BANK BIRTHDAY FEAST.

Corn Exchange Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary at Sherry's.

The Corn Exchange Bank celebrated its fiftieth birthday last evening at Sherry's. The celebration started on Friday, when the bank gave $50 in a corncob to each of its employes. The speakers of the evening had lots of fun with the tightness of the money market. The orchestra in the balcony of the ballroom on the third floor rendered stein song music, and then silently stole away when President William A. Nash spoke for the bank as a semi-centenarian and himself as twenty years its head.

Joseph C. Hendrix paid felicitations to the bank and its president in a speech that was constantly interrupted with laughter and applause. The Rev. Dr. Donald Sage Mackay told of golfing experiences with Mr. Nash, spoke of his "coat of many colors" and "courtesies exchanged across the bunker." He said that "business men wear well and ministers wear out."

The room was filled with the masters of Wall Street, and, if this is an age of young men, the gathering did not prove it, as "good gray heads" predominated.

Mr. Nash said in part:

It is interesting to those closely connected with the bank to consider the results in figures of the business of fifty years. Those figures are accurate and reliable to a cent. We have earned $16,555,663. We have spent in expenses and taxes $5,858,477 63. We have given back to our stockholders $5,135,236. One of the contributions to the banking history of this State and city which has been made by the Corn Exchange Bank is the extensive application of the principle of branch banking, which it began, and of which, thus far, it is the largest and most conspicuous operator.

We bank presidents are not called upon to suffer at all times the monotony of disregard, for the demeanor of the borrower varies with the conditions of the money market. During the last two or three months much of the old-time reverence has revived under the stimulus of high rates. On entering our offices the borrower has removed his hat and left his half-smoked cigar on some resting place outside the office. Of course, with the return of easy money, we all expect to see them enter full helmeted and puffing away in blissful forgetfulness of the days when money was high.

Other speakers were F. D. Kilburn, W. A. Airs and J. S. Wise.

The menu was:

Huîtres.
Potage Ambassodeur.
Olives. Radis. Celeri. Amandes.
Aiguillettes de Bass Rayee Diepploise.
Selle d'Agneau Richelieu.
Jambon de Virginie aux Epinards.
Canad Canvasback.
Hominy. Celeri Mayonnaise.
Glace Fantasie.
Gateaux. Fromage.
Fruit.
Café.
Vins
Laubenheimer. Romance 1881.
G. H. Mumm's Selected Brut, '92. Apollinaris.

ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS BROKEN.

Balances at the Clearing House Yesterday Were $24,977,948.

The balances at the Clearing House yesterday—$24,977,948—broke all previous records in volume, the nearest approach being $24,943,000 in July of last year. The unusually large credit balance of the Sub-Treasury at the Clearing House, amounting to $2,664,356, was due chiefly to the payment of the eighth of the twenty notes of $2,940,635 each, made in satisfaction of the Central Pacific's debt to the government, with interest from February 1, 1899. The debt is to be paid in equal semi-annual instalments, extending over a period of ten years from February 1, 1899.

JOINS SILK HAT CLUB.

Stock Exchange Broker Overwhelmed by Cordiality of Reception.

G. Clinton Miller, who has been a member of the Stock Exchange since December, 1888, qualified yesterday for membership in the Silk Hat Club of the Exchange. Mr. Miller, it was said after the reception given to him by the club, a week ago Saturday made his first appearance on the trading floor with a silk hat on his head, and was similarly crowned yesterday, a plain intimidation, it was thought by the club, of his desire to enter that organization. A few minutes after Mr. Miller's arrival in the board room ten other brokers, among them W. B. Coster, left the floor, and a little later returned, marching in, each wearing a silk hat and carrying a cane.

The crowd of brokers in the neighborhood saw that something was coming, and gathered around. The ten surrounded Mr. Miller, singing a popular air from "Florodora," modified to fit the occasion, the query in the refrain being whether he had another hat at home like the one he was wearing. Suddenly eleven high hats rose in the air. Immediately there was an uproar. Vice-Chairman Niles banged his gavel on the chairman's desk, but the brokers only regarded this as a musical accompaniment.

When order was restored only remnants of hats could be found. An official report sent out over the tickers a few minutes afterward said that Mr. Miller was so overcome by the strenuous cordiality of his reception into the club that he was unable to rise from his chair and respond for fully ten minutes.

In what was left of one of the hats a collection was taken up and a new silk hat was purchased for the new member.

WABASH WILL TREAT WITH EMPLOYES

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Cleveland, Jan. 31.—President James Ramsey, jr., of the Wabash informed the Wheeling and Lake Erie members of the brotherhoods of Firemen and Trainmen to-day that he would treat with them. The message came just after a unanimous vote had been taken declaring a strike because the road officials had refused to consider the trainmen's demands. Committees from all over the Wabash system will meet the officials. Colonel Myron T. Herrick is credited with persuading the company to change its views.

UNDER STONES AT CREEK'S BOTTOM.

Buried under a ton or two of granite paving blocks, the body of John Tighe, of No. 114 Walworth-st., Brooklyn, of the firm of Tighe & Howe, lies in the bottom of Newtown Creek, at Montrose-ave. Divers will be employed to-day to recover the body. Tighe met his death in a peculiar manner. His firm had been engaged to unload the schooner Ira B. Elams, of Boothbay, Me. On the deck were piled several thousand paving blocks. Tighe was standing in the stern, directing the work of several men, when a section of the blocks slipped suddenly. Before the stevedore could leap out of danger he was pushed from the boat by the avalanche of granite, which carried him to the bottom. Although he was a good swimmer, Tighe was helpless.

Tighe, who was forty years old, leaves a widow and several children.

The police of the Stagg-st. station, after looking around for some one to hold responsible for the accident, finally placed under arrest Andrew Howe, of No. 164 Hopkins-st. Howe, who was Tighe's partner, and was assisting in directing the unloading of the schooner, was taken to the station house, where a formal charge of criminal carelessness was entered against him.

TO EXAMINE MRS. RICHMAN TO-MORROW.

Dr. John A. Barnett, a brain specialist, and ex-County Judge Henry Purcell, the commissioners appointed by tthe Supreme Court to examine into the sanity of Mrs. Rachel Richman, against whom an indictment was found by the Jefferson County grand jury last fall for grand larceny, met in the County Courthouse yesterday. Without taking any testimony, an adjournment was taken until 1 o'clock to-morrow at the Murray Hill Hotel.

District Attorney George H. Cobb, of Jefferson County, obtained the appointment of the commission to inquire into Mrs. Richman's sanity, in which he believes.

Mrs. Richman and her husband, Louis, who is a wealthy manufacturer, were accused of stealing a pearl and diamond necklace, valued at $25,000, from Mrs. Walter Delabarre, at the Crossmon House, Alexandria Bay, last June. Mr. Richman was released on bail, but Mrs. Richman was committed as insane to the River Crest Sanatorium by Justice Leventritt.

PLINY FISK TRANSFERS MEMBERSHIP.

The Stock Exchange membership of Pliny Fisk, of the well known bond house of Harvey Fisk & Sons, has been posted for transfer to Charles F. Bickley. Mr. Fisk has been a member of the exchange since April 9, 1885.

BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES
TRY THEM FOR
Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and Sore Throat
Fac-Simile Signature of [signature] on every box.

MAY CONVERT INTO CAPITAL STOCK.

Privilege Given to Holders of Pennsylvania Railroad 3 1-2 Per Cent Gold Bonds.

Announcement was made in this city yesterday that the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had adopted a resolution giving to the holders of its 3½ per cent convertible gold bonds the privilege of converting those securities into capital stock at $70 a share between March 15 and April 4, 1903.

The bonds referred to are an issue of $50,000,000, bearing date of November 1, 1902, and running for ten years. Under a resolution adopted by the directors on March 12 of last year, these bonds were to become convertible at holders' option, at $70 a share, on May 1, 1904, or any subsequent interest day, on thirty days' notice.

The stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will be asked at their annual meeting on March 10 to authorize an increase of the capital stock, by probably as much as $200,000,000, it is understood. No actual increase of stock can be made except by formal action of the Board of Directors, and it is thought in Wall Street that the board, upon obtaining the necessary authorization from the shareholders, will promptly decide to issue additional stock, at 140, to an amount sufficient to retire the 3½ per cent convertible bonds of 1902, and to provide also additional funds for the prosecution of the company's gigantic scheme of improvements; perhaps taking up, also, at or before the expiration of the first six months (they may be renewed for six months), the $35,000,000 notes which it recently put out.

Pennsylvania is a "half stock," the par value of a share being $50, so that $70 a share would be equivalent to 140 per cent of the par value. The stock closed yesterday at 151¾, or $75 88 a share.

ELEVATED TRAINS TO YONKERS.

It Is Said That the Sixth and Ninth Ave. Lines Will Soon Use the Putnam Road.

It was declared at Yonkers yesterday on trustworthy authority that within a few weeks Yonkers would be the northern terminus of the Sixth-ave. and Ninth-ave. Manhattan elevated roads, the trains of which would run over the Putnam Road. This plan, which, it was feared, had been abandoned, is the result of a policy to be put into effect by August Belmont, head of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. The recent condemnation made of the inadequate train service on the Putnam line found its chief cause in the objectionable delays at One-hundred-and-fifty-fifth-st., where passengers are huddled together and compelled to stand exposed to the elements on an unprotected platform.

With Yonkers as the northern terminus, it is believed that the trip from Getty Square to the Battery can be made on trains that stop at intermediate stations in forty-five minutes and on express trains in thirty minutes.

RUMANIAN JEWS SPEAK CASTILIAN.

Ancestors Were Driven Out of Spain in Reign of Ferdinand and Isabella.

Among the immigrants landed at Ellis Island yesterday were three families of Jews from Crajova, in Rumania, but instead of speaking Yiddish they all spoke pure Castilian Spanish. Their case came to the notice of Allan Robinson, Commissioner Williams, chief of staff, had the three heads of the families, Moritz Kaufman, Moremo Haravor and Minachen Aleas, brought before him. He sent for Interpreter Ephraim Navon, who explained that the immigrants are descendants of Spanish Jews, driven out of Spain in the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella. Their ancestors settled in Turkey, their descendants migrating thence to Bulgaria and Rumania. The descendants living in Rumania still speak the Spanish language and keep up their ancient Spanish customs and religious rites. The men say that there are about four hundred of their race in Rumania who speak Spanish.

It was a coincidence which developed from the inquiry that Interpreter Navon is himself descended from the same Spanish Jews who were exiled from Spain in the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella, but his family, after going to Turkey, settled there.

DANGER IN TENEMENT LAW CHANGE.

Robert W. De Forest Speaks Before East Side Civic Club.

Robert W. De Forest, Tenement House Commissioner, talked to a representative audience at the rooms of the East Side Civic Club, No. 254 Grand-st., last night on the subject of "The Tenement House Department in Its Relation to the East Side." Commissioner De Forest said that he had been agreeably surprised by the character of the tenement houses going up under the new Tenement House law. In the last year five hundred new buildings had been put up and fifteen hundred old ones remodelled. They had proved good business investments. Mr. De Forest, continuing, said:

I take no particular interest in the landlord, as such, except as it directly concerns our work. But this phase of the matter has conclusively proved to my mind that when a measure of reform gets on a business basis we may be sure that it will go on. In the new tenement houses rentals are rapid, and there is usually a big waiting list, in spite of the higher price demanded. This has grown so lucrative that many investors are buying old houses and remodelling them to meet the requirements of the new law.

In regard to the blotting out of the social evil in the tenement houses, Mr. De Forest said that the new law gave the opportunity for summary action. There had been numerous complaints, and the commission had taken effective action without going to the police courts in a single case, although at times it was dangerously near it. He added:

However, we are face to face with a most serious situation at Albany. Legislation is under way which will make some radical changes in the Tenement House law. These bits of prospective legislation attack the fundamental principles of the law. One of them proposes the exemption of houses where three or four families live from the inspection of the authorities. Yet that feature has been in the law ever since the first legislation on the subject, in 1867. People of narrow views are joined with those who have large property interests at stake to procure the legislation. They are organized, and to combat them the people must organize and make themselves heard.

FOR COTTON EXCHANGE SEAT, $7,100.

W. B. Mack, of the New-York Stock Exchange firm of W. B. Mack & Co., has purchased a seat on the New-York Cotton Exchange for $7,100.

DELAY FOR PORT CHESTER ROAD.

The application of the New-York and Port Chester Railroad Company, which proposes to build a four track rapid transit electric system through Mount Vernon, New-Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Rye and other Westchester towns and cities, for permission to cross the highways in Westchester County, came before Justice Keogh at a session of the Supreme Court in New-Rochelle yesterday. Justice Keogh postponed the hearing one week, because Adrian Iselin, jr., one of the Commissioners, suggested by him to inquire into the ability of the new corporation to finance the plan, had declined to serve. Justice Keogh announced that at the hearing which is to be held in White Plains on next Saturday he would suggest the name of another prominent Westchester resident to serve with George R. Read, of Port Chester. It is reported that the new commissioner will be either John E. Parsons, of Rye, or Watson B. Dickerman, a New-York banker living in Mamaroneck.

SAY HE WAS PUSHED UNDER TRAIN.

Samuel Viconti, twelve years old, of No. 520 Adams-st., Hoboken, was run over by an Erie Railroad coal train at the Hoboken-ave. crossing, Jersey City, yesterday. His left leg was cut off, and he received internal injuries which will probably result in his death. There has long been a feud between the Jersey City and the Hoboken boys, the vicinity of the accident being one of their battlegrounds. Viconti's companions allege that when they reached the railroad crossing they met several Jersey City boys, one of whom pushed Viconti under the moving train. They could give no description of the boy, and the Jersey City police put no faith in the story. They think the lads were trying to steal a ride, and that Viconti fell from the car he had tried to board.

HER ESTATE NETS $207,197.

The appraisal of the estate of Charlotte A. Williams, the last of the Williams sisters, was filed yesterday. It shows her gross personal estate to consist of $229,258, from which deductions, including $15,600 for the expenses of administration, are made, leaving the net value of the estate $207,197. The principal item in the estate was $117,300 in United States bonds.

The three Williams sisters were Charlotte A., Rachel A. and Jane M. Williams. They lived at Seventh-ave. and Fifteenth-st., and made joint wills. Miss Charlotte A. Williams, who died last July, was the survivor of the three, and the property of her two sisters came to her under their wills.

FIFTY SEE MAN KILLED.

Postoffice Messenger Killed on Post by Elevated Train.

Before the eyes of fifty passengers on the platform of the northbound elevated station at Eighty-fourth-st. and Third-ave. at 8 o'clock last night Sylvester Lockwood, sixty-five years old, of No. 233 East Ninety-seventh-st., was run over and instantly killed by the forward trucks of a motor electric train in charge of Motorman Leon Lippman, of No. 168 Hunter-ave., Long Island City, who was arrested and admitted to bail by Coroner Jackson in $1,500, offered by Charles H. Hawley, of Flushing, Long Island.

Lockwood was employed for the last ten years as a messenger in the Postoffice Department. His duty was to carry mailbags to the Eighty-fourth-st. and Third-ave. station from Postoffice Station K, in Eighty-sixth-st. At the station he threw the bags on the front platform of the first car and received from another messenger mailbags intended for Station K.

According to the motorman, he saw Lockwood when the train had reached a point fifteen feet south of the stopping post at the north end of the station. At that time, the motorman alleged, Lockwood was lying on the west rail of the track, fifteen feet north of the stopping post. The motorman said he shut off and reversed his motor and was unable to explain how Lockwood came to be under the wheels of the forward truck. Lockwood, when the wheels struck him, remained silent and, except for the outcries made by the horrified witnesses on the platform of the station, which brought a crowd of a thousand people in a mob under the structure, after the tragedy, there was no sound when the unfortunate man was being disemboweled by the car wheels.

Policeman Heep, of the East Eighty-eighth-st. station, placed the motorman under arrest. An ambulance was summoned from the Presbyterian Hospital, and when Dr. Kaetor arrived he pronounced the victim dead.

Some one sent to the home of Coroner Jackson, at No. 125 East Eighty-fourth-st., and he on arriving took charge of the case. As the coroner, accompanying Policemen Heep and Lippman, under arrest, struggled through the crowd that thronged about the station and on the stairs, they were accosted by a frantic young man, who rushed up to them shouting:

"Oh, my God! don't tell me he is dead?"

The coroner replied that the aged messenger was dead, had died almost instantly. The young man turned about and dashed through the crowd, tearing his hair and frenzied with grief. He was recognized as the son of the dead man.

TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS.

Meeting of Clearing House Association to Discuss Relations to Trust Companies.

A meeting of the Clearing House Association has been called for Wednesday, to discuss proposed amendments to the constitution in its relation to trust companies. This matter has been under consideration by the Clearing House committee for some time, and it is expected that a definite policy will be adopted. The matter of check collection charges will also be taken up, several banks having asked for a clearer interpretation of the rules governing such charges.

ROCKEFELLER MAY BUILD NEW HOME.

John D. Rockefeller's dissatisfaction with the Kent House, on his estate at Tarrytown, where he lived temporarily after his home was destroyed by fire, may cause him to spend millions for a new country home at Boxwood. The Kent House is on Battle Hill, of Revolutionary fame, about one quarter of a mile from Kyk-Uit, on a low plateau.

Mr. Rockefeller keeps on adding to his estate, and he is building miles of roads annually. All these signs, it is declared at Tarrytown, point to his building a fine house. Tarrytown people think that he will end his days there. Mr. Rockefeller has spent $200,000 on the new villa for his son, John D. Rockefeller, jr.

ITALIAN THUG'S LATEST VICTIM.

Members of the Italian gang of thugs who have been terrorizing the vicinity of Hamilton Ferry, Brooklyn, found another victim last night in the person of William J. Wilson, of No. 193 President-st., a manufacturer. Wilson was on his way home from the ferry at 6:30 o'clock, when he was held up in Sackett-st., between Van Brunt and Columbia sts. There were two men—one short and stout, with a black mustache. He gave Wilson a stunning blow in the face. The other man went through the victim's pockets and stole a gold watch and chain and a small sum of money. The watch is valued at $150. The chain had on it a Masonic emblem valued at $35. The men escaped.

Wilson was just able to reach the Hamilton-ave. station, where he told his story. From there he was assisted to his home.

OFFERINGS AT THE STORES.

B. ALTMAN & CO., Eighteenth and Nineteenth sts. and Sixth-ave., have on exhibition in their dressmaking and tailoring rooms new models of early spring styles in reception and evening gowns, street and outing suits, riding habits and so on, for which orders can be taken and finished at short notice. They also call attention to a collection of Oriental rugs of many well known makes for halls, libraries and dining and smoking rooms, as well as to a large assortment of Persian, Shirvan and Kazak rugs in small and medium sizes. Imported white goods are also underlined, as well as silk mulls, India and Renaissance mulls, nainsooks, dimities, linen lawns, Persian, Victoria and India lawns, organdies and Paris muslins. There is, furthermore, a special showing made of women's and men's gloves, while to-morrow a special sale will be held of fancy dress silks, comprising a variety of shepherd's checks, hairline stripes, printed grenadines, and so on, fifteen thousand yards of which are to be disposed of at a special price.

STERN BROTHERS, in West Twenty-third-st., are now showing, in the new annex to their women's costume department, a large assortment of street and evening gowns in new materials for present and early spring wear, a special offering of colored and black dress fabrics being planend for to-morrow, as well as a large purchase of cotton dress goods, including Java and Panama linen, crash automobile suitings and mousselines. In the enlarged department on the second floor are to be found new spring models in cheviots, Norfolk walking suits, silk waists, misses' cotton waists, and girls' plain and fancy gingham dresses. This firm also presents a sale of white enamel and brass bedsteads at special prices and a large lot of ruffled muslin, bobbinet and cross striped curtains.

A. D. MATTHEWS' SONS, Fulton-st., Brooklyn, call the attention of shoppers to a large offering of Wamsutta remnants, from the Wamsutta mills at New-Bedford. This firm has obtained the entire output of the mills' remnants, and the sale will begin at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Other Monday offerings at this store are tailored suits of canvas cloths, Venetian cloths and cheviots, women's jackets of wool, kersey cloth in black, castor and tan, and walking skirts, together with a quantity of unbleached muslins, huckaback towels and damask and silver bleached napkins.

LE BOUTILLIER BROTHERS, in West Twenty-third-st., put forward a sale of new spring designs in figured satin foulards and new India silks. They will also put on their counters, when business opens to-day, 10,000 yards of corded Japanese wash silks, just from the looms, which will go to first comers as long as they last.

ABRAHAM & STRAUS, Fulton-st., Brooklyn, announce as an immediate specialty 30,000 yards of lace and corded "zephyrs" in stripes; 26,000 yards of embroideries in sample strips, demi-flowerings, galloons and waist patterns. They also call attention to a sale of new waists at clearance prices, the lot including peau de cygne waists, new albatross waists in spring models, golf sweaters, cheviot waists and madras waists, as well as to a lot of specially priced sateen petticoats in a new sample line.

THE SIMPSON, CRAWFORD CO., Sixth-ave., Nineteenth and Twentieth sts., announce its first February sale of furniture on the fifth floor of its building. The firm means to make it its greatest furniture sale in the matter of volume, variety, designs, patterns, quality and price, to meet the taste of the connoiseur and the critical. On the third floor a special sale of rugs will be held in connection with the furniture sale.

C. C. SHAYNE, Forty-first and Forty-second sts., between Broadway and Sixth-ave., puts forward for attention Alaska sealskin jackets and coats made from the fur of seals caught on the Pribylov Islands, in the Behring Sea; Persian lamb jackets and coats, Russian and Hudson Bay sable boas, victorines, mantles and muffs, as well as an assortment of fox, bear, squirrel, muffs, boas, stoles, chinchilla, lynx and marten.

THE GEO. C. FLINT COMPANY, Nos. 43, 45 and 47 West Twenty-third-st., announces "bargain time," with reduced factory prices for "fabrics chosen from every quarter of the globe."

A. F. JAMMES, West Thirty-seventh-st., near Fifth-ave., is showing the latest creations of the jeweller's art in pearls ninon and mourning jewelry.

APPRAISAL OF A. DALY'S ESTATE.

It Shows Deficiency—Ex-Judge Daly, However, Shows How Estate Has Increased by Good Management.

The appraisal of the estate of the late Augustin Daly, which was filed yesterday, shows that, after the payment of his debts and liabilities, there is a deficiency of $28,460.

According to the appraisal the assets included the lease and goodwill, sceneries and properties of Daly's Theatre in this city, which are valued at $50,000; other scenery and costumes, $29,000; library, pictures, furniture, etc., $155,056; Daly's Theatre, London, and contracts with George Edwardes, of the Gaiety Theatre, London, $70,526. The gross personal estate is valued at $332,986. From this sum is deducted the sum of $361,446. Of this amount Mr. Daly's debts in the United States aggregate $226,658, and his debts in England $93,029.

The commissions on the sale of Mr. Daly's books, etc., amount to $22,988, the total liabilities leaving a deficiency of the amount above mentioned.

Ex-Judge Joseph F. Daly, who is one of the executors, said last night to a Tribune reporter: "The statement of the shortage in the Augustin Daly estate was based on the tax report of the condition of the estate at the time of his death. At that time he was in debt about $20,000, and the costs and other expenses brought it up to about $28,460. All the debts have been filed and the executirs have so managed the estate that at the present time it is far in excess of all debts and charges. All the bequests will be made."

CANNOT END LYNN STRIKE.

Mayor Eastham Has Tried in Vain to Have Issue Arbitrated.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 31.—The second week of the strike of the Knights of Labor cutters in ten union stamp factories against the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union ended to-night, with no settlement of the labor war between the rival organizations in sight. Mayor Eastham and the arbitration committee of the Board of Trade have relinquished all hope of being successful, for the present at least.

The Knights of Labor cutters are still forcing the fight, and this afternoon several hundred dollars was paid out in strike benefits from the Knights of Labor cutters assembly treasury. Single men received $3 each; married men, $4, while some of the latter with large families were allowed more. The striking women stitchers also received strike benefits of $4 a week and upward.

CHICAGO SELLS COAL AT COST.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—The distribution of bituminous coal at cost price by the city was begun to-day. Hundreds of persons, mainly women, gathered at the city collector's office and at the various points of distribution throughout the city, and it was soon demonstrated that the estimate of 150 tons a day would be inadequate to meet the demands. A hurried consultation resulted in the restricting of the amount sold to each person to half a ton, instead of a ton, as originally planned. It is estimated that twelve hundred tons would be required to meet the demands of the first day's applicants. The scale of prices ranges from $2 20 to $2 35 a half ton.

"We cannot meet the demand fully," said Mr. Blockl, Commissioner of Public Works, "but with the two hundred tons we have daily we can relieve absolute distress. Doubtless we could get an adequate supply if the railroads could deliver it to us."

WINTER OF UNEXAMPLED EMPLOYMENT.

"Charities" in its issue yesterday presented the results of an investigation of the fuel shortage in twenty-five of the principal cities of the North by charity organization societies. Summarized, the report was this:

Unexampled employment this winter among the poorer working people of the cities.

A first result of this phase of prosperity is the fact that, despite the greatly increased cost of coal, there has been little or no increase of demands for charitable relief.

The success of organized effort to meet the fuel shortage by sale in small quantities at the least possible cost, as against the failure of disorganized wholesale free distribution.

The investigation bears directly on the bill now pending at Albany to authorize the New-York Board of Aldermen to purchase coal worth $250,000 for free distribution.

COAL FAMINE ENDED.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Local coal dealers to-day authorize the statement that the coal famine is at an end and that hereafter there will be plenty of anthracite to supply the city. All of the poor orders are now being filled promptly. Many of the dealers are away ahead of the demand in their supply.

ANGRY BOY SHOOTS HIS UNCLE.

Red Bank, N. J., Jan. 31 (Special).—Lewis Hargett, a colored boy living at Middletown, shot his uncle, Robert Redway, to-day. The shooting was done in a fit of anger. Redway had been asked by the boy's mother to take care of the house while she was absent for a short time. She instructed Redway not to let her son leave the house, and Redway's refusal to allow him to do this made the lad angry. He got his father's breechloading gun and fired at Redway before the latter had a chance to get away. The wound may result in Redway's death.

LETTERS BURIED IN LUMBER YARD.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 31.—More than five hundred letters were found buried in a lumber yard here this afternoon. Every envelope had been slit, but money orders and checks to the value of several hundred dollars, which could not be disposed of without danger of detection, were undisturbed. The envelopes were rifled of jewelry, cash and gifts.

CHANGE IN SHOE STRIKE EXPECTED.

Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 31.—Indications point to a change in the complexion of the local strike situation next week, as it is believed the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union will try to keep its contract with the Union Stamp manufacturers by filling the strikers' places with men brought here from other cities. The Shoe Workers' Protective Union claims that this cannot be done. The third week of the strike ended to-night.

A KALEIDOSCOPE ARRAY OF BARGAINS may be found each Sunday in the "Little Advertisements of the People" in the narrow columns.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the National Guard Association of New-York will be held in Albany on Wednesday, beginning at 10 a. m. Routine business will be considered in the morning. In the afternoon Captain Curtis B. Hoppin, 2d United States Cavalry, will read a paper on "How Best to Utilize the National Guard in Future Wars." George E. Graham, who was with Admiral Schley on the Brooklyn at Santiago, will read a paper on "Qualities of Heroism." There will be fewer delegates to the convention from the large organizations this year, as neither the 13th, 23d, 22d or 71st regiments will send representatives. The association, as it is now conducted, serves no useful purpose, many guardsmen think, and entails an unnecessary expense on organizations sending delegates. In order to avoid any conflict with general headquarters in future, it is proposed to turn the organization into a lyceum, for the discussion of military topics and the reading of various papers by well known officers and others.

Former Captain J. Mayhew Wainwright, of the 12th Regiment, who served in the regiment some years ago, will, it is expected, be elected to a captaincy in the regiment. The next review of the regiment will be on February 11. The first monthly reception of the Non-Commissioned Officers' Association will be held at the armory on Friday night. Company E has fitted up its room excellently. The delegates to the National Guard convention from the regiment are Colonel Dyer, Lieutenant Colonel Judson, Majors Huston and Buck.

New dress coats and helmets were received by the members of the 22d Regiment last Monday. There is considerable complaint among the men over the fit of the coats. Company E has elected Quartermaster Sergeant J. W. Dillon a second lieutenant. Lieutenant Dillon is an old member of the regiment and a Spanish war veteran. The dinner of Company C will be held next Saturday evening at Pabst's, in One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. Sergeant Joseph Mackey, who joined the regiment in 1875, has been promoted quartermaster sergeant.

Major General Roe has accepted a review of the 69th Regiment for the night of Lincoln's Birthday. The date for the annual ball of the regiment, to be held in Grand Central Palace, is April 15. Lieutenant W. C. Woods has been elected secretary of the regiment, and Lieutenant P. E. Nagle, treasurer.

Company M of the 14th Regiment has elected Second Lieutenant J. A. Pittaluga first lieutenant, vice Maxwell, deceased. The regiment will drill by battalion to-morrow, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

First Lieutenant Stephen S. Nostrand, of Company G, 23d Regiment, has resigned on account of business cares. He joined the company in January, 1889. First Sergeant William E. Beattle, of the same company, who has been a member for fourteen years, has also applied for his discharge on account of business cares. Company G will hold a dance on February 11, and Company H will hold a dance and vaudeville entertainment on February 17. Both will be at the armory.

Colonel Bates, of the 71st Regiment has tendered a review to Colonel Appleton, of the 5th Regiment, for February 28. The latter has accepted, and has invited the 71st to parade at the armory of the 5th.

Colonel Morris, of the 9th Regiment, has appointed Corporal H. S. Young, of Company B, 7th Regiment, assistant inspector of small arms practice, with the rank of first lieutenant. Lieutenant M. Pollard, of Company C, has been detailed to command Company F, vice Williams, resigned.

Members of the Old Guard, in command of Major Briggs, will make a trip South, leaving New-York between February 10 and 14. The trip will take about ten days, and the schedule will include visits to St. Augustine, Savannah, Charleston, Washington and Philadelphia.

Captain Louis Wendel, of the 1st Battery, returned from London last week. While in England he saw much of interest to a soldier. He was shown every courtesy by English military men.

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