THE DRAMA.

EDWARD TERRY AS BUZFUZ.

Princess Theatre.

More than the period of one generation has passed away since Charles Dickens died, and on his colossal reputation Time has definitively set its seal. As to his serious works there is some difference of judicious opinion, but there is no discord of judgment as to his works of humor. In English literature he stands foremost, and, probably, always will stand foremost, as the representative genial humorist: and his principal work of humor is the incomparable Pickwick. Yesterday, at the Princess Theatre, Mr. Edward Terry supplemented his fine performance of Richard Burnside with an impersonation of Sergeant Buzfuz, in the trial scene, of Bardell vs. Pickwick, slightly adapted from that superb book. The Sergeant is, to some extent, a caricature, but he is a caricature built upon a basis of truth. The custom of lawyers to indulge in bombast, to browbeat witnesses, and to make the courtroom an arena for vainglorious personal display, has long existed, and it exists now—in New-York as well as in London. Dickens laughed at it, and his laughter, crystallized in Buzfuz, is immortal. Mr. Terry gives a complete and ludicrous body to the author's thought—an admirably accurate make-up, a potential manner, a ludicrous self-complacency, and the voluminous eloquence of a sonorous ass. The effect was exceedingly comical. Dickens himself,—who exulted in this character,—gave no better reading of it. Indeed, the Dickens reading of "Pickwick" was chiefly felicitous in the characters of Sam Weller and Justice Stareleigh and in the interludes of comment. Mr. Terry evinced complete comprehension of all the devices of the old practitioner—the sapient head-shake, the burst of simulated impatience, the air of menace, the severe aspect of moral rebuke, and the blatant vehemence of impudent authority. As a whole the courtroom scene seemed as grotesque and unactual as one of Cruikshank's Dickens pictures (most of which are dreadfully exaggerated), but this performance dominated it as an image of humorously satirical truth. Personations of Sam Weller, by Mr. G. Howard, Winkle, by Mr. A. Hylton Allen, and Mrs. Clupping, by Nelly Mortyne, intensified the comicality of the general performance. The Pickwick Trial is done as an afterpiece to the solid, serious comedy of "The House of Burnside." In the latter piece the performance given yesterday by Miss Cynthia Brooke was vastly better than on the opening night. Mr. Terry acted with exceptional power: and indeed the final curtain of the old year, as it fell upon the New-York stage, closed over no artistic image so deeply, truly, and serviceably pathetic as Edward Terry's rugged and tender and beautifully finished impersonation of Richard Burnside. W. W.

CAST OF BARDELL VS. PICKWICK.

Mr. Justice Stareleigh	Mr. Cornell
Sergeant Buzfuz	Edward Terry
Mr. Nathaniel Winkle	A. Hylton Allen
Mr. Pickwick	William H. Day
Sam Weller	G. Howard
Associate	Tom Lovell
Old Weller	W. H. Denny
Foreman of the Jury	Mr. McManus
Mrs. Clupping	Nellie Mortyne
Mrs. Bardell	Olive Wilton
Master Bardell	Roy Lorraine
Mrs. Simmons	Clara Earle

MUSIC.

Operas and Concert.

A disappointing afternoon and a brilliant evening were the offerings at the Metropolitan Opera House yesterday, and there was a superb concert given by Ysaye at Carnegie Hall, also in the afternoon—quite too much to discuss with any thought of detail. The afternoon opera was "Rigoletto," in which Mme. Melba was to have sung, but in which Mme. Alma Webster Powell piped and squeaked instead. It was much too melancholy an affair, so far as she was concerned, for discussion in detail. What was admirable in it was summed up in M. Caruso's singing, which was all-compelling, as usual. In the evening Mozart's "Nozze di Figaro" was repeated. There was no change in the cast, but a decided one in the spirit of the performance. It would be difficult indeed to recall one in a score of years more brilliant or so replete with charm. Mmes. Sembrich and Eames were ravishingly beautiful in song and action, and Miss Alten in that most ingratiating of all operatic roles, Cherubino, took her listeners captive.

Mr. Ysaye played three concertos at his concert, Mozart's in E flat, which he revived to the delight of all music lovers when he made his second visit to America seven years ago; Saint-Saëns's in B minor and Mendelssohn's. It may be that a former generation heard better violin playing than the audience heard yesterday, but it is reasonably certain that nothing more finished, more eloquent, more convincing, more authoritative lingers in the memory of the recorder of a quarter of a century of musical doings.

NATIONAL ACADEMY EXHIBITION.

Opening in Fine Arts Building—Free To-day—Prizes Awarded.

There was a large attendance yesterday at the eightieth annual exhibition of the National Academy of Design in the Fine Arts Building, in West Fifty-seventh-st. The exhibition will be open from 10 a. m. till 6 p. m., and from 8 p. m. till 10 p. m. to January 28. Admission will be free on Sundays from 1 to 4 p. m.

The annual prizes have been awarded as follows: The Thomas B. Clarke prize, of $300, for the best American figure composition, to Childe Hassam's "Lorelei"; the first Julius Hallgarten prize, of $300, for the best oil painting painted in the United States by an American citizen under thirty-five years old, to F. Luis Mora's "The Letter"; the second, of $200, to Gustave Wiegand's "Moonrise—Early Spring"; the third, of $100, to M. Peterson's "Curiosity Seekers"; the Inness gold medal, for the best landscape in the exhibition, to Edward Gay's "In the South Wind," and the Thomas R. Proctor prize, for the best portrait in the exhibition, to Thomas Eakins's "Portrait of Professor Leslie W. Miller."

AMBASSADOR PORTER'S PLANS.

To Look After Personal Affairs Here—France Regrets to Lose Him.

Paris, Dec. 31.—In view of the reports relative to the retirement of Ambassador Porter, inquiry at the American Embassy to-day resulted in the following authoritative statement:

General Porter has asked to be relieved from duty as Ambassador at Paris, with the intention of returning to New-York to be with his children and look after some personal interests that require his attention. Having spent twenty-five years in the service of the government, including eight years in charge of the embassy at Paris, he is anxious to secure a period of repose in his own country.

The formal announcement of General Porter's retirement attracts widespread attention and causes regrets among the French officials and members of the American colony. Heretofore rumors of the general's departure brought many inquiries to the embassy, but no official confirmation had been given. Close friends of the Ambassador have known that it has been the personal wish of himself and the members of his family to return to New-York this winter or in the spring, and this wish has now been communicated to the administration at Washington. He has not yet given thought to the time of his departure, which probably will occur at the end of his term on March 4. The authorities, however, have made known their earnest wish to have the Ambassador remain here pending the consideration of several current questions with which he is personally familiar. The officials of the Foreign Office express great regret at General Porter's departure, owing to the exceptionally cordial relations of the Ambassador with M. Delcassé, the Foreign Minister, and other members of the government.

A project is on foot among the American residents here to subscribe a considerable sum to purchase the handsome residence of the Countess of Gramont, on the Avenue Hoche, and present it to the United States government for the use of the American Embassy. It is understood that the projectors broached the movement at Washington, where it was favorably considered. The countess is the sister-in-law of the Duchess of Gramont, who is one of the Rothschilds, and her residence is among the handsomest in Paris. It was occupied by Whitelaw Reid while he was Minister to France.

A KALEIDOSCOPIC ARRAY OF BARGAINS each Sunday in the "Little Ads. of the People," in the narrow columns.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM PAINTINGS "FOR BETTER INFORMATION."

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I read with much interest the criticism upon the attribution of some of the paintings now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which was published in "The Evening Post" on December 24, and, as curator of the department of paintings, I fully appreciate the motive of the writer and his disinterested effort to rectify what seemed to him an unwarranted neglect on the part of those who have the paintings under their special care.

For the better information of the writer of the criticism and that of the public to whom he appealed, permit me to say that Dr. Bode's article from which he quoted was published in the "Zeitschrift für Bildende Künst," in 1895, and the matter contained therein was submitted before publication to Mr. Henry G. Marquand, the donor of the pictures, who had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. Bode during his stay in this city.

The facts are that Mr. Marquand preferred that the collection should carry the attributions given by Sir Charles Robinson, then the keeper of the Queen's pictures in England, from whom he purchased several of the works now in his gallery, rather than that he should accept the attributions of either Dr. Bode or Mr. Berenson.

But he accorded to me the privilege of making such changes, after he had passed away, as I might deem for the best interest of the Museum; and, in accordance with his wishes, I commenced a year ago the revision of the catalogue, which is now in the hands of the printer. In this I have made such notes and changes as seem best, adopting some of the attributions of Dr. Bode.

GEORGE H. STORY,
Curator Department of Paintings.

New-York, Dec. 31, 1904.

FIXING RAILROAD RATES.

Interesting Suggestions by Ex-Speaker Grow.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In lieu of an interview as desired by your reporter I send this letter.

Passenger and freight rates on a railroad must be such as will, during each year, realize on its aggregate business a sum of money sufficient to pay operating expenses, maintain values and pay fixed charges, and, if possible, something in dividends to stockholders, or it would be only a question of time when the company would be bankrupt.

The management of a railroad, from practical experience and knowledge, would be the most competent party to fix rates, for there is no business of any kind so difficult, so extensive in competition and comprehensive in details as that of railroads.

The great interest of the public in their management is that between two given points the rate of transportation shall be the same to everybody on like articles in like conditions. The wisest thing to do to take away the inducement for cut rates and rebates would be to repeal the law prohibiting the railroads from pooling their freight tonnage from competing points. Pooling of tonnage has nothing whatever to do with fixing freight rates.

Whoever invests money in any lawful business has the right, primarily, to say how it shall be conducted. A law that should take away that right would clearly be unjust. If a question of a public character should arise as to the management, law might establish a tribunal to examine and revise, if necessary, such management. Pending a decision, fair dealing would require that the management as fixed by the investor should continue until changed by due process of law.

If it be admitted that a tribunal could be established to supervise rates fixed by the management of a railroad company, and increase or decrease them, the rates fixed by the company should, in all fairness, continue until changed by the tribunal thus established, the railroad company filing bonds for refunding any excess of rates collected over those fixed by the tribunal, and the bonds being similar to those now required by law in the condemnation of land for railroad use.

GALUSHA A. GROW.

Glenwood, Penn., Dec. 30, 1904.

AMBASSADOR M'CORMICK TO STAY.

General Satisfaction That He Is to Remain at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The Washington announcement that Ambassador McCormick is to remain at St. Petersburg during the coming administration has been received with general satisfaction here. Despite the difficulties of his position in the last year, attributable both to the feeling that popular sentiment in the United States was hostile to Russia and because he was acting for Japan, Mr. McCormick has preserved good relations with the authorities and has been able to accomplish much for the United States.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Ambassador McCormick arrived at Cherbourg on the Hamburg-American Line steamer Moltke, from New-York, to-day, and will remain here for a few days before proceeding to St. Petersburg. On landing he received the agreeable information of President's Roosevelt's announcement of his reappointment.

PRESENTED TO KING OF ITALY

His Majesty Much Interested in Americans in Rome.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Ambassador Meyer, being received by King Victor Emmanuel to-day on the occasion of the New Year's greetings, presented to his majesty the American Naval Attaché, Lieutenant Commander William L. Howard, and Secretary Hitt, son of Congressman R. R. Hitt, of Illinois. The King most cordially returned the Ambassador's greetings and conversed with him very amiably. He was quite interested in Lieutenant Commander Howard's medals, especially in the one he received for participation in the battle of Manila. His majesty said the American Navy was now largely represented at Rome, there being here three admirals—Rear Admiral John C. Watson (retired), Rear Admiral Charles O'Neil (retired) and Rear Admiral Charles S. Cotton (retired). He also spoke about Panama, asking whether the canal would be built without locks.

DR. WILLIAM A. ROSS.

Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 31.—Dr. William Alexander Ross, at the age of eighty-seven years, died at the home of his daughter here to-day. Dr. Ross was a grandson of General Alexander Ross, who was a member of George Washington's staff during the American Revolution. Dr. Ross was the first white child born in Boone County, Ky. He had been a resident of Lawrence, Kan., for many years.

HONOR FOR AMBASSADOR CAMBON.

Paris, Dec. 31.—President Loubet to-day received Jules Cambon, the French Ambassador to Spain, and formerly Ambassador at Washington, and personally presented him with the insignia of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor, which is the highest rank of the order. This was due partly to M. Cambon's notable services in negotiating the terms of peace between Spain and the United States.

ABOARD THE LUCANIA.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—The Cunard Line steamer Lucania, which sailed for New-York to-day, took among her passengers Sheriff Penglase, of Marquette, Mich., and James Wallace, alias "James Wilson," who was arrested at Liverpool on November 24 charged with stealing stock certificates to the value of $30,000 from Edward Breitung, a banker, of Marquette.

The violinist Vecsey, who will give his opening performance at Carnegie Hall, New-York, on January 10, under the management of Daniel Frohman, is also a passenger on the Lucania.

TO-DAY

is the regular meeting day of the many business houses that have bargains to offer in the "Little Ads. of the People."

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

[FROM THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.]

Washington, December 31.

ARMY JUSTICE QUESTIONED.—Lieutenant Albert J. Mohn, 4th Cavalry, on duty at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, will be tried again by court martial. This is the decision of General Chaffee, after reading the report of the army inspector recently detailed to investigate the protest and allegations made by Lieutenant Mohn. This officer was tried at his post for infraction of military rules, and was sentenced to loss of numbers and official reprimand. He took exception to this finding and sentence, and addressed a letter directly to the President, which was an act of insubordination in itself, since he ignored the military channels through which such a communication should have been presented. He asserted that he had been the victim of conspiracy on the part of senior officers, and that there had been perjury and malice in the testimony of officers who appeared as witnesses before the court that tried him. The protest and charges were sensational, and an army inspector was at once detailed to investigate, with the result that he finds the charges made by Lieutenant Mohn to be absolutely unwarranted, and that there was no malice in the testimony which was given and the officers did not perjure themselves in what they told the court. Under such circumstances, it only remained for the War Department to order the trial of Lieutenant Mohn on these additional charges, with results which are likely to be serious for that officer. Lieutenant Mohn was formerly an enlisted man in the 8th and 3d regiments of cavalry. His home is in Butler, Ohio.

ANOTHER OFFICER IN TROUBLE.—Charges and specifications have been drawn up and forwarded in the case of Captain George W. Kirkman, 25th Infantry, now at Fort Jay, N. Y. Captain Kirkman is alleged to have been guilty of indiscretion in his personal conduct and financial dealings.

BALL CARTRIDGES AMONG BLANKS.—As the result of investigation made by direction of General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, it has been ascertained that among the 1,750,000 blank cartridges issued last summer to the regular and militia troops which took part in the manœuvres at Manassas, Va., and in California two ball cartridges were found, one at the Virginia camp and the other in California. The person who packed the California cartridges was traced by the initials on the box, and was promptly discharged. In the Virginia case it was impossible to find the offender. As an additional precaution all the blank cartridge cases at the Frankford Arsenal have been overhauled and weighed, with the result that one ball cartridge was found. In that case the person who packed the case was discharged. To guard against the possibility of such occurrences in the future General Crozier has directed that each box of blank cartridges shall be weighed before sealing. The presence of a ball cartridge can be easily detected by this method.

BIDS FOR NEW-YORK DOCK.—Bids were opened to-day in the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, for the construction of drydock No. 4 at the New-York Navy Yard. They were as follows: John Peirce, of New-York, $885,000; New-York Continental Jewell Filtration Company, of New-York, $829,880; United Engineering and Construction Company, of New-York, $815,934; Buckley Realty Construction Company, of New-York, $1,896,400; George B. Spearin, of New-York, $773,292. The appropriation for the work complete is $1,000,000, and the drydock will be constructed of granite and concrete.

THE WASP FLOATED.—The Navy Department has been informed that the converted gunboat Wasp, which was reported aground near the harbor of Kingston, Jamaica, a few days ago, has been pulled off without damage, and has proceeded on her journey to the Isthmus of Panama.

ORDERS ISSUED.—The following army and navy orders have been issued:

ARMY.

Major CHARLES W. FOSTER, artillery corps, from Fort Banks to Fort Williams.

First Lieutenant FRED T. AUSTIN, artillery corps, to Washington Barracks.

First Lieutenant JOHN J. REILLY, assistant surgeon, to Fort Bayard.

Captain GEORGE VIDMER, 11th Cavalry, from St. Louis to proper station.

Captain COURTLAND NIXON, 24 Infantry, detailed to fill vacancy in Quartermaster's Department.

NAVY.

Captain J. E. CRAIG, to Washington, as president special board on proposed rules governing steamboat inspection service.

Commander T. M. POTTS, to Board of Inspection and Survey, Washington, as member.

Lieutenant O. W. KOESTER, detached the Marietta; to the Iowa.

Lieutenants O. S. KNEPPER and E. H. WATSON, detached the Prairie; home and await orders.

Ensign E. G. KINTNER and Midshipman W. J. MOSES, detached the Marietta; to the Prairie.

Midshipman G. M. BAUM, detached the Marietta; to the Massachusetts.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. H. PAYNE, detached the Marietta; home and await orders.

Assistant Paymaster L. D. M'GEE, detached the Marietta; to navy yard, League Island.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Navy Department:

ARRIVED.

Dec. 30.—The Des Moines, at Point à Pitre; the Florida, at Lambert Point.

Dec. 31.—The Topeka and the Yankee, at Hampton Roads.

SAILED.

Dec. 30.—The Des Moines, from Roseau for Point à Pitre; the Cincinnati, from Hong Kong for Che-Foo; the Newport, from Portsmouth, N. H., for New-York; the Marietta, from Hampton Roads for League Island.

Dec. 31.—The Ajax, from Cavité for Norfolk.

NOT AS REAR ADMIRALS.

President Orders Bureau Chiefs Presented by Bureau Titles.

Washington, Dec. 31.—By direction of the President, the chiefs of the bureaus of the Navy Department, when they are presented at the White House on New Year's Day and at all other Presidential receptions, will be presented by their bureau title. Rear Admiral Converse will be presented as "the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation." The chiefs of the staff bureaus will be presented by their staff titles—that is, as the Chief Constructor of the Navy, the Paymaster General of the Navy and the Surgeon General of the Navy. The Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks will be presented by that title, as he has no specific staff title. While this does not cover the entire question of titles in the navy, the fact that this order was made at the White House, and comes directly from the President, is regarded as a strong indication that the final decision will provide that chiefs of bureaus as such are not necessarily entitled to the title of "rear admiral."

THE CHATTANOOGA READY FOR TRIAL.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 31.—The new gunboat Chattanooga, with the naval trial board and engineers' trial board, went over the measured mile course in Narragansett Bay to-day, starting from Beaver Tail Light. The trial board inspected all parts of the vessel, with the exception of the machinery, and had the crew go through drill. The engineers' board had charge of the work of standardizing the propeller. To-morrow the Chattanooga will start on a forty-eight hour speed trial at sea. On this run all the guns will be fired and the ship will be thoroughly tested.

NEW YEAR'S BALL AT TUXEDO.

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The annual New Year's ball, one of the largest social affairs given by the Tuxedo Club, attracted many well known New-Yorkers to the colony to-night.

The halls of the clubhouse were decorated with festoons of evergreen and wreaths of holly and mistletoe. The usual custom of ushering in the new year was gone through at midnight. A punch bowl was brought to the centre of the ballroom, and as the new year approached all, with brimming glasses, joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne." After a dinner all assembled at the clubhouse, where dancing was begun at 10 o'clock, and at midnight supper was served in the dining room of the club.

Some of those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. George Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. Amos T. French, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pell, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Condon, Pierre Lorillard, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, G. Thornton Warren, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Snow, Miss Snow, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. V. Hoffman, Edward N. Tailer, George H. Hull, jr., Justice and Mrs. Patterson, Colonel and Mrs. Joel B. Erhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Ormond G. Smith, Mrs. Charles J. Coulter, Richard Aston Elliott, J. W. Kendall, Lucius Wilmerding, G. W. Van Nest, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hancy, Miss Hancy, Rudolph Neeser, Leroy King, Mrs. W. A. Street, the Misses Street, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haggin, Mrs. Moberley, Miss McAfee, Miss E. L. Breese, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rollins Walker, Stewart Waller, James L. Breese, Robert Breese, Thayer Lindsley, Count von Limburg Stirum, John W. Minturn, Ogden Mills, William Post, Bertram Cruger and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davies.

VANDERBILT LOSES.

Court Orders Rehearing of Order for Closing Lake Success Road.

Mineola, Long Island, Dec. 31.—An order by Judge Robert Seabury, of the County Court, in the case of the road at Deepdale, the country seat of William K. Vanderbilt, jr., which the owner desires to close to the public, was filed in the County Clerk's office to-day. The order vacates the decision of the commission which granted Mr. Vanderbilt permission to close the road and orders another hearing before other commissioners.

The road over which there has been so much controversy is about a half-mile long and runs through a portion of the estate to the shore of Lake Success. It has been used for sixty years. The farmers living near say the road is the only approach to the lake that is open to the public, and they have insisted that it remain open.

BROOKLYN UP IN ARMS.

Well Known Men on Committee of Protest Against Parsons's Plan.

Believing that the plans for future subways in Brooklyn as outlined by Chief Engineer Parsons of the Rapid Transit Commission on Thursday do not promise any great amount of relief from the congested conditions at the Manhattan ends of the two bridges, Borough President Littleton yesterday appointed a citizens' committee to discuss means for obtaining such relief. The following men named have been asked to meet at the Borough President's office next Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock: Dr. Joseph J. O'Connell, Andrew D. Baird, Hiram R. Steele, Bernard Gallagher, William Cullen Bryant, William N. Harman, W. A. Porter, Frank A. Sells, A. D. Matthews, Howard M. Smith, Frederick W. Wurster, C. L. Rossiter, Arthur Gibb, Abraham Abraham, John McNamee, Nathaniel H. Levi, I. S. Remson, Colonel Willis L. Ogden, George W. Chauncey, William Berri, Colonel William Hester, Julian D. Fairchild, Daniel P. Morse, Theodore F. Miller and Frank Bailey.

Borough President Littleton, apparently anticipating the views of the committee, in an interview states:

It is the purpose of the committee to urge upon the Rapid Transit Commission the construction of a loop connection between the two bridges in Manhattan in order that a continuous service may be given. Public Works Commissioner Brackenbridge and I think this is the only real solution of the problem.

J. MOLLENHAUER DEAD.

Oldtime Sugar Refiner Suddenly Expires at Club.

John Mollenhauer, an oldtime sugar refiner, died yesterday while talking with his friends at the Merchants' Club, in Brooklyn. He had been ailing for some time.

Mr. Mollenhauer was the head of the Mollenhauer Sugar Refining Company, of Williamsburg. He was born in Germany, seventy-seven years ago, and came to this country when he was twenty-seven years old. He began in a small way the sale of sugar, syrups and molasses, in Williamsburg. In the late 60's he began refining sugar. His firm was finally absorbed by the Sugar Trust. He retired several years ago.

Mr. Mollenhauer leaves a wife and five children, Mrs. J. Henry Jacobs and J. Adolph, Frederick, Henry and William Mollenhauer.

FOLKERT H. COOPER DEAD.

Founder of Big New-York and Chicago Business Succumbs to Cerebral Hemorrhage.

Folkert H. Cooper, sixty-one years old, business partner of Henry Siegel and one of the founders of the Siegel-Cooper stores in New-York and Chicago, died yesterday at the home of his son, William H. Cooper, in the Boston Post Road, New-Rochelle. Mr. Cooper had lived with his son since returning from Europe last July, where he visited his native home at Akkrum, Holland. He was taken ill while in Holland and had since been in poor health. The cause of his death was cerebral hemorrhage.

In 1897 Mr. Cooper and Mr. Siegel came to New-York and opened their big store at Sixth-ave. and Eighteenth-st. Mr. Cooper retired a few years ago from active business life. Till his death he retained an interest in the Siegel-Cooper business, which was looked after by his son, W. H. Cooper. Mr. Cooper was a widower and leaves four sons and one daughter. He was a thirty-third degree Mason and a member of the Knights Templar and the Mecca Shrine of Chicago.

STRANGE BIRD CAUGHT IN VIRGINIA.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31.—An enormous bird, so much larger than any eagle known to huntsmen here as to be without classification, was shot by Frank Jackson, a well known huntsman of Olga, Amelia County, yesterday. It is as large as a condor, but more graceful, and of beautiful plumage. One wing was broken by the shot, and, though stunned, the bird fought fiercely before it was captured by a coat being thrown over its head. It ate ravenously of live rabbits to-day. The appearance of such a bird in this climate is unaccountable, and it is unlike any species in the natural histories at hand.

GIFT TO DEUTSCHLAND'S CAPTAIN.

In honor of his 150th trip to this country, Captain Karl Kaempff, of the Deutschland, has received from his friends a bronze ship's clock. The clock, made by Tiffany, is a fine piece of modelled work, standing 18 inches high. At the sides are the envined flags of America and Germany. On the top are two sailors straining at a ship's wheel, and at the bottom is the house flag of the Hamburg-American Line. Interwoven around the figures on the clock are the ivy leaves emblematical of friendship and the laurel of success. On a ribbon passed around the clock is the inscription:

Presented to Captain Kaempff by his friends on the occasion of his 150th trip to America.

The clock will be presented to Captain Kaempff to-morrow night at a dinner at the Hotel Astor.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Official Record and Forecast.—Washington, Dec. 31.—While the month in Northeastern districts has been from 4 to 6 degrees colder than the average, it closes with temperatures much above the seasonal average in the interior valleys and northern districts, including the middle and northern Rocky Mountain region. No marked or destructive cold wave occurred in any part of the country, and but one general storm of unusual violence was experienced.

There has been no precipitation of consequence during the last twenty-four hours, except in the Pacific States and over the plateau region.

The conditions to-night indicate fair weather, with relatively high temperatures east of the Rocky Mountains for Sunday and Monday.

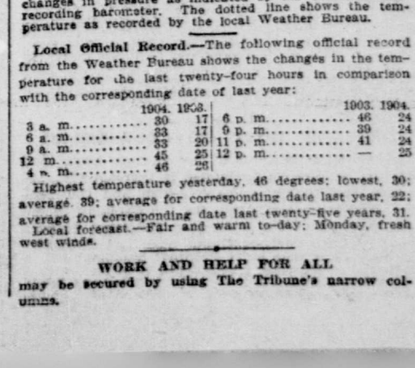
The winds along the Atlantic Coast will be fresh southwest to west; on the Gulf Coast light east to southeast, and on the great lakes, fresh west to northwest.

Forecast for Special Localities.—For New-England, Eastern New-York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New-Jersey and Delaware, fair and warm to-day and Monday; fresh west winds.

For the District of Columbia, fair and warm to-day and Monday; fresh southwest to west winds.

For Western Pennsylvania and Western New-York, fair to-day and Monday; fresh west winds.

Tribune Local Observations.



In this diagram the continuous white line shows the changes in pressure as indicated by the Tribune's self-recording barometer. The dotted line shows the temperature as recorded by the local Weather Bureau.

Local Official Record.—The following official record from the Weather Bureau shows the changes in the temperature for the last twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding date of last year:

	1904.	1903.		1903.	1904.
3 a. m.	30	17	6 p. m.	46	24
6 a. m.	33	17	9 p. m.	39	24
9 a. m.	33	20	11 p. m.	41	24
12 m.	45	25	12 p. m.	—	25
4 p. m.	46	26			

Highest temperature yesterday, 46 degrees; lowest, 30; average, 39; average for corresponding date last year, 22; average for corresponding date last twenty-five years, 31.

Local forecast.—Fair and warm to-day; Monday, fresh west winds.

WORK AND HELP FOR ALL

may be secured by using The Tribune's narrow columns.

TWO NE[illegible] IN FORCE

INQUIRY B[illegible]RD LEGAL.

Dr. Anstice Says Law Is Clear as to a Bishop's Trial.

The new canons for the government of the Protestant Episcopal Church adopted at the general convention held in Boston last October go into effect to-day. The fact that the presentment in the case of Bishop Talbot was made under the old canons and would have to be tried under the new has been brought forward as a reason why nothing would come of the charges. It appears, however, that two of the canons adopted last October became operative immediately. These have an important bearing on the Talbot case and were in force when the inquiry was constituted.

This important point, which seems to have been generally overlooked, was brought up yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Henry Anstice, secretary of the House of Deputies of the general convention. He is the guardian of records of the Church, and is now engaged in putting the new digest of the canons through the press. Dr. Anstice was not willing to give any opinion on the case of Bishop Talbot, but he made this statement regarding the old and new canons to a Tribune reporter who saw him yesterday at the Church Mission House, Fourth-ave. and Twenty-second-st.:

The present board of inquiry was constituted under Section 4 of Canon 9 of the Digest of the Canons, which is superseded on January 1 by the new Canon 25. But it is not generally understood that two of the new judicial canons went into immediate effect, viz., Canon 24, "Of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop," and Canon 27, "Of the Court for the Review of the Trial of a Bishop." So that the law of the Church on the subject of the trial of a bishop has consisted since the adjournment of the General Convention last October of such parts of the old Canon 9 as were not repealed in the adoption of the new canons named and those new canons. Together these constitute a code of procedure, under which the presiding bishop has taken action. Should the board of inquiry instituted under existing law decide upon a presentment in the case before it, the case would come to trial under the same Canon 24 which was law at the time the board of inquiry was constituted, as well as after January 1.

It will be a week or ten days before the printer finishes printing the new canons. The work is much in demand on account of the widespread interest in the Talbot case. Letters and telegrams asking for copies have been pouring in to Dr. Anstice for several days. The work was to be ready for distribution to-morrow, but there have been unavoidable delays.

PRESIDENT ELUDES HIS GUARDS.

He and Mrs. Roosevelt Walk in Pennsylvania-ave. Unaccompanied.

[FROM THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.]

Washington, Dec. 31.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt enjoyed half an hour's walk along Pennsylvania-ave. this morning, starting from the White House at 9 o'clock and returning before the President's business appointments called him to the office building. The Secret Service guards, who usually accompany the President whenever he leaves the White House, did not learn of his departure until after he had been gone ten or fifteen minutes, and they made a great scurry over town until they found him walking homeward, safe and happy, on the avenue. It is unusual for the President to appear walking in the business streets of the city; in fact, so far as is known, this was the first time he has walked along Pennsylvania-ave. since he entered the White House. He almost invariably walks from the White House to church on Sundays, but his route then is not through the business part of the city. Even on Sundays he is accompanied by Secret Service officers, who follow him discreetly at a short distance. The President was inclined to regard the fact that he had eluded his guards as a joke.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt were recognized instantly in the street, and, as they walked briskly along the avenue, were the recipients of marked but respectful attention. The President went directly to his office when he returned.

Died.

Death notices appearing in THE TRIBUNE will be republished in The Tri-Weekly Tribune without extra charge.

Auchincloss, Elizabeth E.
Barnes, Edwin M.
Bradshaw, Mary A.
Carroll, Mary E.
Crane, John M.
Denman, Elsie C.
Gillet, Mary H.
Martin, Elizabeth C.
Norton, Henry W.
Rodgers, Margaretta O. H.
Russel, Lucy E.
Taylor, Emily M.
Underhill, Townsend.

AUCHINCLOSS—On Thursday, December 29, at her home, No. 24 East 48th-st., Elizabeth Ellen, only daughter of Maria Sloan and the late Edgar S. Auchincloss. Funeral services at her late residence on Sunday, January 1, at 2:15 p. m. Interment at Woodlawn. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

BARNES—After a short illness, at Ridgefield Park, N. J., Thursday morning, 29th inst., Edwin M. Barnes, in his 53d year. Funeral services at his late home, January 1, at 2 p. m. Train via West Shore R. R., foot Franklin-st., at 1 p. m. and foot West 42d-st. at 1:15 p. m. Carriages on arrival. Return train at 4:13 p. m.

BRADSHAW—At Roslyn, Long Island, December 31, 1904, Mary Ann Bradshaw, aged 71 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

CARROLL—At Middletown, N. Y., on Friday, December 30, 1904, Mary E., widow of George B. Carroll, aged 70 years. Funeral service on Wednesday, January 4, 1905, at No. 271 Main-st., Paterson, N. J., at 2 o'clock, p. m. Interment at Cedar Lawn.

CRANE—At Jamaica, N. Y., on December 30, John M. Crane, in his 72d year. Funeral service at Grace Church, Jamaica, N. Y., Sunday, January 1, 1905, at 2:30 p. m.

DENMAN—At Cranford, N. J., on Saturday, December 31, 1904, Elsie Conger, beloved wife of John C. Denman. Funeral services at her late residence on Monday, January 2, 1905, at 3 p. m. Carriages will meet the 2 o'clock train from New-York, Central Railroad of New-Jersey, foot Liberty-st. Interment private.

GILLET—On Saturday, December 31, in her 78th year, Mary Higginbotham, widow of the late Joseph Gillet. Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, January 3, at her late residence, No. 158 East 38th-st. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

MARTIN—At her residence, No. 15 Central Park West, Elizabeth Chalmers Martin, wife of Robert H. Martin. Funeral service on Monday, January 2, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nos. 312-332 East 88th-st., at 12 noon. Interment private.

NORTON—On Friday evening, December 30, 1904, at his residence, North Salem, N. Y., Henry W. Norton, in his 67th year. Funeral service will be held at his late residence on Tuesday, January 3, 1905, at 1 p. m. Carriages will be in waiting at Brewster Station on the arrival of the 9:06 train from Grand Central Depot. Interment at Salem Centre, North Salem, N. Y.

RODGERS—At Newburg, N. Y., December 30, Margaretta Osborne Hardenbergh, wife of the late J. Kearny Rodgers. Funeral services on Monday, January 2, at 11 a. m., at the residence of her son, J. Kearny Rodgers, 3d, No. 296 Liberty-st., Newburg. Interment at New-Brunswick, N. J.

RUSSEL—At her home, No. 191 Commonwealth-ave., Boston, on Friday, December 30, after a short illness, Lucy Ellery, daughter of the late William C. Russel, of New-York.

TAYLOR—On Saturday morning, at her residence, No. 35 West 9th-st., Emily M., wife of the late Robert Taylor and daughter of the late William E. Dean. Funeral private.

UNDERHILL—At his late residence, of pneumonia, on Friday, December 30, 1904, Townsend Underhill, son of the late Benjamin T. and Eliza Weeks Underhill, of Oyster Bay, in the 82d year of his age. Funeral services will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Madison-ave. and 44th-st., on Monday morning, January 2, at 10 o'clock. Interment in Greenwood.

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