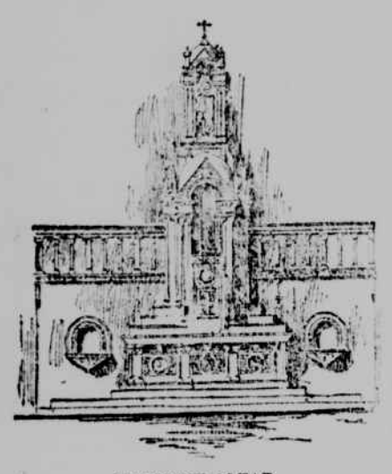
WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

YONKERS.

The handsome marble altar given to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in St. Mary-st., by the parishioners in honor of the silver anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Charles R. Corley, rector of the church, and as a token of their appreciation of his work for the church during his long pastorate, will be consecrated at 7 o'clock this morning, and the mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Corrigan. This altar, which has cost about $10,000, was designed by V. A. Fucigna, of New-York City, but was made at the studio of Araldo Fucigna in Florence, Italy, and was also exhibited in Italy before being shipped to this country. The altar proper stands twenty-eight feet in height from the floor, and is made of the best Carrara marble. The altar steps, gradines and the top of the mensa is of white Italian marble. Gold mosaics line the exposition niche and the medallion over the tabernacle is of gilt bronze,



THE NEW ALTAR.

and matches the tabernacle door. The three panels under the mensa slab are inlaid with Venetian mosaics. At the left is a pelican, in the centre the letters "I. H. S.," and at the right a lamb. The former and latter are formed of over 700 pieces. The reredos, which is seventeen feet high, has been made of fine Siena marble, from the convent quarries, and the two niches at either side of it are of the same material as the altar. It is said that no other altar in this country is provided with similar niches. In making the designs for the carvings the designer has kept constantly in mind the style of the church's architecture. A shrine surmounts the altar in which is a statue of the Virgin, and the whole is capped with a small gilt cross. The reredos and niches will be lighted with electricity, and a bunch of electric lights will illuminate the dome over the exposition niche. Six large brass candlesticks are to be placed on the gradines. It is expected that many leading clergymen and Catholics of the county, as well as this city, will attend the solemn high mass at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Father Corley will be the celebrant, the Rev. Patrick Mahony deacon, the Rev. Thomas J. Heafy sub-deacon, and the Rev. T. F. Flood master of ceremonies. The Very Rev. Robert McNamara, C. P., will be the preacher. Professor B. E. Johnston, organist of the church, has prepared a fine programme of music, as follows:

Prelude, March—"Festival" ..... Hoffman
Processional, "Ecce Sacerdos" ..... Tappert
Introit, "Cebavit eos" ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir.
Kyrie and Gloria ..... Haydn's Third Mass
Graduale, "Oculi Omnium" ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir.
Veni Creator ..... Lyendecker
Credo ..... Gounod's Solemn Mass
Offertory, "Ave Maria" ..... Hauptman
Contralto solo, Mrs. A. Ferry.
Sanctus ..... Haydn's Third Mass
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod's Solemn Mass
Communion, "Quotiescumque" ..... Gregorian
Chancel Choir.
Recessional, Te Deum ..... Romberg
Postlude, March from St. Polycarp ..... Ousley
Steadman's Orchestra will assist the organ.

Archbishop Corrigan will be present at the mass. At 7:45 p. m. there will be solemn vespers. Father Corley will be assisted by the Rev. Joseph C. Campbell, deacon; the Rev. Edward T. McGinley, sub-deacon; the Rev. T. F. Flood, master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Thomas F. Cusack will preach the sermon. The jubilee will last a week, and to-morrow night the girls of the parochial school will have a celebration in St. Mary's Hall, adjoining the rectory.

The Board of Water Commissioners, Board of Education and Board of Fire Commissioners met on Friday night in their several offices. At the meeting of the Water Board, Superintendent Lockwood reported that in May 97,250,000 gallons of water had been pumped, and of this 7,500,000 gallons had been repumped into the high service. He further reported that the six-inch main had been extended 400 feet southerly in Park Hill-ave., and 2,000 feet of eight-inch pipe had been laid in Warburton-ave., north of the asphalt. The rainfall in May was 4.97 inches. On June 1 the Grassy Spring reservoir was eight inches above the overflow line, being retained by the temporary dam in the waste-way. The Board of Education met to receive the report of the Committee on Architecture in relation to the proposed school building on the grounds of the Eickemeyer School, in Waverly-st. The committee recommended that the contract be awarded to P. J. Flannery, his bid of $26,997 being the lowest, and that for heating and ventilating to T. C. Northcott. The recommendations were adopted. At the meeting of the Fire Commissioners Chief Engineer Stahl reported that there had been seven fires since the Board last met, involving a loss of about $3,100. A communication was received from Charles Hecklinger, stating that he and twenty-four others had organized a fire company in Sherwood Park, and asked for 1,000 feet of hose. The subject was laid over for consideration. The Board accepted an invitation to attend the celebration of the forty-third anniversary of Protection Engine Company on Thursday evening.

The members of the Colored Republican Club held a meeting on Friday night in Townsend's Hall to make an investigation into the death of George Brown, who was killed on Memorial Day. The colored men do not seem to be satisfied with the verdict of the Coroner's jury exonerating Benjamin Keator, James Lynch and Cornelius Hefferman, who were arrested at the time. A committee composed of Robert Brown and W. H. Jackson were appointed to have a consultation with T. McCants Stewart, a colored lawyer of New-York City.

At the meeting of the Yonkers Bicycle Club on Friday night, Irving H. Beebe, of Dobbs Ferry, and A. L. Raven and G. W. Van Olinda, of this city, were elected members. Captain Stevens made the statement that he thought the club would have about a dozen men in the parade in Tarrytown on June 16.

At the June meeting of the 4th Separate Company, N. G., N. Y., on Friday night, the Bowling Alley Committee reported the new alleys completed and turned them over to the company. A committee of twelve, with Lieutenant Thompson as chairman, was appointed to prepare rules and regulations for the bowling, which will probably begin next week.

At the June meeting of the Missionary Society of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Miss Kirkwood completed her tenth year as president. The members presented a mantle clock to her in appreciation of her services.

The Hattie Simpson, from Barbadoes, is at the wharf at Main-st., discharging 8,600 bags and 1,287 hogsheads of sugar for the National Sugar Refinery.

Beginning yesterday, the employes of the Otis Bros. & Co. and the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company receive half-holidays on Saturday.

A postal Civil Service examination was held at Yonkers postoffice yesterday. About a dozen persons took the examination.

NEW-ROCHELLE.

George D. Leach, who served as trustee of this village last year sailed on June 3 for Europe, where he will remain for several months.

Several prominent men of this place have under consideration the formation of a permanent athletic club. There is abundance of good material in the village, and no reason exists why such an organization should not meet success. Among those who are active in this matter are Arthur E. Walradt and Professor Vulte, of Columbia College.

Professor William K. Gillette has sailed for Paris, where he will spend several months, studying and bicycling. The best wishes of his friends follow him.

MOUNT VERNON.

The Mount Vernon Public Library has been aided in its work by Congressman Ben L. Fairchild, who has taken an active and personal interest in it, as he has in every other public institution brought to his attention in his district. Through his efforts the Library received yesterday twenty-five volumes of Government documents—not of the ordinary unimportant sort, but books of value and interest, and which will be used for daily reference by many. They are selections from the "remainders" of public documents for libraries, made by the Superintendent of Public Documents, Washington, and designated by members of the LIVth Congress approved January 12, 1895. Among them are four volumes of "Consular Reports," reports of the Weather Bureau, National Academy of Sciences, National Museum, acceptance of statues of John Stark and Daniel Webster, and messages and documents. The 500-volume Scribner Library, a "gift of the women of Mount Vernon," will be formally presented to the Board of Trustees on Saturday evening next. The books have been shipped, but there is a small amount of the $500 purchase fund yet unsubscribed, and as it is believed that all of the women of the city desire to be among the givers, the subscription book will be kept open a few days longer for the reception of such contributions of money as people may wish to make. Mrs. Joseph S. Wood, No. 135 South

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Barnum's circus came to town on Friday afternoon and evening, and everybody went and, of course, took their children. That was the excuse of the adults for going. As the census shows a population of only about 18,000, and it is asserted that there was an attendance of 30,000 in the afternoon and evening, the decision reached, after the most careful mathematical computation by several experts, was that two-thirds of those who went in the afternoon went again in the evening, and that the 18,000 of local population must have sent out of town for two-thirds as many as they could muster and brought 12,000 outsiders in to see the elephants go round.

WHITE PLAINS.

E. B. Long, Editor of "The News," starts for St. Louis on Tuesday next, accompanied by Mrs. Long.

At the meeting of the Board of Education on Friday evening the present corps of eighteen teachers was re-engaged for the year, and it was decided to increase the number to twenty-one. Upon recommendation of James H. Moran, counsel to the Board, it was ordered that the balance due upon the contract for building the new high school be paid to Mrs. O'Rourke, widow of the contractor and executrix of his estate. The balance due amounts to about $7,000, and has been withheld on account of complications in the accounts of the contractor, who died before the work was completed.

In the Surrogate's Court yesterday, H. R. Barrett, transfer tax appraiser, made his return in the settlement of the estate of John M. Tompkins, of White Plains. There are fourteen beneficiaries. Letters of administration have been issued in the estate of Joseph E. Lloyd, of New-Rochelle, Herbert D. Lloyd, administrator. The will of Mrs. John Berry, of Mount Vernon, was filed on Saturday. The estate is left to the husband of the testatrix. The will of W. Frank Minnerly, of Tarrytown, was also filed. The estate ($9,500) is bequeathed to his wife.

An Italian, who some years ago shot and seriously wounded one of the superintendents connected with the work of the Croton Aqueduct, in the upper portion of Westchester County, and who was convicted of the crime, for which he was duly imprisoned, appeared before Judge Lent, in the County Court, yesterday, and asked to be made a citizen. The Judge did not think him a proper person and accordingly refused the request.

Yesterday was a busy day in the courthouse, where three courts were in session during the morning. County Judge Lent presiding in the County Court and Justices Dykman and Keogh each holding special terms of the Supreme Court.

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors held in the courthouse to-morrow. The meeting is called to authorize the town of Harrison to issue bonds, the money to be expended in improving the highways of that town, and for such other business as may come before the Board.

A competitive examination of candidates for the State scholarships in Cornell University, falling to the county of Westchester, was held in the courthouse, yesterday morning, before Superintendent of Schools Charles E. Gordon, of Yonkers; Superintendent Charles E. Nichols, of Mount Vernon, and F. M. Thompson, School Commissioner. There were three candidates examined. Frederick B. Hufnagel, of Mount Vernon; John W. Ihlder, of Yonkers, and Charles F. Kingsley, of New-Rochelle. As the county is entitled to three scholarships, one for each Assembly District, the three applicants, if they make anything like a fair average in their examinations, will each receive an appointment.

A number of men, including Governor Morton, Cornelius Bliss, Joel B. Erhardt and others, formed a company and purchased the property known as the Chauncey estate, in the town of Greenburg. Title was taken in the name of J. B. Erhardt, who gave a mortgage to George Bliss to secure the stockholders, who invested in the property about $200,000. Yesterday in the Supreme Court, before Justice Dykman, a motion was made to appoint a receiver, and providing for the sale of the property and the distribution of the proceeds among the stockholders. The Judge denied the motion, holding that such proceeding was unnecessary, and advising the beginning of a suit to foreclose the mortgage.

At the recent city election in Mount Vernon Henry S. Armstrong, Republican candidate for Alderman in the First Ward, was declared elected on the face of the returns. The Myers ballot machine was used, and the Democratic candidate, William C. Many, had only two votes to his credit at the close of the polls. Since then Many has obtained the affidavits of over one hundred voters that they voted for him. A motion to order a new election was made before Justice Keogh in the Supreme Court yesterday. The Justice took the papers in the case and reserved his decision.

PEEKSKILL.

In the First Presbyterian Church this morning the annual baccalaureate sermon will be preached to the cadets of the Peekskill Military Academy and of the Lake Mohegan Military Academy, by the Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, the pastor of the church, who has for a number of years been a sort of chaplain to the two schools. The cadets attend this church regularly through the school year. They will appear in full uniform.

This being the first Sunday in June, most of the services in the churches begin to-day a quarter of an hour later than heretofore. This arrangement lasts throughout the heated term. In the First Baptist Church the Rev. Dr. Hugh C. Townley, the pastor, will preach both morning and evening. In the Reformed Church, Montrose, the Rev. William L. Pattison will occupy the pulpit. In Calvary Mission the usual services will be held, and Miss Pember, of Sing Sing, will lead. The Rev. Dr. M. P. Welcher will occupy the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian Church. In the Church of the Assumption there will be the usual masses, celebrated by the Rev. Dr. James T. Curran. The Rev. William Fisher Lewis will conduct the usual services in St. Peter's Episcopal Church. In St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church the Rev. James W. A. Dodge will preach. The morning services will be preceded by a five-minute sermon to children. At the First Methodist Episcopal Church the Rev. Alfred Coons will preach.

There was a large gathering on the lawn of St. Gabriel's School last evening. At 6:30 o'clock Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" was given by the Dramatic Club. The performance was ended before dark. The cast of young ladies was as follows:

Theseus ..... Miss Starkey
Hippolyta ..... Miss Finch
Philostrate ..... Miss Grannis
Quince ..... Miss Day
Snug ..... Miss Salbury
Bottom ..... Miss Brand
Flute ..... Miss Jones
Snout ..... Miss Steiner
Starveling ..... Miss Paulding
Oberon ..... Miss Stevens
Titania ..... Miss J. Price
Puck ..... Miss Waterhouse
Fairies ..... Miss Simpson, Miss Lawton, Miss Crozier, Miss Wright, Miss Smith

The proceeds of the entertainment were for the benefit of the school paper.

Centennial Hose Company No. 4 voted at their meeting on Friday night not to take any part in the firemen's parade that is proposed for the fall in this place.

Second Assistant Engineer D. C. Hasbrouck has been elected by his company, Centennial Hose Company No. 4, as a delegate to the State Firemen's Convention in Lockport in August.

The annual field day of the Peekskill Military Academy yesterday brought out some good records. The committee was Lieutenant J. L. Chamberlin, W. Hewetson, Cadets F. W. Chapman, G. H. Miller, W. G. Stewart, R. S. Walker. Starter—Lieutenant J. L. Chamberlin. Judges—F. P. Baltz, W. Hewetson, Cadet E. L. Chapman. Time-keepers—Cadets L. R. Breslin and L. Kuker.

The events, winners and records made were as follows:

Morning—One-hundred-yard dash—First class, C. M. Wing, 11 seconds; second class, Thomson, 11½ seconds; third class, La Forte, 13½ seconds.

Putting shot—First class, Miller, 33 ft. 3¼ in.; second class, Benedict, 24 ft. 7 in.

Standing broad jump—First class, Starke, 9 ft. 6¾ in.; second class, Thomson, 8 ft. 5½ in.

Four hundred and forty-yard dash—First class, C. M. Wing finished first, but there was a charge of fouling; Walker, second. Second class, Strous, 1:08. Third class, Strous, 1:11 1-5.

Throwing baseball—Fritts, 96 yards.

Pole vault—Stark, 8 ft. 1¾ in.

Half-mile race—First class, C. M. Wing came in first. Time—2:20. He was, however, disqualified and Fritts received the heat. Second class, Blanck, 3:05.

The afternoon's sport began at 2 o'clock, with one-hundred-and-twenty-yard hurdle race. Stewart won in 18 4-5 seconds.

High jump—First class, F. W. Chapman, 5 ft. ¾ in.; second class, Thompson, 4 ft. 4¾ in.

Two-hundred-and-twenty-yard dash—First class, C. M. Wing, 27 4-5 seconds; second class, Thompson, 28 2-5 seconds.

Mile walk—Waters was the only one who finished. Time, 10:13½.

At 3:40 o'clock the four-hundred-and-forty-yard dash, first class, which was contested in the morning, was run over again. Wing was the only finisher. Time—1:03 2-5.

Throwing hammer—Whitbeck, 85 ft. 2 in.

Half-mile race—C. M. Wing, 2:20. Foul was claimed, and Wing was disqualified. Race was given to Fritts, second.

Running broad jump—Stewart, 17 ft. 11½ in.

Mile race—C. M. Wing, 6:46 2-5.

SING SING.

The annual commencement exercises at Ossining School for young women will take place on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. The reunion of the alumnæ will be held at 10 o'clock, and luncheon at 1 p. m. To-day the commencement sermon will be preached by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Omaha, at 4 p. m. To-morrow evening, at 8:15, there will be a piano and song recital and art reception.

Tuesday will be commencement day at Dr. Holbrook's military academy, Briar Cliff. The following programme for the day has been announced: Rhetorials, at 3:30; review, 4:45; dress parade, 5:15. At 8 o'clock in the evening there will be a prize drill, followed by dancing until midnight.

George Storms, timekeeper at the Elliott F. Shepard estate, Scarborough, was intrusted with about $500 on Friday, with which to pay the men working on the place. He immediately borrowed a bicycle from a man named Davis, and neither Storms, the bicycle nor the money have been seen since. His mother has received a telegram from him from some place in New-Jersey, assuring her that he was all right, and since then Davis received a telegram from Philadelphia, informing him that his bicycle had been left for him in Tarrytown. Storms is about twenty-three years old, is married and has two children. He has been employed on the Shepard place for about three years.

James Bedell, of the Ossining electric railway, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Sing Sing water works.

Mrs. E. F. Sheehan and her son have gone to the Adirondacks, where they will spend the summer months.

L. P. Henop and his family are spending the summer season at their country home in this village.

The annual ice cream and strawberry festival of Calvary Chapel, Sparta, will be held on Tuesday evening.

TARRYTOWN.

The residents in the neighborhood of Wildey-st. and Mechanic-ave., Tarrytown, were aroused by a number of pistol shots and cries of "Police!" at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. The disturbance was occasioned by a man named William McGlocklin breaking a large glass in the show window of Curcan's saloon in Wildey-st. The proprietor heard the smash and, opening a window in a room in the upper part of the house, fired a pistol and called for the police, believing that his house was being robbed. Policeman Bowles promptly arrested the man, who was intoxicated and had walked into the window, thinking it was the way home. In court later in the morning McGlocklin pleaded guilty to being intoxicated the night before, and was discharged after paying for the damage he had done.

The Women's Relief Corps, auxiliary to Ward B. Burnett Post, G. A. R., will give a strawberry festival in Masonic Hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

The annual meeting of the Tarrytown Hospital Association will be held on Tuesday evening in the hall of the Young Men's Lyceum.

"The Robin's Nest" will open for its sixth season to-morrow with fourteen children from St. John's Guild Hospital of New-York City. The house is in charge of Mrs. Gammons, matron, and will be open for inspection next Friday afternoon.

WHEAT ON A BOOM.

A RISE OF SEVEN CENTS A BUSHEL IN FOUR DAYS—OTHER MARKETS AFFECTED.

Chicago, June 6 (Special).—Wheat advanced 3 cents to-day, making 7 cents advance within four days. July opened around 60⅝, sold between 60 and 62⅛ and closed at, nominally, 62c. Before the pit was cleared of the excited traders the July price was 62½c. The rally was started by a Kansas State report giving winter wheat condition as 69, almost thirty points less than in May. Clearances for the week, 3,212,000, showed an increase over the week previous of about 1,600,000. Minneapolis reported the flour sales for forty-eight hours equal to the product of about 1,600,000 bushels wheat. An advance in flour was announced of 15 cents a barrel, and a further advance was reported probable before the day was over. The feature in the pit was enormous buying by Cudahy, who was fortunate in covering up a big short line around the bottom and who has been helping Lindbull prices for the last few days. The extraordinary advance caused an enormous amount of realizing. It also put entirely out of the question any cash business. Northwestern receipts are large—477 cars, against 233 last year. There were fair clearances, about 300,000 bushels. Paris cables reported additional rains and a restoration of the fine crop prospects there. The pit theory is that the market will continue to advance until the Government report is out.

Corn lagged until the last of the session; then it advanced very suddenly 1 cent a bushel on covering by shorts. July opened at 28⅝, sold between 28 and 29 sellers, and closed at 28¾ cents. The Kansas report made the corn condition 90. Receipts were 505 cars; the estimate for Monday 475. There was not much of a cash demand, charters only being 78,000 bushels; clearances were only 230,000 bushels. There was a large out-inspection, 266,000 bushels. There will be a good-sized increase Monday in local stocks—about 600,000 bushels. A rally of a cent just at the close was on the buying of about 500,000 bushels for local and St. Louis short account.

Oats acted very much as corn did, were weak early, but just before the close rallied ½ cent. July opened at 18, sold between 17¾ and 18¼ and closed at 18¼ cents. The Kansas report made the oats condition 83.5. Private reports from the West contained frequent reference to rust and "lodging." Charters were reported for 80,000 bushels. There was an enormous out-inspection, 465,000. The inspection was 437 cars; the estimate for Monday 220.

Provisions bulls had reasons for disappointment. Their market showed a little strength early on light receipts, but it did not hold, notwithstanding the extraordinary advance in wheat and the moderate advance in oats and corn. Provisions finally closed just where they did Friday. The trouble was packers met the early advance with free selling. Cudahy particularly being a free seller of pork. There were 12,000 hogs, priced at yards were 5 cents higher. The estimate for Monday, however, was 28,000. The estimate for next week was 160,000.

On the curb "puts" on July wheat closed at 60⅝; "calls" at 64⅝ cents. "Puts" on September corn closed at 29½; "calls" at 30½.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

ALBEMARLE—Congressman Franklin Bartlett. BUCKINGHAM—Professor O. C. Marsh, of Yale University. CAMBRIDGE—Mrs. John R. McPherson and daughter, of Washington. EVERETT—Daniel Magone, of Ogdensburg, N. Y. FIFTH AVENUE—Congressman Richard C. McCormick, of Jamaica, Long Island. HOLLAND—Norman Williams, of Chicago, and P. H. Tod, of Maritzburg, South Africa. IMPERIAL—The Rev. Philip W. Pountney, of St. Louis. MARLBOROUGH—General James D. MacBride, of Philadelphia. MURRAY HILL—Congressman Frank S. Black, of Troy, and Merrill E. Gates, president of Amherst College.

NEW-YORK CITY.

There will be a discussion on the silver question to-morrow evening in the rooms of the New-York Bimetallic Association, No. 20 East Fourteenth-st. Thomas M. Thorpe will speak for the free coinage of silver, and E. Ellery Anderson will speak for the gold standard.

The James G. Blaine Club of the XIth Senate District will have a housewarming in its new clubrooms, at No. 233 East Broadway, to-morrow, and a number of prominent Republicans have accepted invitations to make addresses.

The steamship Peru has arrived at San Francisco with mails from China and Japan of the following dates: Hong Kong, May 11; Shanghai, May 13; Yokohama, May 27. These mails are due to arrive in New-York next Wednesday morning. The next mail for China and Japan, after the arrival of the foregoing mails, will close at the General Postoffice in this city at 6.30 p. m. on June 13.

An informal illustrated talk will be given before the Camera Club at its rooms, No. 111 to 115 West Thirty-eighth-st., on Tuesday evening, at 8:30 o'clock. A triple stereopticon, devised by J. B. Colt & Co., will be used to project upon the screen views in the natural colors from negatives made through color films by R. D. Gray.

George T. Bliss, of Morton, Bliss & Co., said yesterday that there was no truth in the story that the firm had purchased the Niagara Falls Hydraulic Power and Manufacturing Company.

Mayor Strong went to Boston yesterday, as announced, to attend the funeral of Miss Helen Bradlee, the philanthropist. The Mayor expected to be at his office in the City Hall on Monday, as usual.

The beautiful corner display window of Lord & Taylor, Broadway and Twentieth-st., always attracts a great deal of attention from passers-by. Yesterday, appropriate to the occasion of the great bicycle parade, the window display was made up of handsome bicycle costumes in original designs for both men and women, as well as many other articles required to make an outfit for the wheel complete.

The Municipal Civil Service Board has ordered the following examinations to be held: June 16, property clerk, Department of Public Charities; June 17, driver, repairs and supplies, Fire Department; June 18, timekeeper, Department of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, etc.; June 19, doorman, Department of Public Parks. Application blanks for any of these examinations may be obtained from the secretary of the Board, in the new Criminal Courts Building.

A social reunion of the Alumni of Columbia College will be held at Sherry's, Thirty-seventh-st. and Fifth-ave., to-morrow evening, under the management of the Association of the Alumni of Columbia College. The reception will begin at 8:30 o'clock, and the senior class will be the guests of the evening. Supper will be served at 10 o'clock. The Committee on Reunion, of which Dr. William K. Otis is chairman, will be in charge.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is open free to the public from 10 a. m. to sunset on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; on Sunday afternoons from 1 o'clock to sunset, and on the evenings of Mondays and Fridays. On Mondays and Fridays from 10 o'clock until sunset copyists, art students and members of the Museum only are admitted free; others have to pay an entrance fee of 25 cents on these two days.

The Museum of Natural History is open on weekdays from 9 to 5 o'clock. On Tuesday and Saturday evenings from 8 to 10 o'clock the public is admitted free. On Sundays it is open from 1 to 5 o'clock. Admission is charged on Mondays and Tuesdays.

A HANDSOME LAKE YACHT LAUNCHED.

Buffalo, June 6.—The handsomest steam yacht on the lakes, the Enquirer, the property of William J. Conners, publisher and proprietor of the newspaper "The Enquirer," was successfully launched late this afternoon from the yard of the Union Dry Dock Company. The Enquirer, when fully completed, which will be in about two weeks, will be one of the finest craft of her sort afloat. The total cost will be in the neighborhood of $70,000. Her hull is of steel and the decks of white pine. Her dimensions are: Length, 144 feet; water-line measurement, 123 feet; beam, 17½ feet; depth, 10.6 feet. The yacht is of 140 tons burden.

COMMISSIONER OLNEY ACQUITTED.

Willimantic, Conn., June 6.—The jury in the case against ex-School Fund Commissioner Olney this morning returned a verdict of not guilty on all the twenty counts set up by the State. On the request of Mr. Olney's counsel a general verdict of not guilty on all the counts in the information was rendered. Mr. Olney was arraigned in the Superior Court on May 28 on information concerning forty counts covering twenty dates between May 18, 1891, and June 18, 1895, two counts on each date, one for converting money belonging to the State Normal School fund to his own use and the other for receiving money in excess of the salary fixed by law, through S. L. Gunn, of Lima, Ohio.

WHAT A CITY PASTOR SEES

TEN DAYS WITH THE PRESBYTERIANS AT SARATOGA.

Presbyterians who love peace are extremely happy over the result of the recent General Assembly held at Saratoga. It has been a good year for the Church in spite of the hard times. The number of additions on confession of faith was about sixty-five thousand, bringing up the total membership of this branch of the Presbyterian Church to 800,000. The debts on all the boards have been decreased through the effort made a year ago to raise a reunion fund in honor of the quarter of a century which has elapsed since the old and new schools were reunited at Pittsburg. The amount received was not as great as the committee had hoped to secure, but in view of all the circumstances it was felt that the work of the Church had been greatly benefited by this special effort.

While it is not true that everything depends upon the Moderator, it is true that a great deal of the reputation for good or ill which characterizes an Assembly must be borne by the man who is willing to assume the reponsibilities of that office. Dr. John L. Withrow has left Saratoga with something of the feeling of the cannibal chief who was asked when he was dying if he was willing to forgive all of his enemies. "I have none," he said, "I have eaten them all." Dr. Withrow, it is said, conquered his chief opponent for the Moderatorship, if it were necessary to do so, by offering him the highest office in the body next to his own, and this spirit of conciliation was carried on until the final adjournment. Man after man who had opposed his election rallied to his support, and went home singing in his heart the sentiment of the closing hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." The Moderator was courteous in his manner, while firm in his rulings, and the elder with three initials after his name or the clergyman with two could not get the floor any easier than the farmer or the home missionary. No vote was rushed through while one man desired to speak. It was the universal opinion that Dr. Withrow is a model Moderator.

Among the numerous decisions reached by the Assembly far-reaching in their character perhaps the most important was that relating to the rights of presbyteries. The question came before the Assembly a year ago as to what should be done by the New-York Presbytery with students applying to be taken under its care while in Union Seminary. The Assembly decided that the presbytery should not receive them while they were studying in a seminary for whose teaching it disavowed responsibility. Members of the presbytery immediately affected by the answer and others read in the answer not only a boycott so far as Union was concerned, but also a blow at the inherent rights of presbyteries as to whom they should license. On the closing day of the Assembly that held the action of the former Assembly was affirmed, so far as the reception by presbyteries of students as candidates was concerned, but an explanatory statement was inserted in the answer to the effect that the rights of presbyteries to determine the qualification of candidates for licensure were fully recognized. This means that a young man can go through Union Seminary without being taken under the care of a presbytery, and can then be licensed if he can stand the examination of the presbytery to which he applies. This answer is taken as a victory by both parties, and is therefore eminently satisfactory.

Another question of widespread interest because it affects not merely the young people in the Presbyterian Church, but young people of all denominations, was the action taken in regard to the young people's societies. The Assembly decided by a vote practically unanimous that no steps should be taken looking to a Presbyterian society of young people which should be in any sense a rival to the Christian Endeavor movement. This announcement was hailed with joy by the pastors who have Christian Endeavor societies in their churches. At the same time, the representative of the United Society of Christian Endeavor who was present said that the statement of the relation between individual societies and the Church, prepared by the committee of which Dr. Breed was chairman and adopted without dissent by the entire Assembly, was the best of the kind that he had ever read.

Church unity was relegated to the place of things that have been, and it will be a long time before Presbyterian ministers, as Dr. Bartlett, of Washington, once said in the Assembly, "will wear white gowns in the daytime," although he added that personally, for the sake of Christian unity, he would be willing to make that concession.

The management of the Board of Home Missions, which still has a debt of $259,000 in spite of all the efforts to free the Board from debt, and the wisdom of having three Boards of the Church in a building costing practically $2,000,000 are to be reported upon at the next Assembly by special committees to which these delicate questions have been intrusted. Ex-President Harrison has been appointed on one of these committees.

A CHANCE FOR YALE POETS.

New-Haven, Conn., June 6.—Professor Albert S. Cook, of the English department at Yale, announced to-day that a prize of $50 would be awarded for the best poem, not to exceed 100 lines, written by a Yale undergraduate in the coming year. The judges were announced as Edmund Clarence Stedman, Thomas Bailey Aldrich and Francis Fisher Brown.

ANSWERS THE DESCRIPTION OF HERMANS

Chattanooga, Tenn., June 6.—A few days ago a local paper reported the arrest at Murphy, N. C., of a man giving his name first as Johnson and then as the Rev. J. S. Brown, for breach of trust in hiring a span of horses at Cleveland, Tenn., and selling them at Murphy. The prisoner was taken to Cleveland and indicted by the Grand Jury. His trial is to come off in September. Joseph T. Ball, the Cleveland liveryman who owned the team, cut out the paragraph and mailed it to the chief of police at Salt Lake City, as the man's appearance tallied exactly with that of the much-wanted murderer, Francis Hermans. Chief Pratt telegraphed Sheriff Blackburn yesterday to hold his prisoner at all hazards, that he would send a photograph and full description by mail, and if they fully coincided would at once send an officer who could recognize him.

A LITERARY CAREER NIPPED IN THE BUD.

Alfred, Me., June 6.—Alfred J. Hurd, of Biddeford, was found guilty to-day of the murder of his father, James E. Hurd. The murder was committed with an axe and a razor. The young man had become angered because his father insisted upon his doing farmwork, while he desired to pursue a literary career.

AS A FAVOR TO AUNT SUSAN.

BUT THE COLONEL WILL NEVER MAKE SUCH A CALL AGAIN TO OBLIGE ANY RELATIVE.

"I say," said the Colonel, looking around the table, "did either of you fellows ever try to hunt up one of your aunt's sixth or seventh cousins whom you had never seen?"

"No," said Johnson; "never had that pleasure. Kindly pass me the mustard."

"Well," continued the Colonel, stroking his mustache tenderly, "if ever you get to feeling too happy for health just you try it. It's a sure cure for undue joy.

"A few weeks ago," he went on, "I got a letter from my Aunt Susan, who lives in Chicago, asking me to look up the second cousin of her sister's first husband's step-brother."

"Her what?" inquired Johnson, sharply.

"I said it," retorted the Colonel. "If you can't understand anything as simple as that I might as well give up trying to tell this story. The lady's name, Aunt Susan said, was Mrs. James Jackson. As I don't often have a chance to do anything for Aunt Susan I consulted a directory with all haste. I found that there were thirty-seven James Jacksons in the city."

"What did you do?" said Johnson. "Put 'em in a hat and draw one?"

"I did think of sending a type-written letter to the fifty-three Mrs. Jacksons," answered the Colonel, "asking them if they were the second cousins of the step-brother of my Aunt Susan's sister's first husband, but it occurred to me that one or two of the seventy-two James Jacksons might be unmarried, in which case they would probably say mean things about me, so I wrote to Aunt Susan and asked her which one of the eighty-three Mrs. Jacksons the second cousin of her sister's first husband's step-brother by marriage this one was, and where the devil she lived. In a few weeks more I got an answer saying that the second"—

"Y-es, we know what you mean," said Johnson, "if you do speak Dutch."

"Well, all right—she lived at a certain number in Forty-second-st. So one Sunday evening, being in a benevolent mood, I thought I would cheer Mrs. Jackson's heart with a sight of me. I went. When the maid opened the door I said, 'Is Mrs. James H. Jackson in?'"

"She said she was."

"'Please take my card to her,' I said. She said she would. Then she showed me into the drawing-room, which was as dark as a war cloud, and went away without lighting the gas. I tried to find a chair and fell over a cricket. While I was on all fours hunting for my hat, I saw a man's figure outlined against the doorway.

"'Mr.-er-er-Rowe?' he said inquiringly.

"I said, 'I am it. But I asked for Mrs. Jackson, I believe—Mrs. James H. Jackson.'

"'Oh,' he said. 'Please walk this way.'

"I tried my best, but I couldn't. He waddled like a duck. I followed him into the library.

"'Maria,' he said, 'This is Mr.-er-Rowe.'

"A tall, gray-haired woman with a Roman nose rose from the far corner and stood still.

"'Indeed,' said she.

"I felt encouraged to remark, 'I dare say you have heard my name before.'

"'Oh, ah, yes, to be sure, she said, with a vacant grin. 'Rowe—yes, to be sure, of course.'

"Having thus been assured that I was welcome, I helped myself to a chair and went on: 'My aunt Susan, Miss Reed, of Chicago, wished me to look in on you. She said she spoke to you of me last summer.'

"'M-m, yes—so she did,' said Mrs. Jackson, looking as if she was having a tooth pulled. 'So she did.' Mr. Jackson was writing letters in a corner. I was looking at the pictures on the opposite wall, and trying to remember where I had seen worse ones. Suddenly I saw the light of a dawning intelligence in her eyes.

"'You—you—er write, or—or—something, don't you?' she said, hopefully. I said I did.

"'And your mother was—er'—

"She looked as if she was suffering, so I said 'My mother's maiden name was Ralston.'

"She fairly jumped at this. 'You took the word out of