MEETING OF THE S. A. R.

A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH S. R. MEMBERS ON UNION.

COMMEMORATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED-AND-FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL TO HIS OFFICERS IN FRAUNCE'S TAVERN—CHARLES STEWART SMITH MAKES AN ADDRESS.

A meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, Empire State Society, was held at the rooms of the Building Trades Club, in the Townsend Building, Broadway and Twenty-fifth-st., last evening. In commemoration of the 115th anniversary of Washington's farewell to his officers in Fraunces' Tavern, the ordinary business meeting was curtailed, several matters of importance being held over until next month, and addresses on the incident commemorated were given by Charles Stewart Smith, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Colonel Ralph E. Prime.

Walter S. Logan, senior vice-president of the society, presided, and among those present were Stephen M. Wright, secretary; Colonel John C. Calhoun, E. Hagaman Hall, Lucius E. Chittenden, C. W. Haskins, ex-Judge Warren Higley, D. C. Green, of Troy; Donald McLean, Ira B. Stewart, E. J. Chaffee and Lieutenant Sears, U. S. N.

The secretary read a letter from the Building Trades Club offering the use of their rooms for the meetings of the society. A vote of thanks to the club was passed.

A private letter was read suggesting that a committee be appointed to act in conjunction with any committee that may be appointed by the Sons of the Revolution, with a view to further consideration of the question of the union of the two societies. The secretary moved that a committee of five be appointed. He remarked that he was of opinion that the question of the revision of membership lists had been the nullifying cause in previous attempts at union, and that if this question were settled the two societies might yet come to an agreement. The motion was carried.

A handsome illuminated address was presented to Colonel Calhoun. On it was inscribed a resolution passed at the meeting of the society on October 18, complimenting Colonel Calhoun on his successful efforts, when sent to France by the society, in obtaining the co-operation of Frenchmen in the celebration of the anniversary of the Treaty of Alliance between France and the United States. It also congratulated Colonel Calhoun on his work as chairman of the Washington-Rochambeau Monument Committee of 1894. He was elected an honorary life member of the society. The presentation was made by E. Hagaman Hall, and Colonel Calhoun, in reply, thanked the society for the resolution, which, he said, he considered the greatest compliment of his life.

Charles Stewart Smith then gave an interesting address, tracing the history of the Chamber of Commerce. He said that Fraunce's Tavern was not only memorable as the place where Washington made his farewell to his officers, but also because, years before the Revolution, the Chamber of Commerce was organized in it. At the end of the Colonial period there were 135 members of the Chamber. Some of them were English, and others in sympathy with Great Britain, but many of them supported the Colonies in the struggle with the mother country. It should never be forgotten that they were indebted to the first president of the Chamber, John Cruger, for bringing to this country the greatest statesman and administrative genius America had ever known, Alexander Hamilton, who was born in the West Indies, and who, had it not been for Cruger's help, might never have seen the country for which he did so much.

Colonel Ralph E. Prime read a paper written by General Thomas F. Ewing on "Washington's Farewell to the Army, and the Evacuation of New-York by the British," and after some further business the meeting adjourned.

WILL JOIN THE NATIONAL SOCIETY.

NEW-JERSEY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ADOPT A RESOLUTION FAVORING CONSOLIDATION.

The New-Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution, held a special meeting in the Chancery Chambers, in Newark, yesterday, and passed a resolution adopting the plan of union with the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution, which was formulated and adopted, subject to the judgment of the State organizations, at a meeting of the National representatives of the two bodies in Cincinnati on October 12. John Whitehead, of Morristown, the president of the New-Jersey Society, explained the object of the meeting, and a letter from Franklin Murphy, secretary-general of the National Sons of the American Revolution, was read, in which pleasure was expressed that thirteen State societies had favored consolidation. President Whitehead; General Rusling, of Trenton; the Rev. Dr. Halley, of Hackensack; Noel R. Parke, of Cranford, and others spoke in favor of consolidation. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

DR. M'ILVAINE TO BE ORDAINED DEACON.

THE FORMER PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER ACCEPTED AS A CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

At the last meeting of the standing committee of the diocese of New-York four men were recommended as candidates for holy orders, three were recommended for ordination to the order of deacon and two for advancement from the diaconate to the priesthood. Among those who were recommended for ordination to the diaconate in the Episcopal Church is the Rev. Dr. James H. McIlvaine, formerly one of the leading clergymen in the Presbyterian denomination in this city. Dr. McIlvaine was for many years the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, at Madison-ave. and Thirty-fifth-st. When that church sold its property and united with the old Brick Church, at Fifth-ave. and Thirty-seventh-st., of which the Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke is the pastor, about four years ago, Dr. McIlvaine became co-pastor with Dr. van Dyke. The co-ordinate pastorate continued for two years, at the expiration of which time Dr. McIlvaine resigned, and went to Europe for a season of travel and rest.

Nothing was heard from the former New-York minister by his associates here until last winter, when it was announced that he had left the Presbyterian body and had joined the communion of the Episcopal Church, having been confirmed in the American Church of St. Paul's, in Rome, of which the Rev. R. J. Nevin is the rector.

He expressed a desire to Bishop Potter to enter the priesthood of the Episcopal Church, and on his return to this city some months ago was accepted as a candidate for holy orders. His ordination as deacon will take place within a few weeks.

THE BATTLE ON AT LAST.

From The Mail and Express.

Compromise with dishonor has at last been cast aside by the representatives of the Republican majority in this city. Temporizing is at an end. Duplicity is on the run, and party principle is in hot pursuit. The men who have pledged their efforts and their honor to the rescue of the party in New-York County from those whose business has been to betray it have heeded the voice of wisdom and closed their ears to the song of a siren who caresses but to destroy.

Yesterday afternoon the Platt machine leaders met in conference with Quigg the incapable. The result of this conference was the customary amount of "flapdoodle" and concession; the usual promises of fair conduct in the future if honesty would but indorse foul methods in the present. Platt's satellites simply bulged with honorable intentions—to be taken on trust. One thing only they omitted to concede—the postponement of the primaries and no creation of a new County Committee until the rolls shall have been purged and the guarantees of victory of the unrighteous destroyed. But as this concession was a necessary forerunner of recognition for all virtuous protestations, the whole scheme of bunco naturally fell to the ground.

The reply of the anti-machine majority to the Platt machine determination to hold the primaries on the 14th and on the fraudulent enrolment, as scheduled, was brief but adequate. It shuts the door of integrity in the face of all sycophants and lime-servers. It serves notice upon the Platt masqueraders that they are known and appreciated at their true worth. It refuses to receive a flag of truce from behind which protrudes the knife of the assassin. Harmony is lovely, and peace is a thing of perennial joy. But where harmony is inconsistent with principle and peace with honor is impossible, then it is time to buckle on the armor, with a vow to give and to ask no quarter.

This represents the recent past and the present, and we trust shadows the future, of the true Republican manhood of this city, defiant of boss rule, intolerant of disaster deliberately planned through personal resentment, and inspired by a resolve to destroy a baseness of party control which is fatal to party success.

Platt has sealed his own doom. The men who last night sent him their ultimatum have but to maintain an unbroken front, and advance intelligently and vigorously under competent and uncompromising leadership against a demoralized foe. The issue cannot then be in doubt. Victory must perch on the banner of truth and honor.

WARM WORDS OF PRAISE.

From The Easton (Penn.) Free Press.

The prospectus of The New-York Tribune appears in "The Free Press" to-day, and merits attention. The New-York Tribune has long been known as the great expounder of sound Republican doctrine, and in this respect has a wider fame than any other newspaper now published. Few, if any, of the prominent Republican newspapers of to-day existed when The Tribune, under Horace Greeley, began its splendid career. None has consistently advocated the true Republican principles so long as this great journal. It is published daily, including Sunday, has a weekly and a semi-weekly issue, and supplements the whole with the annual publication of one of the most complete almanacs that issues from any office. The Tribune commands respect, and, with many, almost reverence, so identified is it with the history of the great Republican party.

THE PRESS CLUB DINNER.

SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT HOWARD, MAYOR STRONG, CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW AND OTHERS.

The annual dinner of the Press Club was held at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. In previous years the dinner has been held in Delmonico's, but last night the scene of the club's anniversary was transferred to the big ballroom of the new hotel. There were about three hundred and fifty persons present to help the club celebrate its silver jubilee, as it was the twenty-fifth annual reunion. Joseph Howard, who has just been re-elected to serve his fourth term as president, presided. There was a departure from the old-time style in the placing of the tables and the seating of the guests. At the upper end of the room was, on a raised platform, the table for the president and the honored guests of the evening. The others were seated at the various tables over the room. These tables were divided up to accommodate eight each, and in this way little parties of congenial companions were made up.

For the first time in the history of the club women were admitted. The big ballroom, wherein the dinner was held, is surrounded by a tier of boxes in the balcony, and to these boxes women had access. The orchestra was stationed in the music gallery, away above this tier of boxes. The menu was an exceptionally elaborate one, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

It was a late hour when Mr. Howard arose and pounded his gavel for attention. At Mr. Howard's right sat Mayor Strong, and at his left was seated Monsignor Martinelli, the Papal Delegate. Others at the guests' table were Chauncey M. Depew, Governor John W. Griggs of New-Jersey, Charles Emory Smith, Editor of "The Philadelphia Press"; Union N. Bethell, Recorder John W. Goff, Dr. John Friederich, the Rev. Dr. F. Z. Rooker, W. Bourke Cockran, John Swinton and James Poonton.

President Howard made an entertaining speech. He dilated upon the history of the club, its progress, its mission and its future. He introduced Mayor Strong, who made a half-humorous, half-serious speech, and spoke of the good the press of the great metropolis could do in expanding the greatness of the city. Chauncey M. Depew made one of his rollicking, happy and interesting speeches, and was cheered to the echo. Other speakers were Governor Griggs, Charles Emory Smith and Recorder Goff.

GOOD WORK OF AN ORGANIZATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE CHARITIES AID ASSOCIATION—JOSEPH H. CHOATE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the State Charities Aid Association was held yesterday afternoon in the United Charities Building, Joseph H. Choate, president of the association, presiding. This organization, established for the purpose of visiting public charitable institutions and securing improvement in their condition, has branches in forty-five counties. Reports from many of these branch organizations, upon the condition of the poorhouses and public hospitals in their localities, were presented at yesterday's meeting.

Miss Mary Vida Clark, assistant secretary of the association, gave an interesting account of recent visits to various State and county institutions. In the last three months Miss Clark has visited all the State hospitals for the insane, which now provide for some twenty thousand inmates, and in the year she visited nearly all the State charitable institutions and thirty-six county and city almshouses. The present condition of the insane in the various State hospitals, of the epileptics in the Craig Colony for Epileptics, of the various classes of the feeble-minded provided for in State institutions and of dependent children placed out in families or in private institutions, was contrasted with their lot when they were all mingled together in county poorhouses twenty-five years ago, when this association began its work. The aged, infirm and sick who remain in the county poorhouses are also receiving much better care since the other classes of inmates have been removed.

The Hospital Book and Newspaper Society, a branch of the State Charities Aid Association, reported that in the last year 8,858 books, 32,442 magazines and 79,248 papers were sent to the various institutions in the Departments of Charities and Correction and other charitable institutions, reading-rooms, clubs, etc. in New-York City and its vicinity.

Dr. George G. Wheelock, president of the New-York County Visiting Committee, spoke briefly on the condition of the various public institutions of this city, as reported by the visitors of that committee. The substantial additions to the buildings in the Charities Department, made under the law authorizing the sale of bonds to the amount of $1,000,000 for this purpose, were especially gratifying.

The secretary of the association spoke of its work in connection with the framing of the charities chapter of the Greater New-York charter. He said that the principal legislative changes secured by the association in recent years in the public charities of this city had been continued in the new charter and extended to the institutions of Brooklyn and Richmond County. The association proposed no new legislation in the last year, but felt called upon to take an active part in opposing several bills that were introduced, two of which were passed by the Legislature, but were successfully opposed, one before the Mayor of this city and one before the Governor.

The Committee on Providing Situations for Mothers with Babies reported that 311 situations had been provided in the year, and that a total of 368 mothers with their babies had been under its supervision in situations, mostly in the country. None of the mothers and only three of the babies died. This mortality rate, considerably less than 1 per cent, was considered most remarkable, particularly in comparison with the death rate among the babies in some public and private institutions. The total expenses of the agency for the year were $1,912.40, an average for each of the mothers and babies of about $5.20.

The Committee for the City and Town of Newburg, Mrs. F. D. Hitch, chairman, reported that it had maintained during the year an agency for visiting children who had been placed in families and for finding additional family homes for the dependent children of that city. An average of seventy children had been under its supervision, and eighteen carefully selected free homes had been provided during the year, from a total of 104 applications from families desiring to receive children.

The president said that in the last year the association had lost by death two of the most active members of its Board of Managers, Mrs. Lydig M. Hoyt and Miss Rosalie Butler, the latter of whom had also been for many years president of the New-York County Visiting Committee. Suitable minutes, in recognition of the faithful service of Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Butler, were presented and adopted.

The following persons were elected members of the Board of Managers for the coming year: Miss Helen C. Butler, George F. Canfield, Professor Charles F. Chandler, Joseph H. Choate, Charles H. Marshall, John A. McKim, Henry Osthout, Mrs. William B. Rice, Charles S. Fairchild, Professor Frederick H. Giddings, Dr. Charles Hitchcock, Carl Schurz, Miss Louisa Lee Schuyler, Dr. George G. Wheelock and Alfred T. White.

The newly elected Board of Managers met at the close of the meeting and elected the following officers: Joseph H. Choate, president; Mrs. William B. Rice, vice-president; Charles S. Fairchild, treasurer, and Mrs. Henry Osthout, librarian.

CHARACTERISTICS OF DR. DRISLER.

AN ABLE SCHOLAR AND A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR—PROFESSOR SLOANE'S TRIBUTE.

The late Dr. Drisler, who from 1835 up to his death on Tuesday was connected with Columbia as undergraduate, tutor, adjunct professor, professor, sometime acting president, dean of the arts faculty and finally an emeritus professor, was not a man of marked peculiarities. He was conservative, unostentatious and retiring, an able scholar and a good citizen.

Dr. Drisler was one of the first to turn to Germany for his knowledge of the higher branches, instead of following the customary route to Oxford.

Dr. Drisler was just and merciful to a fault. He always saw some good in an erring student, who, after a lecture by this kindly man, generally reformed. He was personally known to a greater number of alumni than most of the professors, owing, perhaps, to his long and continuous service, though he seldom, if ever, participated in any movements outside of his classroom.

Professor William M. Sloane, '68, who has become famous through his original historical researches, said to a Tribune reporter yesterday: "Dr. Drisler was as sound a scholar as any man under whose instruction I ever sat. He was a philologist in the widest sense. His pre-eminent quality was justice, and it was a pleasure to work for him, because you knew that he appreciated your every effort. He had rather a severe classroom manner, but behind there was a kind, a sympathetic heart, and none ever appealed to him in vain. His administrative abilities were good, and whenever he had to administer Columbia's affairs there was not that sense of slackness which generally characterizes an interregnum. Dr. Drisler was essentially a teacher and exercised the highest influence as such. In the classroom he never failed to command the respect of the students. He never unbent in the classroom, and never indulged in familiar talk, which is a pitfall to many teachers of mediocre powers."

MANY POSTMASTERS TO BE CONFIRMED.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Senate will have the appointments of about 738 Presidential postmasters on its hands for confirmation in the present month. All but 100 of these have been made by the President since the close of the extra session of Congress. The postmasters of Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Detroit are among them. Of the remaining 100 cases 40 are ready to be sent by the President at the opening of Congress and 60 others are expected in the month.

REPUBLICAN CONFERENCES.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK OF COMMITTEES WORKING FOR A NEW PARTY ORGANIZATION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Thirty-five, appointed at the Lyric Hall conference of the Republican Organization of the City of New-York on Friday night, was held last night at the rooms of the XXVIIth Assembly District Republican Club, Sixth-ave., between Forty-third and Forty-fourth sts. Representatives of the thirty-one of the thirty-five Assembly districts of the city were selected by the delegates of their respective districts at the Lyric Hall conference, and twenty-three of these were present at the meeting last night. H. B. Smith presided, and W. F. Daly acted as secretary. The situation was discussed, and the following sub-committee was chosen to confer on Tuesday night, at the same place, with the Plaza Club's Conference Committee on Policy and Plan of Organization: E. C. Cotter, IVth Assembly District; H. C. Piercy, Vth; W. F. Daly, XIVth; J. W. Hutchinson, XIXth; William Brookfield, XXVIIth, and H. B. Smith, XXXIst, with President Swayne and Vice-President Bagg, of the organization, as members ex-officio. This committee will meet to-morrow night at the home of Mr. Bagg, No. 135 West Forty-eighth-st., to formulate a plan to be presented for discussion at the conference with the Plaza Club's committee on Tuesday evening. The acting chairman of the Executive Committee was empowered to appoint a Committee on Organization, and, after passing a vote of thanks to the XXVIIth District Club for the use of its rooms, the committee adjourned.

THE XXIXTH DISTRICT ENROLMENT.

A SURPRISE MAY BE SPRUNG AT THE MEETING OF THE INVESTIGATORS TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The nine delegates to the Republican County Committee from the XXIXth Assembly District who are investigating the enrolment will meet again to-morrow evening at the XXIXth District Republican Club rooms, at No. 808 Lexington-ave., to continue the investigation. It is understood that a big surprise will be sprung on the committee by one of the election district chairmen, who will, in addition to producing the rolls of the district, give a complete history of the padding of the rolls.

This investigation was started by the fact that the Plaza Republican Club sent out 3,069 letters to enrolled Republicans, and had twelve hundred of these letters returned as being addressed to persons not found by the Postoffice officials. The committee has had a number of meetings, and the Republicans who are contesting the enrolment allege that a thorough investigation of the padded rolls has been carefully avoided by the committee. At the last meeting of the committee one of the election district chairmen said, when asked to produce the rolls of his district:

"I refuse to produce the rolls of my district unless directed to do so by the County Committee, and I will not allow any names to be stricken from them. Furthermore, I would say that Mr. Quigg wrote me a personal letter before the last primaries that the vote in my district would allow forty-six names to be added to the rolls. I went out and got them, and I now refuse to have them stricken off."

YEREANCE TO QUIGG.

WHAT HE PROPOSES IN ORDER TO SECURE A REUNITED PARTY.

President Quigg of the Republican County Committee has received a reply to the letter which he wrote to James Yereance recently in regard to a reform in party affairs and offering to have a committee appointed to confer with the Republicans who are opposed to the present management of the party. A copy of the letter could not be obtained, as Mr. Quigg is anxious to keep it strictly private at present, but it is understood that Mr. Yereance takes the position that the Republican organization has practically no existence at the present time, because nearly all the district associations have been disqualified from participating in the work of the organization under the operation of Article 28 of the party constitution, which provides that when the Republican vote at a general election falls short of the enrolment in any election district the association of that district must be dissolved.

It is further understood that Mr. Yereance has expressed his personal readiness for a reorganization of the Republican party in the greater city by the apportionment of a joint conference committee composed of men of the highest character and standing in the community, who shall consider the matter of a revised constitution to correct the abuses that have been allowed in the present organization. It is also declared that Mr. Yereance demands a new and correct enrolment of all Republicans in the various districts, and this enrolment shall be made in such a way that there can be no criticism about padding the rolls. He asks this that in the end there may be one united Republican party of New-York. It is expected that the entire correspondence between President Quigg and Mr. Yereance will be made public during this week.

BACKING FOR QUIGG BEING SOUGHT.

A paper setting forth the alleged zealous and efficient work of the Republican organization of which Lemuel E. Quigg is the nominal head, and pledging the subscriber to support of that organization under its present management and leadership, is being circulated for signature in some of the uptown Assembly districts. It has received the signatures of a good many of the faithful, but many other Republicans to whom it has been presented have refused to put their names to it.

TRACY'S VOTE IN THE XXIID.

Thomas F. Eagan, president of the McKinley Republican Club, has written a letter to The Tribune, stating that an error was made in a recent article which credited General Tracy with 1,934 votes in the XXIId Assembly District. "You will find," he writes, "that it was not even one thousand by examining the records.

THE TAMMANY CROWD AT LAKEWOOD.

MANY POLITICIANS JOIN THE SUITE OF THE BIG BOSS.

Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 4.—Perhaps there were never before at one time so many prominent politicians in Lakewood as at present. Judge Van Wyck was in close conference this morning with Mr. Croker and Mr. Carroll. Mr. Van Wyck politely said he was not yet ready to give out anything regarding appointments. The knowing ones says that the appointment of Corporation Counsel will go either to John Whalen or Vernon M. Davis, with the chances in favor of Whelan, if he will accept. De Lancey Nicoll, who is at the Laurel House, and who had a talk with Mr. Croker last night, denies, as he has before, that he is seeking the appointment of Corporation Counsel. John B. Sexton can be Under Sheriff, if he wants to, but it is said he is looking for another appointment.

Many politicians arrived in Lakewood on the afternoon train to-day. Several were the leaders of districts, and visited Lakewood with the hope of securing places for their constituents, while many came to boom their own chances for places under the new government. This evening there were many private conferences, but there was no general conference. This may take place to-morrow. On account of the disagreeable weather the Tammany braves all stayed within doors this evening.

Among those who came to Lakewood on the afternoon train to-day and immediately registered at the Lakewood Hotel were Bernard J. York and his son, of Brooklyn; William Dalton, Nicholas Muller, of Staten Island, the Democratic leader of the Borough of Richmond; Thomas W. Fitzgerald, also of Staten Island; Joseph W. Flynn, J. W. McDonald, William Pitt Mitchell, James F. McCabe, Thomas Donnelly, William E. Burke, Congressman Thomas J. Bradley, Chauncey Fitzgerald, Congressman William Sulzer, Controller-elect Bird S. Coler, Anthony Clinch, Thomas A. Harris, Charles J. Smith, Thomas J. Mulligan, Louis F. Haffen, President-elect of the Borough of The Bronx, and Councilman-elect Thomas Foley.

Nearly all were greeted in a pleasant manner by Mr. Croker, Judge Van Wyck and the Tammany men already on the ground, and most of this evening was spent in the billiard and smoking parlors. Many of the Tammany men here expect to return to New-York on the train leaving Lakewood at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

JUDGE VAN WYCK'S RESIGNATION.

Mayor-elect Robert A. Van Wyck has sent to Governor Black his resignation as Judge of the City Court. It is expected that the Governor will appoint a successor to Judge Van Wyck on Monday. Mr. Van Wyck has been Chief Judge of the City Court, but the man appointed to succeed him will not be Chief Judge, and will hold office for only a year. The Judges of the City Court will elect a Chief Judge. District-Attorney Olcott having declined to be a candidate for the appointment, it is expected that the Governor will appoint Assistant District-Attorney David Mitchell. Henry C. Botty and Elisha K. Camp, who were candidates for the office in the election, are also said to be candidates for appointment. The salary of the office is $10,000 a year.

SENATOR DANIEL RENOMINATED.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4.—The Democratic legislative caucus last night nominated John W. Daniel to succeed himself in the United States Senate.

OBITUARY.

ADOLPH NEUENDORFF.

Adolph Neuendorff, the well-known musician, died early yesterday morning, at his home, No. 219 East Eighteenth-st., from a complication of diseases, after a long illness. Neuendorff was born in Hamburg, on June 13, 1843. He came to this city when he was twelve years old, and studied music here. He took lessons on the violin from George Matzka, and on the piano from Dr. Gustav Schilling. He played the piano in public first at a concert in Dodworth Hall, in 1859. The next year he played the violin on a concert tour with his father in Brazil. In 1863 he returned to New-York and played in an orchestra, and the next year he became musical director at the German Theatre in Milwaukee. A year later he returned to New-York once more and studied for operatic work with Carl Anschutz. From this time till 1867 he conducted German opera in this city, and then till 1871 he was musical director at the Stadt Theatre, where he gave the first production of "Lohengrin" in this country.

He conducted opera at the Academy of Music in 1872, among the singers being Wachtel, whom he brought to this country, Parepa-Rosa, Adelaide Phillips and Santley. After this, for eleven years, he managed the German Theatre in this city. In 1876 he conducted the Beethoven Festival at the Academy of Music and in 1877 a Wagner festival, at which "Die Walküre" was produced. He became conductor of the New-York Philharmonic Society in 1878, and from 1884 till 1889 he directed a series of promenade concerts in Boston, which, however, was interrupted by engagements at the Central Park Garden, and with Hofmann, the boy pianist. For two seasons he travelled through the United States and Mexico as the director of the Emma Juch Opera Company. In 1891 he travelled with his wife, Georgine von Januschowsky, in Europe, and the next year they were both engaged in the unsuccessful venture with English opera at the Manhattan Opera House in this city. He and his wife then spent three years in Vienna, where the latter sang at the Imperial Opera House. They returned to this country in 1895, and since that time Mr. Neuendorff had devoted himself chiefly to concert work.

He was elected director of the Metropolitan Permanent Orchestra on the resignation of Anton Seidl, and at the beginning of last summer he conducted the concerts of this orchestra at the Madison Square Roof Garden. It was while these concerts were going on that he failed so much in health that he was obliged to give up his work and go to Europe, in the hope of improvement.

Mr. Neuendorff composed numerous works, including symphonies, overtures, cantatas, operas and songs.

JOHN RAUTH.

John Rauth died at his home, No. 182½ Conselyea-st., Brooklyn, on Thursday, after a brief illness. Mr. Rauth was thirty-four years old, and for fifteen years was associated in business with his father and brother as masons and builders. The firm built many large buildings in Brooklyn. Mr. Rauth was for many years prominent in the Master Masons' Association, holding the office of secretary. He was instrumental in the organization of the Home Club of the Fifteenth Ward in 1889, and as a charter member did much to make the association a success. He served for a number of years as a trustee and vice-president of the club. Mr. Rauth was a member of Ottmans Lodge, F. and A. M.; Chambers Tent, Knights of Maccabees; Continental Council, Legion of Honor, and the Bushwick Club.

A widow and two sons survive him. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock to-day, and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

RICHARDSON H. THURMAN.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Richardson H. Thurman, eighty-seven years old, a well-known financier, died suddenly at noon to-day, at his home, in Fourth-st. He had been ill from neuralgia about a week, but it was thought that he was much improved until a moment before his death.

WILLIAM BLAKE.

Pomona, Cal., Dec. 4.—William Blake, the first white settler in what is now Pomona County, is dead. He was born in New-York City, and was one of the soldiers with Frémont on his first expedition across the plains. He assisted, as lieutenant in the United States Army, in planting the Stars and Stripes first on Pike's Peak. He came to California with Frémont in 1847, and took part in the struggle about Monterey and Santa Cruz that wrested California from Mexico. He bore dispatches from Frémont to Commodore Sloat in negotiations for the transfer of the State from the Mexican to the United States Government.

DR. JAMES OLMSTEAD.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 4.—A dispatch received here from New-York this afternoon announced the death at the Hotel Grenoble, in that city, of Dr. James Olmstead, superintendent of the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane. Dr. Olmstead was fifty years old and a graduate of Yale. For twenty years he had been connected with the institution of which he was the head at the time of his death. He was a sufferer from nervous prostration.

THE REV. WILLIAM E. HENNING.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 4.—The Rev. William Edward Henning, a Presbyterian minister, died at Glens Falls last night. He was born in Ireland in 1824, and was educated at Belfast. He came to America in 1852, and settled at North Argyle, Washington County, where he remained until 1882, when he removed to Glens Falls. A widow and six children survive him.

THE NAMING OF THE KENTUCKY.

GOVERNOR BRADLEY SAYS THE MATTER WILL SOON BE SETTLED TO SUIT EVERYBODY.

Cincinnati, Dec. 4.—A Frankfort, Ky., special to "The Times-Star" says:

"Governor Bradley says he has received no request from his daughter, who is at Washington, to appoint Miss Richardson to name the battle-ship Kentucky, and under all the circumstances he could not now appoint Miss Richardson, even if his daughter urged him to do so, but that the whole affair will be arranged shortly to suit everybody."

DR. WELLMAN'S LECTURE.

The Rev. Dr. E. Homer Wellman, of the Church of the Atonement, Brooklyn, delivered his lecture on "Wonderful Alaska" to an audience which filled the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, No. 5 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., last night. The doctor spoke in a most telling way for nearly two hours, holding the attention of his audience from start to finish. The lecture was illustrated with more than one hundred views.

SECRETARY SHERMAN MUCH BETTER.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary Sherman was so much improved to-day that he transacted business at home, but did not venture out, owing to the inclement weather.

SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE RECOVERING.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, is gradually recovering from the long and somewhat painful attack of rheumatism which has kept him in his room and part of the time in bed for the last five weeks. He is now able to get about on crutches, but it will be several days before he can resume work.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

YESTERDAY'S RECORD AND TO-DAY'S FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The storm has moved from the Middle Mississippi Valley to the upper lake region, increasing in intensity, and causing rains from the Missouri and Lower Mississippi valley to the Atlantic coast except in Eastern Florida. The area of high pressure has remained nearly stationary in the middle plateau region, and this condition presages warm weather east of the Mississippi River for three or four days, preceded by colder in the East Gulf States. The temperature has fallen in the Middle and Lower Mississippi valleys, and has generally risen elsewhere. Showers may be expected in Northern New-England, clearing in the lake regions, the Ohio Valley and Southern New-England, and generally fair weather elsewhere.

FORECAST IN DETAIL FOR TO-DAY.

For Maine, New-Hampshire and Vermont, rain, probably clearing Sunday evening; south to southwest winds.

For Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Eastern New-York, rain, followed by fair Sunday afternoon; southerly winds, becoming westerly.

For Eastern Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, fair, preceded in the early Sunday morning by rain in extreme northern portions; southerly winds, becoming westerly.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

In this diagram a continuous white line shows the changes in pressure as indicated by The Tribune's self-recording barometer. The dotted line shows the temperature as recorded at Perry's Pharmacy.

Tribune Office, Dec. 5, 1 a. m.—The sky was overcast yesterday, with rain all day. The temperature ranged between 32 and 47 degrees, the average (39⅝ degrees) being 7 degrees higher than on Friday and 8⅛ degrees higher than on the corresponding day of last year. Rain is predicted for this morning, to be followed by fair weather this afternoon or evening.

JUSTICE VAN BRUNT AT THE LOTOS

A DINNER IN HIS HONOR—SPEECHES BY JOSEPH H. CHOATE AND OTHERS.

Charles H. Van Brunt, the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the First Department, was entertained at dinner last night by the members of the Lotos Club. The dinner was in honor of Justice Van Brunt's re-election to the Supreme Court. Among those present were many of the leading members of the bar and judiciary of New-York. Included among the guests who sat upon the right and left of Frank R. Lawrence, the president of the club, were Justice Joseph F. Daly, Justice Frederick Smyth, James A. Carter, Joseph H. Choate, Justice Charles H. Truax, Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, Justice William Rumsey, Justice Edward Paterson, Justice George L. Ingraham, Justice Pardon C. Williams, Joseph Larocque, C. C. Beaman, Austen G. Fox, Justice H. A. Gildersleeve, Justice H. W. Bookstaver, Justice J. J. Freedman, Justice P. H. Dugro, Justice A. R. Lawrence, ex-Mayor A. Oakey Hall, Controller-elect Bird S. Coler, Colonel Joel B. Ehrhardt, D. B. Sickels, ex-Surrogate R. S. Ransom, John Elderkin, General C. H. T. Collis, H. Grey Fiske, Dr. Louis L. Seaman, Chester S. Lord, Judge John Clinton Gray, William H. White and John D. Crimmins.

In introducing the guest of the evening, Mr. Lawrence remarked, in the course of his speech:

"In the course of his long service, the task fell upon Judge Van Brunt of taking the lead in establishing large changes in our judicial system, when three great courts were merged in one, and when the old General Term of the Supreme Court gave place to the new Appellate Division, clothed with far greater powers and more arduous duties. Owing to the devotion and to the industry of Presiding Justice Van Brunt, and the distinguished judges who have been associated with him, the court which two years ago was a great experiment is now firmly established in its usefulness as one of the most important parts of our system of administering the law."

Justice Van Brunt, in rising to respond to the toast of his health, was warmly greeted. At the outset he called forth peals of laughter by his humorous descriptions of the custom of the Lotos Club by inviting newly elected officials to their hospitable board in order that they might duly impress upon them their advice as to the path they should follow during their terms.

"I am here," continued Justice Van Brunt, "in an humble and receptive spirit with a determination to avail myself of all the good things set before me, whether in the shape of food or drink, or advice, and I expect before I leave to be informed as to how to act in my judicial conduct, and expect also that Brother Carter will solve the problem which always troubles the judiciary of how to settle the legal controversies of one party without disgusting the other."

The Lotos Club, however, through its speakers, had no words of advice or admonition for Judge Van Brunt. His fairness, his impartiality, his knowledge of the law and his dignified conduct on the bench were praised and commended by Joseph H. Choate, James C. Carter, Judge Gray, Judge Edward Patterson and Joseph Larocque.

INSANE FROM GOOD FORTUNE.

AN ACTRESS SO OVERJOYED AT SECURING A PART THAT HER RELATIVES TAKE HER TO BELLEVUE.

Gertrude Tappan, an actress, thirty years old, of No. 52 West One-hundred-and-second-st., was taken to Bellevue Hospital yesterday afternoon and placed in the insane pavilion. She arrived at the hospital in a coach, accompanied by her sister Georgiana, another woman and a male escort. Miss Tappan, according to her sister, had been unable for nearly two years to get a place. Three days ago, however, she was engaged for a part in "The Bride-Elect," Sousa's new opera. She was to go to rehearse on Monday, but the good fortune proved too much for her, and she began to brood and to have hallucinations. She grew worse and at last became so unmanageable that she had to be removed to the hospital. Dr. Robertson, of Bellevue, will examine her, and if she proves to be insane she will be removed to Bloomingdale.

TO REPORT ON THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 4.—R. Jackson, of the firm of E. D. Smith & Co., the contractors who built the wheel pit for the Niagara Power Company, said yesterday that on December 20 he would leave Chicago with a party of civil engineers and contractors, who would visit Nicaragua and look over the situation as regards the completion of the Nicaragua Canal. In the party there would be twenty men, and they would report upon the cost of doing the work.

CHANGE OF TIME TO NEW-ORLEANS, MEMPHIS, CHATTANOOGA.

The Norfolk and Western Railway change schedule to-day, leaving New-York with through sleeping cars to New Orleans at 2.00 P. M. Sundays, 3.25 P. M. from South Ferry and 3.30 P. M. from Liberty Street Ferry on week days, and Washington at 9.00 P. M. daily, arriving Chattanooga 5.40 P. M., New Orleans, 8.30 A. M. and Memphis 6.10 A. M.

MARRIED.

DU BOIS—LICHTENBERG—At San Rafael, Cal., on Wednesday, December 1, 1897, by the Rev. Mr. Crosby, at the residence of her parents, Anna Margaretha, daughter of William Lichtenberg, to Alfred Wagstaff Du Bois, of New-York.

Notices of marriages and deaths must be indorsed with full name and address.

DIED.

BAKER—At the residence of her son-in-law, Fellowes Davis, No. 57 West 48th-st., of heart failure, on Thursday, December 2, Frances Augusta, widow of George Baker, and daughter of the late William Beals, of Boston.
Funeral private.

BLATCHFORD—On December 3, 1897, at his residence, No. 57 Riverside Drive, Samuel Milford Blatchford, in his 62d year.
Funeral services at the church of the Heavenly Rest, 5th-ave. and 45th-st., on Monday, December 6, at 11:30 a. m.

BLODGETT—Suddenly, at Schenectady, N. Y., on Saturday, December 4, in his 36th year, George Reddington Blodgett, son of George Blodgett.
Funeral at Schenectady on Monday, December 6; services private.
Kindly omit flowers.

BOUCK—At his residence, Birdsall Bouck.
Funeral services at Grace Chapel, East 14th-st., near 1st-ave., Monday, 1:30 p. m.
Interment at Middleburgh, N. Y.

DAVENPORT—On Friday, December 3, 1897, after a short illness, William Lawrence Davenport.
Relatives and friends, also members of De Witt Clinton Council, No. 419, Royal Arcanum,