

THE CITY CELEBRATION BEGINS

MANY CLERGYMEN PREACH APPROPRIATE SERMONS.

City Hall and Many Other Buildings Decorated for the Observance of 250th Anniversary.

THE MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION.

To the People of the City of New-York. On February 2, 1624, Governor Peter Stuyvesant, of the Province of New-Netherland, issued a proclamation granting the privileges of city government to the then City of New-Amsterdam.



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PREDICTED THE GREATEST CITY OF THE WORLD.

Sermons Deal With Problems Confronting New-York—Immigration One of the Most Pressing—Appeals for Continuance of Reform.

The approaching celebration of the 250th anniversary of the granting of the first charter to the city of New-Amsterdam led to sermons in various pulpits yesterday touching on phases of the city's life since the birth of the municipality.

time it seems as if there will be one continuous line of big cities from here to Boston in one direction, from here to Baltimore in another, and from there to Buffalo in a third direction.

The great growth of the city is bringing us great troubles. There are engineering problems of momentous undertaking to be dealt with. Enormous buildings must be put up to accommodate our people, and then there is the question of communication between all parts of the city, which has just been started to be solved with subways and tunnels and at enormous expense.

Governor Peter Stuyvesant, were he living now, would raise his hands in wonder not only at the extraordinary transformation of the city from the date when he granted the charter to the city of New-Amsterdam, but also at the prismatic decorations within and without the old City Hall for the celebration this week of the 250th anniversary of the birth of this city as a municipality.

Richmond; Long Island City, Queens and Central Bridge, The Bronx. Thursday evening, 8 o'clock—Band concerts and stereopticon exhibition, Mulberry Bend, Tompkins Square, East River and Madison Square parks, Manhattan, Prospect Park Plaza, Sunnyside Park, Brooklyn, and St. Mary's Park, In The Bronx.

STEREOPTICON VIEWS AT NIGHT. The 71st Regiment Band will furnish music in the rotunda of the City Hall and in front of the building when the arch of triumph has been erected. In the evening stereopticon views will be thrown on a canvas stretched in front of the Hall.

OVER 4,000 IMMIGRANTS PASSED. Immigration at Ellis Island was heavy yesterday, and the following were passed in the course of the day: The New-York, from Southampton, 265 immigrants, the Heppner, Naples, 225; the Germania, San Gotthardo, Genoa, 81; To-day from the Celtic 1,367 and from the Dresden, Bremen, 593 are to be landed.



Fort Clinton at McGowan's Pass, Now Central Park. (From a watercolor made in 1814)

And those of us who can see the hand of God's providence in the history of these two hundred and fifty years will not doubt that the deep underlying forces of morality and spiritual influence will not fail the life of this city in the larger problems which shall so confront it to-day.

WELL KNOWN SWIMMER A RESCUER. George Van Cleef, the swimmer and water polo player, of this city, rescued from drowning in Gravesend Bay, at Ulmer Park, yesterday, Mrs. Addie Travers, thirty-four years old, and her daughter, Adele, seven years old, of Morristown, N. J.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD Improved Western Train Service DAILY, BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 24. Table with columns for New York, Chicago, St. Louis, and Western Express. Includes text about dining cars and train service.

WAS SUICIDE, NOT MURDER. McClusky's Theory of Death of Armenian—Detectives Doing Nothing. Having adopted the theory that the death of Garabed M. Kentout, the Armenian found with his head nearly cut from his body in his room, at No. 238 East Thirtieth-st., on Saturday, was a case of suicide, the police have made no attempt to probe further into the case.

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A.A. Vantine & Co. Oriental Toilet Requisites for the Summer. India Kutch Talcum, Sandalwood Odor, 25c. per Box; postpaid 30c. Oriental Cold Cream, 25c. per Jar; postpaid 35c. Sandal Toilet Water, 8 oz. Bottle, \$1.00; postpaid 1.28. Sandalwood Sachet, 1 oz. Envelope, 25c. Postpaid 28c. 2 oz. Jars, 50c. Postpaid 60c. Sandalwood Soap, 10c. per cake; postpaid 14c. Per dozen \$1.10. Express extra. Temple Incense, 4 oz. 65c.; postpaid 73c. 10 oz. \$1.00; postpaid \$1.10.