

C. W. DARLING, Engineer-in-Chief, S. N. Y.: First Dragoons, Second New-York Cavalry, Third, Sixth and Tenth New-York Artillery; One Hundred and Sixteenth, One Hundred and Fifteenth and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth New-York Volunteers, and a few from the Tenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Seventeenth Cavalry. The payments are made by checks transmitted from Washington, which are being transferred as rapidly as possible, by Gen. DARLING and his assistants, to the parties for whom they are designed.

At a meeting of H Company, Ninth Regiment, held on Wednesday evening last, the following officers were unanimously elected: First Lieut. R. D. Young, Captain, vice Johnston, resigned; Second Lieut. John Raper, First Lieutenant, vice Young, promoted; First Sergt. M. Benjamin, Second Lieutenant, vice Raper, promoted; Second Sergt. John F. Smith, First Sergeant, vice Benjamin, promoted; Third Sergt. Walter Roach, Second Sergeant, vice Smith, promoted; Fourth Sergeant Andrew Coffee, Third Sergeant, vice Roach, promoted; Fifth Sergeant Howard E. Sandford, Fourth Sergeant, vice Coffee, promoted. Lieut. Col. CHARLES H. BRAINE presided. The election passed off with the very best of feeling.

A warm contest is going on in military circles in Albany, in regard to the election of a successor to Brig.-Gen. RATHBONE, of the Ninth Brigade, which is to come off on the 23d inst. The candidates are Cols. CHURCH and WOODHULL.

A few days ago Capt. TIMOTHY McAULIFFE, of Company B, Twenty-fourth (Troy) Regiment, tendered his resignation to the officers in command of the regiment. Col. LE ROX returned the same, on the ground of informality in the method of making out the document. This was in accordance with the general order recently issued by the Adjutant-General.

Capt. L. G. T. BRUCE, of Company F, Fifth Regiment, has declined the majority of that command, to which he was elected last week. This is in obedience to a series of resolutions adopted by his company requesting such declination.

Battalion drills in the Third and Fourth Regiments of Zouaves took place on the State Arsenal on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Both were well attended and partially successful.

Company D, Thirty-seventh Regiment, Capt. SHAW commanding, gave a grand reception on Wednesday evening at their rooms. The affair was a perfect success, as is usual with this company, and the assemblage of guests an imposing one. Col. FARAN and other officers of the Thirty-seventh were present. Dancing was continued until a late hour.

The complimentary promenade concert and ball given by the Twelfth Regiment Band, for the benefit of their leader, JOHN G. OTTO, came off on Monday evening, at the Regimental Armory, corner of Fourth-street and Broadway. The occasion drew together a fashionable assemblage of the members of the regiment and the numerous friends of the band. We understand that the benefit was a substantial one, as it deserved to be.

In pursuance of the resolution passed at the last meeting of their Board of Officers, the Twenty-second Regiment are rapidly preparing the arrangements for the military promenade concert to be given by them on the 13th of April, which was announced in last Sunday's TIMES. Col. POST has issued an order designating Capt. DAVID P. BROWN and GEORGE N. WINGATE, as officers of the day, and appointing the following detail for the guard-mounting, directed to take place on that occasion, viz: A Company, 1 sergeant, 10 privates; B Company, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, and 20 privates; C Company, 1 sergeant and 10 privates; D Company, 1 corporal and 10 privates; E Company, 1 sergeant and 10 privates; F Company, 1 corporal and ten privates; G Company, 1 sergeant and ten privates; H Company, 1 corporal and ten privates; I Company, 1 corporal and 10 privates. Officers of the Guard: Lieuts. CHARLES D. WALKER, F Company; and THEODORE REELAND, D Company. The foregoing guard were directed to report for instruction to the officers of the day, on the 23d inst., at 8 P. M.

#### The Late Dr. Edward Ruggles.

The Council of the National Academy of Design have passed resolutions setting forth the "deep regret with which they learned of the death of their late honorary member, EDWARD RUGGLES, M. D., and their purpose to cherish the memory of his genial character, his devotion to art, and his varied accomplishments."

We have also received the following from the American Institute:

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the annual fair of the American Institute, held March 13, 1867, Prof. S. D. TYLMAN announced the decease of Dr. EDWARD RUGGLES, a late member of the Board, and after briefly but feelingly alluding to various incidents of his life, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the American Institute is deeply moved by a recent unexpected dispensation, which has suddenly terminated the earthly career of a fellow member, Dr. EDWARD RUGGLES, of Brooklyn. Standing high in his profession as a physician—a lover of Art and student of Nature, who had achieved success with his pencil—a consummate critic, who was as quick to appreciate genius as to detect charlatanism—a skillful mechanic who never overlooked merit in the artisan—this man of rare endowments and extensive culture was not slow to foresee the high mission of the American Institute in the dissemination of useful knowledge, and had lately become warmly enlisted in new efforts for extending its usefulness. The departure of such a man at this time has left a void in the Board not easily filled; but while the remaining members are keenly sensible of the extent of this bereavement, they cannot refrain from expressing their profound sympathy for the companion who shared his joys and griefs, his toils and triumphs, until the tie has been severed, which leaves her heart and home desolate.

JOHN W. CHAMBERS, Secretary.

#### BROOKLYN NEWS.

MASONIC.—A meeting of delegates from twenty-six Masonic lodges of the Western District of Brooklyn was held in the Court House last evening, for the purpose of consultation in relation to the Masonic Life Insurance Company, recently organized under an act of the Legislature. The President, W. M., D. T. GRAY, occupied the chair, and H. W. KARUS acted as Secretary. Some preliminary business in relation to the new organization was transacted, but not of any special importance. The object in view is to afford relief to the families of deceased members.

The initiation fee is \$6, and on the death of a member \$10 additional is taxed for the purpose of keeping the treasury in funds. Five dollars of the initiation fee of each member is permanently invested, and the interest accruing therefrom will be used for the payment of necessary incidental expenses. The benefits are, that when a member dies his widow (or children if his wife is dead) receives \$1,000 in cash. As now organized the officers consist of Dr. GRAY as President, and Mr. KARUS, as Secretary. The Treasurer will not be appointed until the articles of association are filed in the office of the Secretary of State and in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County.

WHISKY.—Yesterday morning, MICHAEL DEVINE, residing on the corner of Raymond and Johnson streets, was arrested by Officers BENJ. G. SMITH and DENNIS SULLIVAN, of the Forty-second Police Precinct, on the charge of stealing six barrels of whisky from No. 4 Flushing-avenue. The property was found in the rear of the premises occupied by the accused. He was brought before Justice CORNWELL and held in \$1,000 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury. The distillery of P. BRESLIN, in John-street near Jay-street, was feloniously entered on the night of the 23d inst., and robbed of four barrels of whisky, valued at \$350. The lock of the door had been forced off with an iron bar.

THE FIRST DISTRICT JUSTICE'S COURT.—The vacancy on the bench of the First District Court, caused by the death of the late Hon. MICHAEL WALSH, will probably be filled by the Board of Aldermen at their meeting this afternoon. There is a perfect swarm of candidates, among them, Sergt. DANIEL FERRIS, of the Forty-third Police Precinct, Col. Z. VOORHIES, Col. J. Q. ADAMS, JAMES CORBOY, Chairman of the National Democratic General Committee, HENRY C. WALSH, M. J. DUNN, R. STUART WILLIS, ANDREW PALSH, S. M. OSTRANDER and numerous others.

ORPHAN ASYLUM FOR CHILDREN OF DECEASED MASONS.—The Masonic Fraternity of the Western District of Brooklyn have taken initiatory steps toward the establishment of an asylum for the care of children of deceased Masons. Several of the Lodges have already selected delegates to a convention, where the subject will be considered in all its bearings, and the necessary measures taken, with the view of consummating the object in view as speedily as possible.

FIRE CAUSED BY SLACKED LIME.—Yesterday morning about 2 o'clock a fire was caused in a shed on the Erie Basin Dry Dock by the slacking of lime, whereby some 50 barrels of that material and 500 barrels of cement were destroyed; damage \$1,500.

#### NEW-JERSEY.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—The inquest in the case of NATHAN BUCHANAN, who died in Jersey City on Monday last, was concluded on Friday evening, at a late hour, before Coroner WARREN. The cause of death, in the opinion of the jury, founded upon medical evidence, was morphine, but there was no proof that death was produced intentionally by the victim. The jury recommended the druggists of Jersey City to use more care hereafter in vending poisonous drugs.

FIRE IN JERSEY CITY.—A fire broke out in the oil-store of P. LEE, Newark-avenue, Jersey City, on Friday night. The flames were confined to the lower part, and the injury to the building was but trifling. The stock was damaged to the amount of about \$600. Insured for \$700.

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

### THE NATIONAL GUARD.

#### Recent Changes—Competitive Drills in the Forty-seventh Regiment—Miscellaneous Gossip.

The following résumé of National Guard news and gossip is presented for the information of those interested in the progress of our militia forces:

##### NEW COMMISSIONS ISSUED.

The following officers have been commissioned by the Commander-in-Chief, in the National Guard, State of New-York, during the week ending March 16, 1867:

First Division—Joseph E. Hamblin, Inspector, March 7, 1867, vice Alexander Hamilton, resigned.

George W. Smith, Engineer, March 7, 1867, vice Wm. H. Morris, relieved by the retiring of Gen. Sandford.

John Oakey, Judge-Advocate, March 7, 1867, vice Charles A. Rapallo, relieved by the retiring of Gen. Sandford.

Charles McMillan, Hospital Surgeon, March 7, 1867, vice Lewis A. Sayre relieved by the retiring of Gen. Sandford.

Wm. D. Bend, Quartermaster, March 7, 1867, vice Wm. E. Townsend, relieved by the retiring of Gen. Sandford.

John Fowler, Jr., Aide-de-Camp, March 7, 1867, vice Wm. D. Bend, relieved by the retiring of Gen. Sandford.

D. William Diggs, Aid-de-Camp, March 7, 1867, vice Charles H. Tomes, relieved by the retiring of Gen. Sandford.

Twelfth Regiment—Wm. H. Hayes, Engineer, Dec. 17, 1863, reappointment.

John W. Robie, Surgeon, Sept. 24, 1866, reappointment.

Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., Chaplain, June 17, 1863, reappointment.

Henry Bascom Smith, Adjutant, Feb. 28, 1867, vice Henry Baldwin, resigned.

Thirteenth Regiment—Edward S. Daniell, First Lieutenant, Jan. 23, 1867, vice A. H. Williams, resigned.

Twenty-second Regiment—Frank A. Otis, Engineer, Jan. 21, 1867, vice Henry E. Howland, resigned.

Forty-third Regiment—Oliver Griswold, Second Lieutenant, Sept. 15, 1866, vice Wm. A. Smith, removed from district.

Forty-seventh Regiment—William L. Wood, First Lieutenant, Feb. 11, 1867, vice Geo. W. Taylor, resigned.

Robert Henderson, Second Lieutenant, Feb. 11, 1867, vice Wm. L. Blood, promoted.

Fifty-second Regiment—Joseph Seitz, Second Lieutenant, Feb. 13, 1867, vice John Raper, declined.

##### RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

The following resignations of officers in the National Guard, State of New-York, have been accepted by the Commander-in-Chief during the week ending March 16, 1867:

March 12, Ninth Regiment, Capt. John Dalrymple. Term expired.

March 12, Ninth Regiment, Capt. James Q. Johnston. Term expired.

##### THE DRUM CORPS CONTROVERSY.

We have received the following communication relative to the recent challenge issued by the Twelfth Regiment Drum-corps. We publish it without comment, and regret that the matter should have engendered harsh feelings among the Drum-Majors:

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In order to remove any misunderstanding that may exist in reference to the challenge issued by the Twelfth Regiment Drum-corps, dated March 7, I desire to state that previous to the publication of the same, I gave Drum-Major HILL the liberty of reading it, when he suggested that we have a competitive trial of skill between the Twelfth and Thirty-seventh Regiments' Drum-corps, within six months, and I agreed. I then told him that the Twelfth Drum-corps were anxious to compete with any Drum-corps within three months, and that I would publish a challenge to that effect. He then requested me to add that the Thirty-seventh Regiment Drum-corps were exempt, as they had agreed to compete with the Twelfth Drum-corps within six months, which I did. After the publication, HILL came to me and stated that the members of the Thirtieth Regiment were opposed to have their corps exempted. I then told him that if he was dissatisfied with his agreement, that as no corps had yet accepted the challenge, he was at liberty to do so, but he did not accept. The same day Drum-Major BERCHERT notified me personally of his acceptance, and I agreed to that we would compete with the Fifth corps first. Drum-Major HILL knew of Drum-Major BERCHERT's intention to accept and subsequently that he had accepted, and that the Twelfth corps had agreed to compete with the Fifth corps first. He then, in violation of his agreement with the Twelfth, publishes a challenge, stating that he will compete, with the Twelfth corps at twenty-four hours notice knowing at the same time that we had agreed to compete with the Fifth corps first. Drum-Major HILL has since admitted the truth of the above statements to me, in presence of a witness. Let those interested judge between us.

G. H. STRUBE,  
Drum-Major Twelfth Regiment.

##### COMPETITIVE DRILLS IN THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

On Wednesday evening nearly twelve hundred persons assembled at the armory of the Forty-seventh Regiment, in Fourth-street, Brooklyn, E. D., for the purpose of witnessing a competitive drill between the right and left wings of that regiment. Large numbers of ladies were present, and they were loud in manifesting their pleasure at the beauty of the movements, though they, perhaps, did not appreciate the excellence of the evolutions at their full value, being governed by the eye, not by theory. The room was uncomfortably filled, and owing to this fact the eight companies of eighteen files from each, were reduced to ten files. The ceremony of dress parade was gone through with, and a short battalion drill of the entire Regiment succeeded. The competitive drills by wing then ensued, and were very gratifying to the military portion of the spectators. We have no space to dwell upon the several movements, and can but sum them in two words—almost perfection. The manual was the best feature in both wings, and it was difficult to perceive any essential difference or superiority of either wing in the school of the battalion. Speeches were made by Maj.-Gen. DURVEA, of the Second Division, Brig.-Gen. SMITH, of the Eleventh Brigade, and Col. SLIPPER, of the Army and Navy Journal, to whom the unenviable task of deciding which wing was the best had been assigned. Judging from these addresses the speakers were in doubt regarding the superiority of the one wing over the other, and they uttered many complimentary and pleasant words to the members of the Forty-seventh, as well as its efficient Commander, Col. J. V. MESSENGER. Since then Col. SLIPPER has announced that the right wing is the best of the two, on the ground that their wheelings were superior to those of the left. So small a point affords as much honor to the left as to the right wing. After the drill the floor was cleared for the programme of dances, the execution of which occupied the greater part of the night.

##### MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

Portions of the following-named Regiments are now receiving the additional bounty, at the office of Gen.