BIT, BUT GOT OFF THE HOOK.

HOW COL. SHEPARD GOT A BEAT FOR HIS NEWSPAPER.

Stoddard, the Forger, Writes a Letter from the Jail in Jersey City Purporting to Come from Governor-elect McKinley.

Edward L. Stoddard, the forger who has been in the Hudson county jail in Jersey City since last August awaiting trial on six indictments for forgery, continues to keep himself in practice. On Dec. 1 THE SUN printed a story of his attempt to swindle Dr. William M. Polk of 7 East Fifty-sixth street, this city, and his sister, Mrs. H. L. Deas of 48 West Forty-eighth street. Dr. Polk and Mrs. Deas each received a letter purporting to come from C. B. Whitfield, a wealthy planter in Demopolis, Ala., asking them to interest themselves in the case of a young man in the Hudson county jail who was there under the name of John S. Wolfe or John S. Wood. These are Stoddard's aliases. He could be found under either name. Each letter contained a check for $1,600 signed with the name of C. B. Whitfield, and the recipient was requested to cash the check and convey the money to the prisoner. Mr. Whitfield added that the young man's mother was an intimate friend, and he was concerned in her behalf.

The letters contained explicit directions as to how the money was to be conveyed to the prisoner. Superintendent Smith and Chief of Police Murphy of Jersey City were to be avoided as carefully as if they were charged to the muzzle with dynamite. It is needless to say that the letters and checks were forgeries written by Stoddard himself.

Several other attempted swindles by Stoddard have been published in THE SUN. He got out of jail in Tennessee by forging a petition for a pardon. Since he has been in the Hudson county jail he wrote the Winnie Davis letters, asking Gen. Beauregard and other Southern men to help her mother, the widow of Jefferson Davis. He addressed a letter to Miss Belle Duncan of Brookfield, Mass., representing himself as her brother, and begging her to have his mother send on $300 to get him out of a little scrape in Jersey City. Miss Duncan's brother was home when the letter reached her. With all his cleverness there has always been some weak point in his schemes which awakened the suspicion of his intended victims.

Stoddard's latest exploit was an attempt to swindle Col. Elliott F. Shepard by using the name of the Colonel's personal and political friend, Major William McKinley, Jr., Governor elect of Ohio. This was more nearly successful than any of the forger's previous efforts. Although the attempt was made in the latter part of November, the Colonel did not make it public until yesterday, when he gave it to his readers with startling headlines. No other newspaper had the story. Some of the facts were omitted, however.

In the last week in November Col. Shepard received a letter from Canton, O., signed "William McKinley, Jr." The letter apprised the Colonel that there was a young friend of the Major's incarcerated in the Hudson county jail. The Major was deeply interested in the young man, but after the fatigue of the campaign he felt unequal to the task of coming East to his assistance. He begged, therefore, that Col. Shepard would take the matter in hand, and he would esteem it a personal favor. Incidentally the Major, in his letter, requested the Colonel to cash a check for $2,000 and turn the money over to the young man to enable him to get himself out of jail. The letter also represented the prisoner's mother as being a very dear friend and schoolmate of Major McKinley. The young man had been sowing his wild oats and was now reaping the harvest. At first pride prevented him from making his trouble known to his family, but imprisonment had humbled his pride and he had written to his mother of his disgrace and imprisonment, and had begged of her to help him for the last time. It was at his mother's solicitation, the letter continued, that Major McKinley had interested himself in the case. The letter contained specific instructions as to how the young man could be identified. Certain questions were to be asked him, and if he answered them correctly the Colonel need have no doubt of his identity.

Col. Shepard turned the letter over to his lawyer, Robert C. Alexander of 23 Park row, and asked him to investigate it. On Nov. 30 Mr. Alexander called on Judge William D. Daly of Hoboken, and together they went to the jail. Mr. Alexander had an interview with the prisoner, and asked him the questions about his birth and incidents of his life in accordance with the instructions contained in the letter. Stoddard, of course, answered the questions correctly, and Mr. Alexander promised to call again in a day or two, and before returning to this city to report to Col. Shepard he engaged Judge Daly to defend the prisoner.

The next day Mr. Alexander read in THE SUN the story of Stoddard's attempt to swindle Dr. Polk and his sister, and he immediately telegraphed to Judge Daly to do nothing until he had communicated with him. About the same time Col. Shepard telegraphed to Major McKinley asking about the letter and he received an answer at once that it was a forgery.

There is a Mrs. Reed in Boston who is interesting herself in Stoddard's case. She is an officer of the Prison Reform Association, and there seems to be no doubt that Stoddard has enlisted her sympathy by his plausible and pathetic letters. Mrs. Reed wrote to Judge Daly asking him to do all he could for the young man, and enclosing a draft for $50 to pay him for his services. Judge Daly says he thinks of returning the draft, as he supposes it might have been obtained by the same false pretenses as Stoddard used in his efforts to swindle other persons.

Stoddard will be called for trial to-day.

IN THE WORLD OF FASHION.

Mrs. Roberts's Dinner to Col. Vivian—Miss Remsen a Debutante.

The first entertainment given in a number of years in the Marshall O. Roberts house, at Fifth avenue and Eighteenth street, was the dinner last night in honor of Col. Ralph Vivian, who is soon to become the husband of the present mistress of the house. The entertainment was the first of several which will precede the marriage, which will be celebrated some time before the 15th of January.

The dinner table was set in the large picture gallery where hangs the famous picture of the first Napoleon by Delaroche, entitled "Napoleon at Fontainebleau." The table, which was square, was decorated with gold vases filled with yellow roses. Mrs. Roberts, who sat at the head of the table, wore a beautiful gown of rose satin embroidered in silver, and a number of pearl and diamond ornaments. Mrs. Roberts's guests were: Mr. and Mrs. William C. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Goelet, Mr. and Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, Mrs. Henry Robbins, the Misses Endicott, sisters of Mrs. Roberts, Miss Tuller, Miss Turnure, Mr. Exeter Winthrop, Mr. Perry Belmont, Mr. Thomas Cushing, Mr. Gould Redmond, Mr. John Cadwalader, Col. Stracey, Col. Cuthbert Larking, and the bridegroom to be.

A la danseuse, one of the most elaborate and enjoyable of the many this season, was given at Sherry's yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Phœnix Remsen, to introduce her daughter, Miss Helen Rosalie Remsen. The débutante, who is one of the prettiest introduced this winter, received in the pink room standing in front of the table filled with bouquets. On either side of the débutante, who wore a gown of snow-white tulle covered with rosettes of pearls and garlands of pink roses, were Miss Helen de Peyster, in white; Miss Nina Tucker of Albany, in a simple gown of pale blue and white chiffon; Miss Ireland, in white chiffon and satin; Miss Gardiner, in white silk and chiffon, and Miss Kitty Outerbandt of Kingston, in a striking gown of primrose and white chiffon. Mrs. Remsen, wearing a gown of heliotrope satin, made with front of brocade and trimmed with white lace and sable, received just inside the ballroom door with Mrs. Henry Gribble, an aunt of the débutante, who was in a Parisian gown of lilac satin and brocade with garniture of point lace.

Informal dancing to the music of the Hungarian Band was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening. Among the guests present were Mrs. Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hillhouse, Mrs. William McKim, Mr. Raymond and Miss Ward, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Sturgis, Mr. and Mrs. William Manice, Miss Le Roy, the Misses Remsen, Mrs. Orme Wilson, Col. and Mrs. Wagstaff, Miss Alice Barnard, Mrs. Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Frederic De Peyster, the Misses Sands, the Misses Clarkson, Miss Barbey, Miss Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. John Ireland, and Mrs. J. Lyon Gardiner.

Mr. John Jacob Astor attended the performance of "La Sonnambula" at the Metropolitan Opera House last night, it being his first appearance in a place of amusement since his return from Europe and his recovery from typhoid fever. Mr. Astor was with his mother, Mrs. Astor, who wore a gown of white moire antique, relieved with cardinal silk.

Mr. Semple is No Danger.

Assistant District Attorney McKenzie Semple, who has been confined to his home, 126 East Thirty-fourth street, for the past three weeks, was reported last night to be a trifle better. It is understood that Mr. Semple has undergone the operation of laparotomy. His physician, Dr. J. A. Wyeth, said that he was improving, and in no danger.

THE CHICAGO STOCK YARDS DEAL.

The Big Three Appear to Have Driven a Good Bargain.

The agreement between the Chicago Junction Railways and the Union Stock Yards Company and Messrs. Armour, Swift, and Morris, just ratified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, is substantially as follows:

The Central Stock Yards are purchased for $250,000. The suits involving the railroad connections and facilities are settled. The Junction Company buys all the stock of the Tolleston Company. Armour & Co., Morris & Co., and Swift & Co. agree that all their business for fifteen years shall pass through the yards of the Junction Company, unless they are previously removed. The same parties agree that their business in yardage and charges at said yards shall produce at least $2,000,000 during the next six years. They agree that for fifteen years the land they bought at Tolleston and did not sell to the Tolleston Company shall not be used for stock yard purposes, and that so long as the transit company shall conduct its business on its premises in Chicago they will not, directly or indirectly, carry on there the business of stock yards for the general use of the public. For fifteen years they will not, directly or indirectly, engage in or carry on the business of public or private stock yards in Chicago, or within 200 miles thereof.

The junction contracts for conveyance to the transit company of the Central Stock Yards and the payment therefor by the transit company of $250,000 in cash, or by a consideration mortgage; second, that the Junction Company will buy the stock of the Tolleston Company at par, that company to possess 1,000 acres of land selected from the 4,000 acres, with easements and connections over the remaining 3,000 acres; third, that as compensation for all they get other than the Central Stock Yards, they will pay $750,000 in cash or stock, and will guarantee the bonds of the Tolleston Company, whose stock they buy to the amount of $2,000,000, the same being secured by the mortgage of that company, or at its option take the title to the 1,000 acres and issue its own bonds of $2,000,000 to the parties of the second part.

The present payment by the Junction Company proper is limited to $750,000, the payment for the Central Stock Yards being provided for by the transit company, to which said yards are to be conveyed.

A BID FOR SOUTHERN BUSINESS.

Vanderbilt Officials Have Just Returned From a Tour of Inspection.

The party of passenger officials of the Vanderbilt lines which made a three weeks' tour of the South has just returned. General Passenger Agent George H. Daniels of the New York Central said yesterday that they went to acquaint the Southern people of the advantages of coming North and East via the Vanderbilt lines. They visited nearly all the principal cities of the South, and were royally entertained by the Boards of Trade and various Exchanges. At Galveston the entertainers took the Vanderbilt officials for a ride about the town on the electric cars. The visitors attracted no little notice, for the Board of Trade had blanketed the exterior of the cars with big streamers labelled "The Empire State Express."

Among those in the party were: George H. Daniels, general passenger agent; W. B. Jerome, general Western passenger agent; J. S. Clark, general agent, and C. C. Merrill, travelling passenger agent of the New York Central; D. B. Martin, general passenger agent; W. E. Snyder, general Western agent, and J. E. Reeves, general Southern agent of the Big Four; C. R. Wilber, Western passenger agent, and P. B. Humphrey, travelling passenger agent of the Lake Shore; George E. King, assistant general passenger agent, H. H. Marley, Southwestern passenger agent, and W. J. Seinwerth, travelling passenger agent of the Michigan Central.

PROFIT SHARING BY RAILROADS.

A New Departure by the Cairo Short Line That is Likely to Attract Attention.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—A committee appointed some time ago by the Board of Directors of the Cairo Short Line to investigate the profit sharing system has completed its work, and it will recommend the adoption of that system at the next regular meeting of the Board next June. Several other roads are seriously considering the matter. President Parker said to-day:

"I believe the system should be adopted, and for two reasons; first, it would cement the feeling of friendship which should prevail between the officers and directors of the company and the employees, and, secondly, it would be to the financial advantage of both. From the standpoint of policy alone the company should adopt it. If the employees become interested in the earnings of the road, in its prosperity, in its dividends, the inhabitants of the country through which the road passes will become interested as well. The latter will want to invest in the company's stock as soon as they find that the employees are drawing dividends on it, and a public opinion will in time be created that is friendly to railroads."

President Parker would distribute a certain amount of stock among the employees annually, in the way of dividends on their wages, and make the stock so valuable as an investment that they would prefer it to dividends in cash.

Rumored Changes in Richmond and Danville Management.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 21.—The Board of Directors of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, which adjourned to meet in Richmond to-morrow, will probably be adjourned by the Secretary to the same date in January. When the reorganization of the Richmond and Danville Board does take place, some important changes will be announced. Among others, a committee consisting of Col. A. B. Andrews of North Carolina, Capt. W. H. Green, and Mr. Solomon Haas, will have complete control of the properties to operate the lines according to their own ideas. Heretofore the properties have been managed from Wall street. It is understood that Col. Andrews, who is now Third President of the Richmond and Danville, will become President, and Capt. Green and Mr. Haas will be made Vice-Presidents.

Is the Pennsylvania After a Buffalo Outlet?

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—An afternoon newspaper says: "The recent heavy buying of the stock of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad, causing an advance of a point in the common within a few days, is attributed to the Pennsylvania Railroad, which, it is agreed, desires to obtain control of the line in order to secure an outlet at Buffalo for its recently acquired Allegheny Valley Railroad. While those who ought to know something about such a transaction, if it is under way, are disinclined just now to discuss the subject, the idea of consolidation appears upon its face decidedly plausible."

Railroad Notes.

A new mail train has been put on the Pennsylvania Railroad which takes the mail from New York to Chicago in nearly eight hours less time than formerly by that route. The train leaves at 9:15 A. M., and at Pittsburgh it connects with the Chicago limited, which leaves Jersey City at 10:15 A. M. The mail reaches Chicago at 9:45 A. M. the second morning, in 25½ hours, thus admitting of delivery on that day. Connections will be made so as to give Indianapolis and St. Louis better service.

The New Jersey Riparian Commissioners have made a grant to the New Jersey Central Railroad of the lands under water along the shores of Shrewsbury River and Raritan Bay, which the company needs for the new terminus of its New Jersey Southern branch at Atlantic Highlands. The land extends along the shore of Raritan Bay for a distance of 3,000 feet. The consideration of the grant was $12,000.

An Atlanta despatch says: "The Richmond Terminal has ordered a wholesale discharge of its employees. Over 300 Macon over 300 machinists and shop hands have been suspended. In Savannah over 200 have gone the same way. Large numbers have been discharged all along the line. The cutting down of expenses in the Macon roundhouse alone is $15,000 per month. This action has paralyzed the retail business in both cities, as the 500 men discharged represent 2,500 people. The officers admit that the squeezing process is in order to give the company money with which to meet its interest and dividends."

The New York Central on Jan. 5 will inaugurate a through car service from New York to the Pacific coast. There will be a weekly tourist service every Tuesday, the car going out on the North Shore limited at 4:50 P. M. Although it is a limited train no extra charge will be made on such days to through passengers. The first car will leave Chicago via the Milwaukee and St. Paul road, and thence take the Union and Central Pacific roads. But on succeeding Tuesdays the routes out of Chicago will vary.

The passenger rate war between Chicago and Kansas City, that seemed almost inevitable last week, has been indefinitely postponed. All that the Alton required was that the tickets sold at short-line rates from Kansas City to Cincinnati, via Chicago, should be limited to continuous passage, in order to keep the coupons out of the hands of the scalpers. The demand has been complied with by the Alton competitors.

Chairman Finley has refused to accept General Passenger Agent Charlton of the Alton as an arbitrater in the Rock Island's appeal from the Chairman's decision, fining it $200 for carrying on a brokerage business. Under the rules Mr. Finley had a right to do this, and he exercised the privilege because of Mr. Charlton's well-known attitude toward him and the Western Passenger Association.

S. V. WHITE & CO.'S MONEY.

A STORY THAT FIELD MADE $400,000 IN MARGINS DISAPPEAR.

New Indictments for Grand Larceny Against the Prisoner—He Still Refuses to Take Solid Food—Grown Thin and Haggard.

The expert accountants who are examining the books of Field, Lindley, Wiechers & Co. in the District Attorney's office have not yet gone back of the month of November last, but they have found in that single month abundant material for indictments. As the result of their discoveries, the Grand Jury found two more indictments yesterday against Edward M. Field, each for grand larceny in the first degree. So there are now four indictments pending, the maximum penalty under each of them, upon conviction, being imprisonment for ten years. District Attorney Nicoll said that the indications in the books justified the belief that proof of other fraudulent transactions will be submitted to the Grand Jury.

The first of the two new indictments against Field charges that on Nov. 4 Frank J. Sprague borrowed $25,000 from the firm on 300 shares of Edison General Electric. On the same day Field, through the brokerage firm of Howard Lapsley & Co., sold Sprague's stock. Field also, on the same day, instructed W. J. Lawson & Co. to buy 200 of Mr. Sprague's 300 shares for his (Field's) account. The remaining 100 shares were sold on the floor of the Exchange.

The second indictment alleges that on Nov. 5 Field demanded from Mr. Sprague additional collateral security for the loan, and Mr. Sprague deposited with him fifty more shares of Edison General Electric. On the same day, as alleged, Field borrowed $1,000 from Watson Bros., brokers, and rehypothecated Mr. Sprague's fifty shares as collateral security.

It was reported in the General Sessions building yesterday that the Grand Jury will be asked to inquire about the alleged mysterious disappearance of $400,000, which S. V. White & Co. are said to have deposited with Field, Lindley, Wiechers & Co. as margin for purchasers of corn, shortly before the failure of S. V. White & Co.

Edward M. Field spends practically the whole of his time lying on his cot in his cell in Ludlow street jail. He positively and pettishly refuses to take any solid food whatever. He gives no reason for refusing. He drinks ice water at frequent intervals and takes his medicine with regularity.

He also refuses to converse with any one. He will at times answer "Yes" or "No" to questions, but usually answers by a shake of his head. He rubs his head a great deal, and yesterday he made some complaints about having severe pains in his head. His abstinence from food and his confinement are telling on him, and he looks very haggard and has lost weight. He has not been shaved for nearly a month, and his scrubby beard adds to his decayed appearance.

He has had a number of callers, but has refused to see any one but his uncle, the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Field, and his cousin, Dr. Matthew D. Field. Dr. Crosby and Dr. Douglass visited him twice yesterday.

FORCED TO AN ILLEGAL MARRIAGE.

So Says the Syrian Girl Who Is Suing the Maronite Priest Korkemas.

Frasina J. Hyak, who says she is 17 years old, and who is considered one of the prettiest girls in the Syrian colony here, took the first steps yesterday in an action against the Rev. Peter Korkemas (the only Maronite priest having a chapel in this city). Danos Hyak, and Saoma Hyak, to recover damages because of an unlawful marriage into which she says she was forced. Justice Andrews of the Supreme Court has appointed Abraham Ashy her guardian in this action, and given her permission to sue as a poor person.

Frasina came from Baabdat, Syria, two years ago. Her parents had a farm of their own. But her father died shortly before, and she was lured by the thought of wealth to be had in this country. She had known Joseph Hyak in her native town, and he had preceded her to this city. Joseph had three brothers here, Said, Danos, and Saoma, who compose the jewelry and optical goods firm of Said Hyak & Co. of 3 Carlisle street and Waco, Texas. Said lives in Texas. She went to live with Danos and Saoma here. She says that these brothers opposed her marriage to Joseph. She, however, went with Joseph to Texas soon after her arrival and they were married there.

She alleges that Said Hyak, who was also opposed to the union, told her to come to New York, where her mother was expected to arrive. Her husband gave her $30 and she returned with Said, and again went to live with the other Hyaks at 3 Carlisle street. She says they took the $30 from her and stuffed her trunk.

On July 6 last, as her affidavit states, Danos and Saoma fetched a stranger to her named Nassif Elias, a peddler, and introduced him as a husband for her. She told them she would not marry Nassif, but she alleges that they brought Father Korkemas, who lives in the same house. She says she told the priest that she was already married, but that he proceeded with the ceremony. That night she was locked in a room with Nassif. The next day she, Nassif, and a woman were sent by the Hyaks to Concord to peddle jewelry and optical goods. Nassif, on learning that she had been married twice, deserted her. She found her way back to this city, and about a month after was joined by her mother, with whom she is living.

Father Korkemas was found in bed in one of the three squalid rooms he occupies above the store of the Hyaks at 3 Carlisle street. The Maronite Chapel which he conducts is at 127 Washington street. He wore a fez in bed, and, propped up by a pillow, spoke through an interpreter.

He said he remembered marrying Frasina on July 6 last, but said he had received permission from Mgr. Preston to do so. This dispensation he showed to the reporter. He denied that he knew she was already married, and said she did not say a word to him about a prior marriage. The marriage certificate puts the age of Nassif at 25 years and Frasina at 20 years and her residence as 113 Washington street. Father Korkemas said that it took him several days to procure the dispensation from Mgr. Preston, and that Frasina must have known of the application.

Father Korkemas said, however, that he knew that Nassif did not deserve her, and said he had heard that Nassif had written to her from Boston, asking her to live with him, but that she had declined to answer his letters.

FORCED INTO MARRIAGE.

Mrs. Cuthbertson Released from Her Oppressive Bonds.

SIOUX FALLS, Dec. 21.—This morning Judge Aikens granted a divorce to Mrs. Florence E. Cuthbertson from her husband, Sidney F. Cuthbertson, a real estate dealer of Chicago. Mrs. Cuthbertson is 22 years old. She arrived in Sioux Falls in June, and has lived most of the time with another applicant for divorce in a cottage in the west part of the town. Five years ago she was married to William Douglas, a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. They lived happily together and one child was born to them. In November, 1890, Douglas began to suspect that his wife was not faithful to him. He searched her writing desk and found several letters from Sidney Cuthbertson. Shortly afterward Douglas took his wife to Isaac Adams, a lawyer, and tried by threats to compel her to confess. She was locked in a back room for three hours and threatened with the penitentiary and publicity and loss of her child, but she stoutly denied that she had been faithless.

A few days afterward she went to Judge Horton's court to sign a deed, as she supposed, but found that her husband was suing for divorce, and that this ruse had been practised to secure her appearance voluntarily. She went on the stand and positively denied any improper relations with Cuthbertson, but that person afterward appeared and swore that the woman had committed adultery with him. Thereupon Judge Horton granted the decree, and ordered Mrs. Douglas and Cuthbertson to be married forthwith or go to the penitentiary for five years.

Mrs. Douglas wept and pleaded for freedom, declaring that she disliked Cuthbertson, had never been even a friend of his, and would not under any circumstances live with him. However, the Court, Douglas, Attorney Adams, and Cuthbertson united their persecutions and threats, and Mrs. Douglas at last consented, and at 3 o'clock in the morning she married her alleged betrayer.

She went to live in his house, and for four months remained under his roof, but she never lived with him as his wife. She finally fled to Sioux Falls and began her suit for divorce. In spite of Douglas's promises she has never seen her child, and all her attempts to obtain it have proved fruitless. This testimony was told in the court to-day and was uncontradicted. Cuthbertson made no attempt to fight the case. The decree was granted at once.

Five Private Banks in Virginia Suspend.

WOODSTOCK, Va., Dec. 21.—Five banks controlled by Rosenberger, Shirley & Co. were closed to-day in the Shenandoah Valley. The banks are in Warrenton, Gordonsville, Basic City, Waynesboro, and Newmarket. The liabilities of Rosenberger, Shirley & Co. are about $150,000. The small shopkeepers suffer most. Tightness in the money market is assigned as the cause of the failure.

Furniture, as stylish as can be found, thoroughly constructed, exclusive, novel, and original in design, which we now offer at considerable reduction on regular prices. Flint's, 104 West 14th st.—Adv.

NEW ENGLANDERS IN BROOKLYN.

The Landing of the Pilgrims Commemorated with Speeches and a Dinner.

The twelfth annual dinner of the Brooklyn New England Society, in commemoration of the landing of the Pilgrims, was given in the Academy of Music last evening. Great branches of evergreen ten feet high lined the walls of the big banqueting room. Thick ropes of laurel leaves hung from the evergreen to a cross cable which traversed the middle of the room. Big bunches of red roses, American Beauties, were suspended from the three immense chandeliers, each of which formed a cluster point for the laurel ropes.

All these Christmas greens surrounded an un-Puritanical crowd, although nine out of ten perhaps were New Englanders or descendants of New Englanders, if not of Puritans and of Pilgrims. At the chief table were Calvin E. Pratt, President of the society; Mayor-elect Boody, Judge Bartlett, Grover Cleveland, Gen. Horace Porter, Benj. D. Silliman, Roswell G. Horr, the Rev. Dr. Hall, John Winslow, H. D. Polhemus, Jos. W. Carroll, and one or two others. There were 200 and more at the other tables.

After the repast President Pratt began the speechmaking. The toast to the President of the United States was drunk standing, and that to the memory of Gen. Sherman was drunk to the music of a dirge.

Mr. Cleveland was loudly cheered when he began his speech. Among other things he said:

"No one will deny that the Pilgrims to New England were well worthy of all that is done or can be done to keep them in remembrance. But we cannot recall their history and what they did and established and what they taught, without also recalling that there have been Pilgrims from New England, who, finding their way to every part of the land, have taken with them those habits, opinions, and sentiments which, having an early origin in American soil, should be best suited to American life everywhere, and should be the best guarantees in every situation of the preservation, in their integrity and purity, of American institutions.

"While all will admit the debt our great country owes to New England influences, and while none of us should be unmindful of the benefits to be reasonably expected from the maintenance and spread of these influences, a thought is suggested which has further relation to the mission and duty of the Pilgrims from New England and their descendants, wherever they may be scattered throughout the land. If they are at all true to their teachings and their traditions, they will naturally illustrate in a practical way the value of education and moral sentiment in the foundations of social life and the value of industry and economy as conditions of thrift and contentment. But these Pilgrims and their descendants and all those who, with sincere enthusiasm, celebrate Forefathers' Day, will fail in the discharge of their highest duty if, yielding to the temptation of any un-American tendency, they neglect to teach persistently that in the early days there was, and that there still ought to be, such a thing as true and distinctive Americanism, or if they neglect to give it just interpretation.

"This certainly does not mean that a spirit of narrowness or proscription should be encouraged, nor that there should be created or kept alive a fear concerning such additions to our population from other lands as promise assimilation with our conditions and cooperation in our aims and purposes. It does, however, mean the insistence that every transfer of allegiance from another Government to our own should signify the taking on at the same time of an aggressive and affirmative devotion to the spirit of American institutions."

Gen. Porter spoke for the "Veterans," Mr. Horr for Vermont, and the Rev. Dr. Hall for "New England's Part in Education." Mayor-elect Boody, speaking for the city of Brooklyn, said it was a shame to confine one born on the sacred soil of New England to a single city, even if it had, in spite of Porter, a million inhabitants, when it is the duty of New Englanders to prescribe laws for the earth.

The dinner ended with the singing of the Doxology.

Claims to be Artemus Ward's Widow.

ALBANY, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Charles F. Browne of Bloomington, Ill., has written to Attorney-General Tabor claiming Charles F. Browne, the celebrated humorist known as Artemus Ward, as her husband. In her letter to the Attorney-General she says:

"I had ten children, but only three are living. I am entitled to that property Judge Barrett probated in 1888 in New York city. He says the first will don't say anything about his father, mother, brother, sister, or cousins. I am 78 years old and poor. Need it, and that would be the best way to settle the estate?"

Mrs. Browne says she sent affidavits to Mr. McLaughlin, Clerk of the Surrogate Court, New York city, proving her claim. Her husband was Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance and a Mason.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.... 7 22 | Sun sets.... 4 37 | Moon rises.11 52

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook.12 20 | Gov.Island.12 49 | Hell Gate.. 1 38

Arrived—MONDAY, Dec 21.

Ss La Gascogne, Santelli, Havre.
Ss Annetta, Read, Swansea.
Ss Rugia, Leitbauser, Havre.
Ss Excelsior, Hinrichs, New Orleans.
Ss Alsenborn, Lewis, Baltimore.
Ss Rogers, Pinkham, Messina.
Ss Louisiana, Gager, New Orleans.
Ss City of Chester, Lewis, Liverpool.
Ss Pera, Wills, Swansea.
Ss Guy Mannering, Word, Yokohama.
Ss Ocean, Voege, Amsterdam.
Ss Caledonia, McCombie, Cadiz.
Ss Cherokee, Bearse, Jacksonville.
[For later arrivals see First Page.]

ARRIVED OUT.

Fs Elbe, from New York, at Southampton.
Ss Westernland, from New York, at Antwerp.
Ss Werra, from New York, at Genoa.
Ss Switzerland, from Philadelphia, off the Lizard.
Ss Manchester, from New York, at Queenstown.
Ss Elysia, from New York, at Marseilles.
Ss Seniedi, from Japan and China for New York, at Suez.
Ss Stranton, from New York, at Hamburg.
Ss Brooklyn City, from New York, at Bristol.

FAILED FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Fs Glengoil, from Newport for New York.
Ss Spaarndam, from Rotterdam for New York.
Ss Sorrento, from Hamburg for New York.
Ss Manhattan, from Greenock for New York.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

Sail To-day.

	Mails Close.	Vessels Sail.
Adirondack, Gonaives	1:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
Baldomero Iglesias, Havana		10:00 A. M.
Oxamo, Puerto Plata	1:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
Wyoming, Liverpool		10:00 A. M.
Sail To-morrow.		
Bolivia, Gibraltar		8:00 P. M.
Britannic, Liverpool	7:30 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
Cherokee, Charleston		3:00 P. M.
City of Augusta, Savannah		3:00 P. M.
City of Chester, Liverpool	7:30 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
Friesland, Antwerp	9:00 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
Niagara, Barbadoes	1:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
Rotterdam, Amsterdam	9:30 A. M.	11:00 A. M.

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

Due To-day.

Chateau Lafitte	Bordeaux	Dec. 7
Ems	Bremen	Dec. 11
Finance	St. Thomas	Dec. 14
Helvetia	London	Dec. 6
Egyptian Monarch	London	Dec. 6
Ethiopia	Glasgow	Dec. 10
Yumuri	Havana	Dec. 17
Italy	Liverpool	Dec. 5
Claribel	Port Limon	Dec. 12
Wisconsin	Liverpool	Dec. 12
Nomadic	Liverpool	Dec. 12
Siberian	Glasgow	Dec. 11
Colorado	Hull	Dec. 7
Caribbee	St. Croix	Dec. 15
Due Wednesday, Dec. 23.		
Majestic	Liverpool	Dec. 16
Havel	Bremen	Dec. 15
Venezuela	Laguayra	Dec. 17
Niagara	Havana	Dec. 19
Nederland	Antwerp	Dec. 10
Wassland	Antwerp	Dec. 12
Due Thursday, Dec. 24.		
Obdam	Rotterdam	Dec. 11
Moravia	Hamburg	Dec. 11
Due Friday, Dec. 25.		
Colon	London	Dec. 16
Santiago	Nassau	Dec. 21
Alexander Elder	London	Dec. 12
Due Saturday, Dec. 26		
Bermuda	St. Croix	Dec. 19
Thingvalla	Christiansand	Dec. 12
Tower Hill	London	Dec. 12
Europa	London	Dec. 13
Due Sunday, Dec. 27.		
Aurania	Liverpool	Dec. 19
Europa	Hamburg	Dec. 12
La Champagne	Havre	Dec. 19
Martello	Hull	Dec. 13
Trinidad	Bermuda	Dec. 24

Business Notices.

A LUXURY FOR TOURISTS.

DR. LYON'S TOOTH POWDER, in metal boxes, with patent measuring tube. Neat and portable. 25 cts.

The hair dressed with Barry's Tricopherous will never decay, fall out, or lose its lustre. 50c.

Keep's Dress Shirts, to measure, 6 for $9.00. None better at any price. 565 and 511 Broadway.

MARRIED.

KERR—CATER.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, at All Souls' Church, by the Rev. Dr. John C. Eccleston, Edythe Mary, daughter of Mrs. Aymar Cater, to John Edward Kerr, Jr.

DIED.

APPLEBY.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, 1891, Sara E. S., wife of Charles Edgar Appleby and daughter of the late Isaac A. Storm.
Funeral from her late residence, 216 West 59th st., on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 10 o'clock A. M. Kindly omit flowers.

BAASS.—On Sunday, Dec. 20, Rudolf Baass, at his late residence, 310 Hudson st., Hoboken, N. J.
Funeral on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 2 P. M.

BARUCH.—On Dec. 19, Myer Baruch, M. D., of 183 Lexington av., in the 75th year of his age.
Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 10 A. M., from residence, 57 East 77th st.

BLAIR.—In Brooklyn, entered into rest, Sunday, Dec. 20, 1891, Mary Louise Wood, wife of John Blair.
Funeral services at her residence, 1,252 Union st., Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock. Interment at the convenience of the family.

BOURKE.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, at Bridgeport, Conn., Eddie J., son of Lewis Bourke, aged 15 years.
Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his uncle, Main st., on Tuesday forenoon.

BRADEY.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, at Hartford, Conn., Thomas Bradey, aged 34 years.
Funeral private.

BRIDGER.—At Central Islip, L. I., Dec. 21, Mary P., widow of Thomas E. Bridger, aged 82 years.
Funeral at Central Islip, 2 P. M., Wednesday. Train leaves Long Island City at 8:30 A. M.

BRITTING.—On the 20th inst., John D. Britting, aged 41 years.
Relatives and friends of the family respectfully invited to attend his funeral to-day at 2 P. M. from his late residence, 78 Bank st. Interment in Lutheran Cemetery.

BROSNAN.—On Monday, Dec. 21, Margaret Brosnan, at her residence, 194 Waverly place.
Funeral from the house at 8 A. M. on Wednesday. Interment at Susquehanna, Pa. No flowers.

BROWN.—On Sunday, Dec. 20, at Hartford, Conn., Charles W., son of the late George W. and Hattie E. Brown, aged 7 years and 10 months.
Funeral private.

BRUSH.—On Friday, Dec. 18, 1891, at her residence, 68 Lexington av., Josephine Morris, wife of James E. Brush and daughter of the late Benjamin M. Whitlock.
Funeral private.

BUCKEL.—At Baychester, N. Y., on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1891, Mary A. Buckel, widow of Frank Buckel, aged 58 years.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 11 o'clock A. M., from her late residence, Baychester, N. Y.

BURTON.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, Lizzie J., daughter of Robert and Eliza Hamer and beloved wife of J. Chas. Burton.
Relatives and friends, also members of the New York City Undertakers' Association, are invited to attend funeral services at her late residence, 46 West 126th st., on Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

CALLAHAN.—On Saturday, Dec. 19, at New Haven, Conn., Maggie Callahan, aged 30 years.
Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, 678 Grand av., on Tuesday forenoon at 8:30 o'clock, and from St. Patrick's Church at 9 o'clock.

CHALKER.—On Monday, Dec. 21, at East Hartford, Conn., Frederick Chalker, aged 22 years.
Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon. Interment at Clinton, Conn., Wednesday.

CLARK.—On Sunday, Dec. 20, at Hartford, Conn., Ellen R. Clark, aged 37 years.
Interment at New Haven, Conn., on Wednesday.

CLARK.—On Sunday, Dec. 20, 1891, Eliza, wife of George W. Clark, in her 80th year.
Funeral services at her late residence, 96 Avenue D, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock.

CLARK.—On Dec. 20, at the residence of her son-in-law, George McGibbon, 18 Vernon av., Brooklyn, Mrs. John P. Clark, aged 87.
Funeral on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 2 o'clock. Edinburgh (Scotland) papers please copy.

CLOONAN.—On Monday, Dec. 21, at Hartford, Conn., Lizzie Cloonan, aged 41 years and 10 months.
Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, on Wednesday forenoon.

COATES.—On Dec. 19, James B. Coates, in the 68th year of his age.
Funeral on Wednesday, at 12:30 o'clock, from his late residence, this city.

COLLIN.—On Dec. 21, 1891, at the residence of Rignal D. Woodward, Esq., 129 East 35th st., Dr. Roswell Park Collin, late of 50 East 31st st., New York city.
Funeral and inter