SHOT FROM THE YARD.

Mysterious Murder of Landlord Dunham at Belleville, N. J.

An Unseen Assassin's Bullet Crashed Through His Window.

A Quarrel, from Jealousy, Supposed to Have Caused the Crime.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 24.—William H. Dunham, proprietor of well-known road houses at Belleville and Franklin, a short distance from Newark, was shot and instantly killed, shortly after midnight this morning, while sitting in the kitchen of his house at Belleville.

It is supposed that he was killed with his own revolver, and suspicion points strongly to a stableman in Dunham's employ, who was known only as Patsey. He is under arrest, together with several witnesses, one of whom was sitting next to Dunham when he was assassinated, but who says he did not see the murderer.

Dunham was insanely jealous of his pretty wife, and it is said that he had quarrelled with Patsey because she accused him of trying to make love to her.

"You're a liar!" Patsey is known to have retorted.

Dunham then pulled his revolver and struck Patsey with it over the eye. It is said that Patsey then grabbed the weapon, and, saying, "I'll murder you yet, you——," left the house.

A few minutes later Dunham went into the kitchen to eat lunch.

Whaley Brown, a wire weaver, went with him. Dunham sat in a chair with his back to the window, facing the wall, and Brown sat opposite him.

Dunham was just raising a glass of beer to his lips when there was a loud report and a bullet crashed through the window, and Dunham, exclaiming "My God, I'm shot," fell to the floor, dead.

Dunham's revolver was subsequently found in the road with one chamber empty. The autopsy will show whether the bullet that killed him belonged in that chamber.

Mrs. Dunham says she looked at the revolver yesterday morning and that it was loaded then.

The kitchen window, through which the assassin fired, is about five feet above the level of the ground. The murderer had to go into the yard, in which a dog is kept, in order to reach it. The dog did not bark, and this leads to the conclusion that the dog was familiar with the person who fired the shot.

The police have not yet obtained the slightest clue to the murderer, and Mrs. Dunham said she had no idea who could have killed her husband. She knew he was jealous of her, but had no cause to be, she said, and most particularly there was no cause to be jealous of Patsey.

She is a comely, buxom woman, about twenty-five years old, and was to-day profusely decorated with diamonds, which shone in strange contrast with a discolored face and a cut lip. She explained that she had received the injuries in a quarrel with her husband, who had struck her.

She did not know until late this morning that Dunham was dead, although she was in the house all night, and did not know anything about the murder.

In fact, nothing is known by the authorities about a murder that was committed twelve hours ago. The prisoners are at County Prosecutor Crane's office, who is making an investigation. He thinks he may be able to tell something about the crime later.

Dunham was about thirty-five years old. He and his wife ran the road-house. They had no children. He was not of a quarrelsome disposition, and drank but little. His house was a favorite with the class of men who frequent such places, and he had accumulated considerable money.

Developments late in the day are to the effect that it was Stableman "Jim" Buchanan whom Dunham was jealous of, and the evidence thus far secured gives color to the suspicion that Buchanan is the murderer.

MURDER IN A BOSTON HOTEL.

A Man Shoots a Woman, and Escapes Through a Window.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—In the Sudbury House on Sudbury street at 1.30 this morning, Hosea Barton, night clerk, heard two pistol shots in close succession from the upper part of the house. He rushed upstairs and was met in the hall on the third floor by the occupants of room 14, who said the shots came from the opposite room, the door of which was locked.

A chair was obtained and Barton looked in over the transom. He saw a man lying on the bed with a revolver in his hand pointed towards the door, and a woman on her back with blood pouring from a wound in her head.

One of the men went for the officers, while the other remained in the hall preventing the door. When the officers arrived the man was gone, having escaped through a window by means of the fire escape.

The couple came to the house at 11.30, the man registering as H. F. Scandall, Lawrence, Mass. He was of medium height, wore dark clothes and a colored shirt.

The woman is about thirty-five years of age and her name is said to be Josephine Brown. The Sudbury House is of low character.

CLAIMS FOR BACK SALARIES

Two Documents Asking Nearly $9,000 from the City Treasury.

Ex-Supt. of District Prisons James Finn to-day filed a claim against the city for $1,864.78, alleged to be due him for extra services while Warden of the Tombs prison.

Another claim for $7,000 was filed with the Comptroller, the claimant being Martin Weir, at one time overseer in the Department of Public Works. The claim is for salary.

Thrown from a Stoop and Died.

Adolph Ruff, of 315 First street, Jersey City, ascended the stoop of the house at 156 Fifth street, while drunk this morning, and rang the bell violently. He refused to go away and was thrown off the stoop by William Dicken. His skull was fractured in the fall and he died in a few minutes. Dicken was arrested.

Lost his Diamond in a Bridge Car.

Alfred Newman, of 1076 Fulton street, Brooklyn, to-day reported to the police that he has been robbed of a diamond stud last night while riding in a bridge car.

Six Months for a Dog-Stealer.

Thomas Enwright, no home, was sent to the Penitentiary for six months to-day from the Harlem Court for having stolen a bull-dog from Charles Egglestone, of Pell street and Stingsbridge road.

DAVITT IS BEATEN.

Redmond, Parnellite Candidate, Elected in Waterford.

First Bye-Election Won by That Section of the Irish Party.

The New Man Takes the Seat Left Vacant by Richard Power's Death.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Contrary to general expectation, the election in Waterford City yesterday to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Mr. Richard Power passed off without any serious disturbance of the peace.

Both the McCarthyites and Parnellites worked hard all day in the interests of their respective candidates, and though there were many wordy arguments over doubtful voters, yet, as a whole, the election was remarkably quiet.

The McCarthyites were confident of victory, even going so far as to say how much their majority would be.

The official announcement made this morning, however, shows that they were overconfident and that the Parnellites have won the seat.

This is the first bye-election won by that section of the Irish party since the split in the party occurred, and they are, of course, correspondingly jubilant.

The returns of the election show that John E. Redmond (Parnellite) received 1,775 votes and Michael Davitt (McCarthyite) 1,229, a majority of 546 votes for the Parnellite candidate.

At the last election Mr. Power was returned without opposition.

The announcement of the official figures was followed by a scene of the wildest enthusiasm.

After quiet had been somewhat restored, Mr. Redmond proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Sheriff, to whom is intrusted the task of making the official return.

It is customary for the defeated candidate to second the vote of thanks, and Mr. Davitt did not fail in this duty. He took occasion to add, however, that he would rather lose an election than win by combined terrorism and rowdyism.

This remark provoked a most uproarious outburst of protest from the Parnellites, and for a time it looked as though the official canvass would end in a free fight.

Amid the noise and confusion could be heard cries of "shame" and "coward," and for a time the position of the defeated candidate was very precarious.

When Mr. Davitt withdrew from the counting-room he was escorted to his hotel by a number of police, which was a wise precaution.

The news of the extent of the Parnellite victory spread throughout the city and the streets were filled with people, who were absolutely wild with the excitement of success. Crowds formed in line and paraded up and down the thoroughfares, relieving themselves by uttering wild huzzas and in other ways showing their full appreciation of the political chastisement they had inflicted upon their opponents.

Prince Albert Victor May Be the Next Viceroy of India.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 24.—*Vanity Fair* to-day publishes an article concerning the future of Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, whose engagement to Princess Victoria Mary of Teck has been the occasion of so much favorable comment.

The paper says the Prince, who is Major of the Tenth Hussars, will not rejoin his regiment after his marriage, but will shortly be appointed an unpaid Major-General supernumerary. It adds that he will probably be the next Viceroy of India.

Do We Get Gallapagos Islands?

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

PANAMA, Dec. 16.—The *Star and Herald* says: The United States Government is said to be endeavoring to secure a coaling station in the Gallapagos Islands. Ecuador, to whom these islands belong, has practically abandoned them, and is stated to be now willing to sell and actually in negotiation with the State Department at Washington, looking to the early transfer of her rights to the Americans.

Gladstone Finally Admitted to That Club at Biarritz.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 24.—William Mather, a member of the House of Commons, one of Mr. Gladstone's warmest supporters, has received a despatch from Biarritz saying that Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Morley have been unanimously elected members of the British Club at that place.

This is a reversion of the first vote by which the Club refused to extend its courtesy to the distinguished Englishmen.

Movement to Found an International Sailors' Home Society.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—A meeting of the members of the British colony in this city was held yesterday to consider propositions looking to the founding of an International Sailors' Home Society.

Among the speakers was Charles Emory Smith, the United States Minister.

Gen. Booth Warmly Welcomed at Madras.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

MADRAS, Dec. 24.—Gen. Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, has arrived here from Australia. He had a grand welcome. Both Hindoos and Christians presented him with addresses.

The influential native Prince Bahadur Fazanath will preside at a meeting here.

King of Sweden Has a Severe Type of Influenza.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—The attack of influenza from which the king of Sweden is suffering is of a severe type. He passed a sleepless night.

Death of Herr Janssen, Historian and Member of the Reichstag.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Herr Janssen, the eminent historian and member of the Centre party in the Reichstag, died to-day.

Raised Money by False Pretenses.

Robert Maurer of Cincinnati, who has been stopping at a Houston street lodging-house, was held in the Tombs Court to-day, charged with having swindled various people by falsely representing himself to be an agent for Harper Brothers' publications.

Drowned in Bushwick Creek.

The dead body of John Bradshaw, of 551 Lorimer street, Williamsburg, was found in Bushwick Creek at 8 o'clock this morning.

WAIT FOR POLICE SURGEONS.

Grant Holds Up Appropriations for the New Ones.

Police Board Must See If They Can Do Without Them.

Mayor Grant to-day defined his policy in the matter of appointing police surgeons to fill the four vacancies now existing.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment was considering the final estimates for the Police Department, and the four Police Commissioners were before the Board.

When the item of providing salaries for nineteen police surgeons, as asked by the Commissioners, was reached the Mayor straightened up and said:

"I have something to say on this subject. There are four vacancies on the staff, are there not?" he asked.

The Commissioners assented.

"The fact is," continued Mayor Grant, "I don't consider those surgeons are overworked, as has been suggested. What I have to ask of you is if you cannot possibly dispense with the four additional ones.

"There is a considerable increase in the expenses of your Department in other matters, and I would like you to try to dispense with the services of these four surgeons. If it is found that others are necessary they can be provided."

President MacLean did not take kindly to the Mayor's suggestion.

"That is a proposition," said he, "which the Commissioners would hardly care to act on without a conference. It involves the question of the actual work done by the police surgeons, and that can only be determined after a thorough investigation.

"I am of opinion that the apportionment of the districts sometimes requires the surgeons to cover too much territory. The question of reapportioning the districts for the smaller number of surgeons would also have to be considered."

The Mayor then proposed that the salaries for four surgeons be stricken from the estimates temporarily, and agreed to consider the matter again early next week, when the Commissioners may have informed themselves as to the advisability of conducting the Department with but fifteen surgeons.

"I have the utmost confidence in the Police Board," said the Mayor, "and believe that the Commissioners will act properly in the matter."

Commissioner Voorhis said that as the matter had been specially called to the attention of the Board by the Mayor it might be well to accept his suggestions.

This was done, and the item was dropped from the estimates, to await the action of the Police Board next week.

PASTOR'S SON AND A THIEF.

Young Thomas Lumsden Is Now Accused of Stealing Bicycles.

Thomas J. Lumsden, of 205 West Twenty-second street, a son of Assistant Pastor Lumsden, of Dr. Crosby's Church, was held in the Jefferson Market Police Court to-day charged with having stolen a bicycle from Matthew Shannon, of 778 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn.

Some time ago the youth, in company with two others, was arrested on a charge of stealing diamonds from Mr. Hildebrand, of 188 Eleventh avenue. As all the property was recovered no complaint was made.

Since that time the youth's father complained to Detective Carey that the son had robbed his house.

Young Lumsden's new enterprise is to hire bicycles under the firm name of Wilkins, Davis & Co., and then advertise them for sale, pawning those not sold. It is alleged that he has secured $4,000 worth of the machines, many of which will be recovered, the detectives say.

HAVEL WAS ON FIRE AT SEA.

Passengers on the German Steamship Tell a Tale of Panic.

Cabin passengers of the North German Lloyd steamship Havel, which arrived this morning, say that a fire occurred on that ship at sea during the voyage which created almost a panic.

It occurred Dec. 21. The flames were discovered in the forward compartment. The prompt action of the officers and crew of the Havel prevented the fire from spreading, and it was soon extinguished.

The commander of the ship is Capt. Jungst. At the offices of Oelrichs & Co., the agents of the line, it was said this afternoon that no report of the fire had been made to them.

MAJOR POWELL EXCLUDED.

Second Day of the Court-Martial on Major Throckmorton.

The court-martial of Major Charles B. Throckmorton, on the charge of duplicating pay vouchers and drawing checks on banks where he had no accounts was resumed at the Army building this morning.

Major James W. Powell, of the Sixth Infantry, and commandant of Fort Porter, was added to the court, but his presence as a member was objected to by the Judge-Advocate because evidence of importance had not been heard by him, and the Court excluded him.

Held for Highway Robbery.

John Field, a printer, was to-day held at the Tombs Court for examination on the charge of being one of three men who robbed a Spanish sailor opposite 45 New Bowery last night.

His Auburn Girl Got Him in Trouble.

Emanuel I. Hein, a travelling salesman for Black Bros., clothing dealers at 41 Great Jones street, was held in Jefferson Market Court to-day charged with having misappropriated samples worth $200. He admits that he raised money on them to spend on a girl in Auburn.

Judge Russell Sworn In.

Leslie W. Russell, ex-State Attorney-General and ex-member of Congress, was sworn in to-day before Justice Andrews in the Supreme Court as a member of the Supreme Court Bench. Judge Russell was elected to succeed Justice Potter, of Whitehall, who sat in the Fourth District.

Thieves in a Brooklyn Hospital.

Thieves entered St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, at 1 o'clock this morning and stole silverware valued at $10.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

M'KENZIE SEMPLE IS DEAD.

The Assistant District-Attorney Succumbs to an Operation.

One of the Men Who Prosecuted the Boodle Aldermen.

Assistant District-Attorney McKenzie Semple died at his residence on East Thirty-fourth street, near Lexington avenue, at 2 o'clock this morning as the result of two surgical operations.

For the last six months Mr. Semple has been a sufferer from a chronic ailment, which two months ago entirely incapacitated him for duty in the District-Attorney's office.

A consultation of physicians was held and it was decided that the only remedy for the disease was an operation, and that this itself might result fatally. The first proved ineffectual and a second was therefore attempted, with fatal result.

Mr. Semple was thirty-eight years old and a native of Montgomery, Ala. He was a graduate of St. Mary's College, Emmetsburg, Md., and acquired his legal education in the law schools of Harvard and the University of Virginia.

After being admitted to the Bar he practised in his native State and in Colorado before coming to New York.

He was originally appointed Assistant District-Attorney by Judge Martine, under whose administration he was associated with the present District-Attorney, Mr. Nicoll, in the prosecution of the Boodle Aldermen cases.

He has since had charge of the cases on appeal, and has been remarkably successful.

Mr. Semple had a private office at 20 Nassau street, with his brother Lorenzo, also a lawyer.

On Nov. 25, 1890, Mr. Semple was married to Aimee Marguerite Coudert, the youngest of the grown-up daughters of Charles Coudert.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Kenny, S. J., at St. Francis Xavier's Church, in the presence of 2,000 invited guests, and was one of the leading society events of the season.

Mrs. Semple and an infant child a little over a week old survive him.

RAIN FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

Prophet Dunn Thinks the Skies May Clear Before Night.

"I hope the good people of New York will not be too hard on me," said Weather Prophet Dunn, deprecatingly, to-day. "I've searched and studied my charts and reports in the hope of finding a prospect of better weather for Christmas, but I am afraid that New Yorkers who venture out to-morrow morning will get wet.

"It is all the result of the cross-purposes of two storms—a condition of things quite exceptional. One storm started in Texas last Sunday. It ought to have been here yesterday, but its centre is over Kentucky to-day. The other storm originated in Montana. It set out after the Texas storm, got as far as Kansas this morning, and is now chasing the one from Texas across country. We have had only the frayed edges of these storms yet and unless they come on more rapidly they will both be with us to-morrow morning.

"It will be fairer and colder later in the day, and meantime we must get all the consolation we can out of the fact that Boston, Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Washington are having no better weather than ours.

"Chicago, however, will have a crisp, clear, cold Christmas, and St. Louis has a cloudy sky and a 40-degree temperature to-day, while the lake regions were enjoying freezing weather."

The temperature of New York has ranged at about 50 degrees all day to-day, and the air is close and muggy, with rain.

CRANK ROTH'S QUEER DEFENSE.

Thinks He Could Have Married Mrs. Stewart but for Hilton.

Judge Martine and a jury listened to-day to testimony in defense of John George Roth, the crank who fired three shots at Rev. Dr. John Hall.

Dr. John Hall was a dispassionate spectator in court. Roth, blinking hard and occasionally smiling in a shrewd way, sat beside his counsel, Major Ambrose H. Purdy.

President C. F. Mac Lean, of the Police Board, told of a visit of Roth to him on Oct. 31, when Roth talked incoherently of a "police conspiracy" which he imagined had been started against him.

Then Roth took the stand in his own behalf. He said he was forty-seven years old, was born in Germany and had been in the United States twenty years. In 1879, while in the Catskills, he first discovered the conspiracy against him. A lawyer named Hill and the son of the hotel proprietor had drugged his food, he said, and had worked on him with electrical machines that they wore around their necks or hidden in their vest pockets.

Roth said that Dr. Hall and his church had given legal grounds to his enemies, and they had leagued together to murder him, but he was not a Hilton and had never married Mrs. A. T. Stewart, because Hilton had prevented him from doing so.

In the most dramatic manner possible Roth described the shooting, but he maintained that when he fired the shots he had no intention of wounding Dr. Hall.

His version of the affair was that he had sought redress against his tormentors from the police, District-Attorney and as high a power as the Grand Jury, in vain. Then he decided to force the authorities to investigate his troubles, and fired the shots for that purpose.

"If Dr. Hall only possessed a little courage," said Roth, "he could have taken me himself, for my nerve was entirely gone when the first shot was discharged."

EGAN'S NEPHEW ARRESTED.

Charged at the Altar with Betraying His Intended Bride's Daughter.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

SPOKANE FALLS, Wash., Dec. 24.—Patrick Egan, a cattle king, nephew of the Minister to Chili, was arrested yesterday when about to wed Mrs. Matilda Widler, the widow of the late Auditor of the Spokane and Kootenai Navigation Company.

When the clergyman asked if any one had any objection to interpose R. W. Coe, the prospective bride's guardian, and Deputy United States Marshal, arose and exclaimed: "I have a warrant for your arrest, Egan," and took the disappointed bridegroom to jail. Mrs. Widler fainted.

The charge preferred is that Egan betrayed Annie Widler, the twelve-year-old daughter of the woman he was about to wed. An immediate hearing was demanded, and Egan was bound over.

Busy Justice Steckler.

The Fourth District Court, presided over by Judge Alfred Steckler, is one of the busiest courts in the city. According to Mr. Julius Harburger, the efficient Clerk of the Court, the amount of business transacted by Judge Steckler was 8,737 cases, which he disposed of during 1891.

Poet Whitman Growing Weaker.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 24.—Walt Whitman, the poet, is alive, but is growing weaker. Dr. McAllister, his physician, says it is only a question of a very short time. He is surprised at the poet's vitality. It is possible he may live through the night, but not likely.

MILLIONS FOR THE FINEST.

Police Appropriation Fixed by the Board of Estimate.

Mention of a Plan to Rearrange the Various Precincts.

During the consideration of the estimates of the Police Department by the Board of Estimate to-day President MacLean incidentally referred to a project which the Police Commissioners have discussed, of redistricting the city in the matter of precincts.

He said that the present division of precincts is an absurd one, and that the lines were run on old ward lines, in many instances without reference to the needs of the locality.

He also said that station-houses should be better and more centrally located.

The Board was allowed $5,044,468.31 for the conduct of the department for the year, besides $411,300 for the Bureau of Elections. Last year's appropriation was $4,777,515.38.

The increase is made up in great measure of the 100 additional members of the force and $100,000 for a new station house in the Ninth Precinct.

FIELD STILL HELD IN JAIL.

Courts Must Pass on His Case, Though He Is Declared Insane.

Edward M. Field to-day took apparently very little interest in the conclusions of the Commission appointed to inquire into his sanity, which has decided that he was a lunatic.

He is still in Ludlow Street Jail and will remain there probably for some to come, for the fact that he has been pronounced insane by the Westchester County Commission does not operate to release him from custody.

Proceedings will have to be brought before the courts of this district before he can be discharged from jail and taken to an insane asylum.

Field still refuses to eat, and persists in his determination to take nothing but cold water and the medicines which the doctors have prepared for him.

He does not seem to be much the worse for his abstinence from food, and is in no danger of a collapse, the doctors say.

Field appears listless and stupid and spends a great deal of his time sleeping and dozing on the sitting-room lounge.

DEATH IN THE LONDON FOG.

Seven Unfortunates Already Pulled Out of the River.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 24.—This morning instead of there being any improvement in the weather the state of affairs is worse. The fog, which has been on since Tuesday morning, is so thick that it is absolutely dangerous to attempt to go about the streets.

The most powerful arc lights are not strong enough to penetrate the mists.

The fog is not only prevalent in London, but it extends over wide sections of the country. It is without exception the worst visitation of that kind that has come to England in years.

The fog could not have come at a worse time for the London shopkeepers. They have been building hopes upon their Christmas trade, but instead of reaping profits they will now have to submit to very heavy losses, since business of every sort is crippled.

Seven bodies of unfortunates who have lost their way and fallen into the river have been recovered.

Four men and a girl in addition to these have been reported to the police as missing.

A despatch has been received from Leeds this morning stating that three men while walking on the paths along the canals lost their way in the fog, and while seeking to regain the paths fell into the water and were drowned.

Over the Thames the fog is so thick that the oldest river man cannot remember when it was equalled. From London to Gravesend it appears to be even heavier than at other places, and none of the boatmen dare venture out.

Several persons have been killed on the railways, and altogether it is believed that London has never before been visited by a fog that has been so productive of death and disaster.

MIDWIFE THU A PRISONER.

Charged with Operating Criminally Upon a Brooklyn Girl.

Mrs. Amelia Thu, a licensed midwife, of 242 East Thirty-fourth street, was held in the Yorkville Police Court this morning to await the result of a criminal operation alleged to have been performed by her on Emilie Bulinger, unmarried, twenty-one years old, living at 16 Stagg street, Brooklyn.

On the afternoon of Dec. 17 the girl visited the midwife's house accompanied by Louise, her sister, aged nineteen. After the operation the girl went to her home in Brooklyn.

Last night she was taken seriously ill and Dr. George F. Leyle, of 426 South Fourth street, was called in. He found the girl very sick and likely to die. On discovering the cause of the trouble the doctor notified Police Headquarters in New York.

Detectives Benning and Malarkey were put on the case and they arrested Mrs. Thu. They took the prisoner to 16 Stagg street, where she was identified by both the victim and her sister.

Doesn't Know Why He Wanted to Die.

Edward Brooks, of 57 Seneca street, Buffalo, N. Y., who jumped into the river at the foot of Delancey street last evening, was taken from Gouverneur Hospital to the Essex Market Police Court to-day and remanded for examination. He stated to Justice Ryan that he did not know why he had attempted to drown himself.

Grand Jury Discharged.

The December Grand Jury came into court to-day and were discharged by Judge Cowing. They brought in no new indictments.

Rain for Christmas Morn'ng.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—*Local forecast for Southeastern New York, including Long Island; also for Western Connecticut and Northern New Jersey—Rain; warmer; stationary temperature; northeasterly winds; brisk on the coast. For Friday: Light rain in the morning, followed by generally fair; slightly colder.*

The following record shows the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Perry's Pharmacy.

	1890.	1891.		1890.	1891.
3 A. M.	23	58	9 A. M.	28	51
6 A. M.	27	54	12 M.	30	49

Average temperature for corresponding date last year, 29½ degrees.

QUICK AT MAKING CHANGE.

Restaurant Cashiers Become Very Expert in a Short Time.

They Can Detect Counterfeits at an Instant's Glance.

There are men and women in New York who handle money in small quantities from 5 to 95 cents who acquire a skill and dexterity absolutely marvellous, says a New York correspondent in the Pittsburg *Dispatch*.

They are cashiers of restaurants, popular dining and lunch rooms, where the rush is very great at certain hours during the day and where everything in the shape of payment comes along in what is called "change"—that is, in amounts less than $1 and never uniform.

It may be a young girl or a young man who never had any former experience in handling coin or notes, but he or she becomes so expert that it makes an ordinary business man's head swim to watch them.

One of these lightning-change artists, a red-headed young man named Hayward, who is in a big lunch-room near the post-office, has a long-standing wager of $10,000 that he can beat anybody making change, bar none.

And that young man is certainly wonderful. He has the touch of instinct. Like those of many women in the Redemption Bureau of the Treasury at Washington, his motions are too swift for the ordinary eye to count, saying nothing of the money feature.

But the work of the treasury woman expert counter is with round numbers and bills alone; this involves constantly varying amounts of minor coin and bills together.

Certain hours of every day will find an unbroken line of customers with lunch checks and money passing the cashier's desk. To see young Hayward manipulate those checks and coins and bills is a curiosity.

"Bad money? I can tell a bad coin at the touch," said he. "Dimes are the most common counterfeits. Anybody can tell bad money, time enough, but I've become able to detect at the touch—not rubbing—I haven't time for that—in a flash too quick for the eye. I couldn't explain it—and to know anything is quicker than to see it.

"There are bad dimes passed here every day, most of them by our regular customers, and with unquestioned innocence. No, we'd rather lose money than call a man back before the crowd and charge him with passing a counterfeit. And there'd be twenty people blocked up here in front of me in two minutes. It wouldn't pay.

Range? I have everything and every combination from a two-cent piece to a $50 note every day of the year we run. It must be done instantaneously. No bank-note detectors or consultations or comparison or any of that sort of thing. And mostly from a lot of people you never know anything about. It ought to make a man expert, anyhow."

COTTON THIEVES CAPTURED.

They Were Overheard Planning a Raid in a Saloon.

Nelson P. Johnson, captain of the lighter Daniel J. Anderson, and Henry J. Cornelius, of 78 Carmine street, were arraigned in the Jefferson Market Court to-day and remanded until Saturday for examination on charges of grand larceny. It is claimed by the police that these men are part of a gang of cotton-thieves that has been operating extensively along the North River front of late.

John White, a lighterman, claims to have overheard the two prisoners and Jack Saunderson, an unknown man, plotting a cotton robbery in the "Billy and Dick" saloon on West street last Tuesday night. He notified the police, who raided Johnson's lighter on the night following and found seven bags of cotton concealed there.

The police are now looking for Saunderson and the other man. If these men are convicted White will get a reward of $500 from the Cotton Exchange.

ANOTHER BATTLE IMMINENT.

American Troopers Chasing Mexican Rebels on the Frontier.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 24.—News via Nuevo Laredo has just been received here that Capt. Hardie's troop of United States Cavalry and a number of officers and rangers from this city, who were at Carrizo, Zapata County, some sixty miles below here, have left that place for points down the river toward Rio Grande City, where another band of Garza's men are reported to be getting ready to cross into Mexico.

The report states that the the revolutionists are about 150 in number and if the United States troops meet them a fight will ensue.

AN OLD WOMAN BURNED.

Her Dead Body Found in the Ruins of a Jersey House.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Dec. 24.—The body of Mrs. Kitty O'Brien, an aged woman, was today found in the ruins of an old frame house on the Madison road which was burned down last night.

Mrs. O'Brien lived alone in the house and it is not known how the fire was caused.

Hasn't Slept for Nearly a Month.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—On Dec. 20 a man was admitted to the hospital here who had not slept a wink for three weeks. He does not appear sick. His appetite is good, and he has an enormously strong constitution. His name is John P. Roberts. He is a wealthy farmer from Adams Township, and he is forty-three years old.

Christmas Snow in the Northwest.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—Reports early this morning indicate that it is snowing over a wide area in the Northwest, extending from Battle Ford, northwest to Territory, southward to Miles City, Mont., and east and to Grand Rapids, Minn. An average fall in temperature of twenty-five degrees is predicted for the next twenty-four hours.

Klensch Sent to an Asylum.

John M. Klensch, the secretary and associate of George Francis Train on the latter's recent tour of the world and who recently tried to fast for forty-five days, was transferred to the insane asylum on Ward's Island this morning from the insane pavilion at Bellevue.

Tried to Fill a Lighted Lamp.

Anna L. Johnson, of 142 Warren street, Brooklyn, attempted to fill a lamp with kerosene without first extinguishing it. The lamp exploded, and burned her severely. She died in the Long Island College Hospital this morning.

Rev. Father Dealy's Funeral.

The funeral of Rev. P. F. Dealy, S. J., late rector of St. Lawrence's Church, occurred today from that edifice. The interment was in Fordham.

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MEETINGS.
NEW YORK, DEC. 6, 1891.—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hamilton Bank Note Engraving and Printing Company for the election of seven Trustees for the ensuing year and other business will be held at the office of the Company, 88 and 90 Gold street, New York City, on Monday, Jan. 11, 1892. Polls open from 1 to 2 P. M. N. F. SHEBECK, Secretary.

HELP WANTED—MALE.
PLUMBERS—All members of the Journeymen's Union are earnestly requested to attend next Monday night's meeting, election of officers will take place at this meeting. By order JOHN A. LEE, President.
JOHN H. LEONARD, Secretary.

SMUGGLED BY A PELICAN.
The Bird's Bill Said to Have Held Many Diamonds.
An adventuress is wanted by the police of Chicago, says the *Pall Mall Budget*, having disappeared with diamonds to the value of $30,000, which she had smuggled and upon which dealers in Chicago had advanced $10,000.
The lady's method of smuggling was the most novel on record. She was a lady of striking appearance, being always dressed in deep mourning, while her pale, handsome face and white hair made an unusual contrast to her sable gown.
In the Spring of last year she landed in New York with a Mongolian holding a gray pelican by a light gold chain. As she was apparently a lady of wealth, nothing was though of her strange pet and its keeper, and as pelicans are not upon the tariff lists she was allowed to pass.
Since that time the lady has crossed the Atlantic many times and always carried her pelican with her. On Oct. 6 she arrived as usual with the bird and having passed the unsuspicious customs officials called a carriage and drove away. Since then she has not been heard from.
It is now alleged that the lady was a diamond smuggler and that the precious stones she brought into the country upon each trip were concealed in the enormous bill of the pelican.
On Oct. 6 the bird carried $30,000 worth of diamonds, being a portion of an order of a Chicago house through a firm of New York importers, who claim to have been ignorant of the manner in which the stones were brought into the country. The Chicago house had advanced $10,000 upon the diamonds, and were to have paid the remaining $20,000 on delivery. The police are now actively searching for the lady and her pelican.

At the Police Court.
[From Comic.]
Clerk—What's your name?
Prisoner—Julius Sweetbread.
Magistrate—Is that your real name?
Prisoner—No, Your Honor. I'm travelling incognito.

A Satisfied Boarder.
[From Street & Smith's Good News.]
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