

CITY ITEMS.

DOCKS AND SLIPS.—The Common Council, last evening, adopted a resolution of Assistant Aid. Boyce, inviting persons desirous of obtaining dock and slip accommodations for next year, to give notice of the fact to the Controller on Saturday at 4 o'clock.

FIRE ENGINE CO. No. 1 of BLOOMINGDALE.—This powerful Association of our brave firemen gave their first Annual Ball last night at Tammany, which was attended by many of the fashionable Bloomingdale ladies. Everything passed off with the utmost hilarity. The "Sage of Bloomingdale" was also present.

THE ARSENAL.—We understand that the \$15,000 asked for the Arsenal are not intended solely for the dwelling house and offices of the Commissary. The sum is to be distributed as follows, according to his specification: In repairing, painting, building a new steeple and new stairs, repairing the windows, leveling the grounds, building a fence in front, erecting houses for the men, and an office and house for the Commissary. We see no reason, however, to change our opinion about the money squandered on the Arsenal.

INDIAN LECTURE.—Kah-gah-gah-bowh (George Copway) lectures to-night at Stanley's Indian Gallery, 557 1/2 Broadway, on the Religious Belief, Poetry and Eloquence of the North American Indians. Kah-gah-gah-bowh himself is a good illustration of his subject, which cannot fail to be most interesting and instructive.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE, JAN. 21.—By A. J. Blocker. House and lot N. 23 Walker st. 25x100. \$2,000. Lot with buildings No. 22 William st. 27x100. 750. 1st corner of Broadway and 11th st. 25x100. 450. 2d do adjoining, 25x88. 315. 3d do adjoining, each \$15. 25x100. 325. 2d lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 1st lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 2d lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 3d lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 4th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 5th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 6th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 7th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 8th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 9th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 10th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 11th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 12th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 13th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 14th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 15th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 16th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 17th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 18th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 19th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 20th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 21st lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 22nd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 23rd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 24th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 25th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 26th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 27th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 28th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 29th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 30th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 31st lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 32nd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 33rd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 34th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 35th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 36th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 37th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 38th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 39th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 40th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 41st lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 42nd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 43rd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 44th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 45th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 46th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 47th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 48th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 49th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 50th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 51st lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 52nd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 53rd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 54th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 55th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 56th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 57th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 58th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 59th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 60th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 61st lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 62nd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 63rd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 64th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 65th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 66th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 67th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 68th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 69th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 70th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 71st lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 72nd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 73rd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 74th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 75th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 76th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 77th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 78th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 79th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 80th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 81st lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 82nd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 83rd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 84th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 85th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 86th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 87th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 88th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 89th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 90th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 91st lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 92nd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 93rd lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 94th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 95th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 96th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 97th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 98th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 99th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250. 100th lot of 11th st. 25x100. 250.

AN ESCAPE FROM JUSTICE.—Charles Leopold, who was lately arrested on suspicion of stealing a gold watch and chain from his boarding house, and against whom about fifty cases of petty and grand larceny are charged, has escaped under the following circumstances: It appears that Leopold, after having attempted to bribe several persons having charge of the City Prison to assist him to escape, indicated that he was willing to point out an accomplice. He was put in charge of officers Stevens and Dafton, and on Saturday conducted by them to the Irving House, where, as he said, he expected to see his associate. After a while Stevens left for a short time, leaving the prisoner in the charge of his companion. On returning he found the officer, but not the prisoner, who, in a moment when he was not closely watched, accomplished his escape. No trace has been seen of him since that time. Leopold, who passed here by the name of Dr. Leopold, has black hair and whiskers, and a high color in his cheeks, with a fine set of teeth, which he constantly shows. He is about 4 1/2 feet high, and a native of Ham, burgh.

GREAT SLAUGHTER AT ATLANTIC DOCK.—An exciting fight, attended with great slaughter, came off at the Atlantic Dock yesterday morning about 11 o'clock. The workmen were clearing out store No. 35, when on removing a lot of old grain, a large body of rats was discovered. The renowned terror Fashion was fortunately on hand and immediately set to. In eleven minutes from the commencement, one hundred and five of the vermin lay dead before her, not, however, without having been badly bitten and injured about the head. She never flinched while one remained. Many persons assembled to view the pile of dead bodies, and a verdict of justifiable homicide was unanimously rendered.

ARRIVALS.—Commodore Levallette, Lieut. Poindexter, Lieut. T. M. Crossan, Lieut. H. Rolando, Lieut. F. A. Parker, J. D. Abbott, G. W. Morris, B. M. Westcott, R. W. Cushman, J. P. Mygatt, Dr. Messersmith and Dr. Jeffrey, U. S. Navy; Dr. Rose, L. Harwood, Philadelphia; Dr. John Benson, Dr. N. R. Bontelle, Maine; and Dr. C. T. Chase, Port-au-Prince, have arrived at the American Hotel.

ILLNESS OF MR. GARDNER.—Mr. A. Gardner, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States, lies dangerously ill, we understand, at his house up town. His ailment is bilious cholera, of which he had a very severe attack.

DR. MORRILL'S PHYSIOLOGICAL LECTURES.—Dr. H. E. Morrill, who recently delivered a successful Course of Physiological Lectures at Hope Chapel, commences to-night at Rutgers' Female Institute, in Madison st. a Course explanatory of the Laws of Life, Health and Disease. The Introductory Lecture will be free. The subject is one too much neglected.

REAR TAYLOR will give the third Lecture of the Course before the Physiological Society at Clinton Hall, this evening at 7 1/2 o'clock. Seats free. Subject—"The Animal Man."

THE SEWING MACHINE.—Correction.—A. B. Wilson, and not Wilkins, as we stated yesterday, is the patentee of the new Sewing Machine. E. K. Lees & Co. 128 Fulton st. are the proprietors.

STRIKE AT THE GAS WORKS.—Yesterday morning all the workmen at the Manhattan Gas Co.'s Works—50 or 60 in number—made a strike, in consequence of an increased amount of work having been allotted to them. They now work 12 hours a day, from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M., with which, and their pay, they profess themselves satisfied, so long as they are not overworked. There was no disturbance yesterday. After proclaiming the strike, they moved off peacefully to wait the result. Some workmen were procured yesterday from the foundry of Morton & Ayres, to supply their places temporarily.

THE LAUNCHES.—The three grand launches came off yesterday at noon, in the presence of an immense concourse of spectators. The Pacific steamer started first, leaving her stays at 12 o'clock, the Isaac Bell followed about half-past 12, and the Clipper Gazette at 1. So sharp is the build of the latter that her bow was almost buried as she touched the river. The new Pacific steamer Fremont lay in the East River, with a number of invited guests, to witness the scene.

THE PAVEMENTS.—Mr. Editor: Mayor King-land has signified the commencement of his administration by requiring the enforcement of many of the City Ordinances which were well forgotten and obsolete. They are in many instances exceedingly inconvenient to large classes of his fellow citizens, but as long as they remain laws their obligation will be admitted, and his Honor be applauded in the energetic discharge of his duties. But if he would earn more enduring fame, we suggest that he turn his attention to the permanent improvement of the pavements of our City, so that it shall no longer stand confessedly the worst paved in all Christendom.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Fire—Decrease of the Cholera—Business Panic—New Paper—Scotch Ship—The Pacific—Sickness on the Isthmus Correspondence of the Tribune.

ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP CHEROKEE. Sixty miles off Sandy Hook, Jan. 20—7 P. M. To the Editor of the Tribune: An hour ago or better we took a pilot on board and eagerly gathered the latest news we could learn from him of New-York—the port of destination of all, and the home of many of us. The speedy close which we now anticipate of an arduous journey over sea and land has given new life and spirits to all on board, and in return for the pleasure which the perusal of a Tribune, brought by the pilot, has afforded, I give you herewith a synopsis of the latest tidings from San Francisco, which place I left with the greater number of my fellow passengers in the steamer California, on the evening of the 15th of December ult.

The most important occurrence of the two preceding weeks, was a fire of some magnitude which broke out about 8 o'clock on the evening before we left San Francisco. It commenced in a new building, just finished, which, though filled with goods, was said not to be actually occupied at the time by any one, and the fire was therefore supposed to be the work of an incendiary. It was situated on Sacramento st. in the block bounded by that street and by California, Montgomery and Leidesdorf sts., and by great and almost incredible exertions, on the part of the firemen and citizens assisting, the fire was entirely subdued in less than three hours, and confined in its course to the building in which it originated, and four or five others of less value. I have seen many fires in New-York and some other cities, and I must say I never saw a fire fought with more daring energy, and skill, and success than on this occasion. The Fire Department of San Francisco has for its Chief Engineer, F. D. Kohler, of New-York, and when fully equipped, and as it is sure soon to be, I do not believe it will be excelled any where. Unless there should be a very improbable concurrence of most untoward circumstances, fires of this magnitude in exterior importance to those attending visitations, will be henceforward as rare in San Francisco as they are in other cities. The loss by this fire may be estimated at fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars.

THE CHOLERA had not wholly disappeared, but was still confined, as it had been from the time of its first appearance in October in San Francisco, to persons who had been exposed by previous voyages, or by diarrhoea or dysenteric affections of long standing, or who by some intemperate course of life, had rendered disease inevitable. I am entirely convinced that the Cholera has never been an epidemic in San Francisco. In every instance its occurrence could be seen clearly as the immediate effect of some gross irregularity or negligence, and I believe that whenever it appears there will be only a few scattered cases, and no general epidemic at the junction of the Sacramento with the American River this disease appeared in its most malignant and fatal form, but even from that locality it had almost entirely disappeared, and it was a source of much satisfaction that it had not visited the regular mining districts and not only in the case of the cholera, but in the case of smallpox and extremely pure and healthy atmospheres.

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By the arrival of the brig Swan, Capt. Pierce, at this port, yesterday morning, we have received dates to the 9th inst. We find in them no news of importance, excepting the following particulars of disasters to the shipping, a synopsis of which we have already published, received through Halifax by telegraph.

St. GEORGE'S (Bermuda).—Arrived Jan. 4. bark Minerva, Maxted, of London, from St. Kitts, bound to New York; in distress; cargo, salt. The M. anchored in Five Fathom Hole on the 3d, in a leaky condition, and in want of sails, having encountered a severe gale off the coast of Africa, on the 1st ult. 38° 30' N, long. 70° W, on the 3rd Dec. The M. parted one cable on coming to, it blowing a gale at the time; as it was ordered to anchor, the crew were obliged to cut away the masts to the junction of the Sacramento with the American River this disease appeared in its most malignant and fatal form, but even from that locality it had almost entirely disappeared, and it was a source of much satisfaction that it had not visited the regular mining districts and not only in the case of the cholera, but in the case of smallpox and extremely pure and healthy atmospheres.

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