ALL ABOUT CAPE MAY.

(Correspondence of the Philada. Evening Bulletin.)

CAPE MAY, April 16, 1870.—A great deal has been written and said about the Beach Drive now being built at Cape May in spite of considerable opposition among the resident population, but the outside world does not exactly comprehend what it means. It is known that driving upon the strand is injurious to horses who are not accustomed to it. This fact, and the additional ones, that the streets in the village and the roads in the vicinity were so indifferently bad, have prevented many owners of good teams from bringing them here, and many others from coming at all, because they could not do so. In this respect alone the Beach is Long Branch superior to Cape May. To supply this great want, and not for private gain, as its enemies assert, was projected

The Beach Drive.

This is designed to be a magnificent avenue of hard gravel, with a roadway for carriages 60 feet in width, and a boardwalk for pedestrians 10 feet wide, and extending in front of all the hotels, from the Sea Breeze House on the extreme west, to a point about a quarter of a mile above the Stockton House, and about a mile and a quarter from the Sea Breeze. At this point, the drive continues over a new road called Madison avenue, built across the marshes, and running into Washington street, the main street of the village, along which, by the way of Broadway, carriages can return to the Sea Breeze, forming a complete circuit of the island, three miles long. This never would have been accomplished by the authorities here, because, while they could see that it would increase their taxes, they could not understand how it could be accomplished or be of any benefit to the island. Their prejudices resisted every thing and their fancied self-interest baffled conviction. In this strait the influence of the railroad company secured, at Trenton, legislation authorizing a commission of five property-holders to take charge of the public improvements, and placing at their disposal the credit of the city to the amount of $100,000. This commission was appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court, and consists of—Alvin P. Hilldreth, J. Q. Williams, J. F. Cake, John C. Built, and General W. J. Sewell, the three first being residents. They receive no compensation for their services, and are not permitted to have any pecuniary interest in the contracts awarded. Their character is such, however, that there is no danger of any misuse of the trust while it remains in their hands. Under a liberal and judicious policy the streets will be at once widened, curbed, graded and put in good order for driving. As far as is possible (along Washington street, perhaps) they will be shelled. Jackson street, from the Railroad depot to Washington street, will be macadamized at once, curbed with stone and shelled. Washington street should follow next as far as Madison avenue, for it is from this to the village about dusk is one of the attractive glories of the Cape. Then Madison avenue and the Beach Drive will be finished as far as the strand in front of the late Atlantic Hotel, at the foot of Decatur street. From this point to the Sea Breeze, about half a mile, the construction of the drive will be suspended until next September, not from any lack of faith or funds, but from the impossibility of obtaining the labor and material to build the embankment in time for the summer season. For the present, then, the drive will be along Decatur street, through Barrett's bowling alleys, to Washington street. There are those here—intelligent men—who foretell the failure of this drive to resist the action of the sea; and others that its success will ruin the bathing grounds. They argue that the waves will either break over the embankment and wash it away, or, being resisted, will suck out the sand at its base, in such quantities as to form a shoal opposite the Island, and a deep and dangerous gulf between the latter and the embankment. But these predictions have not been verified by the action of the sea on the wall, which has already stood the action of one year's tides above the Stockton Hotel, and, instead of being sucked out, has washed in so much as to reach the top of the embankment. However, if experience should prove that their fears are correct, the embankment can be much easier destroyed than constructed, and the *sola qua ante, sywbble* restored. Meanwhile, I am an advocate of its construction, not because I have any fine taste to display over its course, but because I know it will prove an attraction, and, therefore, a benefit to the Island Cape.

The Burnt District.

Along Washington street, where the fire made the biggest gap, the improvements have been very extensive, and the traces of the destroying angel are almost obliterated. Commencing at the corner of Jackson street, Messrs. Anspach & Stanton have reconstructed a building similar to the one destroyed, two stories and a Mansard roof, which will be opened again by Mr. Hofmal, the druggist. Next lot above is covered with a two-story building, built and occupied by Philip Koenig, as a lager beer saloon. Two handsome stores, built for Anthony Loftus, occupy the next two lots. The next is a handsome building and store, for Mr. Majesk's shaving-saloon. Two lots above Mr. Dillon is erecting a handsome store for Isaac Stillwagon. Messrs. O'Brien, who occupied the corner lot at Decatur street, it is said intend erecting a handsome store. On the opposite corner, where the parlor of the United States Hotel stood, Joseph Riegel has bought a lot, and above, Mr. Sloan has erected a handsome building and store for balbing-rolers, &c. A little further on, where the pagoda stood, is another handsome structure, built by Joseph Wray, Postmaster. The bakery and confectionery store of George Young is rebuilt, and on the corner of Vine street Mr. Townsend has rebuilt his grocery store. On the opposite side of Washington street, adjoining the Catholic Church, Mrs. George, colored laundresser, has built a cottage and two stores underneath, and adjoining them Dr. Phillips has built a neat cottage. Still further up Washington street, and nearly opposite the M. E. Parsonage, Jacob Leaming has two handsome cottages; and another built in the same style—two stories and French roof—is being built by the Rev. Mr. Townsend, on the lot adjoining Mr. Ivey's cottage.

New Hotels.

Mr. McMakin has removed the old Atlantic Hotel to the site of the burnt building, and has built a new hotel four stories in height, about 100 feet deep, on Jackson street, surrounded with spacious piazzas. The old Hotel Cape has been remodeled, and converted into a boarding-house. The new hotel will easily accommodate about 200 guests. The old Atlantic will be used as a restaurant and ice-cream saloon. Mr. McMakin deserves success. Last year was his first season, and if this season he succeeded he will make still further improvements, according to his means.

Mr. Mason, of the Merchants' Hotel, has added the Continental Hotel on Decatur street, and connected them under one roof, thus increasing his accommodations about fifty people. Mr. Mirabella, who kept the Lincoln House last season, is building quite a handsome hotel on Jackson street. Mr. John McCann has made a handsome improvement on Decatur street—a small hotel capable of accommodating about seventy-five people. Mr. McCann, who is a hard-working, industrious man, is now acting as superintendent of the hotel, in order to supply the place general satisfaction. Our old friend, Mr. Tom Barrett, is erecting a new and handsome building, for his bowling alleys and shooting gallery, on the sight of his old alleys.

New Cottages.

There are a very large number of new cottages being built for residents and strangers on Cape May, and doubt its future as a successor of watering-place. Henry Carey Lea, Esq., is building a large cottage for himself on Grant street, near the beach. Alex. McConnell, Esq., of Philadelphia, is having one built on Jackson street, nearly opposite the Merchants' Hotel. Mr. R. T. Brown has built one of the neatest and handsomest cottages on the Island, on Perry street, near the bridge, reflecting credit upon his taste, and the skill of the builder, Mr. Williams. Adjoining it, Mr. Samuel Ludlam has built a very elegant cottage, and another opposite for Mr. Saml. Schellinger. On Beach avenue, above the Stockton, Mrs. Kearney (widow of gallant Phil.) has built a cottage. Four others on the same avenue will be built for Mr. Bullitt. But about the handsomest is that being built by Mr. R. J. Dobbins for Jno. B. McCreery, Esq., on the street facing the Stockton House. It is built in the Gothic style, with a handsome tower on the corner, whose parti-colored slate roof, capped with a blue-and-gold balustrade, forms a very pretty and prominent object to the visitor. Mr. Dobbins is also building a very elegant cottage for himself, on the corner of Hoval street and Stockton avenue.

A Few Suggestions.

While the Commission has its hand in, let all the unsightly building-houses be removed. Now that the United States, American House and New Atlantic Hotels are gone, there can be no excuse for tolerating that cluster of whitewashed packing-boxes at the foot of Decatur street. Another improvement, I would suggest, would be to number the cottages on each street, and place signs upon every corner. The utility and necessity of numbering the houses is apparent.

Creese & McCallum, real estate agents, inform me that cottages are in more demand than last season. Mr. G. Schwarz, of Philadelphia, has taken Bennett's Cottage, on Hughes street; Harry Markley, of Philadelphia, has taken S. E. Ludlam's Cottage, on North street; Mrs. Mary Rex, of Philadelphia, has rented Samuel Schellinger's, on Perry street; John Pearce, of Philadelphia, has taken J. Q. Williams' Cottage, on Perry street; and Mrs. Maria Meeser, of Philadelphia, has rented the cottage of Mr. George Downs, on Hughes street.

The same polite and handsome gentlemen, Messrs. Mulliner, Johnson and Brown are conducters on the Cape May line. BEACH.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Prof. John S. Hart, who now fills the post of Principal at the New Jersey State Normal School, in Trenton, after a laborious and useful career in Philadelphia as Principal of our High School, has written a little book called "Removing Mountains: Life Lessons from the Gospels." It is a collection of twenty-five sermons, each about the length of a leading article in a newspaper, indicating a wide range of thought, a deep study of the lessons to be found in Scripture, and a natural and consistent tendency to give every subject an educational or reformatory bias. Thus the story of the tribute-money is made the text of an argument against retaining religious instruction in public schools. "Let us draw a line," he says, "between religious knowledge and secular knowledge. Let the *Church*, through its Sunday Schools, attend to religious training." —Published by Carter & Bros., and sold at the office of the *Sunday School Times*, (of which Prof. Hart is editor) in the establishment of Mr. J. C. Garrigues, No. 608 Arch street.

The Boys' Gazette, an amusing little sheet published monthly at No. 1017 Pine street, has some stories, essays, spice-paragraphs, all compact, like a gem-up journal, yet all on the most comically Lilliputian scale. It always shows alertness, ambition and life. It is published by Peter Jack, Messrs. Waters, Harper and Jones, who will doubtless, though their quills are now rather callow, make full-fledged journalists in time.

NEW MAGAZINES.

The April number of *The Sunday Magazine*, edited by Thomas Guthrie, D. D., and published in America by Lippincott & Co., is very neat, and profusely illustrated. The list of contents runs as follows: 1. Episodes in an Obscure Life: Being Experiences in the Tower Hamlets. By a Curate. Part VII. Illustrated. 2. The Lord's Forerunner. A Fireside Homily. By the Dean of Canterbury. 3. Hanna's Portrait. By R. Ome. Illustrated. 4. "Don't Cry Over Spilt Water." By the Rev. Samuel Cox. Illustrated. 5. Sundays on the Continent. By the Editor. IV. Florence. Illustrated. 6. Mortality Swallowed Up of Life. By A. L. Waring. 7. The Companions of St. Paul. By John S. Howson, D. D. Chap. VII. Felix. S. Gethsemane. By M. Betham-Edwards. Illustrated. 9. The Struggle in Ferry Hill. By Mrs. F. Gilbert. Part VII. Illustrated. 10. The Festival of the Jewish Sabbath. By the Rev. Charles Hole. Illustrated. 11. Sonnet. De Lisle. In Memory of a Contributor. With Portrait. 12. One Christ in Four Records. A Popular Argument on a Point recently Started in the Mirror of the Scotch Bar. 13. On the Miracles of Our Lord. By Geo. MacDonald, LL. D. VII. The Casting Out of Devils. Illustrated. 14. Death and Immortality. By the Rev. Thos. Jackson. 15. Supplemental Notes for Readers Out of the Way.

The April number of *Good Words*, edited by Norman Macleod, D.D., and published in America by J. B. Lippincott & Co., is now ready, with eighteen illustrations. The list of contents runs as follows:—1. Carlino. By the author of "Doctor Antonio," etc. (Concluded.) Illustrated. 2. Letters from the Tropics. By the Rev. Charles Kingsley. 3. In a West Indian Country House. 3. April. A Poem. By Edward Capern. 4. Our Working People, and How They Live. By "Gossip Words." Contents: Contents: iii. The Hand-Sailor. Illustrated. 5. Old Memories. By J. P. W. Illustrated. 6. The Story of Peggie. By W. E. Shands. 7. A Visit to the Country of the Vaudois. By Samuel Smiles. IV. The Vaudois Mountain Heritage of Dormilione. Illustrated. 8. Half Hours in the Temple Church. By C. J. Vaughan, D.D. 11. An Evening Hymn. Poetry. 9. Dragons and Dragon-Slayers. First of Two Papers. 10. The Two Margarets. A Poem. By Jean Ingelow. 11. Margaret in the Nebes. Illustrated. 11. Dorothy Fox. By the author of "How it all Happened." Part V. Illustrated.

The April number of *Good Words for the Young*, edited by George MacDonald, and published in America by J. B. Lippincott & Co., is now ready. The list of contents is as follows: 1. Ranald Bannerman's Boyhood. By George MacDonald. Part VI. Illustrated. 2. Among the Butterflies. By the Rev. B. G. Johns. Third Paper. Illustrated. 3. Paul and Jean. By Madame Louis Bellue. Illustrated. 4. The Stone-Cutter's Six Wishes. By D. Laing Purves. Illustrated. 5. Attie Rack and Her Friends. Part VI. Illustrated. 6. The Swallow-Wort. A Fairy Story. By Helen Zimmern. Illustrated. 7. Hymns for the Young. With Music by John Hullah, Mus. D. 8. The Children's Journey. A Story. Profusely Illustrated. 9. Dapple's Children. By Richard Rowe. Illustrated. 10. About Philip Joy. 11. Crockford. Illustrated. 11. Ursula Mamelon. A Story. By Katharine S. Macquoid. Illustrated. This number contains twenty-six illustrations.

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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

DISTURBANCES have occurred at Oyar, in Portugal.

REPUBLICAN journals in Spain demand the separation of Church and State.

COMMODORE R. W. MEADE, U. S. N., died in New York on Saturday.

REV. NAYMAN HALL does not intend to take up his residence in this country.

THE National Academy of Science has adjourned, after a session of five days in Washington.

THE U. S. Consul at Havana reports matters as decidedly unfavorable to the Cuban insurgents.

AT the close of the French *plebiscitum* Duke de Persigny is to proceed to Berlin to propose a general European Congress.

A REVOLT of Georgians are still in Washington, trying to influence Congressional action on the Georgia bill.

PRODHOMME Pereira of Buffalo say that the action of the Chicago Fenian convention is void, no quorum being present.

A THROW was current in Paris on Saturday that Great Britain and Russia have agreed to propose a general disarmament to Prussia.

A report that a secret treaty of peace was being prepared between the Provisional Government of Paraguay and the Allied forces.

At Virginia City, Nevada, the Democrats will make no nomination for Mayor, but support independent colored candidate.

At Madison, Wis., the first colored jury has been drawn, to try an assault and battery case, in which a colored man is defendant.

It is stated that a contract has been made to carry wheat by rail from Buffalo to New York, lightering from Albany to New York.

THE schoolship Mercury is reported ashore twelve miles south of Cape Henry. Assistance was sent out from the Navy Yard.

THE Louisiana Congressmen are trying to effect the removal of the Collector at New Orleans, against whom charges of corruption are preferred.

THE Merrimac river is very high, and the lumbermen are busy upon it. About ten million feet of lumber were floating down the stream on Saturday.

A SAN FRANCISCO despatch says that Mr. Delano, Secretary of the Interior, threatens to sign unless Congress makes the Japanese mission a thing of the past.

In consequence of the failure of the treaty for the sale of St. Thomas to the United States, General R. Easton, Danish Minister of War, has resigned.

THE agent of a company of Tennessee planters, sent to China for coolie laborers, has just returned to San Francisco, and reports that he was unable to procure them.

At Toronto, last Friday, while riflemen were assembled for target practice, one of them was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of another.

THE Peace Conference of Representatives of the South-western States will meet in Washington next month, to arrange terms of peace on the basis suggested by Mr. Seward.

BRIGHAM YOUNG returned to Salt Lake City on Saturday from his trip to the Rio Colorado. He was welcomed back by a display of flags, parade of school children, and general turnout of citizens.

The public desiring Congressional interference in Tennessee do not insist on anything beyond declaring the present Legislature illegal, on the ground of fraud in allowing unregistered persons to vote.

It is now stated at Washington that nothing has been done there for a reopening of the Alabama claim question. Our Government will probably wait for the minister from Great Britain in the matter.

The public business of Congress was never so far in arrears as now, and an adjournment is not expected before mid-summer. At least seventy-five bills have been introduced are in the hands of the various committees.

Our Government has official information of a conspiracy against the life of Juarez, but nothing tangible to act upon. Prominent gentlemen in Mexico say there is no truth to do with the Canadian preparations than facts.

A COURT-MARTIAL has been convened at Louisville to try Assistant Inspector-General James Totten, U. S. A. It will make a trip to Charleston, S. C., next month, to complete its proceedings in Louisville. One of the charges against Totten is being absent without leave.

EDITH O'GORMAN, an ex-nun, lectured on "The Inner Life of Rome," at Hamilton, N. J., last Friday. After the lecture she was mobbed, and the windows of a house where she stayed were broken. The lecture was given in a hall at night, and escorted her to Jersey City next day.

An Ottawa despatch says the expedition to the Red river will number 10,000 men, including 2,000 Canadian militia. Regiments in Montreal the county volunteers have been ordered to march within two days. Colonels Smith and Lynch arrived at Montreal on Saturday evening.

At Paraguay, on Saturday, John Lutz shot his wife and Joseph Injuries are dangerous, but the wounded man is not considered serious. Spayd was making some repairs in the house at the time of the affair, and is said to have been drunk, was instigated by jealousy.

A FREIGHT train was thrown from the track of the New York Central Railroad, near Rochester, on Friday evening, and another train ran into the wreck, smashing the locomotive and killing forty or fifty head of cattle. The engineer and a boy were injured. Travel was stopped by the accident until Saturday night.

NOTICE has been given of a general suspension of work by the miners in Carbon county, the strike beginning to-day. The suspension will probably become general throughout the Lehigh region. The reason given is that as they are taxed to support the Schuylkill strikers, they have thought it better to assist them by ceasing to work, and thus working to support those who are idle.

A DESPATCH from Halifax, Nova Scotia, says the report of the Imperial Government contains the question whether the Dominion, if separated from the Mother Country, be independent; also, the question whether Nova Scotia would be allowed to become independent. Some Canadian papers are discussed on Saturday, and the Attorney-General, in commenting on the report, said that independence must lead to annexation.

Two Fenian Congress, in session at Chicago, has adopted a resolution recommending that nine members was elected to take place of the President and Senate. The expulsion of Richard Realmond, of Chicago, on the charge that he was unanimously rescinded. The Executive Council consists of James Gibney of Pennsylvania, P. J. Mehan, of N. J.; E. P. McKay and Frank Agnew, of Ill.; Frank Gallagher and R. L. Casey, of N. Y.; J. J. Fitzgerald of Ohio; Lawrence Finnegan, of Mt. and Richard McCloed, of Conn. It is intended that five of the committee shall resign, leaving the places of four to be filled by the New York convention, and the other to choose by the eight members.

GEN. SHERMAN has issued an order making changes in the military Department. Colonel Schofield is ordered to command the Military Division of the Pacific, Gen. Pope to command the Department of Dakota, Gen. Augur to command the Department of the Lakes. The Department of the Platte is merged in that of Columbia; of Virginia in that of the East, and the Cumberland in that of the South. Gen. Canby succeeds Gen. Cooke in command of the Department of the Columbia. The Department of Virginia is once broken up, that of the Cumberland by June 1st, and that of Alaska by July 1st. Gen. Meade remains at Philadelphia, Halleck at Louisville, and Sheridan in command of the Division of the Missouri.

A DESPATCH from Paris says: It is now tolerably certain that the formula of the plebiscite will be, "Do the people desire constitutional reforms in 1870 which assure liberty, and placing it under the guarantee of the Empire and the Napoleonic dynasty?" The members of the Left Centre party held a meeting yesterday, at which it was decided that it would be free to vote as they please. It is generally believed that a majority will vote in the affirmative. The representatives of the journals of the Left, at their meeting yesterday, were divided in regard to the propriety of signing the manifestoes to be issued, and it is probable that two manifestoes will be issued, and that the split in their ranks will continue after the *plebiscitum*. The party of the Right Centre has formed a committee to operate in favor of the plebiscite, among the members of this committee is Emile de Girardin, who yesterday morning published a proclamation affirming that liberty and revolution are now face to face. If "yes" be voted it will be because the "revolution" frightens the committee, which has been constituted with the spirit of exclusiveness, from a strong appeal to those who think "the greatest benefit for the nation is to escape revolution."

IMPORTATIONS.

LIVERPOOL—Steamer Cambria—1 case dry goods, Jas. Barwick; 2 cases dry goods, Thos. Wattson; 1 case dry goods, Thos. Fikes & Fleming; 10 orts earthenware Burgess & Goodwin; 1 case dry goods, Jas. Dobson; 1 case dry goods, Earnshaw; Peter Wright & Sons; 300 bags salt, Jas. Cooper; 1 case dry goods, Jas. Dobson; 1 case dry goods, Earnshaw; 1 case dry goods, Peter Wright & Sons; 1 bales paper stock, Jas. Cooper; 25 tons soda ash, 10 tons bicarb soda, Jas. Cooper.

MATANZAS—Brig Sir Parker—467 hhds molasses, Jas. Cooper; 1 case merchandise, Jas. Cooper.

CARDENAS—Brig Ada—1,000 hhds molasses, Jas. Cooper.

CIENFUEGOS—Brig Ada—1,000 hhds molasses, Jas. Cooper.

CAPE DE VERDE ISLANDS—Brig Ada—500 hhds salt, Jas. Cooper.

ST. JOHN'S, P. R.—Brig Ada—1,000 hhds molasses, Jas. Cooper.

MARACAIBO—Brig Sir Parker—Dia—60,000 ft. fust pipe staves, 20,000 ft. fust pickets, 130,000 square hoops, Jas. Cooper.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Brig Ada—1,000 hhds molasses, Jas. Cooper.

CARDENAS—Brig Ada—1,000 hhds molasses, Jas. Cooper.

CIENFUEGOS—Brig Ada—1,000 hhds molasses