DILL HEARS FROM THIEF.

Locket Returned with Letter—Value of Trinket to Go to Charity.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Orange, N. J., Feb. 8.—James B. Dill, the lawyer, whose house was robbed of jewelry valued at $8,000 last Thursday night, while the family were at dinner, received a package and letter this evening from the burglar, who considerately returned a gold locket containing a lock of hair of Mrs. Dill's mother. The locket had contained Mr. Dill's monogram in diamonds, but the thief had removed the stones.

The letter accompanying the locket was written in a good hand and displayed evidence of being the composition of a man of education. It had been mailed in New-York, and was as follows:

Mr. James B. Dill.

Dear Sir: Allow me to return to you one little locket, which has the appearance of being valuable to you as a memento. The intrinsic value, "minus stones," to me would be about $5. Kindly acknowledge receipt of same by sending the above amount to a New-York paper to be used for charity. Thanking you kindly, I remain, yours truly, (Signed) RAFFLES.

P. S.—If you would accompany me some summer when I am camping out "way up in the woods of Maine, you would improve your marksmanship wonderfully.

Mr. Dill said to-night that he was more than ever impressed by the gentlemanly behavior of the burglar. He had evidently endeavored not to disturb the family while they were at their dinner, and now, appreciating the fact that the locket had a value apart from its intrinsic worth, he had had the good taste to return it. Mr. Dill says he is willing to enter into negotiations for the return of some of the articles belonging to his daughters, which are prized as keepsakes.

NEW PHILIPPINE COMMISSIONER.

Cameron Forbes Selected for His Executive Ability and Knowledge of Engineering.

Washington, Feb. 8.—It is said at the War Department that Cameron Forbes, of Boston, to whom the place of Philippine Commissioner has been tendered, was selected principally because of his executive abilities and technical knowledge of engineering. He will be Commissioner of Commerce and Police. He is a grandson of Ralph Waldo Emerson, and has been connected in an administrative capacity with more than forty electric railway systems in the United States.

EXEMPT PRIVATE PROPERTY AT SEA.

Mr. Hitt's Resolution for an Agreement Among Maritime Powers.

Washington, Feb. 8.—A resolution was introduced to-day by Representative Hitt, of Illinois, authorizing the President to correspond with the principal maritime powers of the world, with a view to incorporating into a permanent law of civilized nations the principle of exemption of all private property at sea, not contraband of war, from capture or destruction by belligerent powers.

ONE CENT A MILE TO ST. LOUIS.

That Is To Be One of the Reduced Rates for Day Coaches Only.

The forty passenger agents of railroads in the Central Passenger Association met yesterday and decided on the rates of fare to St. Louis during the fair. They represented roads running through Ohio, Michigan, Western New-York, Illinois, Indiana and Northern Kentucky. It was decided to adopt four classes of passenger rates for round trip tickets, as follows:

A round trip ticket, good during the entire fair, to be sold at 86 per cent of double the one-way rate.

A round trip ticket, good for sixty days, at 66 2-3 per cent of double the one-way fare.

A round trip fifteen day ticket for one fare, plus $2.

Every line, so inclined, may run day coaches on "coach excursions, day coaches only," once a week on a six day limit, at a rate of one cent a mile, but these lines will not be permitted to check baggage on such trains.

A stop-over will be allowed for all through tickets of all classes. The trunk lines and the New-England lines will meet to-day to discuss rates.

WYNKOOP COMPANY SUES.

Seeks to Recover Amount Withheld on Money Order Contract.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In the United States Court of Claims to-day the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford Company, of New-York City, filed a suit against the government to recover $39,142 in connection with the printing of money orders. This amount, it is said, has been withheld, since the indictment of Mr. Hallenbeck. The suit also includes an item of $640 for money order registers, which the company alleges the government refused to accept.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Proposed Loan of $4,600,000 to St. Louis Fair Discussed.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The House to-day discussed the proposed loan of $4,600,000 to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, provided in the Senate amendment to the Urgent Deficiency bill, which was still pending when the House adjourned. The House non-concurred in all other amendments, except that providing for coal tests at the St. Louis Fair.

BUSINESS IN THE SENATE.

Hopkins and Clay Support Panama Treaty—Aid for Portland Exposition.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Senate to-day listened to speeches by Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Clay in support of the Panama Canal treaty, and passed the bill appropriating $2,000,000 for the proposed Lewis and Clark Exposition, at Portland, Ore. The bill was amended so as to close the exposition on Sundays, and the provision for a permanent memorial to Lewis and Clark was eliminated.

MORE MERGER BRIEFS FILED.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In accordance with the requirements of the Supreme Court of the United States, additional briefs were filed to-day in the merger case of the State of Minnesota against the Northern Securities Company. The briefs cover only the point of removal of the case from the State to the federal courts.

CHICAGO "AUTO" ORDINANCE INVALID.

Court There Decides Against Provision for Examination of Operators.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—According to an opinion given to-day by the Appellate Court, the city of Chicago has no power to license automobiles. The court holds the sections of the ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles and requiring the use of bells, brakes and lamps valid, but "to compel one who uses his automobile for his private business and pleasure only to submit to an examination and to take out a license is imposing a burden upon one class of citizens in the use of the streets not imposed upon others."

GOMPERS FOR ANTI-INJUNCTION BILL.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was heard by the House Judiciary Committee to-day in favor of the Anti-Injunction bill. He explained how this bill would obviate grievances of which complaint is now made. The injunctions do not reach the rioters, he said, and as a rule, by the time the injunctions are returnable the strike is either won or lost. He said the influence of the Federal power should not be against labor unions and that the government should be neutral.

TIFFANY ESTATE TAXES SWORN OFF.

Counsel for the executors of the estate of Charles L. Tiffany, which has been divided and is held in trust, appeared before the Tax Commissioners yesterday and swore off the tax assessment. The estate was assessed for $5,000,000. It is invested in city bonds, government bonds and other non-taxable securities. It was taken off the lists last year for the same reason, but not back again this year.

SENATOR PLATT MOVES.

Leaves Fifth Avenue Hotel for the Waldorf-Astoria.

Senator Thomas C. Platt treated his friends to a surprise yesterday when he announced that he and Mrs. Platt had moved from the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where the Senator had lived for about twenty-five years, to the Waldorf-Astoria, which is to be Mr. and Mrs. Platt's home until further notice. Senator Platt, when asked why he had moved, said he had left the Fifth Avenue for good and sufficient reasons—"of which the public is not entitled to explanation or description," is the way the Senator put it.

It is understood among the Senator's friends that the move was made out of deference to the wishes of Mrs. Platt, who thinks the Waldorf liveller than the Fifth Avenue.

Senator and Mrs. Platt came on from Washington on Saturday night and went to the Waldorf. The Senator's presence there was not generally known until yesterday, as all callers at the Fifth Avenue were told he was not there.

"Shall you make the Waldorf your home right along?" he was asked.

"I don't know that I shall. Perhaps I may go back to the Fifth Avenue," he replied.

When Senator Platt was asked about the proposed home rule legislation for this city he said:

"I know nothing about home rule. I am not here to talk politics, either national or local. I am here for business and religion."

He smiled after saying this.

It is understood that he will be in town for several days. Governor Odell is coming here to-morrow to attend the dinner of the Republicans of the XXVIIth District, where he, Collector Stranahan and President Butler of Columbia will speak.

FIGHT LIONS AT FIRE.

Were on Steamer Tremont, Burned and Sunk at Pier.

The firemen fought lions as well as fire early yesterday, when the Joy Line steamer Tremont was burned at her pier, Catherine Slip, East River. One of the crew is supposed to have perished.

The Tremont, a side wheeler and one of the best vessels of the Joy Line, being practically new, arrived on Sunday from Providence, with passengers and one hundred and fifty tons of merchandise. All the passengers left the vessel in the afternoon, and it had been expected to unload the freight yesterday. Captain George F. Ollweller was in command of the boat, with a crew of forty-five men.

Two of the crew who were on watch at 4:15 a. m. discovered flames in the forward part of the vessel, on the port side. They aroused the captain, and the fire call brought the entire crew tumbling from their bunks. They manned five lines of hose, but were driven back. Meantime, the night watchmen on the pier had sent in an alarm, and this was followed by a second and a third, as the piers and surrounding vessels were in danger. The fireboats New-Yorker and William L. Strong poured water on the fire from each side, while the firemen even ventured on the blazing docks.

Lieutenant Andrew and Firemen Mathews, Seimes and Grady, of Engine 12, were on the hurricane deck, when they saw two lions emerge from the companionway. The animals were driven back by a stream of water, but promptly reappeared and rushed at the firemen, maddened by the smoke and flames. Again they were driven back by water, and were seen no more. The fire gained on these firemen as they fought the animals, and they were compelled to drop the hose and rush to the pier.

The lions were trained beasts, owned by Mme. Schelle, who expected to exhibit them this week at a museum. A Great Dane dog perished with them. William Weimer, who was in charge of the animals, released the lions, expecting them to make their way to safety. He carried a three-months-old lion cub to the pier.

While the ship's crew were fighting the fire, one of their number named Markussen, who had gone below, fell into the hold. Efforts to find him were futile.

Within half an hour after the fire started the upper part forward and the entire lower part were in flames, and in an effort to save part of the cargo the boat was sunk. It went down until only one paddle wheel and part of the cabin were in sight. The Tremont was 204 feet over all and 40 foot beam.

F. M. Dunbaugh, president of the Joy Steamship Company, said the vessel was valued at $125,000 and was fully insured.

MURPHY SOUNDS BUFFALO

Stops Off There to Get at Sentiment for Cleveland.

W. J. Conners, of Buffalo, the new Democratic organization leader of Erie County, who was at the Waldorf last night, said that Charles F. Murphy stopped in Buffalo on his way home from Michigan and sounded the people on the Cleveland boom.

"He found plenty of Democrats in Buffalo who shared his views with reference to the availability of Mr. Cleveland as a candidate," said Mr. Conners. "Bryan is dead in Buffalo. He won't have a corporal's guard in the St. Louis convention."

Charles F. Murphy was at his desk in Tammany Hall yesterday after an absence of more than two weeks. He did not tire out the office seekers by going to Mount Clemens for his health. They were on hand yesterday, and some of them were importunate. Mr. Murphy told them that there was nothing to do but wait and beat the Republicans next fall, after which the State and federal patronage would be at the disposal of Tammany, and then all the faithful would be taken care of. This was not particularly inspiring news to the men who carried banners last fall for the Tammany ticket.

"I haven't anything to add to what I have already said," said Mr. Murphy, when asked about national politics. "I have no candidate for President, but I will say that most of the Democrats I meet are for Grover Cleveland. The Cleveland sentiment in this city certainly is stronger than the sentiment for any other man."

"How about the McClellan boom?" he was asked.

"I haven't heard much talk in that direction. It is too early to talk seriously of candidates," said Mr. Murphy.

"What do you think of the Parker boom that was launched on Saturday night at the Manhattan Club?"

"Haven't thought about it at all," said the Tammany chieftain.

WANTS SECRETARY TO TRY THEM.

Mayor Sends Bill to Albany—City Marshal Case Takes Much Time.

Mayor McClellan declared yesterday that he had sent a bill to Albany providing that his secretary, John H. O'Brien, receive power to try city marshals accused of malfeasance in office. This was made necessary by the large amount of time the Mayor has given to the trial of City Marshal Samuel I. Abramson, whose case was up for the third time yesterday. A second charge has been filed against Abramson, and another marshal is to be tried by the Mayor to-day.

In the Abramson hearing yesterday William Hammersley and Jacob Zorn, policemen, testified in favor of the marshal. Mrs. Dinitz, wife of the proprietor of the restaurant at No. 1,358 Third-ave., from whose drawer the money, it was alleged, was taken by Abramson, stuck to the original story that the marshal had taken more money than he had accounted for. Decision was reserved.

C. H. ALLEN WITH MORTON TRUST CO.

Former Governor of Porto Rico One of the Active Vice-Presidents.

Charles H. Allen, of Lowell, Mass., who a few months ago resigned the Governorship of Porto Rico, has been elected an active vice-president of the Morton Trust Company, and has entered upon the discharge of his new duties. Mr. Allen was for several years a Representative in Congress from the Lowell district, and succeeded Theodore Roosevelt as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, retiring from that office to become the first Governor of Porto Rico. He is a lawyer, and is president of the Appleton National Bank, of Lowell. The Morton Trust Company has now three vice-presidents, Thomas F. Ryan, Mr. Allen and James K. Corbiere.

TRIES HARD TO BE ARRESTED.

Woman Wanted in Connection with Nelson Laws Murder Finally Succeeds.

Mattie Colbert, colored, who was wanted by the police in connection with the murder of Nelson Laws, a negro formerly employed as a waiter in the St. James Hotel, at Forty-fifth-st. and Sixth-ave., who was known as her husband, tried to give herself up yesterday at the District Attorney's office, on the advice of her lawyer, but was turned away wherever she applied.

Finally Captain Langan, of the detective bureau, was called up, and he sent Detective Sergeants Kane and Stripp, who arrested the woman on a charge of homicide. She was taken to Police Headquarters.

J. D. ROCKEFELLER BACK.

Says He Has Only Partly Given Up Business—Is Feeling Well.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 8.—John D. Rockefeller has returned to Lakewood from his Southern trip and has joined his wife, who has been staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Strong, on the Lake Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller will remain here until the close of the season. Mr. Rockefeller attended service at the Baptist Church yesterday. After the service he held an impromptu reception and shook hands with many friends. To those who inquired about his health, he replied:

"I am feeling first rate. The reports of my illness have been somewhat exaggerated. I have slight attacks now and then, but otherwise I am very well indeed. You know, golf has done a great deal for me. It has made me feel twenty years younger, I believe."

To a friend who asked him about the report that he had decided to retire from business, he said that his son had relieved him of many of his responsibilities, but that he had not given up business altogether. Mrs. Rockefeller posed for a fashionable photographer in the village on Saturday. It is the first likeness that she has had taken in twenty years.

ESTATE TO FORMER LOVER

Clerk Gets $200,000 Through Death of One Time Sweetheart.

J. Alonzo See, a clerk at Yonkers, has been left a fortune of about $200,000 through the death of Mrs. Helen Jennett, of Detroit, to whom he was at one time engaged to be married. The engagement was, it is understood, broken off through some misunderstanding, and since both have married. Mrs. Jennett's husband died a couple of months ago, and, so far as is known, she had no living relatives.

Mr. See was completely surprised when told of the legacy. The news came to him with the announcement of Mrs. Jennett's death. Since her marriage he had seen Mrs. Jennett only occasionally, and she had told him nothing of her intentions.

Mrs. Jennett inherited the estate, the bulk of which will go to See, from her father, a Mr. Kline, and from her sister. Besides a quantity of real estate there are a steam yacht, horses and carriages, jewelry and other personal property.

SMALLPOX IN PULLMAN CAR.

Porter on Continental Limited Afflicted—Passengers Quarantined in Syracuse.

Syracuse, Feb. 8.—A porter on the Continental Limited West Shore train, bound for New-York, complained of being ill when the train stopped here to-day. Physicians found him suffering from smallpox, and had him removed to the city pesthouse.

Five passengers in his car who were going to Boston were quarantined in a tourist car. Later two of the passengers continued to Utica and the other three to Boston, health officers of those cities being informed. The Pullman car was taken from the train.

MAY CLOSE SIX THEATRES.

Philadelphia Managers Have Not Adopted Suggestions for Safety.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—At least six theatres may be closed by Mayor Weaver because the changes suggested by his commission of experts for the safety of the public have not been made. The commission held a long session to-day. While the commissioners would not speak definitely of the result of their last inspection of playhouses and halls, they said that several of the theatres were in line for disciplining because of negligence in making the changes originally suggested.

NEW-YORKER KILLED IN TORONTO.

Vernon Johnson, with $14,000 in His Pockets, Caught Between Street Cars.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Vernon Johnson is dead at the General Hospital, Toronto. He attempted to pass in front of a street car, and not seeing another car approaching was caught between the two. He lingered three days. He belongs to New-York, and has a father and half-brother living there, but he did not give their address. There was found in his pockets $14,000, with which he intended to start a grain business at No. 56 Colborne-st., Toronto. He left this to his New-York relatives. He came from his home in Detroit and from there to Toronto. He was well known also in the Buffalo stock market.

CALL IT THE LINCOLN CLUB.

Anti-Wanmaker Republicans Form an Organization.

A meeting of the Republicans of the XVth Assembly District who are opposed to the leadership of George W. Wanmaker, among whom William S. Reynolds, Wilson Berryman and H. Obertubbesing are prominent figures, was held last night in Wendel's Hall, Forty-fourth-st. and Ninth-ave. It was decided to form a new Republican organization, to be called the Lincoln Club, and the choice of officers and formulation of bylaws were referred to committees, to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Wanmaker said to a Tribune reporter that this meeting was simply the usual manifestation of dissatisfaction that appeared every year. He declared that the sole instigator of the movement was Wilson Berryman, deputy surveyor of the port. He predicted that this meeting would be the first and last meeting of the club for this year. Mr. Berryman denied this statement emphatically as far as it pertained to himself. He said that he was taking no active part in politics at all, as he was holding a federal position, and did not feel that he could consistently do so.

PARKER BOOM IN THE SOUTHWEST.

There reached Tammany Hall yesterday a bunch of mailing cards put into circulation in Kansas City by L. J. Morrell, who has just hatched the Parker boom in Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas. Mr. Morell calls his organization "Democratic League No. 1," and it is designed to offset the steadily growing Hearst sentiment in the Southwest. The oldtimers around Tammany Hall suspect that the next mail will bring a letter from Mr. Morell suggesting that it costs money to run a Parker boom in the Southwest.

MULHOLLAND CASES DISMISSED.

It was learned yesterday that all the suits pending in the Circuit Court of Hudson County, N. J., against John Mulholland, a money lender of this city, had been dismissed after Mulholland had made a compromise settlement with all the plaintiffs.

SCOTT HUDSON BUYS FRED M'CLUNG.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 8 (Special).—Scott Hudson, of this city, has bought for $6,500 the trotting gelding, Fred McClung, 2:15¼, seven years old, by S. W. Bennett, 2:19¾, dam Jenny B. Hudson will campaign Fred McClung on the grand circuit.

It is said that Hudson bought the horse for a New-York turfman whose name is withheld.

Hawthorne, 2:09¾, b. m., by Jay Bird—Lady Ham, winner of the Bonner Memorial, was sold to A. A. Branch, of Portsmouth, Ohio, here to-day for $9,000. The other best sales:

B. F. Jarbird, first sister to Hawthorne; Scott Headson, Lexington, $1,800.

Lady Ham, dam of Hawthorne, b. m., 19, by Mambrino, dam Molly Warren; Mr. Bacon, Paris, Ky., $1,450.

Georgie Lee, blk. m., 14, by Gambetta Wilkes—Nutmouth; John Hussey, Lexington, Ky., $700.

Zamber, ch. g., by Greystone—Ambrosia; H. S. McGinn, Alexandria, La., $1,900.

Forty-nine horses sold for an average of $598.

ATLANTIC YACHT CLUB OFFICERS.

The annual meeting and election of the Atlantic Yacht Club was held at the New-York Club, Thirty-fifth-st. and Fifth-ave., last night. The ticket of the nominating committee, elected unanimously, was as follows: Commodore, Harrison B. Moore, steam yacht Zara; vice-commodore, F. D. Underwood, steam yacht Alice; rear commodore, E. B. Havens, sloop yacht Athlon; trustees, one year, Edwin Gould, J. Rogers Maxwell; two years, Harris K. Smith, Spencer Swain; three years, Robert E. Tod, Alfred W. Booth; treasurer, Charles T. Pierce; secretary, T. Alfred Vernon; measurer, Henry J. Gielow; regatta committee, Henry J. Gielow, Frederick Vinnar, W. A. Minot; membership committee, George D. Provost, Walter H. Nelson, F. J. Havens; library committee, F. T. Cornell, Hendon Chubb, J. E. Beggs; entertainment committee, S. E. Vernon, George G. McIntosh, Joseph H. Scranton; nominating committee, E. B. Havens, H. G. S. Noble, W. L. Pettibone, George D. Provost, H. B. Chamberlain, Paul D. Barnard. The committee reported that the finances of the club were in a flourishing condition.

SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN.

GARDNER WINS GAME.

Defeats Conklin in Well Played Billiard Match.

Arthur Townsend, of the Hanover Club, Brooklyn, defeated Arthur Marcotte, of the Quebec Club, yesterday afternoon at the Liederkranz Club in the twelfth game for the amateur billiard championship by 41 points. His average was 6, 12-43 and his high run 60.

Townsend played the stronger game from the start. He made a brilliant run of 60 in the seventh inning, which gave him a commanding lead. Two runs of 18, one of 23, two others of 10 and 17, put him 64 points in the lead at the end of the twenty-seventh inning.

Marcotte's best run was 29 in the thirtieth inning. He entered his second hundred in the thirty-eighth inning, but he could not overtake his opponent, who won easily in the forty-eighth inning.

The score:

Townsend—0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 2, 1, 60, 1, 18, 0, 0, 1, 1, 6, 4, 5, 4, 7, 1, 2, 18, 0, 0, 23, 1, 10, 1, 17, 7, 8, 6, 20, 4, 5, 4, 7, 3, 0, 1, 13, 10, 1, 10, 9, 2, 1, 6, 0, 2—total, 300. High runs, 60, 23, 20. Average, 6 12-43.

Marcotte—7, 1, 4, 0, 0, 6, 0, 0, 1, 8, 6, 4, 5, 0, 0, 2, 5, 0, 2, 7, 15, 1, 19, 3, 8, 10, 6, 5, 12, 29, 0, 0, 8, 7, 8, 6, 12, 22, 0, 16, 1, 0, 0, 0, 17, 0, 10—total, 259. High runs, 29, 22, 18. Average, 5 24-43.

There was a larger throng at the evening game than at any previous night, except Friday of last week, and the visitors were well repaid for their attendance. The game was between Charles F. Conklin, of Chicago, and E. W. Gardner, of the Acquackanonk Club, of Passaic, N. J.

Conklin started well, with a run of 27 in his second inning. He had a lead of 39 points in the seventh inning, but in the next two innings Gardner's two runs of 27 and 20 gave him the lead by 6 points. He followed it up with runs of 18 and 48 in the next two innings, and by another 48 in the nineteenth. This put him 103 points in the lead.

He never was in danger after that, although Conklin made a brave fight to close the gap. How well he did it can be seen by the score, for, when still 108 behind, in the twenty-seventh inning, he made two runs in the next four innings that netted him 84 points. So he was only beaten by 32 points. Gardner won in the thirty-second inning. The score:

Gardner—2, 6, 0, 0, 7, 5, 1, 27, 20, 18, 48, 3, 0, 1, 14, 0, 3, 9, 41, 3, 22, 28, 4, 2, 0, 0, 20, 4, 1, 1, 0, 2—total, 300. High runs, 48, 48, 28. Average, 9 12-32.

Conklin—6, 27, 12, 2, 6, 4, 4, 1, 1, 11, 1, 6, 7, 7, 8, 11, 0, 2, 0, 0, 9, 0, 2, 20, 36, 2, 0, 46, 0, 0, 38—total, 268. High runs, 46, 38, 27. Average, 8 20-31.

Referee, Edward McLaughlin.

The club has decided that women will be admitted to the afternoon games, but not to those in the evening. J. De Mun Smith and Arthur Townsend meet in this afternoon's game. E. W. Gardner plays Dr. L. L. Mial in the evening.

BROWN STILL UNDECIDED.

President Faunce Opposes Action of Athletic Board.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Providence, R. I., Feb. 8.—A second mass meeting of the students of Brown University was held this morning regarding the athletic studies here. President Faunce took charge of the meeting and opposed the action of the athletic board. Professor Henry B. Gardner, Hammond Lamont, of "The New-York Evening Post," and Dean Meiklejohn and others made speeches opposing the action of the board. Rathburn Gardner, Professor Gardner's brother; Edward H. Weeks and Professor Courtney Langdon, of the athletic board; "Mike" Lynch, captain, and E. T. Stevens, manager of the baseball team for 1904, defended the action of the board. Dean Meiklejohn said in part:

Your board tells you that it has been unable to enforce this rule. It tells you that the men of this team have come to a position where they refuse to say whether they are eligible or not. Suppose the men have not broken the rule. Then there is no evasion or deception, and the rule need not be broken. If the men are ineligible, then it is dishonest to change the rule. If the knowledge of the students is that the team is ineligible under the old rules the first thing to do is to debar the team under the old rules. Before you begin to change rules, enforce the rules you have.

No definite action was taken. It is expected the faculty will at its meeting to-morrow ask the board to rescind its action.

CRITICISM AT HARVARD.

Baseball Men Call Brown's Act Subterfuge to Play Lynch.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 8.—"The Harvard Daily Crimson," in an editorial to-day, delivers an opinion of Brown's new professional eligibility rule, in which Harvard men generally agree. The editorial first admits that Brown's statement has "the sting of at least a partial truth," and continues:

We do not believe that strict amateurism cannot be enforced, but we believe that offences against it are in actual practice altogether too frequently condoned in intercollegiate athletics. Hypocrisy is not absent and universities hold up for their rivals standards which they sometimes shrink from applying rigorously to their own teams. Better be no colors at all than false ones, if strict amateurism is unenforceable at Brown. Brown is right in withdrawing the rule that stands as a fake guarantee, if strict amateurism is unenforceable at any university. It is better for any university to say so and for all the universities that believe amateurism possible. It would be well that this recent impeachment of athletic conditions should lead to a searching of conscience and a determination to make all claims for athletic purity absolutely good.

In a previous part of the editorial Harvard is placed among the class of colleges which have always maintained that strict eligibility rules are best for intercollegiate sport. Probably the only Harvard men who resent Brown's action are the members of this year's baseball nine. The feeling among them is that Brown is perfectly able to enforce the eligibility rules concerning amateurs, but does not wish to, as that would bar out Captain Lynch, and several of her best players, who, they say, are out and out professionals. Such was the statement of one of them, who, however, refused to have his name mentioned.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS AT ST. LOUIS FAIR.

Dr. Gulick Announces Conditions That Will Govern Their Entries.

Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick, secretary of the Public School Athletic League, announced yesterday the standards of eligibility to the athletic competitions of the schoolboys of the United States which will be held at the St. Louis Exposition on July 4, 5 and 6. They are as follows:

Those boys will be allowed to compete at the Public Schools Athletic League meet who are carrying full work in a regular course, whose present grade of scholarship entitles them to promotion or graduation and who entered the school they represent before March 1, 1904.

No boy who is under discipline for infraction of the rules of his school will be permitted to take part in these competitions.

In the case of elementary schools boys under fifteen and in the case of high schools boys under nineteen are eligible.

No boy who has represented any other athletic organization for one year is eligible. Only boys who are amateurs of good standing will be permitted to take part.

The rules are intended to allow no loophole by which a boy may go in for athletics to the detriment of his studies, or cater to the boy who through lack of application, remains in the school for a longer period than it takes the average boy to complete his course, thereby having a physical advantage over his smaller competitor. The unruly boy is also to be put at a disadvantage, for these rules bar him from the competition.

ICE YACHTING BEGINS AGAIN.

The Northwest Outsails the Vixen at Red Bank—The Zero Breaks Down.

Red Bank, N. J., Feb. 8 (Special).—The Zero, the Northwest and the Vixen, the latter from the Burlington Club, had an exciting ice yacht race to-day over the ten mile triangular course. There was a strong wind, and the Zero broke down and withdrew. The Northwest finished first in 21:08, beating the Vixen 2 minutes 2 seconds.

INTERNATIONAL ICE YACHTING DATES.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 8.—The international ice yacht regatta, recently postponed on account of snow, will be run on February 10 to 13.

HANDSPINNER'S DEFEAT.

His Entry To Be Refused on Wet Track Hereafter.

New-Orleans, Feb. 8.—Favonius and Clear the Arena were the only beaten favorites. Handspinner, in the fifth race, showed his inability to run on a muddy track, and his entry will be refused in future when this condition prevails. The weather was clear and the track muddy. The summaries:

First race (one mile)—Cirnate, 111 (T. Dean), 40 to 1, won; Favonius, 114 (H. Phillips), 4 to 5, second; Meistersinger, 121 (W. Hicks), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:47⅗. Jove, Marcos, Fullback, Russellton, Peeper, Lovable and Onyx II also ran.

Second race (three and one-half furlongs)—Arch Oldham, 115 (W. Hicks), 9 to 10, won; Friar Tuck, 112 (W. Hennessy), 3 to 1, second; All Scarlet, 115 (H. Phillips), 3 to 1, third. Time, 0:44⅘. Animos and Easterjoy also ran.

Third race (six and one-half furlongs)—Miss Melton, 106 (Livingston), 5 to 1, won; Mammon, 104 (Robbins), 30 to 1, second; Our Lillie, 97 (J. Hennessy), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:25. Clear the Arena, Second Sight, Rachel Ward, Algonquin, St. Jolly, Chanlay and Quitfeld also ran.

Fourth race (seven furlongs)—Ma'mselle, 400 (W. Hennessy), 4 to 1, won; Moderator, 110 (Livingston), 12 to 1, second; Thorneycroft, 112 (L. Dean), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:32. Wellesley, Henry of Franstamar, Uranium, Lady Mistake, Arnold K., Alcom R., Censor, Pinkie B. and Choice also ran.

Fifth race (selling; one and one-quarter miles)—Mauser, 98 (Aubuchon), 9 to 10, won; Mainy, 94 (Livingston), 5 to 2, second; Bob Hilliard, 88 (Schilling), 40 to 1, third. Time, 2:15. Handspinner also ran.

Sixth race (six and one-half furlongs)—Big Ben, 107 (Robbins), 7 to 10, won; Ben Howard, 99 (H. Phillips), 11 to 5, second; St. Tammany, 100 (Schilling), 6 to 4, third. Time, 1:22⅘. Haven Run, Lady Matchless, Strader, Jim Winn and Barnacle also ran.

NEW-ORLEANS ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

First race (one mile and a furlong; selling)—Raglan, 87, Bugle Horn, 95; Santa Teresa, 102; Exapo, 105; Glendon, 108; Marcos, 112; Establish, 87, Mint Bed, 102; Class Leader, 105; Past, 107; Star Gazer, 109; Denny Duffy, 112.

Second race (six furlongs; purse)—Zirl, 107; Boundling, 109; Caterpillar, 109; Barkelmore, 109; Aules, 109; W. J. Deboe, 112; Neither One, 107; Typhonic, 109; Roue, 109; Jimalong, 106; Nabocklish, 112; Balm of Gilead, 112.

Third race (one mile and a sixteenth; purse)—Eclectic, 87; Sabot, 98; New-York, 100; Clangor, 90; Hymettus, 93.

Fourth race (six furlongs; handicap)—Caryota, 95; Katie Powers, 104; Harmakis, 117; Probable, 97; Footlight Favorite, 106; Mad Mullah, 112.

Fifth race (one mile and five furlongs; selling)—Eliza Dillon, 90; Compass, 94; Siddons, 110; Georgia Gardner, 91; Sidney Smith, 96.

Sixth race (five furlongs; purse)—Diaphanous, 93; Josette, 99; Jugurtha, 103; Irene Lindsey, 106; Scorpio, 113; Laura Hunter, 99; Sabinal, 101; Orion, 105; Moroni, 108.

RESULTS AT ASCOT PARK.

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—First race (Slauson Course)—Sallie Goodwin, 115 (Prior), 4 to 1, won; Military, 114 (Miles), 15 to 1, second; Nanon, 112 (Buxton), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:11. Susie Christian, Gottlieben, Piquet, Quest, Lustig, Alice Carey, Blue Miracle, Blueridge, Little Secret and Rose Bird also ran.

Second race (three furlongs)—Belle Kinney, 112 (E. Walsh), 5 to 1, won; Hilona, 112 (Prior), 3 to 1, second; Jerome, 102 (L. Spencer), 10 to 1, third. Time, 0:36¾. Devon B., Light of Day, St. Dixie, Harry Stephens, Auro, Minnie Wells, Weler, Mahella, Heathers and Sinicado also ran.

Third race (hurdle handicap; one and one-quarter miles)—Galba, 145 (McHugh), 6 to 5, won; Gold One, 125 (Otis), 12 to 1, second; Cambaceres, 135 (Mooney), 2 to 1, third. Time, 2:20. Major Hooker, Olanthus and Martin Brady also ran.

Fourth race (handicap; six furlongs)—Ocean Dream, 110 (E. Walsh), 2 to 1, won; Warte Nicht, 109 (L. Spencer), 10 to 1, second; Glennevis, 100 (J. Lewis), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Blissful, Americano, Paul Whaley and Golden Rule also ran.

Fifth race (one mile)—Platonius, 107 (Stuart), 8 to 1, won; Greenock, 110 (Prior), 6 to 1, second; Loyal S., 102 (Buxton), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:41⅘. Montana Peerless, Grail, Silver Fir, Evander and Nitrate also ran.

Sixth race (six and one-half furlongs)—Laocoon, 100 (J. Lewis), 3 to 1, won; Colonel Bogey, 100 (R. Murphy), 30 to 1, second; Elle, 100 (Anderson), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:22. Huapala and Fox Lake also ran.

RESULTS AT INGLESIDE.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—First race (six furlongs)—Dandie Belle, 109 (Hildebrand), 5 to 1, won; Jean Gravier, 99 (L. Jackson), 4 to 1, second; The Toiler, 99 (Foley), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:17¾. Bee, Rosewater, Kubelik, Amoruna, Sam Lazarus, Esq., Reason Why and Mesto also ran.

Second race (three and one-half furlongs)—Marie J., 111 (J. Daly), 2 to 1, won; Willa, 115 (Bullman), 2 to 1, second; Saccharate, 103 (Foley), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:44⅘. Edgecliffe, Edith Vance, Sea Voyage, McGregor and Bob Ragon also ran.

Third race (five and one-half furlongs)—Handpress, 112 (J. Daly), 6 to 1, won; Egyptian Princess, 102 (Knapp), 6 to 1, second; Camelitta, 107 (Dugan), 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:11. Bucolic, Cracko, Cassie W., Foul Play and Thaddeus also ran.

Fourth race (one mile and fifty yards)—Boutonniere, 101 (Foley), 10 to 1, won; First Chip, 110 (C. Kelly), 8 to 1, second; Norford, 100 (Hildebrand), 9 to 10, third. Time, 1:47. Decoy, Resin, Past Master, Tom Kingsley and Anvil also ran.

Fifth race (seven furlongs)—Standard, 95 (Hildebrand), 6 to 5, won; Hulford, 102 (L. Jackson), 6 to 5, second; Ruvia, 95 (Gruewell), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:31⅘. Dr. Birdsell, Shorty Kane and Jack Little also ran.

Sixth race (six furlongs)—Sir Tom Tiddler, 108 (J. Daly), 6 to 1, won; Albemarle, 104 (Foley), 7 to 2, second; Matt Hogan, 109 (J. Martin), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:15⅘. Lansdowne, Morello and Titus also ran.

BRIGHTON TO BE RUN ON JULY 9.

The Brighton Racing Association announced yesterday that the Brighton Handicap will be run on Saturday, July 9. The Cup Preliminary, the Brighton Cup and the Produce Stakes will be run at the autumn meeting.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC LEAGUE ORGANIZES.

More Members for Board of Directors—Districts Joined in Twos.

The board of directors of the Public School Athletic League last evening increased its membership from eighteen to thirty and adopted a constitution, which will be used for the twenty-three sub-leagues into which the league is to be divided.

Two of the additional directors elected were John S. Huyler, the confectioner, and W. M. Kingsley, of the firm of Kingsley, Marbon & Co. The others will be added later. The constitution for the sub-leagues, which joins the forty-six school districts together in pairs, provides that the members shall consist of: The district superintendent in charge of the two districts under the Board of Education, the special teacher of physical training, one member from each of the local district school boards, two school teachers selected by the school principals of the districts, and such others who may be selected by the sub-leagues themselves.

The sub-league will take charge of the district competitions, and the distribution of buttons, select cometitors for general contests and choose a delegate for the elementary school games committee. This games committee will have general charge of the elementary school games, and nominate a member to be elected to the board of directors of the league itself.

Last evening eleven members of the board were present. General Wingate presided. Among the others present were Dr. Maxwell, Superintendent of Schools; President Henry A. Rogers of the Board of Education, Dr. Stratford, of the City College; District Superintendent Straupenmueller, Dr. J. H. McCurdy, the director of physical training of the American National Young Men's Christian Association, and G. D. Kerby, of the Intercolleg