseph Crawley, Henry Hauck, William Lawrence, T. J. Graham, William Wieland, Joseph A. O'Connor, John T. Howe, John Walker, G. H. Winters, Peter Andrews, Charles Sherridan, James Malone and James B. Kiernan. This is the largest number of promotions made at one time in the Department for many years.

Chief Bonner yesterday detailed Captain Alexander D. Aiken, of Engine Company No. 55, as acting chief of the 3d Battalion, and transferred Lieutenant M. J. Fitzgerald from Engine No. 33 to Engine No. 1, Lieutenant John E. Farley from Hook and Ladder No. 12 to Hook and Ladder No. 9, and Captain Henry Burnett from Engine No. 19 to command Hook and Ladder No. 11.

The promotions leave a large number of vacancies in the uniformed force, and the Commissioners will probably soon appoint another batch of new men.

RAW CALFSKINS ON THE FREE LIST.

The United States Board of General Appraisers yesterday decided that under the Dingley tariff raw calfskins are admitted free of duty, as raw skins, and not classified as uncured hides of cattle, which are subject to a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem. The case was that of Josef Haberman, of this city, who objected to paying the duty imposed, but many other importations are affected by the decision.

POLICEMAN HANNIGAN ON TRIAL.

Policeman John J. Hannigan, of the East One-hundred-and-fourth-st. station, who on Thanksgiving Day shot Charles McNally, of No. 205 East One-hundred-and-seventh-st., was tried before Colonel Smith at Police Headquarters yesterday on the charge of discharging his pistol in the street and shooting McNally. Hannigan pleaded not guilty. The boy, his father and several other witnesses appeared against Hannigan, and both tales as to the shooting which were published at the time were repeated. Captain Creeden, who is in charge of the East One-hundred-and-fourth-st. station, gave Hannigan a good character. A slight fuss was caused in the courtroom by the appearance of a lawyer and a reporter from a sensational newspaper, who wished to prosecute Policeman Hannigan on behalf of the McNally boy. Colonel Smith declined to hear the lawyer, asserting that the boy needed no counsel, and that the case was simply one of an alleged infraction of the rules of the Department. The Commissioner did not announce any decision on the charge.

UNCLE AND NEPHEW DISAGREE.

CARL D. JACKSON IS APPOINTED RECEIVER TO DISSOLVE HIS PARTNERSHIP WITH JOHN B. COLE.

Justice Andrews, of the Supreme Court, has appointed Carl D. Jackson receiver for the firm of C. D. Jackson & Co., marble importers, of No. 1 Maiden Lane, on the application of Guggenheimer, Untermeyer & Marshall, in a suit brought by Mr. Jackson against his partner, John B. Cole, for a dissolution of the firm and an accounting. The matter is a partnership dispute. The firm is perfectly solvent, it is declared, and has assets of $52,000, with liabilities of $16,000. Mr. Cole is an uncle of Mr. Jackson. Justice Andrews indorsed the papers as follows: "I think it would be doing a great injustice to appoint any one receiver other than the plaintiff himself, and he will be appointed."

The receivership was asked for on the ground of the peculiar nature of the business, and because it was alleged that Mr. Cole has no interest in the partnership assets, never had any capital in the business and is a large debtor to the firm. On behalf of Mr. Jackson it was alleged that when the firm was formed, on October 31, 1895, he invested net business assets of $17,188, and Mr. Cole was to invest a like amount in cash, but instead of doing so he gave his note for $7,088, which was never paid, handed in $10,000 to the firm and immediately withdrew not only that, but a large part of Mr. Jackson's contribution. Without a dollar at stake in the enterprise, it is charged that Mr. Cole withdrew $17,000 profits in two years, made the firm's bank a clearing-house for his private real estate operations, and is indebted to the firm $25,203.

A scene at the office of the firm on November 1, growing out of negotiations for an amicable dissolution, is described by Mr. Jackson, who said that Mr. Cole offended him "most grievously by saying that I was heartless and ungrateful and that he would ruin me, and after some hot words had passed between us, he brandished a steel paper-cutter in his uplifted hand, and, with his other hand, struck me under the chin. I determined not to engage in any unseemly encounter of this kind, and I defended myself as best I could without striking him."

Einstein & Townsend appeared for Mr. Cole, who put in a general denial, and declared that he had contributed materially to the support of Mr. Jackson from his birth, had brought him over from Germany in 1893, paying his expenses, had started him in business with a loan of $1,000 in 1894, had become surety for him for $25,000, and had supplied him with money to go to Europe in July, 1894, when profitable agencies were secured for this country, which were the main strength of the firm's business. Mr. Cole declared that Mr. Jackson "has garbled figures which set forth my financial relations with the firm by stating the debit side only, without giving me credit for deposits aggregating nearly $100,000. I have drawn no money out of the copartnership except with his approval and consent, and a large portion of the checks drawn for me were signed by himself individually. All my transactions with the firm have been and are still open for examination, and have, as I have been informed, been properly entered in the firm's books."

In addition to the marble business Mr. Cole is a large real estate operator and builder, and he declared to the Court that he is worth $300,000, without counting the marble business, and that instead of being indebted to the firm, the copartnership is indebted to him.

OTHER BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

Deputy-Sheriff Whoriskey received an attachment yesterday against the Kent & Stanley Company, limited, manufacturers of jewelry, of No. 21 Maiden Lane, with factory at Providence, R. I., for $6,087, from Hays & Greenbaum, in favor of Albert Lorsch & Co., of this city, and took charge of the New-York office. "Bradstreet's" reports state that Benjamin H. Childs has been appointed receiver for the company at Providence. The business was started twenty-eight years ago and was incorporated in 1891 with a capital stock of $500,000. The company became financially embarrassed in January, 1896, by erecting a big factory. The liabilities at that time were reported to be $450,000 and nominal assets $965,000. An extension was finally arranged with the creditors in December, 1895, by the payment of 25 per cent cash and 75 per cent in extension notes, due in December, 1897. The company was unable to meet the extension notes, and has been trying to effect a compromise at 40 cents, which was accepted by nearly all the creditors, but an attachment for $30,000 put on the factory property at Providence by the American National Bank on November 17 tied up the settlement. The Sheriff found no stock in the New-York office to levy upon. There were only the safe and office furniture.

Justice Andrews, of the Supreme Court, has appointed William M. Lawrence receiver for the Reynold's Card Manufacturing Company, formerly at No. 57 to 61 Prince-st., on the application of Joseph B. Farley, a judgment creditor for $1,047. The only asset of value, it was stated, is a judgment against the New-York Bank Note Company for $27,000 which is in the Court of Appeals. This judgment has been assigned as collateral security for some old claims against the company, and the validity of the assignment is questioned. The company became financially embarrassed a year ago.

William G. Bates has been appointed receiver in supplementary proceedings for Louis G. Muller, of No. 146 Central Park West, by Judge Fitzsimons, of the City Court, on the application of Dannat & Pell. Mr. Muller is a lumber merchant, and has been in that line for about six years.

Deputy-Sheriff Simonson has received an attachment again Frank M. Threadgill, of Lynchburg, Va., for $22,519, in favor of Moses Bijur, on two notes made by Mr. Threadgill to P. Rufe & Co., of Reading, Penn., which were indorsed by the latter to Mr. Bijur. The attachment was served on an express company here.

THE SALE OF THE GLOVER COLLECTION.

The sale of the collection of William A. Glover ended yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries, at No. 366 Fifth-ave. This sale has included an important collection of Chippendale and Adam furniture, Worcester, Minton, Crown Derby, Dresden and Sèvres porcelains, fans, shawls and miniatures. The sale was attended by a number of people, and valuable pieces were disposed of, among them being some rare old English and Dutch hall clocks. The balance of the collection of Chippendale and Adam furniture was also sold yesterday.

The Fifth Avenue Art Galleries, Origies & Co., managers, will announce another extensive sale of rare art goods and paintings prior to the holidays.

SERMONS BY DR. J. R. PAXTON.

The Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton was welcomed at the New-York Presbyterian Church last Sunday by a congregation that completely filled the edifice. He will occupy the pulpit for many Sundays to come. The church is well appointed in all respects, and its situation, Seventh-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st., could hardly be improved in its prospective advantage. It is remote from any other Presbyterian church. This is the church from which the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Robinson has recently retired, and to which he had faithfully ministered for the last five years.

BOARD OF ELECTRICAL CONTROL.

The Board of Electrical Control yesterday listened to arguments in the Mayor's office upon the application of the East Chester Electric Lighting Company for the privilege of erecting poles and carrying out its contract to light streets in Wakefield. Representatives of the company said that only electric light wires would be allowed on the poles. The Board decided to make an investigation, and postponed the decision of the matter till the meeting of next Tuesday.

The Park Avenue Improvement Association applied to the Board for permission to lay a subway along Park-ave. while the avenue is torn up. The Board recommended that the residents of Park-ave. get the Manhattan Lighting Company to string wires along the Central Railroad's elevated structure.

ROOMS FOR THE CITY COURT.

The Department of Public Works has at last taken action toward providing a courtroom in which to try some of the suits pending in the City Court. A force of men was set to work in the old brownstone building in Chambers-st. yesterday, to prepare the room on the top floor facing Chambers-st. for a courtroom. Into this will move the Special Term, while the room facing the City Hall Park will be occupied by Part IV. for the trial of short causes. Workmen were also at work there yesterday, erecting a jury box. The calendar will be called in this room on Monday, and on Wednesday the trial of cases will proceed. Rooms for the other three trial parts will then be prepared.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Presbyterian Union will be given this year at the Hotel Savoy on the evening of Monday, December 13, and James Yereance, the chairman of the Executive Committee, has announced that tickets can be procured from Henry R. Elliot, at No. 111 Fifth-ave. Among the guests and speakers expected at the dinner are Bishop Potter, the Rev. Samuel McComb, Robert C. Ogden and the Rev. Dr. George F. Pentecost.

JUDGE VAN WYCK'S SUCCESSOR.

The report has lately been circulated that Governor Black would appoint Assistant District-Attorney David Mitchell to succeed Judge Van Wyck as a Judge of the City Court. This report was coupled yesterday morning with the statement that District-Attorney Olcott went to Albany last Wednesday and told Governor Black that he would not accept the place himself, and asked the Governor to appoint Mr. Mitchell, and that the Governor then agreed to make that appointment. Mr. Olcott said yesterday that there was not truth in the report that he had tried to influence the Governor in the matter, and that furthermore he was not in Albany on Wednesday. However, the impression prevails that Mr. Mitchell will be appointed to succeed Judge Van Wyck.

AT THE ASTOR HOUSE.

The Astor House can boast of being a pioneer among American hotels in the matter of cooking by gas. It discovered some years ago the advantages of the method, which other hotels and restaurants have only come to perceive recently. So when inquirers go to the manager of the Astor House to ask him how he likes his apparatus for cooking by gas, his first answer is apt to be a little indignant. Would he have been using it for six years or more if he didn't like it? Then, settling down to something more specific, he will declare that he would not take $1,000 for his combination broiler, or his gas-range, if it were not possible to replace them. Everybody knows how large a transient custom the Astor House restaurant has. On days like the Washington Centennial or the Grant Monument Day, when the city is crowded with strangers, the number of chops and steaks broiled and served in the Astor House is almost fabulous. Yet the combination gas broiler in the kitchen is ready to meet all demands, and could broil for a regiment every day if necessary. How much does the gas cost? Well, they refuse to discuss that question at the Astor House. All they look to is the perfect results—perfect cooking, satisfied guests. A few dollars more or less do not count in comparison. But the cost is surprisingly small, all things considered.

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NAME OF THE NEW LINE.

The new steamship line to India from this port, which The Tribune announced yesterday is to be started, is to be called the America and India Steamship Company. It has been organized by Bucknall Bros., of London, who have chartered for long periods the steamers Sahara, Inchmona and Munificent. The Sahara was to sail to-morrow, starting the regular service to India, but it is probable that she will not be ready to start till a day or so later. The Inchmona arrived yesterday at Philadelphia, and she will come to this port soon to load, so as to sail in a couple of weeks. The third ship of the line, the Munificent, will arrive here about January 5. The sailings from this port will be one steamer in about every three weeks. The future plans of the company are not yet fully arranged, and it has not been decided to carry passengers at present. The agents for the line in this country are Norton & Son.

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