A NEW PLAY BY HARRIGAN.

"McNOONEY'S VISIT" IS THE NAME OF HIS LATEST LOCAL HIT.

Fun Poked at the Women who Sob Over Murderers in the Prisons—A Black Maria on the Stage—The Massage Cure Exposed.

Another new play by Edward Harrigan, another uproarious first night, another lot of songs for everybody to sing and whistle, another batch of Harrigansims in prose and verse, and certainly another long and merry theatrical run. The play put on at the Park Theatre last night was called "McNooney's Visit," a title that gives no hint of anything at all, except an Irishman's call on somebody—certainly not of what is the fact, that it is either the best or very nearly the best of all the local comedies by this author. The theatre was packed even to the crowding of the lobby behind the auditorium, and in the cyclones of laughter that swept the audience even the critics and the oldest men about town, who think it humiliating to melt the expression of languid indifference that is frozen on their faces, roared with the rest. The play has quite as much plot as any of the Harrigan series, has much more action than most of them, and contains a better fitting of the characters to the company than any other piece except "Investigation."

"McNooney's Visit" is the story of a visit by Edward Harrigan as *Marcus McNooney*, keeper of the Yonkers Gas Works, to Mrs. Annie Yeamans as *Norah Gilmarvin*, a widow who sells goats' milk and takes in babies to nurse in a shanty in Harlem, and who on *McNooney* would have married in the old country years before except for an overdose of whiskey that laid him out on the very day the bride was waiting for him and the priest. Mr. Bradley, languid and limber as ever, is *Lionel Mesier* in the play, and has married the sweetheart of *Dr. Hilaria Spondulix* in character exceedingly cleverly played by Miss Nellie Weatherelle. They have a baby which *Norah* is taking care of, and they keep their marriage secret as, if it were known *Lionel* would lose a fortune that is to come in a few days, after which he can announce his marriage. His wife is in the house with *Adele Swanfeld*, the girl every one wants Mesier to marry, and he has a difficult part to play in the presence of all the women. The mystery about the baby, the jealousy and pugnacity of *McNooney*, and the troubles and merriment of *Johnny Wild*, who, as *Big Dr. Sloat*, drives "the Black Maria," and his sweetheart, *Clara Gregg* (Mr. Dan Collier), together with a maniac let loose, a burglar, a detective, and no end of policemen, keep the act on going like a lightning express train from curtain to curtain.

The playwright has had here an entirely new series of scenes in the underworld of New York life, and they are shown with less exaggeration and combined with more consistency than in his earlier hits. The Tombs Police Court affords an opportunity for a funny photograph of the way justice is administered by a good-natured German Justice. It also affords a pretext for an exposure of the make-up of a "dive" or concert hall of to-day, with its flashy, vulgar proprietor, its bouncer, its short-skirted, brazen female vocalist and male topical singer, and the silly youths that make up the audiences. The customary manner in which prisoners are arrested and then managed until they escape the police and reach the island is shown in a series of such rough and tumbles and bangings and riotous outbreaks that one wonders that Mr. Harrigan, who is locked up twice in one act, has a whole bone in his body when he regains his liberty. The author also pokes merciless fun at the silly women who haunt the prisons with flowers and delicacies for murderers, and brings in a band of these pushing creatures. A Black Maria, a prison van, is also brought on the stage, and the vagrants, thieves, drunkards, and fighting folk who are to be taken in it to the island sing a song about the somewhat veilable that we shall all soon hear in the ballrooms and on the streets. This is the refrain:

To-day we sail for the county jail,
To eat our meat and mush in a pail;
The gay young man who thinks he is one
Who ought to be in the Maria—Oh!

The modern art of mashing by the most scientific dudes is also pictured to the life, and in the last act the public sees far into the mysteries of what is called the massage treatment. Mr. Harrigan has been called upon to do a little bit of work twice for Mrs. De Spendful. To help him in his task she constructs behind her rubber, and he becomes a terror to lovalids, one of whom—"the little sick woman," who has been bedridden eleven years, and who has fits of tearing houses to pieces—is one of the most laughable of all Harrigan's conceptions. The song called "Hol Mollie Grogan," is a rattling ballad, dedicated to a miss who—

Walks on the Boulevard with her father's dinner pail,
A little cut of meat and a half pint of ale
You should see her at the clothesline, hanging up the duds—
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Hey, Molly! Hol Molly Grogan.

In the first act Mrs. Yeamans as *Norah* says: "I couldn't take the babies at five cents a day, me goat's milk d'ursing mine is more than that." Her neighbor, *Mary McQuirk*, who takes in washing, says: "If I had an aiple stand 'tis a trade I'd like; together with me washing I could form a combine." Johnny Wild, as the driver of "the Maria," says: "I had a heavy load to-day; twenty ten-day bums and every bum was loaded." Mr. Harrigan in speaking of love exclaims, "the law raises a father's mortgage off a girl's heart when she is 18," and also "the taste for liquor is a disease with me, and when I get it every one around me takes it." On the same subject he remarks: "Razors, rivals and razors are high ways to the cemetery." He describes a person as having "freckles on his face that would hold a day's rain."

He tells the Judge when he is arrested and brought to the Tombs that there is "only one way to raise a bent—with the toe of your boot." The Justice asks him if he has been naturalized.

"Only wanst," says Harrigan; "in the back." Then he adds: "It was at Bull Run, and was done with a rebel bayonet. When he becomes a rubber in the massage establishment he swings clubs and dumbbells for a while, and then exclaims: "Oh, I can rub the hump off a camel."

The play lasted almost until midnight, and yet it is not easy to see just where it can be cut without the loss of some of that fun peculiar to those plays in being whole-some, fast, and hearty. In the last act there is a negro party gotten up by the élite of the colored people, led by an upper servant in a Fifth avenue house. It gives a chance to introduce a song with a dance—music accompaniment in honor of the tobogganing craze. There are thirty-seven characters in this new sketch, and it is impossible to mention all of those among them who did well. Messrs. Harrigan, Wild, Collier, Bradley, Fisher, Sparks, George Merritt, Goldrich, Mrs. and Miss Yeamans, Miss Weatherell, Miss Lee, and Miss Lanedon all played considerable parts, and put together bore the burden of keeping a successful convulsed with laughter and of pointing familiar city characters so applyasto manners, language, and dress that anybody, except a New Yorker, would imagine the combination utterly impossible, while every student of life in the streets must have considered them all as so many animated photographs.

The Ladies Call Themselves Women.

The Woman's Suffrage Committee met last night at 46 East Eleventh street and adopted a constitution, which states that the object of the organization shall be to secure the ballot for women, to instruct its members in their political rights, and to secure their active cooperation in the effort for a higher social and political condition and the elevation of humanity. The old title of "Ladies' Suffrage Committee" was dropped. These officers were elected: Mrs Kate Palmer Stearns, President; Mrs. Annie Holmes, Vice-President; Miss Ellen M. Tucker, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Helen M. Cooke, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Schooomaker, Treasurer, and Mrs. Anna Raleigh Diehl, Mrs. Margaret W. Havenhill, M. Chelsea H. Applegate, Mrs. Hettine Garrison, and Mrs M. A. Sadder, Executive Board.

Insanity of an English Actor.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 31.—Mr. Gerald Maxwell, a member of the Wilson Barrett dramatic company, has become insane, and is now in the Cincinnati Sanitarium. His hallucinations point to English politics and to a cipher for telegraphic messages which he has invented.

BROOKLYN.

William H. Downs has been reelected President of the Moderate Union of the Catholic Total Abstinence Societies of Brooklyn.

Ex-Mayor Seth Low has appointed a committee of twenty-five citizens to arrange for a Logan memorial meeting in the Academy of Music.

Gov. Hill will attend the dinner of the Young Men's Democratic Club at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn on Washington's birthday, and will make a speech.

The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Kings county are still hopelessly divided into two warring factions, each of which has resolved as usual to parade on St. Patrick's Day.

The Journeymen Butchers' and Grocers' Clerks' Progressive Association has joined the Central Labor Union, and will hereafter demand that all stores be closed at 7 o'clock P. M. instead of at 8 and 9 o'clock.

Mayor Whitney sent a sharp letter to the Board of Aldermen yesterday urging speedy action on the application of the Long Island Elevated Railroad Company for permission to begin work on the Atlantic avenue road.

Charles Ogden Ferris, alias Charles Curtis, who is one of the two claimants of the Fieldborne estates, was convicted yesterday of obtaining a pension from the Government by fraudulent representations. He declared that the fingers of his right hand had been shot off in the battle of Petersburg while in fact he lost them seven years after the war by an accident in Chicago. Judge Benedict will sentence him on Friday.

Police Superintendent Campbell of Brooklyn received information yesterday from two sources which indicate that Will Carleton is shadowed. The engineer in the Book Department of New York, who disappeared on New Year's Eve, has not been robbed and murdered, as his wife feared. Two of his friends said he left for Europe a few days after the disappearance of his trunks, and that he would return as soon as the business was settled.

The Yale Alumni Association gave a dinner last night at the Clarendon Hotel in honor of President Timothy Dwight. President Dwight was seated on the right of Benjamin N. Stimson, the President of the Association, while the Rev. Dr. E. Beecher of the class of '22 was on the left. The guests numbered nearly a hundred. Several hours were spent in speech making. There was some excellent singing by the glee club of the association.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Reappearance of Herr Anton Schott at the Metropolitan.

Last night took on in many ways the characteristics of a gala night at the Metropolitan. The reappearance of Herr Schott after an absence of nearly two years was a noteworthy occurrence, which, added to a remarkably brilliant rendering of a gorgeously impressive opera Wagner's "Rienzi," made a performance of unusual importance even where all are grand and imposing.

"Rienzi" appeals, not to the strictly musical, so much as to the popular taste. Its power lies not in its music, but in its libretto, which Meyerbeer said was the best of any opera that he knew. As for "Rienzi's" music, it is but the channel which Wagner crossed from Italian methods and customs to the undiscovered realm of art of which he was the Columbus. Wagner's genius was yet in swaddling clothes when "Rienzi" was written, but the pageantry of his play is captivating to the public heart, especially where circumstances favor, as thoroughly as they do at the Metropolitan, a complete and flourishing growth of scenic display.

Last evening's performance was splendid in every such detail, as well as with regard to the cast. The opera is a long one, and lasted until a late hour.

Herr Schott's reception was as enthusiastic as could be given, rapturous and cheers greeting him on his entrance, loud and long continuing. The wildest excitement prevailed among the audience at the close of the third act, in full armor, and mounted on a beautiful white horse Schott came at full gallop upon the stage in this scene. The effect was electrical, and was heightened by his magnificent singing of the "Schlacht Hymn." The extraordinary daring and spirit of the man was clearly sufficiently displayed by Schott's excellent device of dashing on the stage in so unwonted a manner. It is this quality in his nature that greatly helps to make Schott the finest operatic actor ever seen on the American stage.

Three Old Paris Newly Played.

Mr. Robert B. Mantell revived "The Marble Heart" at the Fifth Avenue Theatre last evening for the purpose of appearing as *Raphael*, a part which used to be liked by actors and audiences. Mr. Mantell's manly good looks kept him a slightly object throughout the play, and in some of the unreasonable scenes served him very valuably, for a less comely hero would have been ridiculous. His performance was exceedingly conscientious and elaborate. It was not brilliantly successful, however, because too explosive, too intense without clear meanings for its demonstrativeness, and too offensive in its bad elocution. Nor was it a dull failure, and a portion of the assemblage seemed to approve it. But Mr. Nelson Wheatcroft easily won chief honors by a clever, natural, and humorous impersonation of the witty editor, *Volage*, and Miss Shannon was immensely appauded for her pretty and unaffected, though weak, *Marie*.

Helen Dauvray's venture into the exquisitely mischievous thirty-year-old parlor of *Peg Woffington* was rewarded amply by the necessary tribute of laughter and tears from a splendid audience at the Lyceum; and it is pleasant to be able to say that in the entertainment of her auditors Miss Dauvray was generally competently, and occasionally excellently, assisted by her company. There were, for instance, the *Triplet* of John Howson—a delightful study of an overcharming rake; the *Mrs. Vane* of Ellie Wilton—a careful bit of womanly acting, earnest and effective, and the *Sir Charles Pomander* of Joseph Whiting—as breezy a conception of that amiable rake as probably has ever been seen on the stage. There were excellent artistic surroundings not usually and not often gathered about any other star actress save Miss Dauvray, and perhaps it was inevitable that they should now and then have diverted attention from the very serious nature of her main task. Yet her *Peg* was entirely acceptable. It was not, to be sure, the *Peg* of tradition, and it had no model, plainly, in any other *Peg* that this stage had seen; but it was a carefully studied impersonation, most effective in its few pathetic requirements, and fairly only in its lack of dashing merriment.

At the Union Square last night Lose Cochran returned to play *Lady Gay Spanker* to a house full of enthusiastic friends. The character had by her been interpreted a few years ago at Wallack's, and the seal of approval had then been placed upon it. At the Union Square the audience was prepared with fervor. In the plaudits, J. H. Gilmour, the *Dazzle* of the cast, deservedly shared.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Proposed Reorganization of the Board of Regents—Other Bills Introduced.

ALBANY, Jan. 31.—In the Assembly this evening Zorubbabel Erwin introduced a bill to reorganize the Board of Regents. It provides for a Board of thirteen Regents to look after the schools, seven to be appointed by the Governor from the present Board, three to be elected by the Legislature, and the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Secretary of State are to make up the thirteen.

Mr. Cantor introduced bills to allow wine and beer to be sold at concerts where vocal or instrumental music is given, and to reform tenement houses by compelling the cellars to be concrete, a window in each room, and proper water supply and sewerage.

Other bills were introduced as follows: By Mr. Flinn, "prohibiting all silver plate to be stamped 'Imitation;'" by Mr. Shea, compelling companies to change their grooved rails to flat rails within twelve months; by Mr. Erwin, to extend the collateral inheritance tax so that it will apply to property within the State, though the decedent died elsewhere; by Mr. McMahon, increasing the pay of Brooklyn firemen $100 for each three years of service up to $1,200.

A list of minor bills were passed through the Committee of the Whole until Poughkeepsie Platt's public building prohibition act came to bat. It provides that no liquor can be sold in any public building, and that anybody who allows liquor to be sold in such buildings shall be immediately ejected. Mr. Cantor, Mr. Howe, and Mr. McAdams picked flaws in the bill, and Mr. Platt promised to amend it before it comes up for final passage.

Several orations were delivered to the ladies' gallery on the harbor defence resolutions of Mr. Cantor and Mr. Crosby. Mr. Cantor's resolutions ask Congress to provide money for harbor defences and for the improvement of New York harbor, and Mr. Crosby's resolution refers only to the protection of New York city. By a party vote Mr. Crosby's resolution was preferred to Mr. Cantor's.

The Senate debated whether they would permit a daily legislative record, but came to no decision.

Senator Murphy offered a resolution to inquire whether the State had been paid for land at Edgewater, Richmond county, given to the Seaman's Retreat. He had heard that the Seaman's Retreat was trying to sell the land for $840,000, an advance on the cost price, and to make a great deal by speculation out of it without paying the State.

The report of the Niagara Reservation Commission was handed in to-day. Only one building is left on the State's land, and it will be removed soon. Calvert Vaux and Frederick Law Olmsted have been engaged to look after the grounds for landscape effects. This will cost about $11,000 a year.

DAVIDSON DEAD.

A Noted Figure in the City and its Safe Maker in the Tweed Days.

The death of John McBride Davidson at his home in Saratoga on Sunday evening comes as a personal grief to his very many friends in this city. He was best known in 1870 and 1871, in the flourishing times of the Tweed Ring. He was an intimate friend of Tweed and Sweeny, and a prominent member of the American Club. His office on Broadway, opposite the Metropolitan Hotel, was a favorite resort of the leading politicians of those days. It was their custom to drop in on their way up town and partake of the social hospitality of Mr. Davidson, quite as much as Mr. Arnold and Dowling, Tom Fields and others were often seen there.

Mr. Davidson was a brilliant man, of large could, with strong magnetic face, and a close, well-defined demeanor. He was exceedingly fond of practical jokes, and innumerable stories are told of his pranks. He was often the victim of the jokes of others, and took them good naturedly. He was born in Saratoga, and got his start in the world from Erastus Corning. He was the largest stockholder in the Albany city line, and owned a large safe factory at Troy. In Tweed's time he had the contract for supplying safes to the city. It is said that Davidson's original bills were all right, but they had increased tremendously when the city came to pay them. No one pretends that any of the stolen money went to his pocket.

He was an intimate friend of Mr. Frederick De Bary, and frequently visited Florida with him in the winter. For the summer he had a cottage at Schroon Lake, in the Adirondacks, and was fond of taking his New York friends there and going on trips with his Indian guide.

He was a director in the Lincoln Bank, and of late years had an office there. He was much troubled by gout, and this was probably the cause of his death.

He was a warm friend of A. A. James, Edward Kearney, Theodore Stewart, Harry Genet, W. H. Vanderbilt, and other prominent men of the times. He accumulated a large fortune, supposed to be about $800,000.

The B. and O. Express Business.

The statement telegraphed from Philadelphia to the effect that the new relations of the Adams Express Company with the Reading Railroad would practically shut the Baltimore and Ohio Company out of New York is denied by the officers of the latter company. It appears that the Baltimore and Ohio traffic agreement is wholly independent of the Adams Express contract with the Reading.

The Flood Receding at Port Deposit.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., Jan. 31.—The water has receded about two inches in Main street leaving it from two to three feet deep. No further danger is apprehended for the present.

Sworn in Twenty Person.

TAUNTON, Jan. 31.—A dozen convicts in the State prison resisted to-day, and refused to work at shoemaking. The officers finally subdued them, and placed them in irons.

LORD RANDOLPH SPEAKS.

His Words of a Sort to Tickle Irish Landlords and Appease the Tories.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—In the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne Lord Randolph Churchill said, in the House of Commons to-day, he had read with entire approval the instructions sent to Sir William White, the British Ambassador at Constantinople, respecting Bulgaria. They had been framed with prudence, wisdom, and caution.

Regarding the Glenbeigh evictions Lord Randolph said he thought there never was a case found which was more favorable to Irish landlords on the whole. During the winter, he said, the landlords had done their duty in a generous way. He said he had never seen much that he considered alarming in the plan of campaign. If juries refused to do their duty Parliament would grant additional powers under which those pursuing the plan of campaign would, either voluntarily or under compulsion, abandon their course.

The best way to maintain the Union was by a sound administration of the law. That neglected, down would go the Government, down the Conservative party, down also the Union. He observed that there was too great a tendency toward maintaining Parliamentary alliances, which were as transient and uncertain as the shiftiest wind. [Cheers.] When he was in the Government his constant thought and desire was to make things as easy as possible for the Liberal-Unionists, but he frankly admitted that he regarded the Unionists as a kind of useful crutch. [Laughter.] He took a forward to a time, not far distant, when the Conservatives would walk alone, strong in their own strength. He said the permanent preservation of the Union must always depend upon the Conservative party, which, if it wanted warning of the uncertainty of its position, had only to watch the negotiations of the Radicals. So greatly was Mr. Chamberlain enamored of these negotiations that he was always going further with them.

He hoped the House would never follow Chamberlain on a line of policy tending toward the creation in Dublin of anything in the nature of a Parliament. That clear and broad position which the Tories had assumed they should never depart from.

Referring to the estimates, he said that if they had been framed upon the principles of economy and efficiency they had been much altered since he left the Government. [Laughter.] He could assure the House that he would never have resigned on account of the coaling stations item alone. He knew that some Conservatives were inclined against him, but he was confident that the progress of events would modify their judgment. It was not the first time that he had had the evil fortune to wrestle with Conservatives. Four years ago, when he proclaimed that his party was going wrong, he was charged with disloyalty and treachery. Events had since vindicated him. Again he appealed to the tribunal of time. Any little influence he possessed had not been drawn from the inside of Parliament; it had come from the outside. He appealed to the just and generous judgment of the people, who knew that he had sought nothing except to protect and promote the material interests of the nation; and upon the great questions of economy and retrenchment he was content to patiently await the judgment of Cæsar.

GERMAN ALARMISTS.

The National Liberals Say there is Danger of a Great Conflict.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—The committee of the National Liberal party have issued a manifesto to the electors. They say:

Never since the Franco-German war has the danger of a great conflict been so near. No statesman can form any certain conclusion as to the future, even for a few weeks. The peace of Europe rests at this moment solely upon the strength, readiness for action, and moral trustworthiness of the German army. The National Liberals are confident that the voice of universal suffrage will pronounce a right decision. An unpropitious issue of the elections will bring down upon the country war with all its terrors, and, even with the best results, heavy losses.

The Berlin *Post* (semi-official), in a leading article headed "On the Edge of the Knife," says:

The position of Gen. Boulanger is now not only strengthened, but is becoming unassailable. He is supported by Radical Chauvinists. He controls the peace-loving masses also, because the latter are unable to give an accurate form to their wishes. Building their judgment confused by agitations of past years. This state of things can only be changed by a temporizing Government at home, or by a change of operations on account of true peace. But a Government under Boulanger is scarcely likely to be able to temporize. He is the master of the situation to a degree that neither Thiers nor Gambetta was. We can only cover our eyes and pray. Keeping up the warlike impetus he has given to it. The impression left on the minds of all observers is that, the aimless course of France drifting towards war, and feverish energy, Boulanger, no longer has power to lead the people back to the path of peace. If he attempted to do so he would have to quit his post, burdened with reproach for having led France to the brink of a great peril.

Three Hundred Lives Lost.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The British ship Kanunda, which left London on Dec. 11 for Fremantle, Western Australia, with emigrants, came into collision near the coast of Brazil with an unknown vessel and was sunk. Three hundred of those on board were drowned. The remainder were saved, and have arrived at Bahia. The Kanunda was an iron ship of 1,084 tons. She was commanded by Capt. Masson.

Europe's War Scare.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—The German reserves summoned for practice will, it is reported, be called from the western provinces. The *Kreuz Zeitung* is endeavoring to allay the alarm caused among the people by the calling out of these reserves, by reminding the country that the budget of last October provided for the calling out of 115,000 reserves for practice with the new repeating rifles, and that the 72,000 now called constitute but the first instalment of the whole body then arranged to be called.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—An Alsace journal announces that further deportations of Alsatians into Germany to France by way of Dieuze has been forbidden.

PESTH, Jan. 31.—In the Hungarian Diet to-day Premier Tisza admitted that Austria-Hungary was preparing for war, and that so far as Austria-Hungary was concerned purely precautionary measures had been undertaken, in order that, if in the face of the preparations of other States she should be disturbed, Austria might be able to protect her own interests.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—A brochure entitled "The Art of Combating the Germans," will be published here to-morrow. The author says the brochure was printed ten years ago, but that it was withheld from circulation at the instance of the Duc Decazes, who was then Foreign Minister, and who feared that at that time its issue would have a bad effect abroad.

Mr. Parnell's Amendment.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The amendment which Mr. Parnell proposes to the address in reply to the Queen's speech is:

"The relations between the owners and the occupiers of land in Ireland have not been seriously disturbed in the cases of those who granted to their tenants such abatement as were demanded by the prices of agricultural and pastoral produce. The remedy for the evils under which Irish tenant affairs will be found, not in an increased stringency of criminal procedure or in the pursuit of such novel, doubtful, and unconstitutional measures as those recently taken by her Majesty's Government, but in such reform of the law and system of government as will satisfy the needs and secure the confidence of the Irish people."

Mr. Stanley's Expedition.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Henry M. Stanley telegraphs from Cairo: "Nubar Pasha desires me to contradict the reports that the Egyptian Government is raising difficulties for the Emin Bey relief expedition. The men and everything I have asked for will be ready for departure on Monday." Mr. Stanley adds that everything is perfectly satisfactory, and that Emin Bey and his force are being made, and all hands are working loyally. He proposes to leave Cairo on Thursday. Mr. Stanley says the Liberals representing that Emin Bey has been heard from, and that he was on his way to the east coast of Africa, having cut his way through Uganda, was nonsense.

The Senatorial Contests.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 31.—The Legislature convened in joint session at noon to-day and resumed the balloting for United States Senator. The first ballot today and the twenty-second of the contest resulted as follows: Reagan, 46; Maxey, 41; Ireland, 29. The twenty-fourth ballot resulted: Reagan, 56; Maxey, 37; Ireland, 31; Throckmorton, 1; Seth Sheppard, 1. The Maxey and Ireland men then united and forced an adjournment until to-morrow, Reagan's followers opposing the motion. The indications point to the breaking of the deadlock at to-morrow's session.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31.—Holiday's joint Senatorial ballot possessed no significance whatever. There were so many members paired that neither House had a quorum. The result was: Turpie, 44; Harrison, 10; Allen, 4.

Massachusetts Republicans For Blaine.

BOSTON, Jan. 31.—To-night the Republican Ward and City Committee of Boston elected Jesse M. Gove, the "original '84 Massachusetts Blaine man," its Chairman. This is taken by politicians here to indicate that Massachusetts will be for Blaine in the next Republican Presidential Convention, as the state Committee has already been captured by the Blaine men in the election of Dr. Burdett as its chairman. The selection of these two men to control the State and city machines practically insures a solid delegation for the "Plumed Knight" at the next National Convention.

Seacoast Defenses.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 31.—The House to-night adopted a concurrent resolution requesting the Pennsylvania Representatives and Senators in Congress to give all possible assistance by their votes and their influence, to promote a proper scheme for a sufficient defence of all our seacoast and for building of such fortifications as will command the respect of the world and be able to protect our seaports in case of necessity. The resolution especially refers to Philadelphia as a city so situated as to be as great need of defence as any of the seaboard cities.

Knocked Out in Round 7.

John Navarro and Dave Johnson of Washington Market fought in a basement in the Fourth ward last night to settle their respective merits as pugilists. A purse of $50 had been raised. Johnny Banks and Jim Allen were seconds for Navarro, while Tom Green and Bill Pender acted for Johnson. George Austen was referee. Jack Sweeney time keeper. There were six stubborn fought rounds, in the seventh Navarro hit Johnson under the jaw knocking him out after twenty-seven minutes fighting all told.

DOWN-TOWN GOSSIP.

Mr. Addison Cammack did not get down to his headquarters at E. K. Willard's yesterday until noon. A baby boy Cammack, born a few hours before, and for whom all of Mr. Cammack's friends wished heaps of luck, detained the famous operator.

Mr. Alfred De Cordova of the Stock Exchange said yesterday that rich men were timid about entering Wall street at the moment, and that many others were following their lead. "Remove the war scare and settle the strikes," continued Mr. De Cordova, "and stocks will bob up. Why? Because there are loads of money awaiting speculative and investment ventures. This is true not only of New York, but of all the big cities in the Union."

Mr. Horace L. Hotchkiss of the Stock Exchange said that stocks would certainly advance if they had the slightest encouragement. "Money is easy," he added; "the situation all over this country is reported remarkably prosperous, but the great trouble now is that these strikes are too near home. I think that the fear of a foreign war and other influences are lost in the apprehension regarding the labor troubles."

The Hon. S. V. White got around early yesterday morning and said tender puts on 10,000 shares of Lackawanna at 135 and 134½, but before the day closed about that number of shares of the stock were sold "against" these puts at 134. Some who thought Mr. White rash in the morning took a different view in the afternoon.

Affairs on the Produce Exchange were about as stagnant as they well could be and retain the semblance of markets. Not a load of wheat was sold for export, and prices for the great products were materially unchanged. All this was considered by some to be due to the strikes. Others said that Europe didn't want much more, if any, of our wheat, and that the German bankers apprehended more trouble from the heavy load of wheat they are reported to be carrying than from any real fears of war abroad. Another regiment of holders of "long" cotton stepped out yesterday, causing a further break in prices. On the Petroleum Exchange there was a heap of howling and "very little cider."

It was semi-officially stated yesterday that the steamships Lydian Monarch and Persian Monarch, now tied up at their wharves under libels of American creditors amounting to $150,000, will be sold here and the creditors satisfied.

At the centennial of a down-town fire insurance company yesterday a brick taken in 1700 from the foundations on which the present building stands formed one of the table ornaments. The brick was imported by the Dutch, and was tough if not attractive.

THE GREAT SPRING HANDICAPS.

Weights Assigned by the Coney Island and Brooklyn Jockey Clubs.

Among the handicaps to be run in the early spring in which turfmen are most interested are the suburban, at a mile and a quarter, and the Brooklyn Jockey Club Handicap, at the same distance. For weeks guesses and predictions and bets have been made as to the result of the work of the handicapper. The official weights announced by the clubs this morning are as follows:

The Suburban, for three-year-olds and upward, $2,500 added—Troubadour, 5, 130 pounds; Volante, 5, 127; the Bard, 4, 126; Barnum, aged, 121; Hidalgo, 5, 120; Jim Gray, 4, 119; Justjulian, 5, 118; Eskwood, 4, 117; Tremont, 3, 116; Blue Wing, 4, 115; Rupert, 5, 115; Exile, 5, 115; Ben Ali, 4, 115; Sir Joseph, 4, 115; Masterpiece, 4, 115; St. Savoure, 5, 114; Wickham, 5, 114; Frank Ward, 4, 113; Bob Fisher, 4, 112; Arcitno, aged, 112; Mollie McCarty's Last, 4, 111; Test, 5, 111; Electric, 4, 110; Free Knight, 4, 110; Kirkman, 4, 110; Guenn, 4, 110; Precious, 4, 110; Gonfalon, aged, 109; Fonso, aged, 109; Fresno, 4, 109; Grimald, 4, 109; King Rolon, 6, 109; O'Fallon, 4, 109; Supervisor, 5, 108; Savanac, 4, 109; Royal Arch, 6, 108; Bonnie Wood, 4, 108; Dry Monopole, 4, 108; Quito, 4, 108; Ed. Corrigan, 4, 108; Becky, 5, 107; Hanover, 3, 107; Modesty, 6, 107; Charity, 4, 107; Rosa, 4, 107; Kalonah, 4, 107; Linden, 4, 106; Housatonic, 4, 106; Marlboro, aged, 106; Spuyten Duyvil, aged, 106; Phoenix, 4, 106; General Ney, 4, 105; Maumee, 5, 105; Bandala, 4, 104; Thackeray, 6, 103; St. Augustine, 5, 103; Himalaya, 6, 103; Argo, 4, 103; Gusano, 5, 102; Isaac Murphy, 5, 100; Billy Gilmore, 6, 100; Prince Imperial, aged, 100; Bizarre, 5, 100; Freeman, 5, 100; Bessie June, 5, 100; Gardey, 4, 100; Ann gam, 4, 100; Grenadier, 5, 100; Rock and Rye, 4, 98; Arlie, 4, 97; Oliblanche, 3, 97; Broughton, 6, 97; Ten Booker, 5, 97; Bonnie Prince, 4, 97; Wanderment, 5, 97; Pasha, 4, 96; Joffre, 4, 96; Pelham, 4, 95; Tom Ochiltree, aged, 95; Punka, 5, 95; Easter Sunday, 5, 95; Portland, 4, 94; Astorsy, 4, 93; Erebus, 5, 95; Orlando, 5, 95; Ten Sawyer, 6, 94; Dr. Read, 5 (formerly Lord Coleridge), 94; Auf Setzt, 5, 93; Lady Primrose, aged, 93; Rebellion, 3, 93; Dunmore, 4, 92; Florence Fonso, 4, 90; Mary Payne, 4, 90; Boomerang, 5, 90; Lookout, 4, 90; Peconic, 4, 90; Hermit, aged, 90; Ed. Kelly, 4, 89; Calabasy, 4, 89; Maryland, 5, 89; Cassatt, 4, 88; Brother Ben, 3, 88; Soudan, 4, 88; Goldfellow, 5, 88; Beverly, 4, 90; Longlight, 4, 90; Biscuit, 4, 90; Bonnie, 4, 90; Liberty, 4, 90; Lansdowne, 4, 90.

The Brooklyn Jockey Club Handicap, for three-year-olds and upward, $2,500 added—Troubadour, 5, 125 pounds; the Bard, 4, 124; Barnum, aged, 119; Hidalgo, 5, 115; Exile, 5, 115; Jim Gray, 4, 114; Ben Ali, 4, 114; Blue Wing, 4, 112; Frank Ward, 4, 112; General Ney, 4, 110; Bob Fisher, 4, 110; O'Fallon, 4, 110; King Ernest—Mill, 5, 110; Marksman, aged, 110; Gonfalon, aged, 108; Modesty, 6, 108; Boaz, 4, 108; Guenn, 4, 108; Test, 5, 108; Wickham, 5, 108; Dry Monopole, 4, 108; Savanac, 4, 108; Perkskill, 4, 106; Charity, 4, 106; Quito, 4, 106; Buckstone, aged, 106; Spuyten Duyvil, aged, 106; Ten Booker, 5, 105; Hanover, 3, 105; Richmond, 5, 105; Free Knight, 4, 105; Long Knight, aged 105; Bonnaci, 5, 105; Himalaya, 6, 105; Pasha, 4, 105; Freeman, 5, 105; Royal Arch, 6, 105; Easter Sunday, 5, 105; Supervisor, 5, 105; Clothpin, 4, 105; Bandala, 4, 104; Pegasus, 5, 104; Wanderer, 5, 104; Fresno, 4, 103; Punka, 5, 102; Alf Setzt, 5, 103; Wanderment, 5, 103; Rock and Rye, 4, 103; Eurus, 4, 102; Attorney, 4, 102; Housatonic, 4, 102; Rosie June, 3, 102; Greenfield, 5, 100; Beverly, 4, 100; Pasha, aged, 100; Broughton, 6, 100; Garter, 4, 100; Bonsman, 4, 100; Stalwart, 4, 100; Dr. Read, formerly Lord Coleridge, 5, 100; Springfield, aged, 100; Longlight, 4, 97; Letter, 4, 95; Isaac Murphy, 5, 95; Fenelon, 3, 93; Bi cult, 4, 92; Relax, 3, 92; Grimalmie, 3, 90; False Note, 3, 90; Pomona, 3, 90; Ermine, 3, 90.

Ice Yacht Races on the Hudson.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Jan. 31.—The Carthage Landing Ice Yacht Club had three races this afternoon over a ten-mile course. The first was for all boats, and the starters were the Eugene, Mischief, Ella, R. W. Van Voorhis, Ethel, White Wing, Orlando, and Alert. The latest Eugene won the race handsomely in 34 minutes. The next race was for race-class boats for the club pennant. The starters were the Eugene, Ethel, White Wing, and Ethel. The Eugene again won, this time in 20 minutes. The last race was for third-class boats, the starters being the Monte Cristo, Dart, Alert, and Vesta. The latter won easily.

The yachts of the Hudson River Iceboat Club had a race over a ten-mile course this afternoon. The starters were the Jack Frost, Comet, Meteor, and Blizzard. The Jack Frost won in 20 minutes 5 seconds.

The Regatta Committee have called the race between boats of the Hudson River and Poughkeepsie Clubs for Wednesday at 9 A. M. The race is for the Poughkeepsie challenge pennant and the championship of the Hudson River. The New Hamburg Club races will be sailed tomorrow.

The Handicap Tournament Begun.

Billiard lovers thronged Billy Sexton's Broadway billiard rooms yesterday afternoon at the opening of the handicap cushion carom tournament of the book makers. Two games were played, and over 1,000 persons witnessed the result. Joe Cotton made 120 to M. Corbett's 94, and won by 6 points with an average of 1 43-77. Al Smith was beaten by 3 points only by J. Mahoney, whose score was 120 to 117. Mahoney's average was 1 11-119. This afternoon R. Levien, with a handicap of 100, will play Henry Stedeker, who is to make 90, and Al Smith will play Charley Davis, who has to make 100 to win.

James Meehan Knocked Out.

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 31.—An audience of 2,000 people assembled at Norembega Hall this evening to see the ten-round glove contest between James Meehan and Mike Daley, champion light weight of New England. Daley knocked Meehan clean out in the sixth round, and announced his willingness to meet any man of his weight in America.

House of the Good Samaritan.

The formal opening of the House of the Good Samaritan, 29 West Thirty-eighth street, took place yesterday afternoon, and there was a reception in the evening. The house is to be an unsectarian hospital, modelled after Guy's Hospital in London, to care for the sick poor. It is in charge of sisters of the Episcopal Church.

Sporting Notes.

Joe Higgins of this city and J. Coates of Pittsburgh signed articles yesterday to wrestle catch-as-catch-can for $100 and gate receipts on Monday next.

A gang of strikers went to West Shore Railroad dock in Weehawken early yesterday morning and prevented brakemen from putting coal cars on floats.

The feather weights Tommy Danforth and Tommy Burnes signed articles yesterday for a fight with skin gloves to a finish, within two months, for $500. The men are to be at 120 pounds.

Billy Wilson and Harry Woodson, the "Black Diamond," signed articles in St. Paul yesterday for an eight round glove fight at 118 pounds, Zeke's side and the gate receipts, and will occur in St. Paul on Thursday, Feb. 24.

A frequenter of Delmonico's named Murray wants to make a wager with somebody that he can eat thirty five Welsh rarebits at a single sitting. A German man, who says that his name is Charley Hudson, has made a wager at odds of 1 to 25 that he will eat 100 eggs next Saturday night.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.... 7:14 | Sun sets..... 5:14 | Moon sets..12:58

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY

Sandy Hook 12:48 | Gov. Island 1 20 | Hell Gate... 3:15

ARRIVED—MONDAY, Jan. 31.

SS Elcano, Lipsett, St John, N B.
SS Yoxford, Crosby, Gibraltar.
SS La Bretagne, le Boisseulin, Havre.
SS Britann