LAWMAKING IN ALBANY.

THE ANTI-POLICY BILL ADVANCED TO A THIRD READING.

A Motion to Recommit It Is Lost by a Vote of 56 to 47—Senator Ahearn Proposes That All of the New York City Magistrates Shall Receive a Salary of $7,000.

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—The Fallows bill, which is intended to do away with the evils of policy playing, was fought out in the Assembly to-night. The bill came up on the order of second reading and was ordered to a third reading without amendment. Mr. R. Gardiner of Rochester moved to recommit the bill for a hearing, to which Mr. Fallows objected. Mr. Gardiner wished to amend the bill so as to lessen the sweeping provision that any person found with a policy slip in his possession is to be deemed a common gambler and the first offence is to constitute a misdemeanor and the second offence a felony. Mr. Gardiner's amendment was to the effect that if the policy slip was found it would have to be proven that the slip was in the person's possession with intent to gamble. This is one of the amendments that was considered by the Assembly Codes Committee and was repudiated.

Mr. Fallows said he would not permit an amendment to his bill, as he had seen the experience of others in permitting amendments which made a proposed law weak in its operation. He said the amendments would take the heart out of the bill, which was to correct an evil in New York city and especially among the poor people. He announced that the game was such a swindle that there was only one chance out of three for a person to win. It is an evil that is constantly growing, and mothers have been known to take the clothes off their babies' backs to pawn them in order to secure the few pennies necessary to play the game.

Messrs. Burnett, Gale and Phillips objected to the sweeping provisions relating to the proof necessary to convict a man of being a common gambler. Mr. Rogers said it would do no good to send the bill back to the committee, for it had been thoroughly considered when before it and the committee did not feel disposed to act otherwise than it had. Mr. Rogers added that the sweeping provision relating to proof of being a common gambler was not such a severe one, as there is a law on the statute books of the same character relating to the possession of knockout drops on any one's person.

The opposition pointed out that it would be an easy matter for an enemy to drop a policy slip in one's pocket and then have him searched and convicted of being a common gambler. Mr. Phillips thought newspaper men would come under the ban of suspicion, for they carry paper in their pockets which could be easily construed to be policy slips.

Mr. Allds wanted the question fought out at once, and the motion to recommit was lost by a vote of 56 to 47. Mr. Barnes, the minority leader, was the first to vote against the bill.

Senator Ahearn introduced a bill providing that all of the New York city magistrates appointed, even after the charter was enacted, shall receive $7,000 salary. The magistrates were appointed under the law of 1895 at a salary of $7,000. The charter, however, provided that their successors should receive $6,000 only. Three city magistrates have been appointed since the charter went into effect. Senator Ford put in a bill increasing the salaries of these magistrates to $8,000.

Senator Elsberg and Assemblyman Slater have introduced a bill providing that the New York County Court House in City Hall Park shall be remodelled so as to provide accommodations for the Supreme Court Justices holding court there, the plans therefor to be approved by the Justices.

Senator Ford introduced a bill somewhat similar to one he had last year, which establishes the New York School of Industries for Girls, to be located in New York or Buffalo under the supervision of the State Department of Public Instruction, for the purpose of instructing girls in trades and industries and giving systematic industrial training in all branches of domestic science. An appropriation of $50,000 is made to establish the school. Senator Ford has a bill amending the State Civil Service law by providing that a veteran of the Civil War appointed to the public service for a specified term shall be reappointed.

Senator Coffey introduced the Assembly bill providing that candidates for office shall be selected directly by the voters at the primaries.

Assemblyman Sanders introduced a bill aimed at the pool rooms and bucket shops. It provides that any telegraph or telephone company that supplies information to any poolroom or bucket shop shall be guilty of a misdemeanor on the first offence, the second offence to be punishable as a felony.

Assemblyman Demarest of Rockland county introduced a bill appropriating $1,000,000 to carry out the provisions of the Higbie Good Roads law.

Assemblyman Tripp has a bill fixing the price of gas in Poughkeepsie at $1.25.

Assemblyman Stefler to-night introduced a bill providing that it shall be unlawful to pack or sell any article for food consumption in a box, package or barrel that has once been used for the storage or sale of the article before. Barrels, boxes or packages used for bakery products are not to be used more than twice.

Assemblyman Brennan's bill legalizing the appointment of thirty-one firemen in the fire department of the former city of Brooklyn again for the third time in three years was debated in the Assembly to-night. The firemen were appointed at a time when there was no civil service eligibility list and did not take an examination. They served thirteen months and were then dismissed. The minority members and Mr. Gherardi Davis opposed the bill when it came up on second reading, and objections were made by Messrs. Trainor, Phillips, Davis, Harburger and Green. The bill was advanced to a third reading.

Assemblyman Graham's bill authorizing the State Canal Board to terminate and adjust all contracts made by the State for the improvement of canals under the Nine-Million-Dollar law and permitting the return to the contractors of the moneys deposited by them; also providing for the payment of all moneys legally or equitably due the contractors for work done, was attacked by Mr. Green when it came up on second reading in the Assembly to-night.

Mr. Fish defended the bill and said it was necessary, for the contractors cannot go ahead with the work until another appropriation has been made.

Mr. Green's motion to kill the bill was lost by a vote of 63 to 16. The bill was then advanced to third reading.

The Fallows bill, providing for the appointment of a commission to revise the charter of New York city, has been made a special order in the Assembly for to-morrow morning. The minority members will offer a number of amendments, one of which will reduce the number of Commissioners from 15 to 5, and another will give the commission more time in which it may complete its work. The amendments were not ready to-night and Mr. Fallows had the bill laid aside, though the amendments will be defeated.

Mr. Brennan's bill providing for a separate Bureau of Elections in New York city will also be considered to-morrow in the Assembly.

"Little Tim" Sullivan's bill increasing the salaries of attaches of the Municipal Court of New York city was passed by the Assembly to-night. His bill provides for the appointment of an assistant clerk, who shall have charge of all trial calendars, at a salary of $2,000; ten assistant clerks, each to receive $2,000, and increasing the salary of interpreter from $1,500 to $2,000. The Senate passed these bills.

Mr. Bedell's, providing that locomotive engineers may act as stationary engineers in New York city.

Mr. Trainor's, providing the Court may substitute indemnitors in actions against a public officer.

Senator Norton's, providing that the Nassau county Sheriff shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in defending himself against actions.

Assemblyman Doughty's similar bill passed the Assembly to-night.

Senator Elsberg's, providing that a majority of the Directors of St. Luke's Hospital in New York may purchase, sell, mortgage or lease property.

Senator Ford's, enabling the State Court of Claims to hear the claim of the American Bank Note Company of New York city.

Senator Marshall's, providing the audit of the claim of Schnellin & Co. against New York city for supplies furnished the Kings County Hospital.

Senator Elsberg's, exempting from taxation the property of the Emanuel Sisterhood of Personal Service in New York city.

The Assembly passed these bills:

Mr. Doughty's, exempting Nassau county from the provisions of the Higbie Good Roads law.

Mr. Wilson's, establishing the exterior pier head lines adjacent to the shores of the port of New York in the borough of Brooklyn.

The Senate passed these bills:

Senator McCarren's, authorizing New York city to maintain the Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital.

Senator Elsberg's, authorizing the Comptroller of New York city to pay William J. Chamberlain's claim for services in the City Magistrates' Court last year.

Assemblyman Merton E. Lewis, the introducer of the bill to repeal the Horton law, says he will not permit his bill to be amended in any respect if he can possibly help it. The Amateur Athletic Union wishes the bill amended so that it can conduct amateur sparring exhibitions, but Mr. Lewis does not care to run the risk of his bill being cut up in any way so as not to be operative. He says he might favor a separate bill giving the Amateur Athletic Union permission to hold sparring exhibitions among members of the Union. The A. A. U. championship bouts are of five rounds' duration and the prizes are gold medals or cups not exceeding in value $35.

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COMMERCE COMMISSION'S BILLS.

Seven of Them Sent to the Governor for the Action of the Legislature.

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—Mr. Ben. L. Fairchild, the attorney for the State Commerce Commission appointed by Gov. Black to recommend legislation to stay the decline in the commerce of the port of New York, to-day filed with Gov. Roosevelt a supplementary report, transmitting seven bills for the action of the Legislature which carry out the recommendations of the commission made in its report to Gov. Roosevelt a few weeks ago. Mr. Fairchild also handed to the Governor the resignations of the five members of the commission, who are Charles A. Schieren of Brooklyn, Andrew H. Green, C. C. Shayne, Alexander R. Smith and Hugh Kelly, of New York city. These resignations are due to a feeling of delicacy on the part of the members of the commission, in view of the fact that one of the bills recommended by them confers authority upon the commission to designate locations in Buffalo and in New York city for canal terminals for the receipt, storage and delivery of merchandise passing over the canals. This bill makes an appropriation of $50,000 to enable the commission to go ahead and locate the sites for such terminals, whereupon the State Superintendent of Public Works is to construct the same. When the terminals are established they shall be maintained according to regulations prescribed by the Commerce Commission. The commission believes these terminals to be essential to the future welfare of the canals, whether improved or not.

The second bill provides for the bonding of the State for $15,000,000 to complete the general canal improvements as inaugurated under the law of 1895, upon which $9,000,000 have already been spent. The commission believes that the canals improved as contemplated by the act of 1895 would give all the advantages which could be obtained by any canal, short of a ship canal constructed by the Federal Government. This position is in direct contrast to the stand taken by the Canal Commission, which recommends a twelve-foot canal to cost $42,000,000. This difference of opinion has had something to do in framing the decision of the legislative leaders that no action upon the canal improvement question shall be taken this year further than to pass a bill making an appropriation of about $200,000, which would enable the State Engineer to go ahead and make complete surveys and estimates of the cost of the proposed improvements, so that the next Legislature will have definite knowledge upon which to base future canal improvement legislation.

The third bill recommended by the Commerce Commission amends the grain elevator law by reducing the maximum charge for elevating grain at New York and Buffalo to one-half cent a bushel. The present legal rate is five-eighths of a cent a bushel, but the commission asserts that the present law is evaded. The amended act aims to prevent evasions in the future.

The fourth bill amends the transportation law by eliminating the provision that a canal transportation corporation shall not have more than $50,000 capital.

The fifth bill amends the law which reserves piers in New York city for the use of canal boats. The amendment prevents railroad barges from using the same, thereby shutting out the canal boats.

The sixth bill prevents conveyances in perpetuity of lands under water within the limits of New York city, the ungranted lands, now amounting to 224 miles of shore front. The bill permits 25-year leases of such lands to the riparian owners.

The last bill provides that the title to water front property on the North River, between Gansevoort and Twenty-third streets, shall vest in the city four months after the appointment of condemnation commissioners. The Commerce Commission believes this bill to be necessary in order to permit the prompt completion by the New York city Dock Board of the improvements planned for that section to meet the present demands of ocean steamships for pier slips.

THE GOVERNOR MISLED BY A NAME.

He Gave Mrs. O'Connor of Rochester an Appointment Thinking She Was a Catholic.

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—Gov. Roosevelt to-night said that Congressman James M. E. O'Grady of Rochester wrote to him some time ago requesting him to appoint a Catholic in his place as a manager of the State Industrial School at Rochester, as there were only two of the members of the Board of Managers of the Catholic faith, although about one-third of the inmates of the institution were children of Catholic parents. The Governor says he told Mr. O'Grady that of course he would do as he requested. He also notified Dr. Enoch V. Stoddard of Rochester, who is Vice-President of the State Board of Charities, that he would appoint a Catholic to succeed Mr. O'Grady. Dr. Stoddard suggested names and Senator Armstrong submitted them to the Governor, saying he agreed with Dr. Stoddard's recommendations. Among the names submitted was that of Mrs. Joseph O'Connor, and Dr. Stoddard wrote of her, that she was "in religion a Catholic, and besides being a woman of broad culture has been much interested in the work of societies caring for dependent juveniles." Mrs. O'Connor was appointed, and the Governor now finds from Mr. O'Grady and Editor Purcell that she is not a Catholic.

Mrs. O'Connor is the wife of Editor Joseph O'Connor of Rochester and the sister of Rossiter Johnson. She promptly wrote the Governor that she would decline to serve if a mistake was made in the appointment. The Governor replied saying that he had thought her a Catholic, but that he would have appointed her anyway, and did not desire that she should resign. Gov. Roosevelt and Dr. Stoddard were misled, the Governor admits, by Mrs. O'Connor's name. This led to the telling of a story to the Governor about a man arraigned before a New York city Magistrate.

"What is your name?" said the Judge to the prisoner.

"Solomon Isaacs," he replied.

"Where do you live?"

"Down on Hester street."

"What is your business?"

"Selling old clothes."

"What is your religion?"

"Now, see here, Judge, I told you my name was Solomon Isaacs, that I lived down on Hester street and that I sold old clothes. What do you think my religion is? Well, I'll tell you. I'm a Quaker."

WOODRUFF RETURNS TO ALBANY.

The Lieutenant-Governor Pleased With His Reception in Chicago and Detroit.

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff, when he came to the Capitol to-night after a speech-making tour through the West, received many congratulatory telegrams and messages from his friends, and a little ovation was tendered him in his private office. The Lieutenant-Governor said that he was pleased with the cordial reception that had been tendered him by the people of Detroit and Chicago, and was gratified at the pleasant words which had been said of his speeches in his absence by Gov. Roosevelt.

When told that while he had been journeying westward a campaign button with the pictures of McKinley and himself had been distributed in New York city, he said that the making and distribution of such a button was probably some button manufacturer's enterprise. He was not pleased when he learned that they had been issued.

Signed by the Governor.

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—Gov. Roosevelt this afternoon signed these bills:

Assemblyman McEwan's bill, permitting savings banks to invest their deposits in the bonds of the Chicago and Alton Railroad.

Senator White's, amending the University law by providing that chapter 551 of the laws of 1898 shall not be construed as repealing any portion of the law relating to the establishment of free libraries.

Senator Elsberg's, appropriating $2,000 for the expenses of the State Inspector of Gas Meters in 1899.

Senator Wilcox's, extending to all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the United States the provisions of law appropriating public money for burial, which have heretofore been applicable to Civil and Mexican War veterans only.

Senator Brackett's, confirming the transfer by the Volunteer Firemen's Association of its rights and powers to the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

Senator Featherson's, authorizing the New York City Board of Estimate and Apportionment to audit the claims of P. Canavon and others for services rendered the city in the Department of Finance in 1898.

Senator Todd's, authorizing the New York city Police Board to reinstate Patrick Conley to the force.

Mr. Ritchie's, authorizing the Hudson River Water Power Company to erect and maintain a dam across the Hudson, between Glens Falls and Palmer's Falls.

Mr. Green's, confirming the title to certain lands conveyed by the Congregation Chaari Zedek in New York city.

Mr. Russell's, authorizing the Warden of Sing Sing Prison to sell the surplus of the clothing purchased by uniforms for the New York State Volunteers and National Guardsmen during the Spanish War and to apply the proceeds to the payment of the balance due James Roy & Co. of Watervliet, from which company the cloth was purchased.

Mr. Dugan's, providing for the sale by Nassau county of certain stone to Queens county and for the use of the proceeds in purchasing a site for a county building for Nassau county.

Mr. M. E. Lewis's, incorporating the International Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

Senator Wagner's, authorizing the New York City Board of Estimate and Apportionment to release the interest of New York city to certain lands on Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn.

TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE BILL.

The Draft of a New Measure About Completed by the Senate Committee.

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—The sub-committee of the Senate Cities Committee has about completed a draft of a New York Teachers' Salary Schedule bill as agreed upon in New York last week. Senator D. F. Davis of Brooklyn has charge of the measure and it will be submitted to the Senate Cities Committee so that it can be reported favorably to the Senate on Wednesday.

The amended bill provides that the general school fund shall be applied to the payment of salaries of the supervising and teaching staffs of the schools, and that such fund shall be procured by the levy of a four-mill tax annually, to be distributed according to a uniform salary schedule. This schedule, as heretofore published, has been changed by the committee so far as high school teachers are concerned, by providing that female teachers in the high and and training schools shall begin at $700 and in ten years reach a maximum salary of not less than $1,900. Female head teachers, female assistants, to the principals, female first assistants and female vice-principals shall begin at $2,000 and in five years reach a maximum of not less than $2,500. Male teachers shall begin at $1,300 and in ten years reach a maximum salary of not less than $2,300, and male head teachers, male assistants to principals, male first assistant principals and male vice-principals shall begin at $2,500 and in five years reach a maximum salary of $3,000. The board of examiners, instead of the city Superintendent of Schools is to issue certificates to teachers upon the question of the equivalent of experience.

To meet any deficiencies in school appropriations for the present year, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is to transfer to the general school fund any unexpended balances of other funds, and if they are not sufficient, bonds shall be issued.

The remainder of the bill, as already published, is not changed in important particulars. Assemblyman Fallows, who passed a salary schedule bill of his own in the Assembly, endorses this amended bill, and with the questions contained in the salary schedule bill satisfactorily disposed of, Senator Elsberg will devote attention to his bill reorganizing the New York city school administration.

MRS. HART DEAD: 98 YEARS OLD.

She Had Been Regarded as the Oldest Inhabitant of the City of New York.

Mrs. Fannie Buckland Hart, who has generally been regarded as the oldest inhabitant of this city, died at 11 o'clock last Sunday morning, or a little more than two weeks before she would have entered on her ninety-ninth year. She had been ailing ever since she suffered from a stroke of apoplexy six months ago, but her mind remained clear and her interest in her surroundings undiminished to the last. Death came painlessly and almost without warning. Several of Mrs. Hart's children were at her deathbed. Her son Harry C. Hart, Tammany Hall leader in the Thirteenth Assembly district, was one of them, and another one was her eldest daughter, Mrs. Van Benschoten, who is now 70 years old.

Mrs. Hart was born on March 14, 1802, in the old colonial house near the present crossing of Greenwich and Hudson streets which belonged to her father, Col. Henry Buckland, a wealthy contractor. She married Col. Levi Hart, who commanded the Seventh Regiment during the twenties. He died about twenty years later. Ten children were born of the marriage, seven of whom are still alive. Besides the two already mentioned, there are William and John Hart, both well-known business men, and three daughters, Mrs. Stryker, Mrs. St. John and Mrs. Rider. The third generation is represented by about twenty grandchildren.

Mrs. Hart died at 204 East Eighty-second street, where her home had been for close to fifty years and where Harry C. Hart is now living. It was once a country residence, known as "Rockhall," but was later rebuilt to suit the cityfied surroundings. The funeral of Mrs. Hart will take place at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning from her late residence.

SOLDIERS' HOME INVESTIGATION.

The State Board of Charities Committee to Continue It in Buffalo To-day.

BUFFALO, Feb. 26.—The committee of the State Board of Charities, having in charge the Soldiers' Home investigation, will meet at the Hotel Iroquois, this city, to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Secretary Hebbard has notified all attorneys who have been interested in the investigation, either for the board or for Col. Shepard, that if they have any further testimony to offer it must be presented at the session of the committee to be held here to-morrow. It is the intention of the committee to complete the investigation to this occasion, so that it may be able to comply with the request of the Governor to furnish him a preliminary report of the proceedings on or before March 1.

HARLEM Y. M. C. A. OUT OF DEBT.

Its Membership Increasing and Its Expenses Below Receipts, Report Says.

The thirty-second anniversary of the Harlem branch of the Young Men's Christian Association was celebrated last night by exercises in the auditorium of the building at 5 West 125th street. Secretary Banister's annual report showed that the membership now numbered 1,115, an increase of 210 over last year, and that the annual receipts had been $15,615 as against disbursements of $15,459. William H. Sage, Chairman of the Board of Managers, announced that the mortgage upon the association had been wiped out two weeks ago. James R. Campbell, LL.D., delivered a short address.

The Hotel Endicott Murder.

Of the Hotel Endicott murder and suicide Coroner Bausch said yesterday that he thought Caldwell had taught the woman the use of morphine and when he found that he had been discovered by the husband, he had suddenly decided to kill her and himself as he knew that he would be ordered out of the house. Coroner Bausch said that Caldwell was evidently under the influence of liquor when the shooting occurred, and that he was probably under morphine also.

The body of Caldwell will be buried to-day in Greenwood. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral of Mrs. Hayes. Dr. Hayes is waiting until he hears from her family in Chicago.

Three Men Frozen to Death.

BUFFALO, Feb. 26.—R. R. Jimeson, a farmer of Eggertsville, fell from his wagon and was frozen to death early Sunday morning while returning from market in this city. His body was found just outside the city line. Coroner John Kenney of Buffalo, in investigating the case, was overcome with cold and has not yet recovered from his terrible experience. John Carmody of Warsaw was frozen to death while driving toward his home yesterday in the blinding storm.

NEWBURGH, Feb. 26.—Oliver Thompson, 78 years of age, was found frozen to death this morning three miles from Goshen.

Man Frozen to Death in a Hay Loft.

Bernard McCarren, 24 years old, was found frozen to death yesterday in the hay loft of Millard Briggs's stable at 140 Young street, Blissville, Long Island City. McCarren slept in the stable. He was seen around Blissville late Saturday night and was not seen again until his body, frozen stiff, was found in the hay loft yesterday morning. McCarren had a home with an aunt, Mrs. John Daly, near Blissville, but he did not live there much.

Morrison's Case Before Grand Jury.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The Westchester Grand Jury took up to-day the case of Alfred Morrison whom District Attorney Andrews is trying to indict for murder in the first degree in shooting his wife, Mrs. Alida Morrison, at their home in Mount Vernon on Dec. 28. Twelve witnesses were examined before the Grand Jury took an adjournment until to-morrow, when they expect to complete the case and make their report to Justice Maddox.

Business Troubles.

Stephen O. Whitmore, dealer in men's furnishing goods at 73 Fulton street, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities $8,410 and assets $7,077.

MAX HAMBURGER, clerk at 25 West Eighteenth street, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities $2,323 and no assets. Of the liabilities $2,042 is a judgment obtained against him in June 19, 1899, by the American Horse Exchange.

Fire Chaplain Johnson Sails for Europe.

The Rev. James LeBaron Johnson, assistant rector of Grace Church and chaplain of the Fire Department, sailed for Naples yesterday on the steamship Aller. Chaplain Johnson was accompanied by his wife, whose health has caused him to make the trip across the ocean. He expects to return to New York about March 21.

Lost Her Smokestack in a Gale.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 26.—The steamer Delaware, from London to New York, put in at noon. Her smokestack was carried away in yesterday's hurricane.

GOLFER MACDONALD TALKS

NOT THE AIM OF THE U. S. G. A. TO OPPOSE THE SCOTTISH CODE.

It Will Simply Define Any of the Rules Which Might Be Misunderstood by Our Players—Garden City Seems to Be First Choice for Amateur Championship.

Charles B. Macdonald, who will represent the Chicago Golf Club at the annual meeting of the U. S. G. A. to-morrow night, is one of the first of the delegates from the associate clubs to arrive in the city. Mr. Macdonald, with Laurence Curtis and A. M. Coats, has charge of the interpretation of the revised St. Andrew's rules, which, under the U. S. G. A. constitution, must at once be adopted to govern the game in this country. In a talk at the Holland House last evening Mr. Macdonald said:

"In interpreting the rules it is not the aim of the U. S. G. A. to set up an American code that will oppose the Scottish code in any way, but to define, in accordance with the true spirit of the game as played at old St. Andrew's, any of the rules which might be misunderstood by our players. The work in this instance will not be as heavy as when Mr. Curtis and myself made the interpretations of the former St. Andrew's rules in 1897, for then through correspondence with the leading authorities abroad we were able to an extent to be in harmony with many of the changes in the revised St. Andrew's code. The rules are less cumbersome and far more comprehensive than the old code and the committee has found it necessary to make but few interpretations. We have practically agreed by correspondence on all but two points. To-morrow afternoon we will hold a meeting at which the work will be finished and we will report at the meeting in the evening. I believe the report will be so complete that it will be adopted at once, and nothing further need be done by the committee except to read the proofs in the year book."

Regarding the location of the championships this year Mr. Macdonald said that while he had not consulted any of the Executive Committee he thought that the amateur championship would go to Garden City, while Shinnecock Hills, Baltusrol and possibly Lakewood would make strong efforts to secure the women's tournament.

"Both the West and the East want the open championship," added Mr. Macdonald. "In as far as I may voice the desires of the Western applicants, I will say that no very bitter fight will be made to get the event, for the Western players have full confidence that the votes of the delegates will be cast for the course which will bring out the best contest, and whatever the delegates decide will be for the best interests of the game will suit our players."

Conversation with golfers of prominence about the city yesterday indicated that Garden City was the first choice for the amateur event, both Herbert M. Harriman and Walter J. Travis speaking in especial praise of the links as a true championship course. It looks as though both the Baltusrol and Shinnecock Hills links will have a strong support for the women's championship. The choice of links for the open championship seems to be an open question. A number of the M. G. A. professionals would rather pay at Baltusrol than journey either to Myopia or to the West.

Tom Bendelow, the golfer-in-chief at the Van Cortlandt Park public links, is to resign his place, which nominally is that of foreman in the Park Department. Although the regular salary was increased by the receipts from balls, clubs and tuition fees, Bendelow did not find the place as lucrative as he had expected, for he was forced to give up the laying out of links and other outside work. He will return to his former employers, but it is not yet settled whether he will be located in this city or in Chicago. The public links is now closed to allow the new spring turf to get a fair start, and the course will not be reopened until April. Meantime the project of organizing the players who use the Van Cortlandt links regularly into a club is making fine progress, and with the reopening of the links a permanent organization will have been effected, so that it will be practicable to run off regular handicap tournaments and to increase the general interest in the next competitions for the Morosini cup and other fixed events. Inquiries regarding the new club should be made to John Frick, the temporary secretary, 8 Liberty street.

Although a blizzard raged over the Crescent A. C. links on Sunday, and the course was covered with ice and deep drifts of snow, three of the members met in two friendly matches and established the cold weather records for the temporary nine-hole course. Only the medal play scores were considered and W. T. Smith won the first match by a stroke. The cards:

W. T. Smith	7	4	8	8	6	7	5	7	6—58
F. P. Kalley	6	5	7	8	8	5	6	6	5—59
K. Hovenden	7	6	7	7	6	8	6	6	6—59

After warming up in the clubhouse and donning extra sweaters a second match was played under the same conditions. This resulted as follows:

Hovenden	8	7	6	5	5	6	5	7	4—53
Kalley	8	8	6	5	7	6	8	8	4—60
Smith	Withdrew.								

The full plan for the rebuilding of the Harbor Hill Golf Club's house, recently destroyed by fire, was made public yesterday in accordance with the action at the special general meeting on Feb. 21.

The annual dues were raised from $15 to $20 and the dues of the associate members from $5 to $6. It was decided to build a new clubhouse, with improved accommodations, provided $3,000 can be raised, without causing any indebtedness to the club. If this is done the work will begin early in March and the building completed by May 1. The increase in dues, figuring at $5 on 200 members, will provide $1,000 toward the building fund this year, and the remainder of the dues, $15 per member, will suffice for the maintenance of the course and all other expenses. To raise the remaining $2,000 needed it was decided to ask the members to subscribe, all such subscriptions to be credited toward dues and distributed over 1901 and 1902. Twenty-three members have already subscribed over $900 and it is expected that the other members will cooperate to secure the success of the project.

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 26.—Harry Vardon practically led the "Pros" a hot chase over the links of the East Coast Club here to-day by keeping ahead of Low, Smith and Findlay in a four-ball match, and with Low for a partner scored 7 up and 6 to play at the end of eighteen holes. Low played a strong game, his approaches being perfect, but he was less fortunate on the greens. He rimmed the cup several times, but failed to drop. Findlay did not play up to his usual game. The scores were:

OUT.

Vardon	3	4	4	2	6	5	3	4	5—36
Low	5	4	6	3	6	5	3	4	6—42
Smith	4	4	7	3	6	6	4	4	6—44
Findlay	4	4	6	4	6	7	4	4	6—45

IN.

Vardon	4	4	4	2	6	5	4	5	6—40—76
Low	5	4	5	3	5	4	4	5	5—40—82
Smith	5	3	6	3	6	4	4	4	6—41—85
Findlay	5	4	6	3	6	4	3	4	7—42—87

According to this Vardon was 7 up and 5 to play against Low, 7 up and 6 with Smith and 8 up with 6 to play against Findlay. Low was 3 up and 2 to play against both Smith and Findlay. Since coming here both Vardon and Low have broken the nine-hole medal record of 33, each scoring 36, Vardon's eighteen-hole record of 76 stands instead of the previous mark of 79. The professionals will remain here another day.

A large party of golfers left on the steamer Miami for Nassau this evening to play in the amateur tournament commencing on March 1.

Deserters Return to Fort Slocum.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Many of the recruits who deserted from Fort Slocum last week returned to-day and were placed under arrest pending court-martial. All were penniless, having spent or lost their money in New York and some were obliged to walk back. The cold wave caught them unprepared and a number had their ears and hands frozen. More of the deserters are being captured by the police of different cities. Col. Woodruff, Commandant of the fort, received word this afternoon from Chief of Police of Binghamton, N. Y., stating that he had arrested a deserter.

Want Baseball Men to Smoke Union Cigars.

The Union Label Committee of the Cigarmakers' Union has appointed a sub-committee to confer with the New York Baseball Club with a view to having union-made cigars only sold on the ball grounds. The union cigarmakers say that they will try to persuade the members of the team to smoke only union cigars.

The Massachusetts and the Indiana Going to League Island.

The repairs on the battleship Massachusetts are advancing slowly at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. She will go to the League Island Navy Yard in about six weeks, where she will remain in reserve. The battleship Indiana, which is undergoing repairs, will also be sent to the League Island yard.

Lineman Killed by a Fall.

Fritz Wuesterlich, 40 years old, a lineman employed by the Edison Electric Light Company, while at work yesterday afternoon on an electric light pole at Atlantic and Bedford avenues, Brooklyn, fell to the ground and was killed.

DRANK WITH THEIR PRISONERS.

A Small but Merry Party of Travellers in an Uptown Bar Last Night.

The barroom of the Colonial Hotel at the southwest corner of 125th street and Eighth avenue was crowded at 7 o'clock last night when seven men suddenly walked in and stepping up to the bar ordered drinks. When the loungers in the place had an opportunity to look over the newcomers they discovered that four of them were handcuffed together. The men seemed to be on the best of terms with their three companions, who were apparently officers of the law.

The first round of drinks was drunk without any comment from the onlookers; but when the party started to go out again one of the men in the barroom invited them back to have another drink. They accepted at once, and the next hour was spent in drinking, the men in the barroom taking turns in treating. Everybody was having a good time, and no one seemed happier than the handcuffed men. The officer in charge was a short stout man with a long beard, and beneath his coat was a large star, which he frequently displayed.

The officers were good natured until the crowd became inquisitive and wanted to know who the prisoners were. Then the man with the beard remarked that it was time to go. On being pressed he said the prisoners were from Queens county and that he was taking them "up the State." The men were half-way up the elevated steps when one of those who had been in the barroom called them back for one last drink. They came willingly, and prisoners and officers took a "nightcap" of whiskey.

Then they boarded an elevated train to 155th street, where they took a train to Yonkers. At Yonkers they boarded a New York Central train bound north. That was the last seen of them.

SYSTEM IN MISSIONARY EFFORT.

Episcopal Ministers Think Its Introduction Would Be Beneficial.

The first of a series of conferences arranged to extend and systematize the efforts of the Episcopal Church in regard to missions was held yesterday at the mission at 281 Fourth avenue. The conferences were planned at a meeting of the Episcopal ministers of the city about a month ago which was held in response to a call sent out by the Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, General Secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missions. About fifty ministers were at the meeting yesterday which was presided over by Mr. Lloyd. The Rev. Dr. Greer of St. Bartholomew's Church said that the time had come for a change in the method of collecting money for missionary objects and he advocated the regulation of what is known as specials by the Board of Missions. By specials are meant persons who go about among the churches making appeals for individual missionary enterprises. Dr. Greer declared that only one-third of the money collected from the churches passed through the hands of the board, hence its power and responsibility were not equal. He outlined a plan which, he said, he would follow whether any one else did or not. No person should be allowed to appeal for offerings for any particular purpose, he said, unless the work had the imprimatur of the Board of Missions, which should have a general prospective of the whole field of missionary work. After a person had collected contributions he should then report to the board.

MEAT KNIFE TO CURE DESPONDENCY.

Kasciak Lost His Job, Cut His Throat Afterward and Is Likely to Die.

Theophilus Kasciak lost his place in a billiard table shop in East Eleventh street last Saturday. Early yesterday morning the landlady's son in the boarding house at 212 Second street, where Kasciak lived, saw him sharpening a large meat knife. "I want to die," cried Kasciak and before the lookers-on could prevent him cut a deep gash in his throat. Another boarder sat on him while the landlady called a policeman. Kasciak was taken to Bellevue Hospital, but the cut in his throat is likely to kill him.

OBITUARY.

Gen. Benjamin E. Cook, father of Capt. Francis A. Cook who commanded the Brooklyn at the naval battle of Santiago, died at his home at Northampton, Mass., on Sunday, aged 87. He was born at Hyde Park, Vt., on Dec. 31, 1803. When scarcely out of his teens he became Lieutenant of a militia company at Hudson, N. Y. Soon after he removed to Northampton. In 1826 he served as Captain of the Northampton Artillery. He acquired the title of General from having been a Brigadier-General of the Massachusetts militia from 1850 to 1856. He remembered many interesting events. He could recall when slaves were owned in New York and when he owned one himself. In 1824 he dined with Lafayette at the Livingston Manor house on the Hudson.

Hugh Moss Comer, President of the Central of Georgia Railway Company, died at Savannah, Ga., yesterday, aged 58. For years he was in the cotton business in Savannah. In 1892 he was appointed receiver of the Central of Georgia Railway, and was so successful that when the road was reorganized he was elected president. Mr. Comer was also President of the Ocean Steamship Company and of the Georgia Export and Import Company.

Dr. William Edward Wamsley died at his home, 361 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday, in his forty-fifth year. He was born at Rochester, N. Y., and had lived in Brooklyn for twenty years. He was a graduate of the Rochester University, the New York University Medical School and Long Island College Hospital. For several years he was one of the physicians attached to the Brooklyn Nursery.

George W. Wills, a Brooklyn lawyer, died yesterday, in his forty-first year, at his home, 834 Putnam avenue. He was a son of the late Capt. Henry Wills, who distinguished himself in the War of the Rebellion. He was formerly a partner of Supreme Court Justice Maddox, and at the time of his death was associated in business with Deputy County Treasurer Thomas F. Farrell of Brooklyn.

Mrs. Jane Eversley, widow of Charles Eversley, died at her home, 388 Washington avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday. She was born at Huntington, L. I., in 1817 and had lived in Brooklyn for the last fifty-three years. Two daughters, Mrs. V. L. Lockwood of Bloomfield, N. J., and Mrs. W. H. Childs of Brooklyn survive her.

Charles F. Wolz, Deputy Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions in Brooklyn, died yesterday, in his forty-fourth year, at his home 108 Vernon avenue.

Mr. William Butterfield, one of England's leading architects, is dead in London. He was 76 years old.

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