CAPT. FLOOD MAKES A RAID

ELEVEN MEN ARRESTED AT AN ALLEGED GAMBLING PLACE ON PARK-AVE.

Evidently following to some extent the advice given yesterday by Magistrate Crane to the police to smash into gambling places, Captain Flood, of the East One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st. station, with six detectives and the patrol wagon, went to an alleged gambling place at No. 1814 Park-ave. last night and made a raid. Eleven men were arrested.

The gambling place, it is alleged, was conducted by Palmer Wilson. The first floor of the building contains a saloon, conducted by William Place.

The police say a poker game was in progress and they confiscated several hundred chips, three tables and other gambling paraphernalia. No money was found.

Captain Flood took the men to the station, where their pedigrees were taken.

The prisoners are Victor Josephson, the alleged manager of the place, No. 50 East One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth-st.; Thomas Stuart, No. 120 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fourth-st.; Benjamin Lovatt, No. 80 East Eleventh-st.; Fred Berger, No. 126 West One-hundred-and-fourteenth-st.; George Mansfield, No. 1932 Park-ave.; Charles Berry, No. 120 East One-hundred-and-fourteenth-st.; Christopher Columbus Gall, No. 1319 Lexington-ave.; George Lang, Unionport; George Young, No. 436 East One-hundred-and-twenty-third-st.; Victor Erickson, No. 418 West One-hundred-and-twenty-third-st., and George Johnson, No. 2235 Third-ave.

The alleged gambling room was on the second floor of the uilding, which adjoins the Onawa Café.

A messenger was sent to look for a magistrate to accept bail for the prisoners.

Magistrate Crane went to the police station and admitted the prisoners to bail in $500 each. It was furnished by William J. Kent, of No. 68 East One-hundred-and-seventeenth-st., and Martin J. Kirby, of Third-ave., near One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. Both men are said to be saloonkeepers.

A RAID IN ELIZABETH-ST.

THE MULBERRY-ST. POLICE CAPTURE FOURTEEN MEN CHARGED WITH GAMBLING.

Fourteen prisoners were taken late last night in an alleged gambling house in the basement in the rear of No. 258 Elizabeth-st.

The raid was planned by the Mulberry-st. police, and Detectives Burke and Gallagher and eight policemen made the descent on the place. They arrested Vincenzo Fortuna, of No. 234 Elizabeth-st., and Salvatore Lutchi, of No. 258 Elizabeth-st., the alleged proprietors, and twelve others, who are young men. Half a dozen packs of cards and $7 50 in cash were confiscated by the police. All the prisoners were locked up in the Mulberry-st. station.

GAMBLING HOUSES? NONE—SEXTON.

NEW HEALTH BOARD PRESIDENT SHOCKED AT THE SUGGESTION.

John B. Sexton, former Police Commissioner and now president of the Health Board, was asked yesterday if he thought one Commissioner would be as effective in dealing with the gambling houses as the four Commissioners were.

"What do I think?" repeated Mr. Sexton, sharply and hurriedly. "Why, I decline to answer any such questions. I don't think there are any gambling houses, anyway."

Mr. Sexton went to the Mayor's office at 10:40 o'clock yesterday morning, and was sworn in by Mayor Van Wyck as president of the Health Board. Mr. Sexton signed the officeholders' book as "Commissioner and president of the Board of Health."

Mr. Sexton then went to the Board of Health building, at Fifty-fifth-st. and Sixth-ave. He was accompanied by David Ryan, who was his secretary as Police Commissioner; Arthur J. Morgan, auditor of the Police Department; Register Fromme, and E. V. Greene, custodian of the City Clerk's office.

The party was received in the private office of the president of the Board of Health by Health Commissioners Cosby and Jenkins.

Commissioner Sexton received a telegram from Senator Sullivan yesterday upon his appointment to the head of the Health Department. It read:

Accept heartiest congratulations from your old friend. TIMOTHY D. SULLIVAN.

Michael C. Murphy, former president of the Board of Health, will still retain a voice in its councils, as by virtue of his office as Police Commissioner he is still a member of the Board. The next meeting day of the Board is Wednesday.

LOVING CUP FOR HERLIHY.

Police Captain Herlihy, who was acquitted of the Rev. Mr. Paddock's charges, received a silver loving cup from friends last night. The cup was delivered at Pier A, the headquarters of the Steamboat Squad, by messenger, and placed on the sergeant's desk until the Captain claims it. The cup was inscribed with the Captain's name and the date, February 23, 1901; stood ten inches high, and had three handles. On Friday Captain Herlihy received a big bouquet of roses from friends. On a card the words "Victory and Future Success" were inscribed.

DEATH IN PARTY OF THIRTEEN.

BOY KILLED AND THREE OTHER PERSONS HURT NEAR NORTH ADAMS, MASS.

North Adams, Mass., Feb. 23.—By the upsetting of a wagon in which a party of thirteen were returning to this city from a birthday celebration in Williamstown at 3 a. m. to-day, Arthur Kearn, a lad sixteen years old, was killed, and ten of the occupants of the wagon were injured, three of them not being expected to recover.

Those who suffered probably fatal injuries are:

BROWN, Mrs. I. S., concussion of the brain, a bad wound at back of head and many bruises.
MORRISON, Nason, several ribs broken, two large scalp wounds.
UNDERWOOD, W. S., left wrist broken, concussion of the brain, bruised about the head and shoulders.

The vehicle used by the party was a truckman's van, in which they had placed camp stools. As they were going downhill the wheels struck some ice which was slightly covered with snow. The wagon slid, struck a fence and upset, precipitating the occupants down an embankment twenty feet high onto the street railway tracks.

LIEUT.-COL. RAND SEEKS RETIREMENT.

SICKNESS COMPELS HIM TO RELINQUISH MILITARY DUTIES.

Lieutenant-Colonel George B. Rand, of the 9th Regiment, who has been ill for some time, and unable to attend to his military duties, has made application to be placed on the retired list. Colonel Rand is senior in his grade in the State. He served through the Civil War in the Massachusetts volunteers. He joined the 9th Regiment on June 1, 1882, being elected major, and has served continuously with it, until taken ill some months ago. In the Spanish-American War he served with the 9th Regiment until it was mustered out in November, 1898, and occupied the position of lieutenant-colonel. Next in line of promotion are Majors Japha and Lorigan, but the senior captain Washington Willcocks, it is now known, is to make a fight for the lieutenant-colonelcy.

At the third annual meeting of the Associated Board of Officers of the old 108th Regiment, N. G. N. Y., held last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Major William H. Romer, acting inspector of small arms practice, 8th Regiment; vice-president, Lieutenant B. D. Jacobs; secretary, Lieutenant C. B. Hillebrand; treasurer, Captain George L. Baker, sr.; Board of Governors, Colonel Eugene K. Austin, acting adjutant, 1st Regiment; Major S. T. Honey, Captain Clinton Stevenson, 8th Regiment, and Lieutenant J. H. Moon. The annual dinner will be held on the evening of March 16.

FAVORS NATION TACTICS.

MAGISTRATE CRANE ADVISES POLICE TO SMASH CRAP AND POLICY SHOPS.

Magistrate Leroy B. Crane, from the bench in the Harlem police court, yesterday advocated the adoption of Carrie Nation practices to rid the city of crap games and policy shops.

"A man who will shoot craps is the most contemptible object on earth," he said, "and, together with the policy players, ought to be driven off it."

This statement was brought out when Captain Flood of the East One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st. station and two detectives arraigned Benjamin and David Mulhouser, brothers, of No. 211 East One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st., and charged them with running a crap game at a place in Third-ave. between One-hundred-and-twenty-second and One-hundred-and-twenty-third sts.

Captain Flood told the Magistrate that two of Inspector Kane's men had been in the place and had seen dice and money on the table. Captain Flood said he went there himself, but, while he saw no gambling going on, was certain there was crap shooting in the place.

Turning to Captain Flood, the Magistrate continued:

My advice to you—and I am certain every Police Magistrate in the city will agree with me—is, if you are fully convinced gambling is going on, to go into these places and smash down the doors and pull down the partitions and clean the place out from cellar to garret. I don't know the game of poker, and I don't want to. But I do not think there is anything wrong in a man having a game of cards in his own home or in his cigar store. But craps and policy pauperize a man quicker than anything else on earth. Clean those places out.

Magistrate Crane then dismissed the two men for lack of evidence. When they were in the corridor outside of the courtroom Captain Flood ordered them to leave the precinct. Then, turning to his two wardmen, Detectives Dwyer and Meehan, he said: "Did you hear what the Judge told us to do? Just do it. Clean those places out from roof to cellar."

Magistrate Crane was seen later and was asked about his statement. In reply he said:

If I were Chief of Police of this city I would find out where gambling is going on, and, when certain of the location, would notify the men to cease. If they did not, then I would clean out the place. I would leave nothing but the bare walls and ceilings. I do not mean to say that this would be legally right, but in a moral sense it certainly would be right. The police power is supreme, and I believe that the people of the State of New-York would uphold me in such action. Gamblers have no license to exis., and I wouldn't trouble myself to take these men into a court. If they have any grievance about any action, let them bring a civil action against the people of the State.

BIG HUNT FOR A "LOST" BABY.

AN EMPLOYE HAD WHEELED IT INTO STORE FROM VESTIBULE, WHERE MOTHER HAD LEFT IT.

A woman went to a department store in One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. yesterday afternoon, pushing her baby in a carriage. She left the carriage and the baby in the vestibule and went inside. One of the employes in the store saw the carriage, and in order that the baby might not come to any harm, wheeled it inside and left it in one of the aisles on the opposite side to the part of the store that the woman was in.

When the mother appeared in the vestibule with her arms full of packages and saw that the carriage was missing she was stricken with fright. Dropping her parcels, she ran into the street, crying that her child had been kidnapped. She had not gone far before she came to a group of mounted policemen, who on hearing her story rounded up all the baby carriages in the neighborhood to find the missing infant.

The search was brought to an end only when an employe from the store told the police that the baby was doing nicely, and that the mother might claim it if she returned.

WEST SIDE STONE THROWERS ARRAIGNED

MAGISTRATE DEUEL DOES NOT THINK THE TROUBLE CAME FROM RACIAL PREJUDICE.

Three negroes, one negress and eight small boys in knickerbockers were prisoners in the West Side Court yesterday morning as the result of disturbances Friday afternoon and evening in the Twentieth Police Precinct. This is the precinct that has achieved distinction as a field for "race riots." Captain Cooney is its commander, and in it is the West Thirty-seventh-st. police station. The policemen who arraigned their prisoners yesterday morning made much of the troubles, and applied to them the term "race riots." Magistrate Deuel, however, was inclined to believe that the trouble was due to the stone throwing boys rather than to any racial differences in the district. The eight boys, who were charged with throwing stones and sticks, were each held in $300 bail for their good behavior for two months.

George Gallagher, John McCormick, Patrick Duggan and Joseph Lawless were arrested about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon on complaint of Philip Kelsey, colored janitor of No. 408 West Thirty-sixth-st. Kelsey was stoned by the boys, and was obliged to take refuge in his house to escape being hurt. A squad of police rescued Charles Hart, colored, of No. 408 West Thirty-sixth-st., who was being stoned by boys at Ninth-ave. and Thirty-sixth-st. The prisoners taken are Arthur Scheiles, Henry Kress, Paul Becber and Bernard Geissler.

Della Washington, a negress, twenty-one years old, living at No. 548 West Thirty-eighth-st., was annoyed by boys in front of her home at 10 o'clock in the morning. She was frightened, and, fearing she would be hurt, she fired a revolver in the air to put the boys to flight. Policeman Kirke, of the West Thirty-seventh-st. station, arrested her. Magistrate Deuel quickly discharged her when he learned the circumstances attending her act. William Nealy, twenty-two years old, of No. 340 West Thirty-eighth-st., also, according to the police, fired a revolver when he was chased by boys and young men at Fortieth-st. and Ninth-ave. He told the Magistrate that he was taking his revolver to a pawnbroker to raise money to pay his rent. He was discharged.

THE ACTORS' FUND BENEFIT.

The Actors' Fund Benefit will take place at the Broadway Theatre next Friday. Daniel Frohman has secured such ready responses from the prominent actors taking part in the entertainment that he is already enabled to announce the features in this entertainment, which is of a novel and attractive character. The curtain will rise at 1:15. The numbers will succeed each other as follows:

Richard Maddern and his Broadway Theatre orchestra will perform the overture of "Orpheus," after which will come the gavotte and chorus from the second act of "Vienna Life." This will be succeeded by a new one act play by the author of "A Royal Family," entitled "The Shades of Night," a love story involving two ghosts and two live people. They are Miss Cecilia Loftus, Miss Alison Skipworth, William Courtenay and Grant Stewart. The Casino management has furnished the "Floradora" sextet, after which Miss Mary Mannering, Mrs. Whiffen and Miss Dorothy Tennant will appear in the one act play by Lottie Blair Parker entitled "White Roses," the piece played some years ago at the Lyceum Theatre by Miss Georgia Cayvan. De Wolfe Hopper will then appear with a humorous recitation, and he will be followed by Miss Hilda Spong, Charles Richman, Guy Standing, William H. Thompson and Fred Courtayne, in a scene from "The School for Scandal." After this Miss Beatrice Herford will appear in a new monologue. She will be followed by the Misses Amelia Bingham, Blanche Bates, Ethel Barrymore, May Robson, Minnie Dupree, Bijou Fernandez and Evangeline Irving, in a skit written by Grant Stewart, entitled "An Appeal to the Muse," a fantasy on the craze for dramatizing modern heroines. A special feature will be the last on the bill, a new one act play written for this occasion by Grant Stewart, entitled "Undine," with incidental music by J. S. Hiller. Mr. Frohman has secured for this production the following cast: Miss Cecilia Loftus, as Undine; William Courtenay, as Hulderbrand; Alison Skipworth, as Bertold, and Fred Courtayne, as the Fisherman.

FINE ART IN LEATHER.

Just now there is on exhibition at the Fine Arts Club, in West Thirty-sixth-st., a collection of old Flemish, Venetian and Spanish illuminated leathers. These examples have been placed there by Charles R. Yandell, a member of the club. Side by side with the exhibits hundreds of years old, taken from some old chapel or palace in Spain or Italy, there will be found examples of the modern work.

On the walls of the hall are to be seen several pieces of extra good Spanish leather, deep and mellow in color and wonderful in design and boss. Here also, in close proximity is the work of today, in embroidery, incised, embossed, carved and other varieties of leather, exampled in screens, furniture covers and other decorative work.

The patrons of the fine art leather in this country are few, and it is only in the houses of those who are well supplied with this world's goods and who have the artistic instinct in addition to wealth that such rare examples can be seen. In the homes of W. C. Whitney, H. McK. Twombly, W. K. Vanderbilt and Henry G. Marquand there are some fine specimens. Indeed, some of the examples on exhibition at the Fine Arts Club have been kindly lent for the occasion by their owners.

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BITES FINGERS TO ESCAPE.

HIGHWAYMAN ALSO KNOCKS DOWN MAN WHO COMES TO WOMAN'S ASSISTANCE.

Timothy Mailey, of No. 211 Thirty-fourth-st., Brooklyn, was locked up in the Fourth-ave. police station last night, charged with attempted highway robbery and assault, at Fourth-ave. and Twenty-fifth-st., Brooklyn, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Rosa Saidigreen, of No. 156 Thirty-sixth-st., alleges that he knocked her down and tried to snatch her pocketbook.

Thomas Boyle, of No. 163 Seventeenth-st., ran up and grappled with him. Mailey seized Boyle's fingers and bit them nearly off; then he knocked him down and started to run.

The diversion furnished by Boyle had been enough to allow Patrolman McGreeven time to reach the scene and capture Mailey.

An ambulance surgeon attended Mrs. Saidigreen and Boyle.

WARNED AGAINST A COUNTERFEIT

WHY SPURIOUS HALF DOLLARS ARE MORE FREQUENTLY MADE THAN OTHER COINS.

The following letter was received yesterday from William S. Pettegrew, general agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society:

THE PUBLIC, BEWARE!

Look out for counterfeit half dollars. One purporting to be of the 1900 issue was passed on me yesterday. The counterfeit has been moulded, has somewhat of a battered appearance, and the milling around the edge is indistinct. It is lighter in weight than the genuine article, and but for that fact W. J. Bryan and his friends might possibly be accused of circulating free coinage. Some people, however, might call the piece a veritable Bryan coin, on the ground that if Mr. Bryan was willing to palm off 53 cents' worth of silver as of the value of a dollar, he was quite as capable of giving less silver to represent that value.

WILLIAM S. PETTEGREW.

New-York, Feb. 23, 1901.

Maurice L. Muhlman, Deputy Assistant United States Treasurer, when asked if he knew of the existence of any half dollar pieces of the kind described, said:

I am not aware of a recent issue of counterfeit coins of the denomination of 50 cents, though the business of illegal manufacture of half dollars is on the increase. In 1899 1,271 counterfeit coins of this denomination passed through our hands. Last year the number was 1,833, an increase of 562. The reason why counterfeiters make more half dollar pieces than dollars or quarters is that people generally are apt to scrutinize closely a dollar piece. These coins are rarely taken when a paper dollar can be had instead. The half dollar is worth more than a twenty-five-cent piece, and is just as easy to pass as a quarter. For these reasons counterfeiters prefer to make halves to quarters or dollars.

The illegal manufacture of pennies is increasing rapidly. In 1899 we printed in our report the receipt of 91,577 bad pennies. In 1900 this number increased to 118,824.

At the office of the United States Secret Service, in the Postoffice Building, it was said that there was little difficulty in detecting such a coin as described by Mr. Pettegrew. An officer there said:

"A coin that has been moulded by Italian operators, who are doing the mischief at present, is so apparent a fraud that there is hardly any need of warning the public against it. Only those counterfeits which are made with an expensive die need be feared."

MEDALS FOR 71ST REGIMENT MEMBERS.

Colonel A. L. Mills, U. S. A., will review the 71st Regiment at its armory next Tuesday night, when decorations for long and faithful service will be presented to the following: For twenty-five years, to ex-Colonel Augustus T. Francis; for twenty years, to Sergeant-Major Joseph J. Adgate, Private William J. Burt and Color-Sergeant Noah Bruford; for fifteen years, to Major E. T. T. Marsh, Sergeant-Major John Miller, Privates B. F. Morrison, Richard Stokes, H. Z. Ziegler and John Herron; for ten years, to ex-Major Clinton H. Smith, Captains A. L. Robertson and William R. Hill, Lieutenants F. H. Weyman, J. Hunter, H. Maslin and C. F. Boynton, Quartermaster Sergeant Peter Paepke, Sergeants George B. Youngs, James E. Carroll, Charles H. Ryer, William A. Winter, A. E. Canterbury, A. C. Milliken and O. Bruckheimer, Corporal E. Doty, Privates W. M. Merriam, J. E. Jefferson, C. B. Ginty, H. Abeling, F. J. Hofaker and H. Lipnelgoes.

Colonel Bates has appointed First Sergeant L. W. Thompson, of Company E, sergeant major of the 1st Battalion.

Company I will play a match game of armory baseball at the armory, on March 9, with a team from the Troy Citizens Corps. The latter is the champion up the State team. Company E will visit Troy in March, where its baseball team will play a game with the Elks team. Company K will hold a stag entertainment the latter part of March.

M. DESCHAMPS TO LECTURE AT COLUMBIA.

M. Gaston Deschamps, of Paris, now lecturing at Harvard, will deliver four lectures at Columbia, in March, on "The History of the French Press in the Nineteenth Century." The topics and dates are: "La Restauration (1814-'30)," Thursday, March 14, at 3:30 o'clock; "Le Gouvernement de Juillet et la Dernière Republique (1830-'52)," Saturday, March 16, at 11:30 o'clock; "Le Second Empire et l'Assemblie Nationale (1852-'75)," Monday, March 18, at 3:30 o'clock; "La Presse sous la Constitution de 1875," Thursday, March 21, at 3:30 o'clock.

CROKER AND M'CARREN BUY A HORSE.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 23.—Colonel W. S. Barnston to-night announced the sale of Vassal Dance to Richard Croker and Senator McCarren, of New-York. The price was private, but is said to be large. The horse will be shipped on Sunday to Coney Island.

CAPTAIN HILL RESIGNS FROM 71ST.

Captain William R. Hill of Company E, 71st Regiment, a strong supporter of ex-Major Clinton H. Smith for the lieutenant-colonelcy, has resigned. It was rumored that Captain David L. Hough of Company K would resign, on account of being at odds with Colonel Bates upon a question of drill. Unless the officers supporting ex-Major Smith work in harmony in the future with Colonel Bates and other officers it is asserted by a prominent State officer that they will be forced out of the regiment by being ordered before a State examining board.

A PARADISE FOR STRAY CATS.

CUSHIONS, STEAM HEAT, A MILKMAN AND MRS. BRADY'S CHEF MINISTER TO THEIR WANTS.

A large cage, 32 feet in length and 10 feet wide, constructed of wall strips and light lumber, has been erected on the premises of Mrs. Katherine M. Brady, at No. 32 King-st., Flushing, for the purpose of housing all stray cats which may chance to come along. Mrs. Brady is the widow of John N. Brady, who was a brother of the late Supreme Court Judge. Mrs. Brady is also the mother of Mrs. Sidney Harris, the actress. The cage is fitted up with cushions and other features to make it pleasant for the cats.

At one end of the cage is a small house, occupying the entire length of the cage, about 12 feet deep and 5 feet high. The house is heated with hot water pipes, coming from the conservatory close by. A milkman leaves a large can of milk daily, and the chef from the house has instructions to feed the felines with special articles furnished by the butcher and others. At present about twoscore cats are registered at the "Mission," as the neighbors call it.

King-st. is in the chief residential section of Flushing. The nearest neighbor to the Bradys is E. V. W. Rossiter, the treasurer of the New-York Central Railroad.

WHY MR. MORGAN WAS NOT CALLED.

MEMBERS OF INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION REALIZED THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY BUSY.

The sub-committee on transportation of the Industrial Commission will hold no more sessions in this city at present. Next week the sub-committee will sit at Washington, D. C.

The sub-committee came here with the avowed purpose of calling before it J. Pierpont Morgan, and according to the members Mr. Morgan had declared his willingness to appear before them to testify.

On Thursday afternoon, when the last session of the sub-committee was held at the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Harris, the acting chairman, said that the members of the committee realized that just at present Mr. Morgan was about the busiest man in this city, and that under the circumstances they did not feel justified in encroaching upon his time.

It is declared that at some future time, after the negotiations looking toward the steel combination have been consummated, Mr. Morgan certainly will be called upon to testify.

CHOIR BALKS AT INSTRUCTION.

DEFIES LEADER, WHO REFUSES TO RESIGN AND IS REMOVED.

There is consternation among the members of the Highland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of Sing Sing over a difficulty among the members of the choir. Last Sunday none but the leader, the Rev. E. W. Morton, appeared, the twenty soloists and singers refusing to act under his leadership. The Board of Trustees of the church asked for Mr. Morton's resignation, but he refused to give it.

Last evening a meeting was held, and Mr. Morton was removed. William Henry Rowe, the organist of the church, was appointed leader in his place. It is expected that the trouble will be amicably settled. The Rev. Dr. W. F. Anderson is the pastor of the church. The difficulty arose over Mr. Morton's method of instruction, which the members of the choir did not approve.

THE NEW PLAY AT THE AMERICAN.

"Master at Arms," a romantic drama in four acts, will have its first production at the American Theatre to-morrow night. Preparations for this production have been going on for several weeks, and as it is the first new play to be presented at this house by the stock company, the entire resources of the establishment have been called into service. An unusual display of new and elaborate scenery, costumes and accessories is promised. The author of the play, Miron L. Leffingwell, has adapted the drama from works of Victor Hugo, D'Ennery and Paul Feval, which he has combined and constructed for the English-speaking stage. The story tells of the adventures of an impoverished nobleman and a peasant girl. There are many exciting episodes. The important scenes will show a Dominican monastery near Madrid, with a huge cataract of real water rushing down the mountain side; a military prison, the castle terrace of the Escurial, with its balconies peopled with gayly dressed men and women, and a picturesque chateau. This is the cast:

Zafari	Ralph Stuart
Maritana	Jane Kennark
The King	Emile Collins
Inez	Georgia Wells
Count Alba	Herman Sheldon
Paquita	Julia Blanc
Malatesta	Alphonse Ethier
Padrillo	Manifee Johnstone

AMONG THE HOTELS.

The Wroxeter, an apartment hotel at No. 137 West Forty-fifth-st., is now open. A new departure is introduced in the management by doing away with the dining room and serving all meals in the suites at no extra charge for service. Roland W. Macurdy is the lessee and manager.

The fourth annual dinner of the Republican Club of the IIId Assembly District was held at the Broadway Central Hotel last Thursday night.

The graduating class of West Point cadets visited New-York a few days ago, attending the theatre and dining at the Murray Hill Hotel.

The Hotel Albert, at University Place and Eleventh-st., is making a specialty of catering in its restaurant to women shoppers.

J. P. Hamblen's Sons are the new proprietors and managers of the Hotel Gerard, at Forty-fourth-st. and Broadway.

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For the Girl and Miss — the preparations were conducted on an equally elaborate scale. Not a maker of note in America but that his goods are represented here. Not a new thing on two continents but has its authentic reflection in this splendid stock. The prices are right, too—they are always right here!

In Tailor-Made Suits — upward of 200 styles to choose from, beginning with the modest and tasty suit at $10.00 and ending with magnificent silk-lined gowns costing $150.00, and every style possesses an individuality of its own—a grace, an elegance that mark it clearly the work of an artist.

In Women's Waists — the array of styles is perfectly amazing. If we have one, we have 500 different styles. Waists at 50c. and waists at $50.00, with every possible variation of price between the two extremes, and most of them are exclusive, in that we can control their sale in this market and in our Chicago store.

But we'll have to cease. It's a hopeless task to attempt a word picture of a galaxy of fashion that has taken our experts four months to plan and half a hundred of the world's foremost wholesale tailors an equal length of time to execute.

Come and see the display in the windows; take a stroll through the department and enjoy this feast of fashion to your heart's content. It will be worth your while, and if our efforts may please you—that's all the reward we want at present. We'll talk "business" to you later on.

A Sale of Linen & Turkish Towels

will be the great special attraction of our Linen Store for Monday. A prominent Philadelphia maker, sorely pressed for ready cash, sold to us at a very low figure

One Thousand Dozen Linen and Turkish Towels

at prices that now enable us to sell to you at fully 30 per cent below current quotations.

It's quite the biggest Towel chance we ever had the good fortune to present to you; don't fail to take full advantage of it; such things do not happen any too often.

The Sale Will Be Restricted to Dozen and Half Dozen Lots,

the great quantity and the great crowds we expect demanding this course to be taken.

Lot 1—Huckaback and Bath Towels, with hemmed and fringed ends, various sizes, 12 for	1.05
Lot 2—Towels of various kinds and sizes, 12 for	1.18
Lot 3—Towels of a larger size, 12 for	1.45
Lot 4—Towels still heavier and larger, 12 for	1.90
Lot 5—Towels of very large size and very fine quality, 12 for	2.40

We Will Also Sell Monday

10,000 yds. of Real Russian Crash Towelling, imported from Siberia, at very low prices:—	
3,500 yds. of a heavy Russian Crash, value 16c., at, per yd.,	12 1-2
3,500 yds. of a finer quality, value 20c., at, per yd.,	15
3,000 yds. of a still finer quality, value 23c., at per yd.,	18

Cotton Wash Fabrics.

Selections are now greatest; every novelty that has appeared on the two hemispheres this spring is here now, but many of the most successful ones will not be here later, for once sold out, they cannot be replaced.

If you desire the advantage of selecting from unbroken varieties, buy now.

We offer for Monday:—

10,000 yards of fine Dimities, all new designs; worth 18c. a yard, for	12 1-2
10,000 yards of Dotted Swiss Mulls, solid colors and neat designs, for	12 1-2
5,000 yards of Corded Novelty Ginghams; worth 13c. a yard, at	12 1-2
5,000 yards of Imported Foulards, look like silk, at	29
5,000 yards of fancy Silk Organdies, cotton warp, plain shades, at	39
3,000 yards of Mercerized Chambrays, solid colors, at	25
10,000 yards of Crinkled Seersuckers; worth 12 1-2c., at	9 1-2
10,000 yards of Duck Suitings, in dots and stripes, at	6 1-2

And many other values equally great that space prevents mention of.

Tremendous Curtain Bargains.

Over 5,000 pairs of Irish Point Lace Curtains, an importer's entire stock, bought at 50 per cent discount from current wholesale quotations.

Will be sold Monday at these unprecedentedly low prices:—

Irish Point Curtains, worth $4.50, at, per pair,	2.85
Irish Point Curtains, worth $6.00, at, per pair,	3.90
Irish Point Curtains, worth $7.50, at, per pair,	5.00
Irish Point Curtains, worth $10.00, at, per pair,	6.50
Irish Point Curtains, worth $12.50, at, per pair,	7.75

Tapestry Portieres at Weavers' Cost.

Armure Portieres, reversible, $3.25 goods, per pair,	1.95
Bagdad Portieres, best colors, $3.50 goods, per pair,	2.25
Oriental Portieres, 25 styles, $5.00 to $7.00 goods,	3.95
French Tapestry Portieres, $9.00 goods,	6.25
Silk Damask Portieres, worth $13.75, per pair,	9.75

Superior Shoes for $3.00.

We have been planning and figuring and working for months on an important problem—the problem of still further improving our two famous brands of $3.00 shoes.

The Foot Mould—for Men.
The Perfection—for Women.

And in submitting for your consideration our new spring styles we ask you to compare them with the best shoes the market holds—not only shoes costing $3.00, but even shoes that sell at specialty stores for $4.00 and $5.00.

We desire to call particular attention to the new styles of Men's Shoes, made of patent leather, vici kid and calf, and to the new styles of Women's Shoes made of patent leather and enamelled kid.

Special for Monday.

About 800 pairs of Bargain Shoes, left over from our recent great sale, odds and ends; worth from $2.50 to $5.00 a pair. If you can find a fit you'll find a great bargain, choice of all being offered Monday at 1.65

Carpets and Rugs.

The Half-Yearly Trade Sale will come to a close with this week. You have but six short days within which to buy the carpets and rugs you will need this season, or make up your mind to pay regular prices.

To fully appreciate the difference in cost that delay will mean, study the list!

Royal Wilton Carpets.
Exceedingly handsome, suitable for any room, with and without borders; regularly worth $2.25 a yard, trade sale price only 1.50

Axminster Carpets.
One of the largest lines in this city to choose from; new and original designs and color effects from the principal makers of these standard carpets; regularly worth $1.25 a yard, trade sale price only 80

Body Brussels.
Made by the Bigelow & Lowell Company, and regularly worth $1.50 a yard; trade sale price only 1.00

Velvet Carpets.
A very superior grade of carpets in a magnificent showing of spring patterns and colorings; fully worth $1.50 a yard, trade sale price only 1.00

Tapestry Brussels Carpets.
An assortment of styles and colorings that surpasses any and all other New York showings, in three grades, priced as follows:—

The 90c. per yard grade for	50
The 75c. per yard grade for	45
The 60c. per yard grade for	35

Ingrain Carpets.
Brussels styles and colorings.

Regular price, per yard, 75c., trade sale price only	50
Regular price, per yard, 65c., trade sale price only	40
Regular price, per yard, 50c., trade sale price	30

Smyrna Rugs at One-third Off.

21x45 inch size,	1.00
26x54 inch size,	1.50
4x7 ft.,	4.50
6x9 ft.,	9.00
30x60 inch size,	1.75
36x72 inch size,	2.75
7 1-2x10 1-2 ft.,	13.50
9x12 ft.,	18.50

Royal Wilton Rugs.

500, size 27x54 inches; worth $4.50, at	3.00
500, size 36x63 inches; worth $6.50, at	4.95

Ingrain Art Squares.
Just the thing to lay under your dining room table. These are strictly all wool.

3x2 yds.; worth $5.00, at	3.60
3x2 1-2 yds.; worth $6.00, at	4.50
3x3 yds.; worth $7.00, at	5.50
3x3 1-2 yds.; worth $8.00, at	6.50
3x4 yds.; worth $9.00, at	7.25
3x4 1-2 yds.; worth $10.50, at	8.25

UNDECIDED AS TO RETRIAL OF KENNEDY.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY PHILBIN EXPECTS TO REACH A DECISION BY TO-MORROW.

District Attorney Philbin said yesterday morning that he had not yet decided whether Samuel J. Kennedy would be put on trial for the third time on the charge of murdering "Dolly" Reynolds, but that he expected to reach a decision by to-morrow. He said that the county should not be put to the expense of another trial unless the evidence warranted it. He would be guided entirely by the weight of the evidence brought forward, an examination of which he expected to begin yesterday.

Mr. Philbin said he would certainly object to any motion to obtain bail for the prisoner, as there was no more reason why this privilege should be granted now than at any time heretofore. Mrs. Kennedy called at the Tombs Pr