THE RACES OF THE SUMMER.

ENTRIES FOR THE STAKES WHICH CLOSED ON THE 1ST OF MARCH.

A Brilliant List of Runners Entered for the Coming Season—195 Horses Engaged—Jerome Park, Saratoga, and Long Branch, Each Striving for the Palm—Contrast between Racing and Trotting Associations.

The stakes opened by the four great racing associations—the American Jockey Club, the Monmouth Park Association, the Saratoga Association, and the Maryland Jockey Club—closed on the 1st inst. with an unusually good entry, both as regards the number and the quality of the animals nominated. Racing in the Northern States will this year begin at Jerome Park on June 1. This meeting will extend over two weeks, during which period there will be six days' racing. Long Branch is the next fixture, the races commencing on Saturday, June 29, and lasting all the following week. An interval of one week occurs, and then turfmen will assemble at Saratoga for the July meeting, which begins on the 13th, and continues six days. Then comes the Monmouth Park second meeting, which commences on Aug. 3, and ends on the 9th. After this the Saratoga Association have their second gathering, lasting six days from Aug. 15. It will be seen therefore that the lovers of the "sport of kings" will have plenty of amusement during the months of June, July, and August.

THE FORDHAM HANDICAP.

Of the five great races to be run at Jerome Park, three will be decided before the fall meeting. The first of these is the Fordham Handicap (one mile and a quarter), a sweepstakes of $50 each, half forfeit, and only $10 if declared, with $500 added by the Jockey Club, the second horse to receive $200 out of the stakes. Thirty-one horses are nominated for this stake, including some well-known "flyers" over this distance of ground. Among these are Midday (5 years), Octoman (5 years), Alroy (4 years), Tubman (4 years), Sue Rider (3 years), by Knight of St. George, out of Glycera; Mary Lowe, Salina, Cloelia, and others. The weights will not be published till the 1st of May, and till they appear it is of course idle to speculate upon the probable chances of the horses. This race will be the opening one of the meeting.

THE JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP.

On the second day the Jockey Club Handicap will be run. This is a sweepstakes of $100 each, half forfeit, and only $20 if declared, with $1,000 added; the second horse to receive $400 out of the stakes. Distance two miles. There are 22 entries in this stake, including several well-known horses, the best of which are Eolus, Alroy, Octoman, Abd-el-Kooree, Tubman, Childwick, Sensimon, and Salina. If this handicap gets a good acceptance it is pretty certain to be a very interesting race.

THE WESTCHESTER CUP.

The third event, the Westchester Cup, is without doubt the most important race of the meeting, although the contest for the Belmont stakes generally excites the most interest among turfmen. This year the cup fully keeps up its reputation, twelve horses being entered for it, of whom all but four have proved themselves first-class race horses. The first that strikes our eye is Mr. Belmont's bay horse Glenelg, six years, by Citadel, out of imported Habita. He has not been on a race track since that very same day last June, when he ran such a game race with Preakness. Next comes Joe Donahue's chestnut colt Alroy, four years, by Australian, out of Nelly Grey, who is now one of the most improved horses in training. Old John Hunter enters two, Littleton and Express. The former, who is by Leamington, out of Fanny Holton, has the reputation of having run the best two miles on record, viz., 3:34½, and if he is in fix on the day of the race, will be very formidable. Next comes R. McDaniel's stable, who has three representatives, viz.: Harry Bassett, Abd-el-Kooree, and Tubman. Judging by his performances last year, Harry Bassett has his race at his mercy, but the stable might rely upon Abd-el-Kooree, 4 years, by Australian, out of Birthwort, for a good race if the race would be a more open affair. Abd-el-Kooree's performance last fall at Jerome Park, when he beat Helmbold four miles in the fast time of 7:38, at once stamped him as a race horse of high class, and it is a moot point whether he would not be able to hold his own with any horse except the mighty Bassett. Mr. Sanford enters two, Preakness, 5 years, and Monarchist, 4 years, both of whom are now in training at New Orleans. The first named won the cup last year, beating Glenelg and Helmbold, while Monarchist ran several good races at the fall meeting, his best performance being his victory in the grand national handicap, where Mary Clara, Telegram, &c., were among the beaten horses. It will be seen from the above that there is every prospect of a grand race, the reappearance of Harry Bassett being in itself a sufficient inducement to attract crowds of visitors to Jerome Park on the cup day.

STAKES FOR 1873.

The other two great races will be run at the fall meeting next year. The first is the annual sweepstake for three-year olds, $50 each, $10 forfeit, with $1,000 added, the distance two miles. There are thirty-four colts entered in this, including some very finely bred ones. Among these are five imported colts, viz.: Mr. D. D. Withers's bay colt Stonehenge, by Blair Athol, out of Columba (by Kingston, and his colt by Marsyas, out of Maid of Marion); Mr. A. Belmont's bay colt by Broadsheet, out of Elermire; Messrs. Hunter and Travers's black colt Strathire, by Parmesan, out of May Bell by Herman Plaoff; and D. McDaniel & Co.'s chestnut colt Cross-the-Sea, by Ely, out of Beatrice by Irish Birdcatcher. The last three named are in the Hunter Stakes, a sweepstakes for three-year-old fillies, $200 each, $50 forfeit, with $500 added. There are twenty-four entered in this stake. These entries for these fine races footup 123 horses—a very respectable show.

THE LONG BRANCH RACES.

The Monmouth Park Association have eight races whereon to decide each meeting. The first of these is the Hopeful Stakes, a sweepstakes of $50 each, play or pay, with $500 added; half a mile. This race has got a splendid entry of 26 colts and fillies, several of whom are closely related to some great race horses. Next comes the Monmouth Cup, a sweepstakes for two miles and a quarter. There are 12 entered in this, including Harry Bassett, Longfellow, Nellie Grey, Glenelg, Littleton, &c. This race promises to be one of the most exciting of the season, for there is every probability that the two great guns, Harry Bassett and Longfellow, will meet each other. If these two cracks come to the post, let and well, there will be more betting and excitement than upon any other race during the season. All the racing world knows what a great race horse Harry Bassett is, and a large portion of the followers of turf sports have the conviction that Longfellow is one of the best horses ever foaled. Indeed, the Kentuckians generally swear by him, and on the Fourth of July, the day on which the race is to be run, they will doubtless be ready to support their opinions in a tangible way, while the New York sidlers are equally certain to plank up their stamps on the flying son of Lexington and Canary Bird. The gray mare Nellie Grey, too, who is jointly owned by Mr. Leonard Jerome and Gen. Buford, will also make her reentree in the North in this race. She is engaged in New Orleans, and her performances there will throw some light on her chances here.

The next race is the July Stakes, for two-year-olds, a sweepstakes of $50 each, p. p., with $500 added. The quarters of a mile. There are 22 entered for this, most of whom are also in the Hopeful Stakes. The remaining race for the July meeting is the Monmouth Sequel Stakes, a sweepstakes of $50 each, p. p., with $500 added. The distance is two miles, and the winner of the Jersey Derby carries the weight of Atlas. In this there are 24 entries, including the crack three-year-old Sue Rider, flanking by Asteroid, Bonnie Lassie by Marion, Lepanto by Lightning, Inverary by Leamington, and others.

THE ACCOST MEETING.

The first race closed for the second meeting is the Hopeful Stakes for two-year-olds, $50 each, p. p., with $500 added; three quarters of a mile. There are twenty-three entries in this. The Follow-Me-Lone Branch Stakes, a sweepstakes for 3-year-olds, p. p., with $500 added, for all ages to carry 100 pounds. Sixteen are entered in this, including Hamburg, Glenelg, Abdel-Kooree, Pelham, Williams, and Alroy. This is the race which is to be a very fast race. The Alroy Stakes, a sweepstakes of $50 each, p. p., with $1000 added. The distance is two miles. There are six entries, but it is probably owing to this that so many are nominated for the Monmouth Cup. Alroy, Octoman, Abd-el-Kooree, Glenelg, Nellie Grey, and Sue Ann; and it will require a man to pick out the winner, as all have shown their ability to go the distance. The last on the Long Branch list is the Ocean Stakes for two-year-olds, with nine entries. It is a sweepstakes of $50 each, p. p., with $500 added, distance three-quarters of a mile. This is the largest and best stake offered by the Monmouth Park Association.

THE SARATOGA ENTRIES.

The Saratoga Association are seven stakes to decide at their fall meeting, all of which are sweepstakes, and the most of them are for three-year-olds. The first is a sweepstakes for all ages, $50 each, p. p., with $500 added; one mile and a quarter. The entries for this, including the names of Octoman, Alroy, Kingfisher, Connell, Lizzie, Cloelia, Sensimon, Gonzalo, and others, are very numerous. The Congress Stakes, a sweepstakes for three-year-olds, $50 each, p. p., with $500 added; distance half a mile, and 24 have entered for it. Then follows the Stakes of the meeting, viz. The Saratoga Cup, a sweepstakes for all ages, $50 each, p. p., with $1000 added; one mile and a quarter. This is a splendid stake, whether it be contested for by the cracks of last year, which Longfellow so completely the supposed impossible feat of running a mile in 1:46, will be repeated this year, or whether it be contested for by the fast young horses of the present day, it will be highly interesting, for among the 12 entries are Harry Bassett, Abdel-Kooree, Longfellow, Glenelg, Monarchist, and Alroy. If the race for the Monmouth Cup between Longfellow and Harry Bassett turns out a close affair, the second meeting of these "cracks" at Saratoga will settle the question as to which is really the best, and on that account the cup promises to fully keep up its charter. The next race is the Sequel Stakes, for three-year-olds, $50 each, p. p., with $750 added; two miles. There are 28 entries, including Alarm by Eclipse, out of imported Maud by Stockwell, Sue Rider, London, Hubbard, Woodbine, Inverary, and Bazaline—a very good entry. Next comes the Summer Handicap; two miles and a quarter, $100 each, half forfeit, and only $20 if declared, with $1,000 added. This has got 18 entries, of whom Eolus, Alroy, Abd-el-Kooree, Salina, Barney Williams, and Wanderer are the best known. A sweepstakes, for two-year-olds, of $100 each, half forfeit, with $700 added, the distance is two miles, and winners are to carry extra weight. Of the 25 entries, the best public performers are Alarm, Sue Rider, London, and the colt by Jack Malone out of Sea Breeze. The grand total of the Saratoga entries is 151.

THE MARYLAND JOCKEY CLUB.

The young but influential association styled the Maryland Jockey Club is only in the third year of its existence, but the annual gathering at Baltimore is already looked upon by turfites as one of the "big" meetings. Two stakes closed on the 1st, one for this year and the other for the fall meeting of 1873. The first of these is the Bowie Stakes, four-mile heats, a subscription of $100 each p p, with $1,500 added. The subscribers to this, who will name their horses at the post, are Joseph Donahue, D. McDaniel & Co., A. Belmont, P. Lorillard, R. W. Cameron, John F. Chamberlin, and M. H. Sanford. The other race is the Dixie Stakes, a sweepstakes for three-years-old to be run in 1873, $100 each half forfeit with $1,500 added, two miles. This has secured a splendid entry of 63, the horses being nominated from almost all parts of the Union, but none of them have yet appeared in public.

WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE.

Taking a glance at the above we find no less than 195 horses entered at the four places, and the prizes offered for these races amount to over $15,000, which is only about a fifth part of what is really run for. It does not require a very wise man to see that, all things considered, we are going to have the best racing season ever known on this continent since the war. The liberality of the racing associations, in making the entrance for their purses free, or what is the same thing, returning to the competing horses, is reaping its own reward. And it stands out in bold contrast to the niggardly spirit betrayed by the Fleetwood Park, Buffalo, and other trotting associations who mulct the owners of trotting horses of ten per cent. every time they enter. The result is a natural one. Every summer people give up attending trotting races and patronize Jerome Park and other places where running racing only is allowed.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE GANG.

Naval Officer Laffin Before the Senate Committee—Errors of $1,000,000 in the Custom House Accounts—Pocketing $18,000 as his Share of Moieties.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The New York Custom House Committee met this morning, when a letter was read from C. W. H. Schultz, reaffirming his testimony that Kasmire said he came to his store to examine his books on account of information derived from a Custom House officer, &c. Other letters were laid before the committee, including one from Treadwell to the effect that Kasmire was ready to say that Schultz was wrong in every particular. The committee decided that Messrs. Kasmire and Van Roalte should communicate to the committee by affidavit on that subject.

MR. LAFLIN'S TESTIMONY.

A. H. Laflin, Naval Officer of New York, testified that he has under him sixty-nine clerks and three messengers. He was appointed in 1869, and then had received pay except under the provisions of law.

To Senator Casserly—Some time ago he gave directions to Col. Hart to keep, for his Laflin's satisfaction, a record of the errors and omissions made in the papers from the Custom House which passed through his office. Such errors might occur in the estimating of duties on certain styles of goods. Some of these errors were in favor of and others against the Government, amounting in the aggregate to $1,000,000 within the period of eight months. The errors against the Government amounted to $40,000 or $50,000. He would give the information of papers in the entry and liquidation division. The mistakes arise more from arithmetical calculations than from errors of judgment. The Navy office never exercised a check and supervisory control over the Collector's Department.

THE CORRECTION OF ERRORS.

Mr. Casserly—I have been informed that there have been corrections in other divisions.

Witness could not furnish details of the corrections, and did not know that good use was made in the Collector's office as to the correction of errors. When an error was discovered by the Naval Office the corresponding clerk would call the attention of the corresponding clerk in the Collector's office to the fact. This was done verbally. Witness had represented to the Collector that there had been carelessness. He repeated that he was not aware that any of the clerks had received money for work performed out of office hours. Clerks were not compelled to take work home with them, and he would not, therefore, find fault with them if they confined themselves to regular hours.

To Senator Bayard—He received as moiety one twelfth of the amounts collected for violations of the revenue laws.

To Senator Pratt—The clerks are appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury on the recommendation of the Naval Officer. He knew of no other reason for clerks performing work out of office hours than the desire to keep up the business at their desks.

CONTROLLING REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS.

By Senator Bayard—He (witness) had been used as an instrument in controlling the Republican State Convention.

A.—It has not been in my office.

Witness was a delegate to the convention of 1870, but not to that of 1871. He attended the latter, but did not office in the interest of the Custom House. He was not than in previous years. They were not there to an unusual number, though he did not make a numerical so many from his office went to the convention. He was requested to do so, and in consideration of a quit claim deed for the free grant, described in eight and a half acres, and for a further consideration of $800 in additional acre and a half. The Bishop then contended that the original deed had been lost or mislaid, and that it would be delivered to her when found. Complainant claims that she has never received the deed, and that the conditions upon which she made the second grant have not been fulfilled; also, that it was represented to her when signing the second deed, that the school and chapel would be built within the time specified, and that relieving such representations, she did not recall it. She has since been informed by the Bishop that the land contains no cemetery, and that the school and chapel have taken $20,000 worth of stock in the new enterprise.

Senator Hendricks's Popularity.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 12.—At the Hebrew fair in this city, which closed on Thursday evening, a beautiful silver service was voted to the gentleman who should receive the majority of ballots as the most popular candidate for Governor. The balloting resulted in the large vote being cast for the Hon. T. A. Hendricks. A committee of the managers subsequently waited upon Mr. Hendricks at his residence to make the presentation. After an interchange of courtesies Mr. Hendricks informed the ladies that he was obliged to decline the gift. He was not a candidate for the office of Governor, and had no purpose of becoming such, and could not, therefore, accept a complimentary testimonial tendered to him as such candidate. He said further that he could not insist on declination to exercise an act of ownership and requested that the committee would present the set to the Hebrew congregation of Indianapolis. The committee insisted upon Mr. Hendricks receiving the present, but the Governor was equally determined to decline its acceptance.

LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS.

DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE SUN'S REPORTERS.

Sunday Card-Playing in Westchester County—The Lively Fight that Followed in a Magistrate's Office.

Yesterday Justice Stevens of Mount Vernon granted warrants for the arrest of Justice R. W. Edmonds and Officer William Watts, accused by William and August Platt of West Mount Vernon of false imprisonment. A week ago last Sunday Justice Edmonds caused their arrest, together with Street Commissioner Appel, upon the affidavit of Elmore Cohen, charging that they had played cards on Sunday in John Smith's saloon. The Platt brothers and Appel were sent to White Plains jail without bail, where they remained over twenty-four hours. On the trial on Monday Mr. Smith testified that Cohen went into his place as a spotter. That he (Cohen) sat down to a table and pulled a pack of cards from his pocket, and induced them to join him in a game against their will, and then had them arrested for the crime he himself had led them into. Cohen then withdrew the charge, and the Justice allowed him to do so, thus shoving all the responsibility of the arrest upon him and the officer. After having withdrawn the charge, which resulted in the discharge of the accused, Mr. Smith sued out a warrant before Justice Stevens, charging that Cohen had been guilty of perjury. Officer Watts arrested Cohen. His case will go before the Grand Jury. After the examination of this case on Wednesday last, before Justice Stevens, Justice Edmonds and Watts had a set-to in the Justice's office which was very entertaining. Edmonds applied the most forcible language known in the vocabulary of sailors to Watts for arresting Cohen, while Watts accused the Justice of sending out spotters and putting jobs up on poor people just to get the money up and to make a few dollars. As they warmed with their subject, and a free fight seemed imminent, Justice Stevens ordered them out of his office. The warrants for false imprisonment had not been served last night.

One of Boss McLaughlin's Gang Accused of Forgery.

In the Court of Sessions, Brooklyn, yesterday, before Judge Moore, Patrick Keenan, late Deputy Auditor, and now messenger to Mayor Powell, was charged with forging the names of Charles Gibney and Peter Fogarty to certain papers. It appears that on the 21st of December last Mr. Andrew McKean put into the Water Board proposals for cleaning the streets and removing ashes and garbage. It is now charged against Mr. Keenan, ex-Deputy Auditor, that he forged the names of Charles Gibney and Peter Fogarty to certain of the these proposals, writing their names as sureties that Mr. McKean would faithfully perform the contracts, &c. It is also charged that, in his official capacity as Commissioner of Deeds, he certified that Andrew McKean, Charles Gibney, and Peter Fogarty signed and swore to certain necessary affidavits as to responsibility, &c. Ex-Judge Morris, who appeared for Keenan, contended that the defendant had been authorized to sign the names he was charged with forging. Judge Moore reserved his decision.

The Attorney-General Claiming District Attorney Davis's Laurels.

A fortnight ago District Attorney Davis sent an elaborate communication to the Attorney-General, recommending him to lay a bill before Congress providing for the appointment of a new Judge for the United States District Court of this city. Mr. Davis wrote that a new Judge would be able to save tens of thousands of dollars to the Government by trying suits instituted to recover forfeited bonds, which have already amounted to thousands of millions of dollars. Over fifteen hundred cases of this character are still untried in the Federal courts. Some of the principals and their sureties have fled from this city since the papers were filed.

After the Sinecures in the Finance Department.

Assistant Alderman Pinckney yesterday introduced a resolution in the Board calling on Comptroller Green for information as to what officers in the Finance Department were receiving both fees and salaries. He said that he had information going to show that about $800,000 was paid yearly by the people for service not worth over $50,000, and he proposed a rigid inquiry.

The Course of True Love in Bayard Street.

Marie Levy, a prepossessing young Jewess from Troy, came to this city about a year ago and obtained employment as a tailoress with Jake Moses, a venerable clothes dealer doing business at 101 Bayard street. It was not long before December fell desperately in love with May and an engagement to marry was contracted. Moses, who was rich, lavished every attention upon his betrothed, and purchased for her jewelry and dresses enough to make a Fifth avenue belle pale with envy. The wedding day was fixed, and an elegant trousseau ordered at the expense of the expectant bridegroom. Marie was inclined to be somewhat coquettish, a circumstance which made Moses intensely jealous. Finally Marie refused to enter into the political alliance. Exasperated at this, Moses had her summoned before Justice Hartman. His action was to recover the price of the dresses which he had bought for her. The sequel was that Marie married the poor tailoress, and Moses lost his case as well as his bride.

The Centre Street Railroad Blockade.

The subject of the blockade of Centre street and Fourth avenue during business hours by the freight cars of the Harlem Railroad Company was considered in a special session of the Board of Assistant Aldermen yesterday. The Railroad Committee of that body reported on a resolution directing them to inquire whether any additional legislation was needed for the protection of life and property on those thoroughfares. The committee had consulted with President Hall, who stated that the business in question could be done in the day time, if the City legislature had the legal right and power to do it. The report was accompanied by an ordinance prohibiting the running of freight cars on the Harlem road from the depot on Centre street to the Forty-second street depot, except between the hours of 12 and 2 P. M. It is expected that Aldermen will probably pass this ordinance at their next meeting, as it seemed to meet the views of the entire body. A resolution was also introduced starting an inquiry as to the use of Lafayette place by the Harlem and Hudson River Railroad Company, which was not finally acted on.

The Tussle for the Spoils.

The delegates to the General Democratic Reform Committees have elected an Executive Committee, as resolved at last Friday evening's meeting in Apollo Hall. In each Assembly District the local organization met for this purpose on one of the last three evenings, and the Executive Committee of 112 will probably assemble within two or three days. Much gas was evolved while their selection was in progress, but there was likewise shown a genuine desire not to make good the glove that Tammany has thrown down. They said they were prepared to try their respective strength at the next fall election, and that they are working their muscle and sharpening their teeth in view thereof. They'll scent what on the peculiar odor that hangs about the Wigwam, you may bet a Tax stile, about a polecat, they say, but you can't repress the smell.

A New East River Bridge.

A Blackwell's Island Bridge bill is in the hands of Senator Cock of the First District, who will introduce it in the Senate. The name of the corporation will be the Nassau Bridge Company. It provides that a bridge shall be built from New York, between Fifty-first and Eighty-fifth streets, across Blackwell's Island to Long Island City; height, 150 feet above high water, and to abutments beyond pier lines. The work is to be begun within two years. The capital stock will be $1,000,000. Chas Fox, President of the South Side Railroad; C. Poppenhauser, of the North Side Railroad; Wm. Cullen Bryant, Orange Judd, H. M. Graham, J. B. Johnson, W. F. Trowbridge, H. W. Barclay, J. Clackson, P. W. Turney, and J. D. Locke are named as incorporators.

Col. Fisk's Successor.

The members of the Ninth Regiment met last evening to elect a colonel in place of Col. James Fisk, Jr. Brig.-Gen. J. M. Varian occupied the chair. Lieut-Col. Charles R. Braine said that at a previous informal meeting the name of Col. Blanchard had been favorably mentioned, and Col. Blanchard had signified his willingness to accept the position. As he was absent at the South, and not expecting to return sooner than the 15th, and as he desired to be present at the election, the meeting adjourned until Thursday evening, March 28. Then the officers will elect by ballot. Col. Blanchard has been General Freight Agent for the Erie Railroad over twenty years.

Col. Chas. S. Spencer's Debut.

Since the retirement of Brevet Brig.-Gen. John Bendix, the Fifth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., has been looking around for a new Colonel. The officers have finally settled upon Charles S. Spencer, the distinguished lawyer, as the man of their choice. Col. Spencer was waited upon a few days ago by a committee of the regimental board, when the nomination was tendered to him. Col. Spencer promised the committee that he would serve if elected, when the committee withdrew, overjoyed at his decision. The election takes place this evening, at the Fifth Regiment armory.

The Grant Gang's Crimes in New York.

The Grand Jury of the United States District Court, which was impanelled by Judge Blatchford to investigate charges of blackmailing against Custom House officers, took a recess of several days after organizing. They reassembled yesterday, and several witnesses were summoned to testify in relation to the complicity of Custom House officers with notorious gamblers. As yet, however, no one has testified. Testimony implicating two prominent men in smuggling was laid before the Grand Jury yesterday.

A New Yorker's Capital in Richmond.

The Richmond *Whig* says that Francis Skiddy, Esq., the well-known steamship owner and banker of New York city, has associated himself with the Gallego Mills Company, and they will shortly erect a mammoth cotton manufacturing mill on the site of the old Gallego mills, southwest corner of the Canal and Twelfth streets. The new building will be the largest one of its kind in the United States. The plans and specifications of the structure are not yet completed. Capt. Skiddy has taken $200,000 worth of stock in the new enterprise.

The Nestor of Manhattan Lodge.

Officer William B. Willis, the veteran guardian of Washington square, served during the entire war of 1812 as a soldier in the Boston Artillery. He is the oldest living member of Manhattan Lodge F. and A. M., and on Friday evening last attained his seventy-ninth birthday. His brother members on that evening presented the venerable craftsman with a valuable Masonic gift. He has been a Mason forty-three years, and of Manhattan Lodge twenty-two years, in which organization he holds the position of chaplain.

Recent Important Theatrical Operations.

Mr Maurice Grau, nephew of Grau the well-known operatic manager, has received from Sheridan Shook a lease of the Union Square Theatre for a term of twelve months, commencing on the first of September next. He proposes to give opera bouffe performances. Mr. Augustin Daly, proprietor of the Fifth Avenue Theatre, has leased the Grand Opera House from Mr. John F. Co'e, the latter retiring on the first of September. The lease is for five years. As Mr. Daly's father-in-law, Mr. John Duff, is proprietor of the Olympic Theatre, the family will thus soon control three of the leading theatres of the country, unless there be truth in the rumor that Mrs. John Wood is negotiating for the possession of the latter establishment. The Opera House is the property of Jay Gould and the Fisk estate, and is valued at one million of dollars. The Erie Railroad Company has a lease of the upper part, which expires in five years, by which it will be seen that the complications of the Board of Directors of that corporation cannot affect the theatre management.

A Verdict for Inspector Luddington.

In the case of Benjamin L. Luddington agt. Isaac B. Blumenthal, tried in the Supreme Court before Judge Barrett, the plaintiff, formerly a Custom House Inspector, sued under a written agreement made by him with the defendant and various other merchants that he should have one-half of such excessive imposts paid by them as he should recover for them from the United States. This defendant claimed that he did not understand the agreement to be signed, it, but supposed it to be a mere power of attorney. The jury found for the plaintiff a verdict of $877.17 in gold.

The New Deal in the Assistant Aldermen.

The following appointments were announced in the Board of Assistant Aldermen yesterday: Deputy Clerk, M. Kelly; First Assistant Clerk, John E. Dowling; Second Assistant, William Donnelly; Engrossing Clerk, Thomas Hushon; Committee Clerks, Edward Howard, Henry Goodrich, Jas. D. Kelly; Index Clerk, Frank Mangin; Messenger, Patrick Fitzgerald; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Thomas Neiligan; Messenger to President, Frank Purdy. Charles Gallagher was elected Doorkeeper.

Sale of an Interest in Jay Gould.

Yesterday Mr. John H. Comer sold to Budd Doble a third share in the famous young trotter Jay Gould, who astonished the trotting world at Buffalo last August by his wonderful speed. The price paid was $10,000, and it is supposed the purchase was made for Mr. H. N. Smith, the owner of Goldsmith Maid. This horse was bought after his race at Buffalo by Mr. George C. Hall, of the Erie Railroad, for $25,000. One-third belonged to him, another to Mr. Jay Gould, and the third to the late Col. Fisk.

Cleaning Out the Politicians.

Recorder Hackett pronounced the following sentences yesterday morning: John Cullen, for having stabbed Dennis O'Connor in Baxter street, four years in Sing Sing; James McGauley, causing the death of Agnes Reilly by striking her with his fists, two years in State Prison; John McGrath, robbing the residence of Robert Rosenthal of $300 worth of property, ten years in State Prison; George Mason, attempted burglary, two and a half years.

Death of the French Communist.

Charles Louche, the French exile, who shot himself through the heart at his lodging house, 5 Mulberry street, died yesterday at the Park Hospital. Louche was a French Communist, was obliged to fly from Paris after the establishment of the Thiers Government, and was only three days in the country when he received the fatal news. Since the Franco-Prussian war broke out he was a wealthy tradesman in Paris. The only cause assigned for the suicide was grief at his exile.

A Fat Grant Rat Dropped in a Flour Barrel.

The regular semi-annual transfer of United States weighers has been made by the Surveyor of the Port. There were many changes, and it was the good fortune of the venerable Capt. Jimmy Thompson to be assigned to that district which covers the foundation of the Book of the Harlem Flats. This is the most extended, but at the same time the most lucrative, post on either river. The venerable Captain is not displeased.

A Drunken Mother Kills her Child.

The child of Margaret Brown, of 159 East Thirteenth street, died in the hospital yesterday. It is said that on Tuesday last Mrs. Brown indulged freely in east-side rum, and while coming down stairs with the child in her arms, she slipped and fell, fracturing the infant's skull.

The Next Grand Jury.

The drawing of a Grand Jury for the April Term of the General Sessions took place this morning before Mr. Justice Cardozo, in the Chambers of the Supreme Court. The Commissioner of Jurors, the Sheriff, and Deputy County Clerk were all present.

The Mansfield Suits.

Judge Cardozo yesterday made an order in the suit of Helen Josephine Mansfield, plaintiff, against James Fisk, Jr., submitting Mrs. Fisk, D. Fisk, Mr. Fisk's widow and executrix, as defendant.

THE LOUISIANA TROUBLES.

What the Congress Committee have Unearthed—Grant's Brother-in-Law Bribing the Louisiana Legislature—Black Members Compelled to Sleep with White Ones.

Special Despatch to the Evening Post.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Many inquiries are made about the testimony taken by the committee sent to New Orleans to investigate the troubles there. I learn that there were many rich things unearthed not particularly flattering to either of the parties involved. The evidence is voluminous, and we fear will not see the light until it is too late to be of any service. We understand there was conclusive evidence of attempts at bribery on every side. A sum was raised to defray the expenses of one bill before the Legislature, to which it is still asserted that Gen. Casey contributed several thousand dollars, and another Government officer an equal amount, and in order to protect the money it was deposited in the Treasury office of the United States at New Orleans. The bill passed both Houses, but was vetoed by the Governor, and the money then returned. These and other facts equally pertinent have been reported to Washington; but Gen. Casey has not been removed, while his opponent, Gen. Longstreet, spoken of as the only honest man there, has sent in his resignation.

The first attempt at bribery that was brought to the notice of the committee was by several banking houses, who belonged to the better class of society—to the old Southern and Democratic families. They bought up the members of the Legislature. When they had once received money they were eager for more, and thereafter nothing could pass that was not bought through the Legislature. Two sets of delegates have been chosen to the Philadelphia Convention—one by the Warmoth faction, the other by the Carter men; each claiming to be legally elected by a majority of all the delegates.

The committee are about equally divided, the Chairman and two members thinking the Warmoth party are the least to blame. It is not probable that a majority of the committee can unite in any complete report; but we myself expect to find from all these reports what is the truth in regard to each of the three parties.

A pretty good story was told to the committee by the Carter faction. After they were turned out of the Legislature, they went, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, they went to a small log cabin just over the Mississippi line, where they were beyond reach of the Sergeant-at-Arms. The cabin was small, and the rooms limited. The lady proprietor apologized, and said she should be obliged to put large parties into the same room. The blackies of the party said she need not trouble herself about them, as they had been obliged to sleep with the white members for two weeks in the smallcabin of the revenue cutter, and were therefore used to it.

Robbed of $12,000.

LIMA, Ohio, March 12.—A telegram from Toledo, yesterday, to our Sheriff, announced a bold robbery on the highway there, amounting in the aggregate to $12,000, perpetrated by Thomas White, alias Mike Callahan, upon John A. Miller, a farmer, of Goshen, Ind., and that the robber was on a freight train this place here at noon. When the train arrived it was learned that Callahan had got off at Cairo, six miles north of here. Officer Basta the well there on the first train, but the robber had fled through the woods in an eastwardly direction.

Last night, about 11 o'clock, Callahan came here on a train from the East, and stopping at the Cliff House at the depot, he asked to be hid. He was shown a room, when he laid down, and was soon asleep. Charles Helpman, a young lad of 15, in charge of the hotel, immediately informed the officers, Hamble and O'Neil, who arrested Callahan. Seventy-three dollars in currency was found on his person, a fine gold watch, valued at $150, and a revolver. It seems that he left some $8,000 in United States Bonds at a saloon in Toledo, which was subsequently recovered, and it is not known what disposition he made of the rest.

Callahan met Miller on the street, and pulling out a large knife, demanded his money, and, it is said, cut Miller considerably before he obtained it. He is in jail here, and is to be taken to Toledo for trial. He formerly worked here, and was known as a very bad character.

Eleven Sailors Drowned.

LONDON, March 14.—A telegram from Gibraltar reports a distressing disaster in that harbor, whereby a number of people belonging to the Royal navy lost their lives. A boat belonging to the British steam frigate Ariadne, at anchor off the town, while going from the vessel to the shore, capsized, and eleven persons were drowned, including two officers.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

Moller, Wilkins & Co. sold at the Exchange Sale-room yesterday two lots on the north side of Fifty-seventh street, 225 feet west of Ninth avenue to A. S. Ivo for $12,300; two lots on the south side of Fifty-eighth street, rear of the above, to W. H. Regensberger for $7,300; one lot northwest corner of First avenue and 150th street to F. Loomes for $3,150; three lots adjoining on First avenue for $6,000; one lot north side of 106th street near First avenue to A. J. Fiske for $1,025; three adjoining to Mr. Phillips for $1,600; two adjoining to John Jenning for $3,600; three story house and four lots on the northwest corner of First avenue and 106th street to F. Toomes for $9,000; two-story building and two lots on the southeast corner of First avenue and 74th-only fourth street, with stable and seven lots adjoining for $108,500; three lots on the south side of Twenty-fourth street, 91.6 feet east of First avenue, to Peter Lynch for $7,000; five lots and a brick buildings adjoining to P. and Walsh for $22,250; two brick buildings and lots, 28 and 30 Greene street, to N. Dupont for $25,000; three-story brick house and lot at 45 East 4th street to L. Burke for $12,50; brown-stone house and lot 350 West Fifty-seventh street, to F. A. Bochman for $29,000.

James M. Miller sold the house and lots 227 and 229 West Twenty-second street, to Thomas Christy for $12,250.

The house and lot 23 St. Mark's place was sold by Mr. Dinges to Henry Weller for $13,000.

Ludlow & Co. sold the brick house and lot 9 East Twelfth street to J. Nelson for $23,000.

Mr. Henriques struck off the lot on the east side of Tenth avenue, seventy-five feet south of Sixty-fourth street, to T. Bannan for $5,500.

The Jarrard Hotel in New Brunswick, N. J., and lot 46,5x110, was sold by J. M. Miller to Mr. Chambers for $9,100.

The following property in Orange, N. J., was sold under the hammer: Seven lots on Prince street near Hill, to Mr. Munson for $4,900; fifteen lots on Hill street at of Prince for $12,300. A frame house and lot on Harrison street west of Central avenue, in East Orange, was sold to Mr. Bixbee for $7,450; the frame house and lot, north side of Main street near Greenwood avenue, to Mr Mills for $17,400, and greenhouse adjoining, also to Mr. Mills for $9,800.

LOST IN THE METROPOLIS.

THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF THREE PERSONS.

Frans Oscar Hultman—An Unavailing Search for a New York Merchant.

The sudden and mysterious disappearance of this gentleman is still unaccounted for. Persistent and extended inquiry has been made on the rivers and in the city, and not even a clue or trace has been found. THE SUN of Feb. 29 published a description of Mr. Hultman, with the details of his unaccountable disappearance. Since then handbills, with an accurate portrait of the gentleman, have been circulated broadcast, but no information has been secured.

Mr. Hultman's residence was at 155 Monroe street, Brooklyn, and his place of business at 49 Crosby street, this city. On the 23 day of January he left his office at 4 P. M., and coming down town met two friends, Messrs. Wass and Mason, near the Astor House, with whom he went to Mason's saloon on Fulton street, near Broadway. There they remained a few hours, and then went into the dining saloon under Knox's and took supper, drinking a bottle of champagne. At 9 o'clock they came out, and hailing an omnibus, Mr. Hultman got in, Mr. Wass, who was an old and intimate friend, opening the door and assisting Mr. H. up the steps.

Mr. Hultman was not intoxicated, he had never acquired the habit of drinking. The stage, No. 361, (numbered II on the inside), went to the Fulton ferry. The driver, Wm. Phelps, who lives at 686 Third avenue, and who subsequently recognized Mr. Hultman by the portrait on the handbills, says that he did not get out of the stage when the other passengers did, but remained seated until the stage had turned about to return up Fulton street. Then he handed up his fare, got out, and walked through the ferry gate. This was the last the driver saw of him. The driver further says that Mr. Hultman seemed either sick or bewildered, and continually indulged in a characteristic habit of shrugging his shoulders.

Mr. Hultman was a Swede by birth, and before he came to America was a colonel in the Swedish army. He was five feet eleven inches in height, fifty-seven years of age, slender-built, and walked erect, the result of his military training. When last seen he wore a soft black hat, black beaver overcoat, business coat and vest of mixed Scotch goods, black pants, white undershirt and drawers, white linen shirt, gray worsted socks, and Congress gaiters. His hair was gray, and beard almost snow-white. He had on his person a considerable amount of money and a gold watch. His friends offer $50 reward for the recovery of his body.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Little Boy.

A four-year-old son of Thomas Kinsella of Hoboken mysteriously disappeared on last Thursday afternoon, and up to last evening nothing had been seen or heard of him. The child was bright and intelligent, and many people, including the mother, have the suspicion that he has been stolen by some persons on a German bark which was lying at the dock foot of Fifth street, when the child disappeared. During the first part of last week one person on the bark had some washing done at a house near Kinsella's residence. The man called at the washerwoman's house three or four times without any apparent purpose, and at each call he pointed the woman's child, who was about the same age as Mr. Kinsella's, and invited him to accompany him, gave him pennies, and endeavored to ingratiate himself with the child. This fact the friends accept as a proof that Mr. Kinsella's child has been stolen by the Greeks. Afterward the bark was moved over to Leroy street, New York, and Kinsella applied to the police authorities to search the vessel, but they