O'GRADY JAMS IT THROUGH.

PASSAGE OF THE GENESEE RIVER STORAGE DAM BILL.

TAMMANY VOTES LENT TO THE REPUBLICAN MACHINE TO GIVE AWAY AN IMMENSE FRANCHISE—STATE MAY STILL HAVE TO BUY WATER FOR THE ERIE CANAL.

Albany, March 29 (Special).—Speaker O'Grady "jammed" the Genesee River Power Company's bill through the Assembly to-day. He personally solicited members to vote for it. His appeals to the Democratic Assemblymen must have been especially powerful, as few of them voted against the measure. Only two Tammany votes were recorded in the negative.

The bill was urged upon the favorable attention of the Assemblymen under the plea that the Erie Canal would receive water from the reservoir to be formed by the construction of a dam at Portageville, on the Genesee River. Section 19 has been amended so that it reads as follows:

After the completion of the said main dam or reservoir, the said corporation shall during each canal navigation season in each year thereafter hold, subject to the requisition of the Superintendent of Public Works, for the use of the enlarged Erie Canal, two thousand five hundred million cubic feet of water, and said corporation shall, without expense to the State, at the opening of each canal season, furnish water needed to fill the Erie Canal for navigation purposes, and also during the same canal season further needed water for the canal, not exceeding one thousand five hundred million cubic feet. Said corporation shall be entitled to receive from the State for any additional water, compensation to be agreed upon between such corporation and the State Superintendent of Public Works. If, after filling the canal in the spring, the corporation does not furnish for the canal one thousand five hundred million cubic feet of water during the same canal season, the portion thereof not so used shall be credited to the canal, as against said corporation, and set off against any excess of one thousand five hundred million cubic feet used in any succeeding year; but the total amount which may be used by the State without compensation in any one year after filling the canal at the opening of the season, including such credit, shall not exceed two thousand five hundred million cubic feet.

Even this provision may still compel the State to buy water for the Erie Canal if it should be greatly enlarged. The State would thus have to buy back the water which it now grants to this corporation.

Section 6 still gives the corporation control of the water power of tributaries of the Genesee. This of itself is an immense grant, much greater than is apparent from a casual reading of the act. Section 6 says:

Said corporation shall have the right to utilize all the water-power incidentally created by the construction of said main dam or reservoir, and for the purpose of such utilization said corporation may construct, maintain and operate in and upon the Genesee River and its tributaries within one mile of the mouth of each of such tributaries and along the line thereof, at any and all points below the location of the aforesaid main dam or reservoir, all necessary power dams, subsidiary reservoirs, sluices, gates, trunks, irrigation canals and distributaries, hydraulic power, raceways and all other necessary appliances for the purpose of utilizing the water and water-power of the said river for the development of hydraulic and electrical power, and for the purpose of making and transmitting compressed air and for other purposes.

Assemblyman Perkins, of Rochester, was the main supporter of the bill. He said there was a fall of two hundred feet between Portageville and Rochester. In March and April, when the spring floods took place, the water ran to waste. It might be said that hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of power was thus lost. The only remedy was to erect a dam and store up the water. In 1895 a bill was passed for the construction of a dam at Mount Morris, but Governor Morton vetoed it because he thought private persons would be benefited more by it than the State. Now private persons were willing to pay for the dam. The State would have the right to take twice as much water as it now took for the canal. Why, therefore, should he not ask every man in the Assembly to support the measure?

Mr. Griggs, of Brooklyn, said the bill was a scheme to steal the Genesee River. The stream was to be given to a private corporation, and this corporation was to say what the State should pay for the water.

Mr. Oliver supported the bill on the ground that "Monroe County ought to have what it wants."

Mr. Litchard, of Allegany County, declared that the Legislature had no right to take the Genesee River. "What does this bill do?" he asked. "It makes the State of New-York get down on its knees and beg for water. It wipes out a village; it destroys railroad facilities; it renders a region unhealthful which is now healthful."

The bill was passed by a vote of 103 to 34. Speaker O'Grady did not vote. Mr. Weill and Mr. Mahar were the only Tammany men who voted against the measure. The other thirty-two members who had the courage to oppose this scheme were:

Boland, Cottle, Cowles, Dale, Davis, Ellis, Fish, Griggs, Hanna, Hill, Johnson, Kuliman, Laimbeer, Litchard, Lowenthal, Matteson, Palmer, Patton, Rapleo, Seligsberg, Simmons, Stoneman, Steifler, Tiffany, Tompkins, Tremper, Van Hoesen, Vincent, Vroman, Weekes, Wright and Zimmerman.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Albany, March 29.—Among the bills signed by Governor Black to-day were the following:

Senator Stranahan's, amending the Code of Civil Procedure relative to the service of notice in actions brought against the State or the city of New-York.

Senator Higbie's, repealing that section of the Fish and Game law which prohibited fishermen from allowing their nets to remain in the waters of Raritan Bay on Sunday.

Mr. Goodsell's, providing that the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial District, outside of Kings County, shall be the same as those of Justices in that county.

Mr. Shoeneck's, providing for the transfer to the general fund of New-York City of moneys held by the Treasurers of the several counties embraced within that city for the purpose of paying jurors' fees and fixing a time limit in which applications shall be made for such payment.

C. J. Clark's, providing that the closed season for meadow hens, mud hens, gallinule and grebe shall be from December 31 to August 15.

Mr. Pickett's, appropriating $5,000 for the improvement of highways by convict labor between Clinton Prison and Saranac Village.

Mr. Tripp's, making the office of Supervisor in Dutchess County a salaried one.

Mr. Miles's, amending the Adirondack Land Purchase act giving to the State Forest and Preserve Board exclusive power to bring actions to set aside cancellations of tax sales and to determine the title to lands in the State Adirondack Park.

Senator Stranahan's, amending the act incorporating the Oswego Water Works Company.

Senator Ahren's, providing that no insurance corporation transacting a credit guarantee business in this State shall advertise any assets or capitalization which are not held at the sole and exclusive risk of such business.

Mr. Tremper's, providing that no person shall conduct a transient retail business in any city of the third class, village or town in the State, unless he shall be licensed to do so by the local authorities.

BILLS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

Albany, March 29.—As soon as the Assembly met this morning it took up Senator Grady's bill permitting the city of New-York to lease a building for twenty-one years, instead of five years as at present, for court purposes. It was passed. Other bills passed were:

Senator Parsons's, regulating the use of bicycles and preventing discrimination in ordinances affecting wheelmen.

Mr. De Graw's, dissolving the corporation known as "The Inebriates' Home for Kings County."

Mr. Hendy's, preventing abuses connected with the placing out of children.

Mr. Sanford's, providing for the construction and maintenance of an outlet sewer for the city of Mount Vernon.

Senator Ford's, regulating the sale of poisonous substances by druggists on physicians' prescriptions.

Senator Guy's, authorizing the use of schoolhouses in New-York City for recreation purposes.

Senator Lamy's, abandoning the Hamburg Canal in the city of Buffalo to that city.

AN "AMERICAN-ITALIAN" PROTECTORY.

Albany, March 29.—The State Board of Charities has been requested to approve the incorporation of the American-Italian Protectory, the principal office of which is to be in the Borough of Manhattan. Its objects are to carry on charitable work among the poor, the oppressed, the weak and the sick; to obtain work for the unemployed; to give legal assistance to those unjustly charged with crime; to obtain the commitment of foundlings, the aged and the incorrigible, and to erect and maintain a hospital. The directors for the first year are Leopold Bonaventure Piscapo, of New-York City, and Raphael Pandolfi and Peter Butelle, of Boston.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE.

SCHEME TO INCREASE THE SUPREME COURT SET ASIDE—BILLS PASSED.

Albany, March 29.—In the Senate to-day on the order of final passage was Senator Lexow's resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution to empower the Governor to appoint as many as ten additional trial Justices of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial District. Senator Cantor announced that the city authorities of New-York were opposed to the measure. Senator Lexow said that in view of objections from New-York members he would consent that the bill be laid aside.

Among the bills passed were the following:

Senator Higgins's, extending the time given the Canal Investigating Commission to make its report for one month.

Mr. De Graw's, providing for enlarging the armory of the 47th Regiment.

Senator Page's, relieving hotel proprietors from responsibility to guests for goods lost unless negligence shall be proved, and removing the limit of responsibility in case of negligence.

Mr. Miles's, the "Bob" Veal bill.

Mr. Hutton's, establishing a State Board of Embalmers and regulating the practice of embalming.

Mr. Trainor's, regulating the payment of percentages of earnings by street surface railway corporations to cities.

Mr. Weekes's, relating to the taking of web-footed wild fowl in Kings, Queens and Suffolk counties and in Long Island Sound.

Senator Cantor's, providing that the proceeds of the sales of property lost on a surface road shall be devoted to the benevolent association of the road's employes.

Senator Wray's, relating to the construction of an outlet sewer in Farragut-st., New-York.

Mr. De Graw's, providing for the appointment of two officers to collect the tax levied on racing associations.

Mr. Chanler's, amending the New-York charter relative to the Municipal Court.

Judiciary Committee's, specifically providing that the rules of the Civil Service Commission of New-York City must be approved by the State Commission before they are operative.

Mr. Guider's, incorporating the New-York Mutual Title Insurance Company.

Mr. Glaser's, forbidding persons not admitted as attorneys to practice in any court in New-York City.

Mr. Burr's, amending the New-York charter with regard to newspapers in which corporate notices are to be advertised.

Mr. Laimbeer's, amending the charter of the Interstate Mortgage Debenture Company and permitting it to do business as a trust company.

Mr. Finn's, extending the time for the completion of the Hudson Tunnel Railway.

Senator Lamy's bill creating a commission for the licensing of barbers and providing for the sanitary inspection of barber shops was defeated by a close vote without debate.

INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY BILL.

THE SENATE ADDS ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE ASSEMBLY ITEMS.

Albany, March 29.—The Annual Supply bill was reported to the Senate by the Finance Committee to-day, carrying a total appropriation of $1,495,105. This is an increase of about $400,000 in the bill as it came from the Assembly. Chairman Higgins says that the greater part of this amount is made up of deficiencies in the various departments. The largest of these is $125,000 for a deficiency in the National Guard account, and an independent appropriation of $35,000 for the equipment of the Naval Militia. Other items of the increase are $25,000 allowed the Agricultural Department for the extermination of insects on shade and fruit trees, an additional $10,000 for the State experimental station at Geneva, $50,000 for improvement of the park and grounds surrounding the Capitol, and $19,000 for new elevators on the Senate side of the building. An increase of $15,000 is allowed the Canal Investigating Commission for its expenses.

Later in the afternoon an emergency message was received from the Governor suspending the rules so as to permit of the passage of the Supply bill immediately, and it was passed unanimously.

The Assembly sent a message stating that it had not concurred in the bill and asking for a conference committee. Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff appointed as such committee Senators Higgins, Raines and Cantor.

EXPLOSION OF 3,000 KEGS OF POWDER.

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED AND FOUR BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Nashville, Tenn., March 29.—An explosion occurred at the Sycamore Powder Mills, twenty-five miles from this city, at 7:20 a. m. to-day, by which several persons were severely injured. The shock was plainly felt in this city. One employe was fatally and three others seriously injured. The cause of the explosion, which resulted in the destruction of four buildings, is not known. Three thousand kegs of powder exploded.

REPUBLICAN LEADER RESIGNS.

IN EXPLANATION HE SAYS THAT THE PARTY IN PENNSYLVANIA WILL LOSE THE ELECTION.

Philadelphia, March 29.—Secretary of the Commonwealth David Martin, for a number of years the member of the Republican City Committee from the Nineteenth Ward, to-day presented his resignation as a member of that body, giving as his reason the pressure of personal business, which prevents for the present his active participation in party management. Mr. Martin has for several years been one of the leaders of the anti-Quay movement in this State, and of late he has been regarded as favoring the candidacy of John Wanamaker for the Governorship, as against the candidate supported by Senator Quay. His action to-day has therefore created a sensation in Republican political circles.

Mr. Martin thus explains his position: "I am convinced that the Republican party is about due for a licking next fall, owing to the combined issues that has been apparent for some time past. As the recognized leader of the party, I have been assailed and villified to such an extent that would drive any other man away from the party, but I refused to retire under fire, and held on and accomplished everything that I had set as a task for myself. With defeat staring the party in the face, heroic politics must be resorted to in order to save it, and, should victory not be accomplished, it will be blamed on me, and this, coupled with my official duties as Secretary of the Commonwealth and other private business, leads me to retire from the party leadership, at least so far as my seat in the City Committee is concerned."

TO RETURN OVERSTREET TO CONGRESS.

ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS MEN APPROVE HIS RECORD.

Indianapolis, March 29 (Special).—A unique factor in politics is the business men's Congressional organization of this city, whose object is the renomination to Congress of Jesse Overstreet, Republican representative of this district. The movement was originated by H. H. Hanna, chairman of the Monetary Reform Executive Committee. He called in some of his friends, and, after explaining that Congressman Overstreet had been of great service to the Monetary Reform movement, asked that the business men investigate his Congress record, and if it proved satisfactory take steps toward his renomination. This was done, and the organization is the result. It is composed of a large number of the most substantial business men of the city.

WHOLE FAMILY MURDERED.

FATHER, MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN KILLED ON A RANCH.

San Angelo, Tex., March 29.—A family named Lee, consisting of father, mother and two small children, have been murdered on a ranch near Paint Rock. The man who gave the alarm states that in the early part of the evening two men called at the Lee house, where he lived, and asked to be allowed to stay all night. They were denied accommodations. Later in the night he awoke to find two men in the house, and as he ran he was fired upon by them. An axe was the weapon used in killing the Lees.

AN AMERICAN BARK WRECKED.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 29.—The American bark Harvard, Captain Colcord, from Santos February 19, for the Barbadoes, Turk's Island and Providence, has been wrecked on Turk's Island.

The Harvard was built in Newburyport, Mass., in 1878. She hailed from Boston, and was owned by Foster & Pray. She was a double-decker of 862 tons register.

IN THE CYCLING WORLD.

RENEWAL SEASON IN THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN.

WHY THE LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DROPS OFF ELEVEN THOUSAND THIS WEEK—MECCA SHRINERS TO FORM A BIG CYCLING ORGANIZATION—NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Many cyclists will notice in the returns of the League of American Wheelmen this week that the membership has apparently dropped off over 11,000, and they will wonder thereat. The total membership was posted last week at over 102,000, while this week it is less than 92,000. This was explained yesterday by Secretary-Treasurer Bull of the New-York Division, as follows: "This is the time of the year when renewals take place. Of course, those who do not renew promptly are dropped from the list, although they have sixty days in which to renew. The apparent loss this week is occasioned by the fact that several years ago the renewal season began on April 1. Then, at that time, there would be anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 renewals. Some of the members forget to pay up until they notice that they no longer get "The Bulletin." The number of new members this week was not as large as in the same week last year, when 1,027 new members sent in their applications. In the present week only 604 names have been sent in. Of this number New-York sent in 144, bringing totals up to 25,221. Massachusetts had the same number of new members and a total of 10,353; Pennsylvania, 118 new members and a total of 23,053, and New-Jersey, 33, with a total of 5,995."

Enthusiastic cyclists to the number of several hundred who are members of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, are determined to get up a cycling organization which will be one of the largest bodies of its kind in the world. Some time ago James E. Gritman, the secretary of the Mecca Wheelmen, sent out a circular letter proposing to bring together all members of the order who are wheelmen, to join in a cycling organization. It is said that more than thirteen hundred favorable answers have been received to the proposition. It is proposed to have the central organization in this city, and to establish branches in towns and cities in this part of the country. Each of the branches will have its own officers, with representation in the main organization. It is proposed to have the members of the different branches visit each other on their bicycles during the coming season.

The annual meeting of the South Brooklyn Wheelmen will be held at the clubhouse, No. 476 Ninth-st., Brooklyn, on Friday night. The regular nominations are as follows: President, Bert R. Gray; vice-president, J. A. Comisky; secretary, J. A. Van Wynen; treasurer, A. W. Hudson; financial secretary, Harry Anderson; captain, H. E. Deninger; first lieutenant, L. E. Eno; second lieutenant, A. Kirkland; Board of Governors—One year, B. M. Carlile, H. F. Hoyt and C. W. Tribken; two years, J. W. Turner, A. Balmanno and F. J. Firth.

The Bushwick Wheelmen are preparing for an active riding season. At the last meeting of the club it was decided to inaugurate a mileage contest, starting April 1 and ending September 30. Contestants to be eligible for medals must participate in at least two-thirds of the club runs, and must cover over 3,000 miles. Mileage on the home-trainer is not to count. The trophies offered are: First prize, gold medal; second prize, silver medal; third prize, bronze medal. Club runs will all start from the clubhouse on Bushwick-ave., and will be held on alternate Sundays. The schedule will be arranged monthly. Members participating in all the club runs will qualify for a gold medal. The first run is scheduled for April 3, and is known as the "photograph run," alias, the "cinch." The route will lead to Prospect Park, where a group picture will be taken, thence down the cycle path to Coney Island.

The cyclists are to have a shelter-house in Central Park, but in a different location from the one first suggested. The New-York Consulate was the first to suggest the idea, and President Clausen of the Park Commissioners seems to favor the scheme. It is now said that the wheel-house will be located at Seventy-ninth-st., east of the driveway and bridle path, in the Norwegian cottage. There will be wheel racks and other conveniences for cyclists, and probably a restaurant.

The Police Commissioners have decided to reward Policeman Richard O'Connor, of the cycle squad, for meritorious services. O'Connor recently, at great personal risk, stopped a runaway team, which was being driven by an intoxicated driver. By a great effort he managed to overtake the frightened team and to seize the bridle of one of the horses. He was dragged from his wheel, but he managed to stop the runaway and to arrest the driver. The medal is of bronze and is of a handsome design.

An official of the New-York Steam Company has offered free all the cinder which will be necessary to make the proposed bicycle path through Battery Park.

It is said that "Senator" Morgan will arrange some of his riders into what he will call a "flying squadron." They will race at the meets where the largest prizes are offered. The men thus far mentioned are Kiser, Kaser, Johnson, Eden and Mertens.

It is proposed to offer the cycling members of the New-York Athletic Club every convenience in the new clubhouse in Fifty-ninth-st. At the start four hundred and fifty racks are to be put in, and this number will be gradually increased to seven hundred and fifty, as the racks are required. There will be attendants to look after the wheels, which will be stored in the basement on the Fifty-eighth-st. side of the building. A small fee will be charged for caring for the bicycles.

Copies of the new racing rules of the L. A. W. can be obtained from John Barnett, L. A. W. local headquarters, No. 132 Nassau-st.

The Excelsior Cycle Club announces that women will assist in pacing the slow division in their country run, which will take place to Oakdale and return June 19. Count A. De Julio is the captain.

THE 'CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following entries have been received for the National 'cross-country championship of the Amateur Athletic Union, which is to take place at Morris Park on Saturday, under the auspices of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club:

Cornell University—Arthur J. Sweet, Walter C. Yeatman, R. Trautschold, Laurence Patterson, Chester Torrence, C. B. Brown and G. W. Vreeland.

Xavier Athletic Club—A. J. Walsh, P. J. Walsh, Joseph Nolan, J. A. Lee, W. F. Ryan, D. J. Donovan, P. J. Tobin, J. F. Malloy, C. H. Caddigan and Joseph Brennen, and J. F. O'Neill, substitute.

Star Athletic Club—John Mason, George Ewers, John Dean, John Cronin, Morris Hynes, John Donohue, Charles O'Brien, Garrett Fitzgerald, James Mallory and Robert W. Kennedy, and John Connolly and William Duane, substitutes.

St. George's Athletic Club—J. W. Rumpf, Hamilton Grey, A. H. Abels, Charles Duval, William Mulholland, Martin Weller, W. G. Rodgers and E. A. Yungel.

New West Side Athletic Club—Victor King, Michael Regan, Robert Hallen, I. Sacoloski, A. Monteverde, W. Sibbitt, Patrick Mackey, John Layer, W. F. McLaughlin, W. J. McLaughlin and T. F. Kickey.

Pastime Athletic Club—J. B. Finnamore, J. J. McDermott, T. O'Conner, J. C. Lynch, H. D. Eggleston, G. W. Jansen, R. Pfortner, E. J. Sause, W. R. Monroe, F. J. Farrell, M. J. Harnett, E. Estoppey, jr., J. E. Enright, S. Kahn, E. Kallina and D. A. McMahon.

Cambridgeport Gymnasium Association—Ronald McDonald, L. Brignolia, Timothy J. Regan, John B. Maguire, Alexander C. McDonald, A. C. Hill, A. S. Wright, D. C. Hall, W. H. Osgood, Charles Sweeney, John L. McCarthy, John White, Charles J. Kiley, William Webber, D. J. Meenan, George J. Rauh, Timothy F. Brassil and Clarence Whelan.

Knickerbocker Athletic Club—G. G. Hollander, C. H. Herche, G. B. Holbrook, F. W. Haensel, W. G. Messer, D. J. O'Connell, L. H. Palmer, W. W. Lighthipe, G. M. Trede, M. E. Smith, W. E. Grady, A. F. Beers and W. J. Kindgen.

E. H. Whitlatch and Louis Leibgold, New-Jersey Athletic Club; George Orton, Toronto Lacrosse and Athletic Association, and Alexander Grant, New-York Athletic Club.

THE SEVENTH REGIMENT GAMES.

The 7th Regiment games will be held at the armory next Saturday evening, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock, and some exciting sport is promised. The programme is as follows: Ninety-three-yard run, scratch, for those who have never won a prize; seventy-five-yard run, handicap; half-mile run, handicap; mile safety bicycle race, scratch, for those who have never won a prize or finished first and second in any bicycle race; mile roller-skating race, handicap; four-hundred-and-forty-yard run, scratch, for those who have never won a prize or finished first or second in any running race; ninety-three-yard hurdle race, handicap; two-hundred-and-twenty-yard run, handicap; half-mile walk, handicap; one-lap sack race, handicap; six-hundred-yard run, for championship of regiment; mile safety bicycle race, for championship of regiment; mile run, handicap; seventy-five-yard run, for championship of regiment; two-hundred-and-twenty-yard hurdle race, scratch, for those who have never won a prize or finished first or second in any hurdle race; two-hundred-and-twenty-yard hurdle race, handicap; half-mile run, scratch, for officers' cup, for those who have never won a prize or finished first or second in any running race; potato race, scratch; four-hundred-and-forty-yard run, handicap; two-hundred-and-twenty-yard hurdle race, for those who have never won a prize; two-mile safety bicycle race, handicap; one-lap three-legged race, handicap; putting sixteen-pound shot, handicap, and running high jump, handicap.

THREE SPILLS AT A HUNT RUN.

AN EXCITING FIFTEEN-MILE CHASE ACROSS THE NORTH SIDE OF LONG ISLAND.

The cross-country run held by the members of the Meadow Brook Hunt Club yesterday was one of the most interesting of the season, and was replete with many brilliant feats of horsemanship. The run was on the north side of Long Island, the course being over fourteen miles of natural hunting country. Among those who were in the saddle were Ralph N. Ellis, Albert C. Bostwick, Samuel Willets, Harry S. Page, William C. Hayes, James L. Kernochan, "Jimmie" Appleton, "Rawlie" Cottenet, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. E. Kenyon Stow, H. L. Herbert, C. Albert Stevens, C. Chandler, Sidney Smith, the two whips, J. Murphy and P. Hannon; F. Brisbane, and several members from visiting hunt clubs. Following the hounds and huntsmen across country by way of the nearby highways were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mrs. J. E. S. Hadden, Mrs. James L. Kernochan, Miss Fannie Cottenet, "Teddy" Burnside, Miss May Bird, Mrs. W. W. Watrous and Mrs. Albert Stevens.

The start took place at the Meadow Brook Club house. From there the party rode to Westbury. The pack took the scent on the estate of Kinsley Magoun and ran to East Williston, where a check was called. When the pack were again on the trail they took a long circular route and ran back to the railroad bridge at Westbury, where the kill took place and the chase ended. William C. Hayes, Albert C. Bostwick, H. L. Herbert and Samuel Willets rode at the head of the party during the entire run and were the first to finish, the remainder of the party finishing all together. Three spills occurred, both the whips, Murphy and Hannon, being thrown at a stiff slat fence, but neither was hurt. Mr. Chandler also received a cropper, but beyond a shaking up was not injured.

A CONFERENCE ON COLLEGE SPORTS.

There was held at Providence a few weeks ago a conference, attended by three representatives each from Brown, Harvard, Dartmouth, Princeton, Cornell, Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania, at which there was a discussion of the questions of eligibility, amateur standing, places for holding college games and professional coaching, together with the general position of intercollegiate sports in reference to all these subjects. A special committee, consisting of one representative of each of the colleges named, was appointed to draft a final statement of the position taken by the conference. The committee held an adjourned meeting at Columbia on Saturday, and talked over its report, which is being drafted by Professor Patterson, of Pennsylvania, and will be made public within two or three weeks.

DELAY IN SECURING A TRACK.

There has been recently a great deal of talk among persons interested in trotting as to the delay in securing in or near this city a track which should take the place of Fleetwood, and fears have been expressed that a site may not be secured by the Driving Club of New-York in time to make possible a trotting meeting here at any time in 1898. Alfred De Cordova, president of the Driving Club, when asked yesterday what the outlook was, said that the club had provisionally selected a certain site, and had held one meeting to discuss the question of securing it, but that definite action would not be taken until the next meeting, which would be held soon.

SUGAR IN CHICAGO AT NEW-YORK RATES.

Chicago, March 29.—"The Times-Herald" says: "Chicago wholesale grocers are selling sugar in Cook County at precisely the same prices that the Sugar Trust is selling it at in New-York. The Chicago wholesale dealer has always added the freight from the refinery heretofore. This unusual state of affairs is the result of a war among the local wholesale dealers. The reduction has not yet been made by Minneapolis, St. Louis, Detroit, Toledo or any other surrounding jobbing points, but it is so sweeping that it will certainly affect their trade, and must sooner or later extend to the whole country."

EX-MAYOR STRONG TO SPEAK.

Ex-Mayor Strong will deliver an address at the meeting of the third spring convention of the Merchants' Association, to be held in the rooms of the association, in the New-York Life Building, at noon to-morrow. Mr. Strong has chosen for his subject "The Benefits to the City of New-York from the Merchants' Association." This meeting is the last of the present series, and all are invited to attend. The next series of meetings will be held about the middle of April.

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