

COLER ON THE CITY DEBT.

HE SPEAKS BEFORE THE POLYTECHNIC CLUB IN BROOKLYN.

The Polytechnic Club, composed of former students of the Polytechnic Institute, held a dinner last night at the Montauk Club, in Eighth-ave. and Lincoln Place, Brooklyn.

Dr. J. H. Raymond, of the trustees, spoke on the same subject. Bird S. Coler, in beginning his speech, said he had just had a conference with the Governor, who had promised to assist him as much as he could in the passage of the bill relating to the rapid transit bonds.

Speaking of the city of New-York, I want to confess that it was not until I had assumed office that I had any idea of its greatness. The debt of the city now is more than that of all the States of the Union combined. The city is made up of ninety-five municipalities, and just before consolidation many of these little municipalities took advantage of a defect in the constitution and piled up the debt in such a mass as to make it almost appalling.

A curious fact in this connection is that the more property the city owns the less money it may borrow. The dock property, which cost the city \$20,000,000, and which would sell under the hammer for \$60,000,000, takes away from the borrowing capacity, though the Dock Department has paid into the sinking fund \$1,000,000 for the docks each year.

The great wealth of the city is not due to good government, but to its natural advantages. It has been the custom in the past for those in power not to consider how best to serve the city, but to find a legitimate excuse for the expenditure of what the city has, and how best to give away its franchises.

David H. Cochran also made an address.

SAYS SWINDLER TOOK HER BONDS.

MRS. MOREHEAD DECLARES THAT THE MAN TO WHOM SHE ENTRUSTED THEM RAISED \$5,000.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Martha Morehead, of No. 151 West One-hundred-and-thirty-first-st., entered into a business deal with a man to whom she wished to sell some shares in Harlem, and entrusted the deeds to him. The man did not return, and her inquiries, she alleges, showed that he had raised \$5,000 on the deeds by introducing another woman to a notary as Martha Morehead and getting the notary to certify to her signature.

Mrs. Morehead, through her lawyers, George W. McAdam and Charles L. Guy, complained to Captain McClusky, of the Detective Bureau, and his men are on the case.

Mr. Guy said last night that the story is true. He declined to give any further details on the case, but said that Mrs. Morehead could lose nothing that the loss would fall on the man who lent the \$5,000, and that that man is a reputable lawyer, who might be injured by the publication of his name.

MR. BELMONT'S NEW YACHT.

NOVEL AND EXPENSIVE CUSTOMS FOR THE RACING FIELD.

Bristol, R. I., Jan. 24.—August Belmont's new 70-footer that has just been launched at the Herreshoff yards carries forty tons of lead in her keel, and will have great sail carrying power with this outside ballast, in addition to her twenty feet of beam. With her lead mine she will draw fifteen feet of water, and as she is 165 feet long over all and will carry a large sail plan, she will be an imposing craft. The Mincola, as she is to be called, after Mr. Belmont's previous cutter, will be of the same general construction as the Cup defender Columbia, only with slightly more beam in proportion to the water line length. The Columbia having three and one-half beams and the Mincola having three and one-half beams to the water line length. She will therefore in proportion be a more powerful sail carrier than the craft that beat the Shamrock, though this does not necessarily mean that she will be proportionately faster, and the general opinion seems to be that the Columbia went to the full limit in the matter of beam, and that the Shamrock exceeded it. The spars for this vessel, as well as for the other three vessels of the same size now to be constructed, will be made at the yards of the Boston Spar Company.

The four yachts, whose intended owners are W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Harry Payne Whitney, D. Morgan and Mr. Belmont, will be stronger than the Columbia, as they are to take the same sized steel frames for over all lengths something like twenty-seven feet shorter, and when they have received the same internal support and strengthening as the Columbia now shows they will be in a condition to tackle any kind of a sea. The high pressure steam launch, called the Scout, which August Belmont has had built to act as a tender for the Mincola, is somewhat like a torpedo boat, and will be a speedy traveller when she passes from port to port carrying the spare spars and sails of the racing cutter. It is not yet announced whether or not the other owners will have tenders built for racing uses, but it is thought that they will use some kind of small steamer, perhaps under charter, and it has been noticed that the use of tenders in cup races seems to have introduced a new and expensive custom.

EDWARD J. PHELPS ILL.

Hew-Haven, Conn., Jan. 24.—Edward J. Phelps, ex-Minister to England, is ill with pneumonia at his home here. His physician announced today that while his patient was a very sick man, his condition was not yet serious. He has been suffering from a pneumonia developed. His condition today, however, was taking no alarming turn.

Bicycles.

The Columbia Coaster Brake is simple and sure in action. Do not fail to examine it carefully. It is one of the features of the Cycle Show at Madison Square Garden. You will find us just opposite the main entrance as you enter the Garden. Spaces 133 to 143 inclusive, with a full line of Columbias, Hartfords, Stormers, Pennants and many interesting and instructive mechanical exhibits, not to mention souvenirs, catalogues, booklets and calendars.

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SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN: PROGRAMME OF SPORTS TO-DAY.

BOWLING.—Bank Clerks' League—National Park, Park and Broadway teams. American National—Rosedale, Bleecker and Spartan teams. Fire Insurance League—Greenwich, Royal and Palatine teams. Arlington National—Alico, Welcome and Glendale teams. Columbia League—Diamond, Empire and Village teams. North Side National—Pontiac, Dolando and Vernon teams. Harlem League—Lotus, Riverdale and Oriental teams. Brooklyn Royal Arcanum—De Long, Gilbert and Bushwick teams. Associated Cycling Clubs—Carroll Park, Greater New-York and South Brooklyn teams. CHESS.—Columbia Freshmen and Sachs School, Columbia College.

HOCKEY.—New-York Athletic Club and Crescent Athletic Club, Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn; St. Nicholas Skating Club and Hockey Club, of New-York, St. Nicholas Rink.

BILLIARDS.—Hanover Club tournament.

BOWLING.

AMITY WINS ITS FIRST OUT OF TWENTY-THREE GAMES PLAYED.

Amity won its first game in the Arlington League series last night, after having lost twenty-two. Homestead and Linwood each won a game. The scores are as follows:

FIRST GAME. Homestead—Duncan, 158; Landry, 182; Griffith, 110; Cotte, 124; Moore, 120; total, 694. Amity—Mackey, 125; Daub, 146; Sorenson, 138; Snyder, 153; Singer, 132; total, 694.

SECOND GAME. Amity—Mackey, 125; Daub, 146; Sorenson, 138; Snyder, 153; Singer, 132; total, 694. Linwood—Deleahaty, 124; Courtney, 125; Hardiman, 133; Brennan, 145; Daley, 130; total, 657.

THIRD GAME. Linwood—Daley, 201; Brennan, 147; Courtney, 128; Hardiman, 138; Downes, 161; total, 865. Homestead—Duncan, 178; Landry, 182; Griffith, 85; Cotte, 124; Moore, 132; total, 702.

THE HARLEM LEAGUE.

Boulevard won two games in the Harlem League tournament last night. Dederich, of Audubon, bowled the best individual scores, his totals for two games being 497. The scores follow:

FIRST GAME. Audubon—Maher, 129; McGuire, 168; Apt, 118; Dederich, 219; Brand, 161; total, 807. Cyclone—Johannesmeyer, 138; Miller, 150; Schoales, 146; Le Beau, 145; Boettger, 156; total, 735.

SECOND GAME. Boulevard—Dumble, 161; Howard, 189; Jneuf, 183; Darrell, 180; Vetter, 147; total, 860. Cyclone—Johannesmeyer, 138; Miller, 145; Schoales, 160; Le Beau, 145; Boettger, 156; total, 759.

THIRD GAME. Boulevard—Dumble, 153; Howard, 172; Jneuf, 170; Darrell, 168; Vetter, 131; total, 856. Audubon—Maher, 129; McGuire, 158; Adair, 129; Dederich, 188; Brand, 154; total, 758.

BROOKLYN ROYAL ARCANUM.

Justin F. Price Council was defeated in one of its games last night in the Brooklyn Royal Arcanum tournament. Fraternity Council won two games and Fulton Council was twice defeated. Following are the scores:

FIRST GAME. Fraternity Council—Lee, 156; Field, 136; Myerle, 150; Higgins, 129; total, 771. Fulton Council—H. Silvera, 135; White, 161; G. H. Silvera, 146; Miller, 127; Fernbach, 161; total, 780.

SECOND GAME. J. F. Price Council—Huebel, 176; Gehhaus, 162; Shea, 179; Ferman, 165; Potter, 170; total, 822. Fulton Council—H. Silvera, 135; White, 161; G. H. Silvera, 144; Miller, 127; Fernbach, 161; total, 759.

THIRD GAME. Fraternity Council—Lee, 152; Field, 136; Myerle, 150; Higgins, 129; total, 808. J. F. Price Council—Huebel, 174; Gehhaus, 148; Shea, 168; Ferman, 165; Potter, 163; total, 768.

THE SUB-TOURNAMENT.

In the Brooklyn Royal Arcanum Sub-Tournament last evening at the Elephant Club alleys the Brooklyn Council defeated the Fern and Lefferts councils. The scores:

FIRST GAME. Brooklyn Council—Murray, 206; Claus, 126; Phillips, 141; Spencer, 138; Broward, 143; total, 754. Fern Council—Thorn, 141; Hunt, 92; Naylor, 118; Swan, 118; Weidman, 201; total, 662.

SECOND GAME. Fern Council—Thorn, 140; Hunt, 173; Naylor, 172; Swan, 140; Weidman, 151; total, 826. Lefferts Council—Van Ripper, 116; Brown, 122; Aschenbach, 117; Kammerer, 140; Smith, 114; total, 710.

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COLONIAL TEAM WINS TWO GAMES.

Colonial played its last game in the New-York Royal Arcanum series last night and won both. The odd game was won by New-York No. 2. The scores follow:

FIRST GAME. New-York No. 2—Schroeder, 150; Dorland, sr., 186; Crookston, 135; May, 150; Snover, 160; total, 781. Stanley—Finke, 161; Springer, 125; Schiff, 123; Lobenstein, 148; Schoenfeld, 163; total, 719.

SECOND GAME. Colonial—Davis, 146; Brucher, 157; Reichardt, 104; Wanderer, 181; Haus, 152; total, 740. Stanley—Finke, 146; Springer, 121; Schiff, 117; Lobenstein, 140; Schoenfeld, 162; total, 686.

THIRD GAME. Colonial—Davis, 147; Brucher, 141; Reichardt, 118; Wanderer, 156; Haus, 150; total, 722. New-York No. 2—Schroeder, 133; Faber, 100; Crookston, 149; May, 158; Snover, 147; total, 707.

LOTUS AND DOPPEL EICHE WIN.

Lotus and Doppel Eiche were the winners of the games in the tournament of the United Bowling Clubs, first section, last night, the former winning two and the latter one. The scores were as follows:

FIRST GAME. Doppel Eiche—Meyer, 188; Eisenmann, 142; Christopher, 176; Dettloff, 144; Truetens, 180; total, 820. Lotus—W. Gerdes, 161; Heath, 147; Warmuth, 147; Behn, 148; Boemmermann, 162; total, 765.

SECOND GAME. Lotus—W. Gerdes, 181; Eisenmann, 125; Warmuth, 157; Behn, 220; Boemmermann, 167; total, 820. Monarch—H. Boemmermann, 178; Wiesemann, 172; Dary, 162; Martin, 168; total, 780.

THIRD GAME. Doppel Eiche—Meyer, 151; Eisenmann, 146; Christopher, 141; Dettloff, 119; Truetens, 163; total, 720. Monarch—H. Boemmermann, 150; Wiesemann, 124; Martin, 168; Smith, 164; Hanzahl, 124; total, 710.

THE LIFE INSURANCE BOWLERS.

The Mutual Life team took two of the games in the Life Insurance series last night, and the Metropolitan team one. The scores are below:

FIRST GAME. Metropolitan—Moffatt, 140; Sellick, 147; Simpson, 150; Richardson, 124; Newkirk, 163; total, 724. Germania—Krause, 160; Jung, 126; Meyer, 105; Arnheiter, 142; Leyser, 160; total, 693.

SECOND GAME. Mutual—Cadic, 101; Gibson, 117; Williams, 164; Jacobus, 160; Thomson, 151; total, 693. Germania—Krause, 132; Jung, 62; Meyer, 87; Arnheiter, 145; Leyser, 147; total, 603.

THIRD GAME. Mutual—Cadic, 117; Gibson, 122; Williams, 153; Jacobus, 150; Thomson, 200; total, 807. Metropolitan—Moffatt, 140; Sellick, 121; Simpson, 120; Richardson, 129; Newkirk, 172; total, 682.

"THE HERALD" THE WINNER TWICE.

The Tribune bowlers fell before "The Herald" team in the Newspaper League series at the Germania alleys yesterday afternoon. The scores were as follows:

FIRST GAME. "Herald"—J. Robinson, 160; Long, 159; Dewes, 180; Kella, 162; Gallagher, 136; Nutzhorn, 148; Moran, 139; Allen, 161; total, 1,238. Tribune—Roll, 149; Lewis, 127; Bentley, 175; Campbell, 137; Vandever, 174; Davis, 153; O'Neill and Mahood, 89; Knecht, 116; total, 1,156.

SECOND GAME. "Herald"—J. Robinson, 180; Long, 152; Dewes, 155; Kella, 171; Gallagher, 135; McCandless, 127; Nutzhorn, 148; Allen, 138; total, 1,223. Tribune—Roll, 155; Lewis, 171; Bentley, 167; Campbell, 107; Grimes, 78; Davis, 137; Vandever, 131; Knecht, 142; total, 1,078.

BOURKE COCKRAN TO SPEAK AT YALE.

New-Haven, Conn., Jan. 24.—Dean Francis Wayland of the Yale Law School announced this afternoon that the speaker for the commencement exercises next June would be W. Bourke Cockran, of New-York City. His acceptance of the invitation to deliver the annual address to the seniors of Yale Law School was received today.

THE BICYCLE SHOW.

THE AUTOMOBILE DISPLAY THE BEST YET SEEN HERE.

POLICE THREATEN TO STOP MURPHY RIDING—INVENTOR OF THE SAFETY AMONG THE SPECTATORS—A SELF HEALING TIRE.

The interest in the Bicycle Show at Madison Square Garden seems to be on the increase as the days go on. The attendance during the afternoon was greater than usual, while the aisles were thronged in the evening. The display of automobiles is the best ever seen here, and the popularity of this sort of vehicle seems to be steadily increasing. Many of the members of the Automobile Club of America are visitors at the exhibition, and the enthusiasm they display is as keen as that of the wheelman toward the bicycle and its innumerable improvements. The club members and their friends will have a run to the clubhouse at Irvington on Saturday, and a large turnout of auto-

mobiles is expected if the weather is fair. The members are getting ready to make a lively fight for good roads, and prominent good roads workers will deliver lectures on the subject at an entertainment to be given shortly.

Henry John Lawson, of England, who says he invented the safety bicycle, was a visitor at the show yesterday. His claim is substantiated by many of the veteran experts. Mr. Lawson says that he conceived the idea of a wheel to be propelled by both the feet and hands. Then he fathered the boneshaker, with the pedals on the front wheel, and in 1877 he put forward the idea of rotary motion for the wheel and the rear driver. This idea was generally ridiculed all over the world at its conception. He got the idea of the word "safety" from his father, the Rev. T. Lawson, of Brighton, England. He says that he took an important part in organizing the Humber Company, in England, and also the Rudge Company. Mr. Lawson has come to this country to introduce what he is pleased to call a "gryoscopic" bicycle, which can be propelled by a motor as well as by the feet. The motor is small, of two horse power, and the rider need not use the power except on hills. He is accompanied by Charles Jarrett, who came here to challenge any of the motor riders to race for \$5,000 a side. It was said last night that a race will be arranged between Jarrett and Fournier, the latter to use an American machine and motor. The difficulty will be to find a suitable road for such a race.

Murphy on his home trainer in the balcony has astonished many people who have not given such things much attention. It really looks dangerous what are known as roller bearings, which, the inventor says, will be the best in many respects. The mechanism is similar to that used in the "Ben Hur" and "County Fair" theatrical productions, and the feat is about as dangerous. Police Sergeant Martin, who is detailed at the Garden, was so impressed by Murphy's apparent daring that he gave notice yesterday afternoon that Murphy must turn the trainer to one side, so that in case he ran off he would not tumble into the gaping spectators and thereby perhaps injure some of them. Murphy insisted that there was no real danger, but the Sergeant was firm until a young girl of fifteen, the daughter of a prominent wheelman of Brooklyn, offered to mount the wheel, and do the same thing that Murphy was doing. Then Sergeant Martin relented and told Murphy to go ahead.

A new automobile of the runabout type was exhibited yesterday, and was inspected critically by the experts. The machine is propelled with gasoline and sits unusually low. It is said that the machine is so arranged as to obviate the least possibility of danger from slipping over.

There is one tire exhibited which shows a novel improvement. It is further improved owing to the tire is of the double tube variety. Inside the tread of the inner tube there is a strip of soft, un-cured rubber. It is said that in case a tack or nail enters the tire the action of the soft rubber automatically closes the puncture.

A 5-inch tire on a six hundred and fifty pound automobile is an interesting attraction at one of the stands. It is further improved owing to the fact that this heavy weight revolves easily on what are known as roller bearings, which, the inventor asserts, will soon take the place of ball bearings. As the name implies, the weight rests on rollers instead of balls, and the friction is said to be so much less than automobiles so fitted with roller bearings that others not so fitted.

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WHAT SOME EXHIBITORS HAVE TO SAY.

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