supposed mistake in the interpretation, the departmental assembly shall obtain the decision of the legislative assembly. In case of a supposed violation, it shall complain against the government before the high court of justice.

So also each individual, or each commune that may consider themselves damaged in their rights by the decrees of departments, may, after conforming to them, appeal to the government and to the legislative assembly, or complain before the high court of justice.

Each department must have and manage at least one secondary departmental school, in the language which shall be determined on by the department. So much for the development of nationality in the department.

The law shall fix the minimum of instruction in these schools; and the respective functionaries of the departments shall be responsible to the government for this minimum.

The minority, the associations, all citizens in fact, have the same rights reserved to them for the formation of similar schools, and for the liberty of teaching, as has been said for the communes.

As regards the legislative power of the state:

The legislature is composed, as in the United States of America, of the assembly of the representatives of the people and the senate.

The former elected by universal suffrage in electoral circles, the senators to the number of two for each department.

The members of the central government of the country, and the public functionaries of its appointment, are not eligible, either as representatives or senators, unless they resign their functions; and every representative or senator accepting an office is supposed by that step alone to give in his resignation as member of the legislative assembly. The Government may, nevertheless, send its members or its functionaries to the assembly to give explanations or make communications. It is obliged to do so if the assembly desires it.

Representatives and senators may be removed by their electors. The law defines the mode of proceeding for such revocations.

By Telegraph to the New-York Tribune.

WASHINGTON.

The Washington Republic on Kossuth's Castle Garden Speech.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1851.

The Republic this morning reviews Kossuth's Speech, and while it reverences his deep-souled patriotism, warns him that the course indicated in his address, is calculated to damp the ardor of his best friends, and can hardly fail to add to his calamities, by increasing his disappointments, and that he must expect nothing like active participation in European struggles by Young America.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Municipal Election in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1851.

Hon. Caleb Cushing, (Opp.) was chosen Mayor of Newburyport, yesterday. Hon. Richard Frothingham, (Opp.) Mayor of Charlestown; and Samuel Walker, (Whig,) Mayor of Roxbury.

VIRGINIA.

Election.

RICHMOND, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1851.

Berkley County gives Johnson, (Opp.,) for Governor, 230 majority.

ALABAMA.

Mayoralty of Mobile.

BALTIMORE, Monday, Dec. 8, 1851.

Joseph Seawell, State Rights, Opposition, has been elected Mayor of Mobile.

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

The Southerner at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1851.

The steamship Southerner, from New-York, arrived here this morning at 9 oclock.

Markets—*Reported by Telegraph.*

NORFOLK, Monday, Dec. 8, 1851.

COTTON has declined, sales being made at 7½c. White and Yellow CORN are in good demand at 51 and 52c.; Mixed is dull at 50c. NAVAL STORES and STAVES are unchanged.

CITY ITEMS.

☞ Several of our City papers have announced the "arrival of Mr. Rives, our late Minister to France," &c., &c. The mistake has doubtless originated from the name of his eldest son, W. C. Rives, Jr., being among the list of passengers in the Pacific. Hon. Mr. Rives has no present intention of resigning that we are aware of.

PORTRAITS OF KOSSUTH.—We have received a well-engraved lithograph of Kossuth from Goupil, Vibert & Co., No. 289 Broadway. The engraving is from an original picture painted at Kutahia last July by Walter Gould.

Another lithograph has been issued by Th. Lacombe, representing Kossuth welcomed to the "Land of Freedom," by the Genius of Liberty.

OUR STAGES.—The fame of New-York Omnibus builders is well illustrated by the fact that a factory up town is now building a number of splendid stages to run from Boston to a village in the vicinity. They are very splendid specimens of the sort.

☞ Coroner Geer has resigned, on account of continued ill health. Rumor says that Recorder Talmadge will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

FIRES.—On Monday night a fire broke out in the cellar of the store No. 110 Allen-st, occupied by Henry Tapod as a grocery store. It was extinguished by Engine Company No. 8, before any material damage occurred.

About one o'clock on Tuesday morning Officers Miller and Church, of the Eleventh Patrol District, discovered a fire in the slaughter house No. 171 Avenue C, owned by Mrs. Hanigan, and occupied by a man named John Hanigan. The fire was evidently the work of design, as there had been no fire on the premises for some time past. The flames were soon extinguished—damage trifling.

About twelve o'clock on Monday night a fire broke out in the grocery and liquor store No. 34 Lewis-st, kept by a German. The contents of the store were entirely destroyed—loss about $250. The store had been closed but a short time when the fire broke out, and it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

DECISION OF JUSTICE OSBORNE RELATIVE TO THE BANK CHECK FORGERY.—Justice Osborne, Monday afternoon, rendered a decision in the case of the Bank Check Forgers, which has for some weeks past been pending before him.

Case, Rowe is, by that decision, committed for trial to answer a charge of forging three checks, viz: The Elton, the Latting, and the McPherson checks, the evidence of which (direct and corroborated) runs through all the affidavits in this matter.

George Brown is held upon the Elton, McPherson, Jones and two Walter Bowne's checks, the proof of which can be gathered (positive and circumstantial) from the whole series of these affidavits.

White is held on the Elton, McPherson and Jones, checks, and the evidence, absolute and indirect, is contained in all the several depositions herewith returned to the Grand Jury. It is the opinion of the magistrate that, while Webb is closely implicated in this matter, and Birdsey probably connected with these forgers, there is not proof enough to justify their detention; as it is indirect, they could not be convicted.

The lad Woodruff has been used as a witness, from the necessity of the case, and because of his youth. [With respect to the man Earle, it is apparent on his own unsworn statement, that he has been, to a great extent, criminally connected with several of these forged checks; still, independent of his own admissions, under implied or expressed promises of favor, there is no legitimate proof on which he could be held. He is detained in custody, as well as Woodruff, subject to be used or not, at the discretion of the District Attorney, as a witness on the trials of Rowe, White and Bowne. The balance of the forged checks and the evidence relating to them, evince "guilty knowledge" on the part of all three of these defendants.

☞ WEEKLY REPORT OF DEATHS in the City and County of New-York, from the 29th day of November, to the 6th day of December, 1851: Men, 85; Women, 61; Boys, 122; Girls, 93. Total, 361.

DISEASES.		DISEASES.		DISEASES.	
Abscess	2	Erysipelas	3	Lues Venorea	1
Aneurism	1	Exposure	2	Malformation	1
Apoplexy	13	Fever	2	Marasmus	18
Atrophy	1	Fever, bilious	2	Measles	3
Angina	1	Fever, Puerperal	3	Mortification	1
Bleed'g fm lungs	1	Fever, Remittent	2	Old Age	5
Burned or Scald	3	Fever, Scarlet	3	Omitical'n Heart	1
Bronchitis	5	Fever, Typhoid	3	Palsy	8
Cancer of womb	1	Fever, Typhus	7	Premature Birth	4
Caries	1	Fever, Congest'e	1	Pleurisy	1
Cancer	1	Gravel	1	Rheumatism	1
Casualties	3	Heart, Disease of	13	Rupture	1
Cholera Infantum	1	Hooping Cough	1	Scrofula	2
Consumption	47	Inanition	1	Small Pox	11
Convulsions	17	Inflammation	1	Spinal Disease	1
Croup	13	Inflam. of Brain	10	Surfeit	1
Congest'n Lungs	3	" of Bowels	5	Still-Born	31
Debility	9	" of Chest	1	Teething	2
Diarrhea	4	" of Heart	1	Tumor	1
Dropsy	5	" of Kidneys	1	Ulcers intestinal	1
Dropsy in head	10	" of Lungs	28	" of Stomach	1
Dropsy in chest	4	" of Womb	1	" of Throat	1
Drowned	3	" of Liver	1	Unknown	6
Dysentery	6	Intemperance	1		
Epilepsy	1	Jaundice	2	Total	361

Ages—Under 1 year, 84; 1 to 2 years, 48; 2 to 5, 49; 5 to 10, 27; 10 to 20, 12; 20 to 30, 31; 30 to 40, 36; 40 to 50, 28; 50 to 60, 14; 60 to 70, 11; 70 to 80, 10; 80 to 90, 7; unknown, 1.

Places of Nativity—United States, 214; Ireland, 79; England, 8; Scotland, 4; Wales, 1; Germany, 11; France, 1; Sweden, 1; British Possessions in North America, 4; West Indies, 1; Unknown, 7.

From Hospital, Bellevue, 7; Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island, 1; Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, 3; Ward's Island, 30; Randall's Island, 7; City Hospital, 9; Alms-House, Blackwell's Island, 3; Colored Home, 2; Colored Persons, 9.

SUSPICION OF STEALING GOLD DUST.—A few days since a negro about 23 years of age, calling himself Samuel Johns, was arrested by Officer Wm. H. Stephens of the lower Police Court, having in his possession a considerable amount of gold dust, which, as he could give no satisfactory account of the manner in which he became possessed of it, he is supposed to have stolen. The officer on making inquiry, ascertained that on or about the 22d of November last, the black disposed of a quantity of gold dust to different persons, for which he received $470. The most of this money he expended to decorate his person. About two months since he shipped on board the steamer Daniel Webster, plying between this City and San Juan, as waiter, he made but one trip in the vessel and then left her. It is supposed that during the passage from San Juan he robbed one of the passengers of a buckskin bag containing gold dust—a bag of this description was found in his possession, and is now in the hands of officer Stephens, who will be happy to communicate to any person having lost gold dust about that time, further information relative to the matter.

CHARGE OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—A man named Edward Breemer, while quietly sitting in the public house of Mr. Harmons, on the corner of Stanton and Sheriff-sts., on Sunday evening, was assaulted by a number of men who came in while he was there, and after being knocked senseless by them, was robbed of $36, after which the ruffians fled. A short time after, three men supposed to belong to the assailing party, were arrested and committed to prison by Justice Timpson to await examination. Their names are Michael Schelehuck, Frederick Kurst and Ferdinand Maushaver.

BURNED TO DEATH.—A little boy named Thomas Keegan, 2½ years old, whose parents reside in a dwelling in the rear of No. 50 Elizabeth st, was burned to death at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. It seems that the child, with his younger sister, had been left, for a few moments, alone in the room, when the boy lighted a piece of paper by the fire, the blaze of which communicated to his clothing. His screams for assistance brought his mother to the room, but too late to save his life. The lower part of his body was burned to a crisp, and about 2 hours afterward, death terminated his sufferings. Ald. Concklin yesterday held an inquest on the body, and a verdict according with the above statement was rendered by the jury.

ARREST OF A BURGLAR.—Officer Brokheim, of the Eleventh Ward, at 2 o'clock on Monday morning, detected a young man named Thomas McGuire, in the saloon of Thomas B. Barnsmall, No. 13 Avenue D, which he had forcibly entered by breaking open the front door. When found by the officer he had about $50 worth of property done up in a table cloth, with which he was about to decamp. He was taken before Justice Mountfort and committed to prison for trial in default of $500 bail.

ARREST FOR GRAND LARCENY.—A colored resident of the Five Points named Sarah Ann Hitchins, was on Monday arrested by Sergeant Lord of the Sixth Ward Police, charged with being one of the individuals who, about three weeks ago, robbed a man named John McNamara of $103.25 while he was in a porter house near the Points.—She was taken before Justice Lothrop, and committed to prison for examination.

LAUNCH.—Mr. Samuel Sneden launched from his yard at Green Point, yesterday at 10½ A. M., the steamer General Concha, built by him for Pease & Murphy, who have the contract for furnishing the boat complete for Don Jose Canelo y Reventa, of the Island of Cuba. The engine and boilers will be from the foundry of Pease & Murphy, and it is promised she will be a superior boat, both for speed and comfort, as nothing will be spared to attain that object.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION—By Adrian H. Muller, Dec. 8, 1851:

Houses and Lots No. 18 Union-place, 24x98	$15,600
do. do. 16 do. do.	14,700
do. do. 14 do. do.	15,200
Lot on south side of 15th st., 98 feet east from Union-place, 25x45	4,000

KILLED BY A FALL.—A little boy, 1 year and 8 months old, son of Mrs. Powell, residing at No. 42 Stanton-st., on Sunday evening fell from the window sill, where it had been placed by its mother, to the floor, a distance of only 3 feet, and fractured its skull, causing death in the course of a few minutes. Ald. Franklin was notified to hold an inquest on the body.

MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.—Officer Sharpe, of the Fourteenth Ward, on Monday arrested an individual, named John A. King, charged with maliciously breaking about $30 worth of marble slabs at the establishment of Messrs. Fisher & Bird. He was taken before Justice Timpson and held for examination.

ARREST OF AN ESCAPED CONVICT.—Officer Hervey, of the Third Ward, on Monday arrested a man named Wm. Francis, charged with being an escaped convict from Harrisburg, Pa. He was committed to prison preparatory to being sent back.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN—*Stated Session*—MINODAY, Dec. 8, 1851.

Present—A. A. Alverd, Esq., President, in the Chair, Assistant Ald. Moore, Haley, Mabbatt, McCarthy, Boyce, Barr, J. B. Webb, James Webb, Crane, Miller, Smith, Tieman, Pearsall, Sands, Ward, Bolster, Ely, Edwards.

Petitions—By the President, of Hurry & Rogers, for leave to place oriel windows in front of houses on 5th-av. between 31st and 33d-sts. To Committee on Streets.

By same, by owners of property to have 3d-av. lighted with gas as far up as 40th-st., with resolution in favor. Adopted.

Communication—From N. B. Blunt, Esq., District Attorney, on the request of the Grand Jury that he inquire into the condition of the bridges of the New-York and Harlem Railroad Co. over the Harlem Creek and River, inclosing communication from A. W. Craven, Civil Engineer, saying that it has been strengthened and its strength now greater than its original strength. Ordered on file.

By Assistant Alderman Bolster, remonstrance of A. P. Halsey and others against the proposed sewer in Grand-st. from Spring to Vandam. To Committee on Sewers.

Reports—Of the Finance Committee, in favor of adjusting the accounts of James English; refunding taxes to the Presbyterian Church; remitting erroneous tax on property of Giles Bushnell; paying Wright Gladhill, No. 297 9th-av. $30 for damages to his premises election day; refunding taxes to the Dutch Reformed Church of Manhattan; concurring to sell gore of land to James D. Batmen. Adopted by the following vote: *Affirmative*—The President, Assistant Ald. Moore, Haley, Mabbatt, McCarthy, Boyce, J. B. Webb, Jas. Webb, Crane, Miller, Smith, Tieman, Pearsall, Sands, Ward, Bolster, Ely, Edwards.

Of same Committee, to concur to pay bill of Caleb F. Lindsley for wharfage pier foot 43d-st. Recommitted.

Of same, to concur to exchange land with Eliza R. Grenzebach and others. Adopted.

On motion of Assistant Ald. Ward, the report in relation to a contract with the N. Y. Gas Co. was taken up.

Assistant Ald. McCarthy moved the adoption of the report to concur with the action of the Board of Aldermen on the subject.

Assistant Ald. Barr, a member of the Committee, presented a minority report opposed to concurring, and moved that the report, with the rest of the papers on the subject, be laid on the table, the minority report to be printed. Adopted.

Assistant Ald. Ward in the Chair.

Reports—Of Committee on Finance, to concur to remit tax of Richard H. Platt, Jews' Synagogue, Geo. I. Miller and Andrew Eckel. Adopted.

Of Committee on Streets, granting permission to owners of property on 37th-st. between Lexington and 3d av. to regulate the same at their own expense. Adopted.

Of Committee on Wharves, &c., granting permission to C. K. Sutton to bridge out in front of his property on West-st., between Spring and Chatham-sts. Referred back.

Of Committee on Fire Department, to concur to repair house of Hose Co. No. 4. Adopted by the following vote: *Affirmative*—The President, Assistant Ald. Moore, Haley, Mabbatt, McCarthy, Boyce, Barr, J. B. Webb, Jas. Webb, Crane, Miller, Smith, Tieman, Pearsall, Sands, Ward, Bolster, Ely, Edwards.

Of same, to concur to provide a new Engine for Engine Co. No. 35. Adopted by the following vote: *Affirmative*—The President, Assistant Ald. Moore, Haley, Mabbatt, McCarthy, Boyce, Barr, J. B. Webb, Jas. Webb, Crane, Miller, Smith, Tieman, Pearsall, Sands, Ward, Bolster, Ely, Edwards.

Resolutions—By Assistant Ald. Boyce:

Resolved, That a temporary building or shed be erected on the vacant space of ground on the west side of West-st., between Dey and Vesey-sts., for the use and accommodation of the butchers and others doing business in Washington Market, while said market is being rebuilt; and that the sum of $7,500 be appropriated therefor; and that the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies be directed to carry this resolution into immediate effect. To Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

Reports—Of the Committee on Streets, asking to be discharged from further consideration of resolution to restore original grades between 42d and 52d-sts and North and East River. Adopted.

Of same, in favor of removing pump in 10th st near 6th-av. Adopted.

Resolutions—By Assistant Ald. Edwards, that the Street Commissioner report to this Board the causes of the delay in the matter of regulating and grading 17th-st, from 10th av. to Hudson River. Adopted.

By same, that a culvert and receiving basin be built on corner of Broadway and 49th st. To Committee on Sewers.

By Assistant Ald. Crane, that Pier No. 33, N. R., foot of Jay st., be widened on the south side, so as to make the same 16 feet wide, and the old portion rebuilt, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the Street Commissioner notify the private owners to carry said widening and repairing into effect; the Corporation proportion of expense to be taken from the appropriation for Docks and Slips. Adopted by the following vote: *Affirmative*—The President, Assistant Ald. Moore, Haley, Mabbatt, McCarthy, Boyce, Barr, J. B. Webb, Jas. Webb, Crane, Miller, Smith, Tieman, Pearsall, Sands, Ward, Bolster, Ely, Edwards.

By Assistant Ald. Tieman, that the Street Commissioner report to this Board what avenues or streets are not opened or worked so as to be traveled, that the Commissioners of Awards and Damages have reported on, and confirmed by the courts, and declared open by law, and the time of such confirmation. Adopted.

By Assistant Ald. Smith, that a cross walk be laid in 4th-st., between Avenue C and Avenue B, directly in front of the Union Congregational Church. To Committee on Streets.

Invitation—Of Alpha Chapter No. 1, "Order of United Americans," to attend the celebration of the Order at Hope Chapel, Broadway, Monday evening, 23d inst. Accepted.

Resolutions—By Assistant Ald. J. B. Webb, that the sum of $2,500 be appropriated to defray the expense of tendering the hospitalities of the city to Capt. Sands and the officers of the frigate St. Lawrence and the Naval officers on this station. Adopted by the following vote: *Affirmative*—The President, Assistant Ald. Moore, Haley, Mabbatt, McCarthy, Boyce, Barr, J. B. Webb, James Webb, Crane, Miller, Smith, Tieman, Pearsall, Sands, Ward, Bolster, Ely, Edwards.

By Assistant Ald. Crane, that the pump in 13th st., between 9th and 10th-avs., be repaired. Adopted.

By Assistant Ald. Barr, that the sidewalk on south side Broome st., from Bowery to Orange st., be repaired whenever it is necessary. Adopted.

From Board of Aldermen.—Of Committee on Fire Department, in favor of organizing an Engine Co. in 13th Ward. Concurred in.

Report providing for the granting of licenses to erect powder magazines above 52d-st. To Committee on Ordinances.

Communications—From the Street Commissioner, with the following assessment lists, asking that they be confirmed, and Abner Sanford appointed collector therefor, viz: For building sewers in Varick st, from Canal to 100 feet south of Laight-st; in 48th st., from the corner between 8th and 9th-avs. to 8th av.; in Lispenard-st., from Church-st. to opposite No. 41 Lispenard-st.; in 26th-st., from 2d av. to the termination of the sewer west of 3d-av.; in 39th-st., from 100 feet west of 5th-av. to the intersection of 39th-st. and Madison av.; for flagging sidewalks in 27th st., from 5th-av. to Broadway; do. north side of 18th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs; and in 21st, between 6th-av. and Broadway, in front of Nos 23 and 41; do. in 25th-st., between 6th and 7th avs; do. in West st., from Harrison to Vestry-sts.; do. in 38th st., between 9th and 10th avs.; flagging a space 4 feet wide through the sidewalks on north side 7th-st., between 1st-av. and Avenue A; do. south side 57th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs.; flagging space 3 feet wide through sidewalks on north side of 37th st., between 5th and Madison-avs.; for paving East 16th st., from 1st-av. to Livingston-place, and flagging a space 4 feet wide through sidewalks of the same; paving Madison av., between 23d and 26th sts., and flagging the sidewalks; paving 37th-st., from Madison to 5th-avs.; regulating and grading 84th-st., from 4th to 5th-avs., and 84th-st., from 3d to 5th-avs.; regulating and paving 25th-st., from 10th-av. to Hudson River, and setting curb and gutter stones therein; regulating and Macadamizing carriage-way in 48th-st., between Broadway and 6th-av.; for setting new curb and gutter stones in 3d-av., between 9th and 28th st. To Committee on Law Department.

The Board then adjourned to Wednesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock. From the minutes. RICHARD SCOTT, Clerk.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.—Before Judge Betts.—ACTION FOR LIBEL—DAMAGES LAID AT $20,000.—*John & Horace Beardsley* vs. *Lewis Tappan.*—This action is brought to recover compensation for alleged libel on the part of defendant, as Principal of the Mercantile Agency, situated at the corner of Nassau and Pine-sts., in this City, by the above plaintiffs, residing and carrying on business in the town of Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, and is set forth in the following entry, as found on a book of the Association, under date of July, 1848:—"Messrs. H. Beardsley & Co. of Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, have been sued. Report says J. Beardsley's wife is about to apply for divorce and alimony. Is putting his property out of his hands—if so, their store will be closed soon." Another entry runs thus:—"August, 1843, confirmed prior report to July, and say in addition, two more suits in Court of Common Pleas besides those commenced by Judge Baker. Mrs. Beardsley's petition for divorce will soon be filed. J. Beardsley is putting his real estate out of his hands. I doubt not the firm have the ability to do a prosperous business as long as they are honest, which will be as long as suits their interest."

To the declaration the defendant pleaded the general issue, and gave notice that he would prove on the trial of the cause the truth of the allegations contained in the above alleged libel.

Counsel for the plaintiffs having addressed the Court on behalf of their clients, proceeded to the introduction of testimony of various witnesses as to the publication of the report at various times, from the summer of the year 1848 to the spring of 1850. Notice to produce the books of the Agency was given, in one of which the terms of the imputed libel was found. It was in evidence also that some twenty or thirty clerks were in the establishment of the defendant, and that not only they, but any member or subscriber to the Agency, were privileged to the inspection of them, and the consequent knowledge of the injurious and libelous terms complained of. On the introduction of the books some trifling variation was discovered between the libel as declared on and the entry on the books—the initials "R. E." being intended for "Real Estate," and the word "probably" being introduced in the first paragraph of the alleged libel. Upon these grounds counsel for the defendant asked the Court to take the cause from the Jury, on the ground of variance noticed, and that the plaintiffs could not be permitted to prove but one publication, and that having failed to do so, such variation was fatal.

The argument on this point occupied the attention of the Court some two or three days, but was overruled by the Judge deciding that the plaintiffs had *in his opinion* proved the libel as substantially laid in the declaration, but that they might be permitted to amend their declaration instanter, provided they voluntarily chose to do so, when no necessity really existed for such a precedent, at the same time according to the defendants the same privilege of amending their plea of justification. The plaintiffs thereon continued without acting on the permission of the Court, and proceeded to the production of evidence in proof of the publications of the libel complained of—that in consequence of its circulation, several merchants, who had been previously in the habit of selling the plaintiffs goods, had since and now refuse to sell them on a credit. Counsel then proceeded to introduce testimony of express malice on the part of defendant, but the Court refused its admission at this stage of the proceedings, adding that in the event of the defendant introducing any proof of his plea of justification, then the plaintiffs might offer testimony on the point alluded to by their counsel. The case is now on.

SUPREME COURT—*Special Term.*—Before Judge Mitchell.—*In the matter of the Fourteenth Ward Election.*—The order of Judge King so far modified that the County Canvassers canvass the whole of the Fourteenth Ward, except the Second District, which is left for further consideration.

In the matter of the Will of Richard S. Griswold, dec'd.—Order declaring the will to have been duly proved, and that it be recorded, &c.

Henry E. Rhodes against *Caroline A. Rhodes*—Proof of service of summons to be produced.

Almira Kimball, by her Guardian, &c., against *Walter H. Kimball.*—Divorce to be granted. Guardian's name to be struck out, and continuance in plaintiff's own name.

GENERAL TERM.—*Habeas Corpus.*—An order was obtained, on behalf of Horatio E. Abbey, of Brooklyn, requiring Maria L. Abbey to produce the person of Chester Abbey, an infant, of whom plaintiff the father, claims the care and custody, but which has been given to Mrs. A. by Judge Morse.

SUPERIOR COURT—Before Judge Sandford.—*Cesar Jemeson and wife* agt. *William Ringgold and wife.*—Action for slander between colored persons, the one family residing at No. 40 and the other at No. 42 Grand st., adjoining. Mr. S. Brown brings this suit for plaintiff, Mr. Busted appearing for defense. The damages are laid at $1,000. It is charged that Mrs R. applied certain opprobious terms as regarded Mrs. J., and also as to her husband, and that consequently, among other troubles, the business of plaintiff as a physician was injured.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Before Judge Edwards.—*Charles L. Young & Co.* against *George Payne.*—To recover damages for non-performance of contract to deliver a large quantity of coal near the mines of defendant, in Pennsylvania, already referred to. Verdict for plaintiff, $1,370.

Samuel F. Tracy against *Ann E. Yates.*—By a creditor of the company, to recover of a stockholder in the New York Steam Faucet Co., the sum of $5,000, being a sum equal to the amount subscribed by her in said Company. The case is similar to one tried a short time since against Mr. Rodman, another stockholder of the Company. The Company was formed under the general law, for 25 years, but no certificate filed that the amount or capital was paid in, so that each stockholder, on a failure of the Company to pay, is bound for the debts of the Company to the amount he subscribed, even though he may have paid a part or the whole in. Mrs. Yates is widow of the late Gov. Yates, and has paid the $5,000 in, having given a note to the amount, which was discounted at the Bowery Bank.

The Company, it is said, has become insolvent, and the suit is on a judgment obtained against the Company.

SUPREME COURT.—*General Term.—Admissions to the Bar.*—The following gentlemen, after examination, were declared duly admitted to practice in the various Courts of the State, viz: Benj. V. Abbott, Robert D. Benedict, Henry Brace, Geo. H. Cook, Churchill J. Cambreling, Baldwin Dix, Francis Ferris, Wm. S. Forrest, Theodore S. Fonda, Nason C. Gridley, John L. Hanes, Robert Johnston, Walter R. McDonald, Alfred McIntire, Augustus Prentice, John D. Skidmore, John Pyne, Daniel H. Whitney.

SUPEROIR COURT—Before Judge Sandford.—*Cesar Jemeson and wife* agt. *William Ringgold and wife.*—Action for slander between colored persons, already referred to. One of the charges was that plaintiffs were not married, and that J. has a wife in Philadelphia. It was shown his former wife, there, had obtained a divorce against him. Verdict for plaintiffs, 6 cents.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Willis.—*Peter Hogan* against *the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company.*—To recover $33, the value of a cow owned by Mr. H. It was stated that the cow was on the Railroad track at One Hundred and Fifteenth st., about 12 o'clock at night, in September last, when the up town train came in collision with her, and she was run over and killed.

A nonsuit was moved for on the ground—1st, that the plaintiff cannot recover because everyman is bound to keep his cattle within his own inclosure, and if he permits them to run at large and they sustain injury, the defendants are not liable. 2d, because negligence is shown on the part of plaintiff in permitting the cow to be at large and wander about the highway, without any person in charge of her, and that where any negligence appears on the part of the plaintiff he cannot recover. The Justice granted the nonsuit and dismissed the complaint.

SUPERIOR COURT—Before Judge Oakley.—*Peter H Vanderveer*, administrator of Peter L. Vanderveer, deceased, agst. *Russell E. Glover.*—The action is on a note in favor of deceased. The defense is, that Mr. G. being indebted to deceased and others, applied to the U. S. Court at the time of the Bankrupt act, for discharge, and that an agreement was made by him with deceased, that if the latter would withdraw opposition to his discharge, Mr. G., after receiving his certificate, would renew his obligation, and Mr. G. did so, giving notes at 3 years, of which the note in suit is a renewal, and that the said agreement to withdraw opposition and receive a renewal as an equivalent, was against the statute and void. The understanding to the effect not being satisfactorily shown, a verdict was given for plaintiff, $1,278, being amount.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—Before Judge Ingraham.—*George Bruce* agt. *John J. V. Westervelt*, Sheriff.—Suit which was tried before, in relation to a printing press levied upon at the old establishment of Piercy & Reed, Spruce st., on an execution against them. Mr. B. claims to have previously purchased the office.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—Before Judge Daly.—*Charles W. Lowder* agt. *Jesse Stilwell, et al.*—Action of ejectment against tenants of property near corner of Seventh av., and Thirty-sixth-st., already referred to, the tenants claiming right to hold under the builders who had an agreement from the owner when he placed certain buildings on the property, that a deed should be given him, he giving back a mortgage, but which agreement the owners contends had been forfeited. Verdict for plaintiff, 3 cents; which gives to him the title, and also costs of suit.

BROOKLYN ITEMS.

THE SUBJECT OF SUPPLYING BROOKLYN WITH WATER.—At a meeting of the Common Council Monday evening, Alderman Marvin offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Law Committee and Counsellor of the Board:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to publish the necessary notice in the Corporation and State papers of the intention of the Common Council to make application to the Legislature at its ensuing session for authority to contract a loan for the purpose of providing the necessary means to meet the expenses which may be incurred in obtaining a supply of water for the City.

This subject is at present engrossing a good share of the attention of our citizens, and from the interest taken in regard to it, it is probable that our City will at some day not far distant be supplied with an abundance of water—so necessary to the safety of property and the health and cleanliness of the inhabitants.

During the past week several members of the Board of Aldermen, with the Mayor, took a jaunt to a place called "Rum Point," in Queens County, about 25 miles distant from the City, to examine the ponds and streams in that locality, and judge of the practicability of conducting water thence for the use of the City. From their observations they are satisfied that water, pure and fresh, can be obtained and brought hence in quantities sufficient to meet all demands for a number of years to come, and are prepared to recommend the adoption of the report of the engineers who have made the necessary surveys, and are confident that water can be procured from these sources.

☞ The following is the Weekly Report of Deaths in the City of Brooklyn for the week ending December 6, 1851:

DISEASES.		DISEASES.		DISEASES.	
Bronchitis	1	Dropsy Chest	1	Influenza	1
Cancer Stomach	1	" Head	2	Malformation	1
Congestion Brain	4	Dysentery	2	Marasmus	4
" Lungs	8	Fever Rebittent	1	Old Age	1
Consumption	10	" Scarlet	12	Purpura	1
Croup	2	" Typhoid	3	Premature Birth	3
Cyania	1	Indam'n Lungs	3	Small Fox	1
Dropsy	1	" Stomach	1	Stillborn	6

Males, 38; Females, 27; Adults, 29; Children, 43—Total, 65.

DEATH FROM EXPOSURE AND NEGLECT.—The Coroner on Friday held an inquest upon two infants (twins) that had been born on Sunday and died on Friday at a house in Henry-st., near Hamilton av. The mother is the wife of a drunken vagabond named English, who a few days since was convicted of maltreating her, and sent to the Penitentiary. He had totally neglected to provide for his family, and the Coroner ascertained that for the past three or four months, the poor woman had lived in a dark closet under the stairs, with nothing but the bare boards for a bed, and no food but such as she could get by begging. On her condition becoming known to the authorities, she was immediately conveyed to the Poor-House. The verdict of the Jury was that the children died from exposure to cold and starvation.

An Indian Election,

The Editor of *The St. Louis Republican* writing from Fort Laramie under date of September 15, gives an interesting account of an election of Chief by the Sioux nations. Colonel Mitchel indicated a mode of election. He said he would nominate a man, and gave each voter a stick, one being selected from every nation with direction to give the stick to the nominee if approved of. The writer thus describes the election:

Col. M. announced to the bands that Mah-toe-wah-yu-why was elected by him. When this announcement was made, the squaws of his band set up a shout of joy. This act of impropriety on the part of the squaws, interfering with the business of the men, recalled Mah-toe-wah-yu-why to himself, and he indignantly rebuked them for it. Then turning to Col. M., he addressed him in substance as follows:

"Father, I am a young man and have no experience. I do not desire to be Chief of the Dahcotahs. I have not attended the Councils much, because there are older and better heads in our nation than I am. There are men who know the white man longer than I have, and they know better what to do, and understand what you and our Great Father proposes for our good, better than I do. Father, I have not attended the councils for several suns. I have been hunting buffalo, and I would not have come here to-day if I had known that this would have happened. Father, I think you should have selected some older and wiser man than myself."

Col. M. explained to him, that he had selected him because of the character he bore among the whites and Indians, for honesty, intelligence and courage. That it was necessary there should be one principal Chief, and if the nation selected him, his Great Father would sustain him in his office.

Mah-toe-wah-yu-why replied: "Father, I am not afraid to die, but to be Chief of all the Dahcotahs, I must be a Big Chief. If I am to be Chief I must be a Big Chief, or in a few moons I will be sleeping (dead) on the prairies. I have a squaw and papooses that I do not wish to leave. If I am not a powerful Chief, my opponents will be on my trail all the time. I do not fear them. I have to sleep (die) on the prairies sometime, and it don't concern me what time it comes. If you, Father, and our Great Father, require that I shall be their Chief, I will take this office. I will try to do right to the whites, and hope they will do so to my people. And, Father, if any of my people are determined to leave me on the prairie (kill me) I will have a large company of my enemies to accompany me to the Great Spirit. I know the Great Spirit will protect me, and give many spirits of my enemies to accompany me, if I have to sleep for doing what you and our Great Father asks. The Great Spirit, the sun and moon, and the earth, knows the truth of what I speak."

Col. Mitchel then placed Mah-toe-wah-yu-why in the center of the semicircle, and again, through the interpreters, explained that those who were willing to take him for the Chief of the nation, should come up and give him the *stick*, or twig; and if they did not desire him, they would either keep the stick or give it to the Commissioner.

At length, after a very protracted consultation a Yancton Chief, (one of the voters,) arose, approached Mah-toe-wah-yu-why, and gave him his stick. Soon after, a Chief from the Shoshone band did the same, and then the representatives of all the bands came up and gave him their sticks. But we had a strong and marked evidence of native and untutored dignity. Not one of the bands to which Mah-toe-wah-yu-why belonged, voted until all the others had given in theirs, and he himself threw away the stick which had been given him before he was selected. After the Colonel had satisfied Mah-toe-wah-yu-why, as the Chief of the nation, one of the old Chiefs harangued the bands and especially the young men, telling them to open their eyes and look upon the man who was hereafter to be the Chief of the nation—to have their ears bored, that they might listen to his words, and do what he said. Hereafter, this Chief was to be the voice of their Great Father.

☞ The U. S. Mail steamship Marion, Capt. Berry, from Charleston, in 58 hours, arrived yesterday morning, bringing 54 passengers and $5,000 in specie. We are indebted to the Clerk, Mr. T. C. Mather, and our friends of the *Courier, Mercury, News* and *Standard*, for late papers.

☞ The U. S. Mail steamship Alabama, Capt. Ludlow, from Savannah, in 62 hours, arrived yesterday morning. We are indebted to Mr. Campbell, Purser, for papers.

☞ The Empire City sailed for Chagres yesterday afternoon with 300 passengers.

Post-Office Operations.

The Postmaster-General has established the following new Post-Offices for the week ending Nov. 22, 1851:

Office.	County.	State.	Postmaster.
W. Township	Albany	N. Y	S. G. Van Etten.
Cloversville	Delaware	"	R. Humphrey.
Steretoma	Erie	Pa.	A. J. Sterrett.
Pine	Venango	"	N. Morse.
Hemlock Cr'k	Meigs	Ohio	B. McKinly.
Leebra	Mason	Va.	Thos. C. Hill.
Tumbling Creek	Tazewell	"	J. B. Crabtree.
Wit's Spur	Patrick	"	J. H. Edwards.
Big Cedar Creek	Greenbrier	"	A. H. McClung.
Sorrible	Beckly