

100,000 NAMES PROPOSED.

Baby Hippopotamus Christening Contest Came to an End Last Night.

Little Girls and Boys from All Parts of the United States Competed.

COL. STRONG WILL SELECT A NAME.

Thousands Visited Central Park Yesterday to See the Youngster, but It Persisted in Keeping Out of Sight.

When the Journal's "baby" hippopotamus name contest closed last night there were thousands of letters received in the day to be opened.

In the room set aside as the Hippopotamus Bureau these are piled high on all sides, and several persons have been kept busy compiling and indexing the names suggested for the baby "hippo."

The names suggested from every part of the United States. At least 100,000 letters were received, and just as soon as the last coupon is reached it has been indexed the entire list will be handed to Mayor Strong, who is to select the name by which the little hippopotamus will be known in the future.

Just so soon as His Honor makes known his decision it will be announced in the Journal, and the name of the lucky boy or girl will be heralded far and wide in the columns of this paper.

The baby hippo made its informal debut yesterday afternoon. Hundreds of children attended the reception. Children have a faculty for never showing off when wanted to, and Mamma Fatima is to-day a disappointed woman. When she most desired her beautiful darling to appear at her best, baby on general principles behaved in an unbecoming manner.

Notwithstanding her rude temper, the children declared unanimously that she was a "darling" and "too sweet for anything," which were decidedly compliments she did not deserve.

She would stay under water and nothing but a bona fide scrap with Mamma Fatima and the help of the keeper's pole would induce the infant terrible to show her bright eyes above the surface.

Among the sightseers were two Vassar girls. They told Secretary Leary, of the Park Board, that they came to make a study of the hippopotamus species, and investigate for the benefit of the college. They were armed with notebooks and pencils and were anxious to make a physiological and artistic review.

One girl said she intended to trace certain lines on the animal by which the student could prove a connection between that animal and the mastodon. The other girl wanted to take notes on the animal's general actions and said that she was to prepare an essay.

But they didn't, because the baby went under water and stayed there.

It is estimated that fully 5,000 persons visited the baby yesterday, and undoubtedly there will be a larger crowd present to-day.

Captain Collins, of the Park police, has made arrangements for extra details of officers to be on duty.

PATERSON'S GORY PUZZLE.

Suspicious Now Diverted From Nicholas Cole to a 'Prominent Resident' Who Is Under Surveillance.

Judge Dixon yesterday in Paterson, N. J., dismissed the charge of disorderly conduct against Nicholas Cole, who assaulted Lucy Van Riper and was looked up as being a suspect in the Sullivan murder mystery.

Cole is still held on the charge of attempting to kill Ley Van Riper, and his bail was fixed from \$2,000 to \$1,500 by Prosecutor Gourley.

The Paterson police are said to be closely watching a well-known resident of that city who, they think, knows something of Miss Sullivan's movements on the night of the crime.

BUSHNELL AND BRICE BUY GAS.

The Politician-Capitalists Secure Control of Springfield's Illuminating Companies.

Springfield, Ohio, March 14.—The Springfield Natural Gas Company and the Local Illuminating Gas Company were consolidated by the action to-day of the stockholders of the former, the capital stock of the new company to be known as the Springfield Gas Company, being fixed at \$420,000.

The stockholders who control the company are Governor Bushnell and Senator Brice. The latter a few weeks ago bought the stock of the late B. H. Warder, of Washington, D. C. Governor Bushnell is the president of the new company and his right-hand man, J. W. K. Cline, general manager.

It is said that the management of the company has on foot a plan by which they expect to make thousands, and the statement is borne out by developments of the last few months, including the granting of long-time franchises by the city.

The plan is to use natural gas purified, which is done cheaply for illuminating purposes. New ordinances fix the price of natural gas at 25 cents per 1,000 feet, and illuminate gas at \$1.25. By converting 25-cent natural gas into \$1.25-illuminating gas it can be readily seen that an enormous profit can be made.

It is further authorized that the purchase of gas plants in other Ohio cities on similar gas lines will likewise.

Coming Events.

The Dublin Club is sending out invitations for its twenty-sixth annual ball, to be held at Murray Hill Lyceum, on March 17.

"The Congregational Idea and Work" will be the subject for discussion at the meeting of the Congregational Club to be held in the St. Denis Hotel tomorrow at 5:30 p. m.

Preparations are being made by the members of the Republican Club of the Ninth Assembly District for a "stag," which is to be given in their clubhouse, No. 233 Eighth street, on March 28.

Mr. James Macnaghten, president of the Tradesmen's National Bank, will give a dinner to Mayor Strong on March 19, at the Wool Club, of which the Mayor is president.

A dance will be given for the benefit of the Montrose Hospital, to be held at the entertainment by Jennie O'Neill Porter, at Carnegie Hall, fifty-seventh street entrance, on March 18.

The Young Women's Christian Association will hold a music-meeting at Carnegie Hall to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the association.

Brief addresses on the different aspects and advantages of this work for young women will be made by Mr. Hamilton W. Noble, who will preside; Rev. Dr. Barrett, Rev. Dr. Faunce, Rev. Dr. Gross, Rev. Dr. Hall, Rev. Dr. Longacre, Chairman M. Demare, General Walter Swayne and Colonel George E. Waring. There will be music by the Seventh Regiment Band.

FOR REFORM IN SCHOOLS.

Women Strongly in Favor of the Compromise Measure Now Before the Legislature.

A meeting of representatives from a large number of women's societies was held last night in the United Charities building, to consider the compromise school bill now before the Legislature.

Among the organizations represented were Public Education Association, East Side Federation, Wellesley Club, Woman's Conference of Ethical Society, Teachers' College Alumnae, Kindergarten Association, Barnard Graduate Club, Smith College Alumnae, Barnard Alumnae Association, University Settlement, Committee of Sixty and City History Club.

The following committee were appointed by the club to urge the passage of the bill: Mrs. Robert A. Wood, chairman; Mrs. W. S. Rainsford, Mrs. Schuyler Van Benschoten, Mrs. B. A. Higgins, Mrs. L. M. Betts, Mrs. E. S. Davis, Mrs. Isaac N. Seligman, Mrs. Ralph Trautman, Mrs. Lorraine Spencer, Mrs. Percival Chubb, Mrs. Hermin, Mrs. Edward H. Hewitt, Mrs. Winthrop Cowdin, Mrs. E. F. W. Jones, Mrs. J. P. S. G. Brownell, Miss Alice Stone, Miss Emerson, Miss Stevens, Mrs. Richard F. Cross, Miss Alice Stone, Mrs. H. D. Kenochan, Miss Bangs and Mrs. H. D. Seligman, Jr.

Charles Dudley Warner said: "The proposed bill is really a bill for the emancipation of the teachers of New York. I have seen in the newspapers that the teachers do not favor the bill, but it will result in their freedom. If a petition had been circulated in the South for the emancipation of the slaves before the war, the slaves would not have signed it, so it is with the teachers of New York."

Robert Lenox Bolkeap, who died at his home, No. 5 Gramercy Park, last Friday evening, was born in this city July 22, 1848. He graduated at Columbia College in 1870, and became connected with the firm of Buller, Lenox & Co. in 1870. He was made treasurer of the Northern Railway, which position he retained for years. Later he had been associated in business with William P. Stevenson, at No. 62 William street. He leaves a widow and six children. The deceased was a member of the Union League, University, Down Town, New York Yacht, Seawanhauk Yacht and Polo clubs of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Society of Colonial Wars and of the Revolution.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

William H. Thompson has been engaged by Manager Max Holtman, of the Herald Square Theatre, to play a leading part in "Greater New York," the English version of "Mein New York," now playing at the Germania. William Hoy was engaged several days ago to play the leading comedy part.

John J. McNally, author of "The Widow Jones," is writing a farce-comedy in which Weber and Fields will star the Russell brothers.

The latest receipts known in the history of the Casino were on the fifteenth performance of "The Lady Slavey." Thursday night, 1000 souvenirs were distributed. Extra seats were put in for the occasion.

Richard T. Perry will give the fourth of his series of free organ recitals at the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth avenue and Twenty-ninth street, next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Assisting soloists will be E. A. Parsons and Zora O. Hochstetler.

Virginia Earle has not yet recovered from her indisposition, growing out of her alleged difference with Marie Dressler. Her part in "The Lady Slavey" yesterday was sung by Linda da Costa.

George W. Lederer, joint manager of the Casino, is rejoicing in the arrival of a bouncing baby, who made his worldy debut at the professional hour of 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Mother and child are doing well.

KILLED HIMSELF WHILE DRUNK.

Mohr Placed a Rifle's Muzzle Under His Chin and Fired.

William Mohr, a machinist, thirty years old, living at No. 418 Fulton street, Elizabeth, N. J., committed suicide at nine o'clock last night by shooting himself in the neck with a rifle. He placed the muzzle of the weapon under his chin and the ball pierced the jugular and lodged in his brain. Death was instantaneous. Mohr had tried many times before to kill himself. He leaves a young widow and two children, aged three and one.

He was an excellent workman and had regular employment at the Singer Sewing Machine factory. He had been drinking heavily early in the evening, and when partially intoxicated seemed to have a mania for self-destruction. His widow can give no cause for his act.

Mohr was prosperous and owned the home in which the family live.

APPEAL OF MARIE BARBERI.

Argument to be Heard on April 7 Before the Board of Appeals.

The record in the case of Marie Barberi was filed yesterday with the Court of Appeals, and the date for the hearing of the arguments for a new trial was set for April 7. Since Marie Barberi has been in Sing Sing awaiting a final disposition of her case she has been costing the State \$4,000 a year. She is the only female prisoner in Sing Sing and two matrons have been constantly at her side, as under the law a person condemned to death must be watched day and night.

Since her incarceration she has become a favorite with the Warden's family. Mrs. Sage is teaching her to read, write and speak English, and also to sew and embroider. Should a new trial be refused, her sentence will undoubtedly be commuted. If a new trial is granted the chances are that she will never again be brought to trial.

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Wrappers and Tea Gowns.

Our new Spring styles embrace every element of elegance and economy. Fine Scotch Gingham Wrappers, trimmed with torchon, 1.49. Fine Linen Buff Lawn Wrappers, nicely trimmed with grass linen, sailor collar and white braid, 2.69. Fine quality Sateen Wrappers, elaborately trimmed with all-silk ribbon, at 2.98. Finest Dimity Wrappers, in the latest Dresden patterns, very elegantly trimmed, with embroidered sailor collar and full bishop sleeves, at 4.98. Very fine Lawn Wrappers, in beautiful delicate colors, handsomely trimmed with Val lace, at 4.49. Fine all-wool light-weight Challie Wrappers, very nicely trimmed with lace, in the newest Persian patterns, at 5.98. Fine figured Buff Lawn Wrappers, with grass linen yoke, full width skirts, at 1.98. Fine Organdie Wrappers, very pretty shades, and trimmed with ribbon, at 3.98. Cashmere Tea Gowns, trimmed with fine lace and ribbon, at 4.98. Fine Cashmere Wrappers, the newest shades, nicely trimmed with fancy collars of lace and ribbon, at 5.98. Very fine Cashmere Tea Gown, handsomely trimmed with revers of heavy laces, the newest designs and all silk ribbon, at the new Spring colors, at 9.98 and 11.49. Handsomely trimmed China Silk Tea Gowns, with imported laces, 9.98 and 11.49.

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65 Pieces Silk Crepes, in light shades only, 49c. fully worth 80c.

85 Pieces Black Satin Duchesse, 21 1/2 inches wide, 67c. actual value 95c.

7,500 Yards 24-inch China Silks, Printed Warp Effects, 59c. regular 75c. quality.

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One lot ALL WOOL SCOTCH SUITINGS, (Heather Mixtures), actual value 79c a yard, at 59c.

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Black Goods. One lot 54-inch MOHAIR SICILIAN, with a beautiful high lustre, regular price \$1.25 a yard, now 69c.

One lot 48-inch MOHAIR CREPON, in new and unique styles, value \$1.98 a yard, at 1.48.

Untrimmed Hats

Now on Sale Our Entire Spring Importations of Untrimmed Hats embracing styles from the leading makers of France, England, Switzerland and Italy.

ALSO SHOWING Exclusive Shapes and Styles of their own manufacture; as well as a large variety of Trimmed Walking and Bicycle Hats in same Department.

VELVETS.

3 Special Lots At Greatly Reduced Prices. 4,500 yards Colored Silk Velvet, 18 inches wide, in about 75 different shades, reduced from \$1.50 per yard to 1.00.

2,000 yards Black Silk Velvet, 18 inches wide, reduced from \$2.50 per yard to 1.50.

1,500 yards Black Silk Cloaking Velvet, 32 inches wide, reduced from \$2.95 per yard to 1.95.

Warp Print Ribbons.

3 Special Lots At Fifty Cents on the Dollar. 1,000 pieces extra quality Warp Print Ribbons, in choice patterns, 7 inches wide, actual value 95c a yard, at 48c.

2,500 pieces Warp Print Ribbons, in a large variety of choice designs, 5 inches wide, actual value 75c a yard, at 37c.

1,500 pieces Warp Print Ribbons, in a variety of patterns, 4 inches wide, actual value 55c a yard, at 29c.

HERICH BROS.

CLOAKS AND SUITS.

Note special prices for Ladies' Dress Skirts mentioned below:

New Spring Capes, in black, tan and navy Kersey Cloth, with velvet collars and trimmed with small pearl buttons; special price to-morrow, 3.98.

Short silk lined gored Capes in tan and navy cloth, elaborately trimmed, in gilt buttons and finished in gilt cordings; special 6.98.

Stylish Spring Coat, short two-button Reefers in fine tan cover cloth; special 6.98.

Handsome silk lined Jackets, latest Spring style, in best imported black chevrot; special price 11.98.

SENSATION IN GINGHAMS.

The regular Parkhill, one of the best makes in the country, regularly sold at 15c. yard; to-morrow, 7c. Yard.

LADIES' BELTS.

White and colored kid Belts, kid-covered buckles, 1 1/2 inches wide 25. Black and colored leather Belts, covered buckles, silver and gold-plated buckles. 25. Genuine Alligator and Seal Belts, covered buckles. 48. The latest leather Belt—mottled calf, in all the newest shades 75.

STERLING SILVER.

Sterling Silver Hooks, Files, Cuticle Knives, Paper Cutters, Cuticle and Embroidery Scissors, extra large and heavy styles, guaranteed .925 fine; value 1.75, at .98. Sterling Silver Dressing Combs, value 1.25, at .84.

Wash Goods.

GREATEST VALUES OF THE SEASON. 30c. Fine Figured Dimity, 12c. 40c. French Organdie, 25c. 25c. Indian and Dresden Figured Organdie, 25c. 25c. Lace, Stripe Mulls, 15c. 25c. Persian Madras Cloth, 15c. 40c. German Linen Chambray, 25c. 8c. Checked Apron Gingham, 5c. 25c. Dresden Swisses, 12c. 15c. Silk Finished Grogons, 6c.

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