can artists; and who were persons of equal merit, but who were not members of the Century Club; I wish to state further, that in 1851 the National Academy of Design, as I have been informed by one of the officers, and was a matter of notoriety, for the purpose of relieving the institution from embarrassment, to have a distribution of pictures, and that Mr. Cozzens, fearing that mode would become popular and interfere with the prosperity of the Art Union, purchased with the consent of the Committee, after ward obtained, many of the works of art which had previously been declined by the Art-Union (though offered there for sale) on account of lack of merit as the Committee alleged when they refused to purchase them. Q. Was there any partiality as respects the price paid to particular artists? A. I think there was decidedly. Q. State in what that partiality consisted, and to whom. A. Artists who would either pay court to the President, Mr. Cozzens, and other managers, or those who would threaten or denounce the proceeding, as also the Committee for acting with partiality, and speak out pretty loud; they would generally have a better luck than the other artists who were mild and modest; I have known as many as, I think, fourteen pictures purchased from one artist residing in London at the time, and who, I understood at the time from the Committee, had not been a naturalized citizen, or resident artist, according to the Charter of the Institution, to the exclusion of meritorious American artists; I have known a meritorious artist to receive less than the value of his production merely because that he was poor, and because he was compelled to receive it, and that was during the administration of Mr. Cozzens; I make a distinction between General Whetmore and Mr. Cozzens, and they are both present; General Whetmore was always liberal to the artists; I have known members of the Committee to purchase works of art on drafts on time and share the same at the rate of 1 and 1½ per cent. per month. Q. Was there anything that guided the artists and compelled them to go to those particular persons to get the drafts cashed. A. Yes there was; they could not sell their pictures unless they took the drafts at a long date, and they were directed where to go to get them cashed; well Col. Warner did this, and I can give plenty of other names if you want them, and I will give the names whether you want them or not. Mr T.—I want the widest scope to be given to the witness. Chairman—I think we have thrown the lasso over heads enough. Q. In the reports that were made to the members and the public by the Committee of the Art-Union was there any statement of the price paid for each picture obtained for distribution. A. No, Sir, not to my knowledge, nor did I believe there was. Q. There is in the catalogue for works of art Dec. 20, $43,120 73; is there anything to explain that? A. No, Sir, not to my knowledge.

The Committee here adjourned to Monday morning at at 10 o'clock in consequence of the absence of Mr. Champlain who has been called to his home by a telegraphic dispatch.

☞ Her Excellency the Countess of Elgin, the lady of the Governor General of the Canadas, was safely delivered of a son on the morning of the 27th ult. Her Ladyship and the young Bruce are both doing well.

THE RETAIL RUM TRADE.

Progress of Rum Licenses—Names of Second Ward Applicants.

The Second Ward Excise Commissioners—Alderman Haley and Assistant-Alderman Tait—commenced business yesterday. Capt. Leonard, of that Police District, was also present, having an eye upon some of the applicants. The following persons were licensed:

Abraham B. Miller, 535 Beekman.
Ed. Y. Foote, 104 South-st.
John H. Dorrick, 17 Beekman-st.
Charles Ferran, 91 South-st.
Diedrich Miller, 3 Burling-slip.
Class Ficker, 26 Ann-st.
John Rankin, 24 Spruce-st.
Christian Bennker, 116 William-st.
Julius Buchter, 187 Fulton-st.
Christoph Lussen, 1224 Fulton-st.
John Eners, 39 Ann-st.
C. T. Weeks, 63 Nassau-st.
Adolphus Adams, 19 Ann-st.
Henry Kohlman, 37 Beekman-st.
Henry Steil, 105 Nassau-st.
Clowes H. Bishop, 44 Nassau-st.
Anslon Lamb, 176 Broadway.
Bernard D. Schriefer, 53 Nassau-st.
Allen S. Wightman, 7, 8 & 9 Fulton Market.
Herman Reicker 119 Fulton-st., per Hen. Brunsett.
Deadrick Simkins, 36 Spruce-st.
Heinrich Brandt, 80 Ann-st.
Fred. Rauman, 135 Maiden-lane.
Wm. H. Woodbury, 155 Fulton-st.
Bernard Riely, 99 Fulton-st.
James M. Beer, 66 Gold-st.
Arestide Martin, 154 Fulton-st.
Henry Stevens, 118 South-st.
Charles P. Williams, 192 Front-st.
Elisabeth Quirk, 59 Ann-st., by Jas Dinn.
Jas. C. Stoneall, 131 Fulton-st.
Thos H. O'Brien, 37 Burling-slip.
Isaac H. Smith, 95 Peck-slip.
James S. Libbey, 37 City Hall-pl., by Assistant-Alderman Tait.
Richard S. Williams, 93 South-st., by Alderman Haley.
Ebenhard F. Lindort, 149 Fulton-st.
Henry Bischoff, 73 Fulton-st.
John H. Meyers, 55 Fulton-st.
Carl M. Bircher, 233 Pearl-st.
John C. Schmidt, 71 Nassau-st.
John Valckman, 89 Nassau-st., [a lad of nineteen years.]
Walter H. Degraw, 1 Fulton-mark't
Luke Carran, 2½ Cliff-st.
Claus Wintzen, 21 Ann-st.
Francis Jenkins, 14 Fulton-st.
Joseph Prost, 99 Fulton-st.
John Herrenpohl, 300 Pearl-st.
John W. Smith, 170 Front-st., by S. Spelman.
John Woolsey, 208 Front-st., per Saml. Van Winkle.
Mr. E. Bird, 218 Front-st.
Geo. Seeley, 309 Pearl-st.
Fred. Hawkins, 89 South-st.
Diedrich Miller, 73 Nassau-st.
Jacob Wilson, 103 South-st.
Arparius Engles, 12 Dutch-st.
Wm. H. Radford, 214 Broadway, by Geo. H. Radford.
Samuel G. Smith, 14 Fulton-st.
Jacob Ficker, 110 Fulton-st.
James E. Knapp, 153 Front-st.
Daniel H. Jones, 153 Front-st.

It being 2 o'clock, the Board adjourned. There were no applications rejected positively, though one or two from meeting-slip, were held over for inquiry.

CITY ITEMS.

ENTERTAINMENTS, &c., DAY AND EVENING.

ROME AGAINST PROTESTANTISM, will be the subject of FATHER GAVAZZI'S Lecture to-night. This is the last lecture of the course.

MACBETH will be repeated at the Broadway to-night.

BOLD STROKE FOR A HUSBAND, and "The Capture of Captain Cuttle," at Burton's—Burton as "Don Cæsar" and "Cuttle."

THE SOLDIER'S DAUGHTER, by Hilson, Louisa Keene, Lester, &c. Also, "Amodeus, or the Little Devil's Share."

MANIAC LOVER, "Turnpike Gate," "John Jones," and "Duchabuneau," at the St. Charles.

THE WILLOW CORSE, this afternoon, at Barnum's. This evening, "The Illustrious Stranger," and "Mischief Making."

FRANCONI'S HIPPODROME, afternoon performance at 2½ o'clock, and in the evening at 7½. Doors open half an hour previous to the commencement of the performances. Tournaments, Chariot races, Pony races, Ostrich races, Balancing, Posturing, Wonderful Horse-training, &c., at each performance.

AT THE CIRCUS, Equestrianship, Acrobatic performances, Gymnastics, Feats of Horsemanship, &c.

AT HELLER'S, Tricks, Rappings Exposure, and other Performances of Magic.

NEGRO MINSTELSY, DELINEATIONS, BURLESQUES, &c., as usual, at Wood's Minstrels, 444 Broadway. A new programme.

THE HOLY LAND—Banvard's great Georama is exhibited this evening at No 596 Broadway.

MONT BLANC.—Mr. Owen's Picturesque Ascent of this famous Mountain is repeated to-night, at No. 539 Broadway.

THE FATHER OF WATERS—Sanford's Panorama of the Mississippi River this evening at Metropolitan Hall.

EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES.—The Egyptian Museum is open day and night, at No 659 Broadway.

CURIOSITIES.—The Studio Curious of Mechanism, &c., is open day and evening at No 629 Broadway.

PAINTINGS, &c.—The National Academy of Design is open day and evening at No. 663 Broadway.

PAINTINGS, &c.—The Washington Exhibition of Art is open day and evening at No. 497 Broadway.

RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARIES, MAY, 1853.

SUNDAY, May 8.

New-York Bible Society. Sermon by Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D.D., of Baltimore. Reformed Dutch Church, Washington-square.

Am. Home Miss. Soc. Sermon by Rev. L. P. Hickok, of Union College. Church of the Puritans, Union-square, 7½ P.M.

American and Foreign Christian Union. Sermon by Rev. John Kennedy, D.D., of Brooklyn—Mercer-st. Presbyterian Church, 8 P.M.

Am. and For. Christian Union. Sermon by Rev. John Kennedy, D.D., of Brooklyn. At the Mercer-st. Presbyterian Church 8 P.M.

Am. Soc. for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews. Sermon by Rev. Nathaniel West, of Pittsburgh, Pa. In the Reformed Dutch Church in La Fayette-place.

☞ For other Sermons and Religious Services, see "Religious Notices" on first page.

☞ The weather yesterday was cold, with rain all day and evening.

FATHER GAVAZZI'S LECTURE.—Father Gavazzi delivered the seventh lecture of his second course in Metropolitan Hall last evening, before a large audience, his subject being *The Inquisition at Rome in 1849*, together with some observations on the secret trial and unjust sentence of the Madiai. He also severely criticised Archbishop Hughes's letter, published in *The Times*, relative to the Madiai mass meeting in Metropolitan Hall.

☞ Haydock, the ex Woodsawyer of Hudson, will lecture to-morrow (Sunday) on the subject of Temperance as follows: 10 o'clock, A. M., at Burling slip; 1½, P. M., Grand-st., Ferry; 3 o'clock, P. M., at the corner East Broadway and Grand-st.

☞ The Temperance discussion did not come on yesterday before the Common Council Committee. We did not learn the reason for postponement.

WORLD'S FAIR.—The Crystal Palace will be so near completion on the 16th inst, that articles for exhibition in the American Department will be received on and after that date. This does not include machinery, agricultural implements or paintings, which are to occupy an additional building now erecting between the main building and reservoir.

The central consolidated lines of New-York Railroads will transport goods intended for the Exhibition free of charge.

The Norwegian brig Vesta, from Norway, arrived yesterday morning with three boxes of iron for the Exhibition at the Crystal Palace.

MR. HEALY, THE ARTIST.—Among the passengers who go out in the Humboldt to-day, is Mr. Healy, the distinguished artist. Mr. Healy has been in this City for a few weeks past, and has been staying with his friend Col. Thorne, in Sixteenth-st. He returns to Europe with the view of remaining there some years, and prosecuting his profession, in which he has already won for himself the highest reputation.

GAS FOR THE CITY.—The Investigation on the subject of Gas for the City was continued yesterday afternoon, in the Library, City Hall, before the Gas Committee—Ald. Francis and Wood present. The Manhattan Gas Company and the New-York Mutual Gaslight Savings Company were represented, as heretofore, in the investigation. The session yesterday afternoon was occupied in the cross-examination of Dr. Elliott, Chemist, by the representatives of the Gaslight Savings Company. The evidence was mostly of a scientific nature, relative to the manufacture of gas. At 6 o'clock the Committee adjourned, to meet on the 17th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

UNEQUALED SAILING—SHORT PASSAGE.—The clipper ship Sovereign of the Seas arrived at this port yesterday, in [illegible] days from Honolulu, Sandwich Islands—it usually requiring four or five months from those Islands. Besides this speed for the whole [illegible] portions of the time show a [illegible] remarkable pa[illegible] The run from Honolulu to Cape Horn, a distance of 8,634 miles, was accomplished in 37 days; in 26 of those days consecutively the ship ran 6,489 miles, and one of these days was distinguished by an extraordinary run of 430 miles. This is the greatest sailing recorded, the nearest approach to it being that of the Flying Cloud, which ran, in 26 consecutive days, an average of 227 miles per day; while the daily average of the Sovereign of the Seas for the same time was 249 11 13 miles, or 22 miles a day more than the Flying Cloud. The best day's run of the Flying Cloud was 374 miles. There is no doubt of the above run of the Sovereign of the Seas, as it appears from the logbook and calculations entered at large on Captain McKay's journal—a speed of 18 miles an hour for 24 hours—greater than was ever done before under canvas.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.—The recent changes in the Custom-House, in addition to those heretofore given, are the following: In the Surveyor's Department, Thomas Wallace, Porter, in place of Mr. Edmonds, resigned; salary, $600. There are but six Clerks in this Department, and Mr. Cochrane intends retaining one or two, who are Democrats, and competent men. Mr. Bronson has appointed his son, Henry G. Bronson, Deputy Collector, in place of John S. Maxwell—salary, $2,500.

In the Assistant Treasurer's Office no changes have been made. Mr. Bradish being yet in office, there probably will be none until an appointment is made in the place of Mr. Dix.

In the Naval Office, R. S. Stewart, Clerk, in place of Langley Bruce—salary, $900; Francis S. Barkelow, Clerk, in place of J. N. Coyne—salary, $900; Nathan F. Bolles, Clerk, in place of J. T. Morse—salary, $750. Col. Delevan, Naval Storekeeper, has made five appointments, among which are James McMurray, as foreman of all the public stores in the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, and Richard D. Letter.

The U. S. Marshal, Mr. Abram T. Hillyer, has appointed as Officers to the U. S. Circuit Court, Officers Lutker Horton, William Phillips, John Stegner, and Peter Miller. In the U. S. District Court, Officers Gilbert Weeks, George Niven, B. F. Ryer, and John Helmes. Mr. H. has appointed his son, Chas. A. Hillyer, and Mr. J. Thompson, his Deputies. Some changes in the Post Office are expected to take place forthwith. For the benefit of office-seekers whose name is legion, we subjoin a list of revenue officers in New-York, and the salary of each, taken from the Blue Book:

1 Collector	$6,400	76 Night Inspectors	$ 547 50
1 Naval Officer	5,000	1 Clerk	1,800
1 Surveyor	4,000	3 Clerks	1,500
1 Auditor	3,000	9 Clerks	1,300
1 Assistant Auditor	2,500	8 Clerks	1,250
5 Deputy Collectors	2,500	23 Clerks	1,200
3 Deputy Naval Officers	2,000	3 Clerks	1,100
1 Deputy Surveyor	1,500	7 Clerks	1,050
1 Cashier	2,500	61 Clerks	1,000
1 Assistant Cashier	2,000	53 Clerks	900
4 Appraisers	2,500	60 Clerks	800
6 Assistant Appraisers	2,000	10 Clerks	700
1 Storekeeper	2,500	2 Clerks	600
31 Weighers, Gangers, &c.	1,500	1 Clerk	500
200 Inspectors	1,095	300 Laborers, Porters, Watchmen.	

In addition to the above, are Light-House Keepers, Marines, &c.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.—Bradford Knapp, an Inspector, resigned yesterday. No other changes.

VETO ON RUSS PAVEMENT CONTRACT.—The following communication was received last evening in the Board of Assistants from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, May 6, 1853.

To the Honorable Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: I return here with a Report and Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies to enter into a contract with Messrs. Russ & Reid, for the construction of the Russ pavement from Park-row to and around Union Square, through the Bowery and Fourth-av.

The reasons which induce me to withhold my assent from this measure, are briefly as follows:

First—The Common Council are expressly prohibited from transacting any executive business, and although legal opinions from eminent gentlemen are advanced to sustain the legality of the proposed contract, I am of the opinion that the direction given by the resolution attached to the report is in direct violation of the Charter, and holding such an opinion, I could not conscientiously give it my official sanction.

Second—All public works ought to be the subject of fair and open competition, which in this case, by the direction above noted, is denied, on the assumption that no pavement except that of Messrs. Russ & Reid will meet the wants of those streets through which it is proposed to be laid. The very obvious effect of this measure is to give to the contractors a monopoly to pave our thoroughfares on their own terms, without permitting any competition from any other parties.

Third—Responsible parties who are perfectly conversant with the business of paving in all its details, are prepared and willing to lay down a pavement of the same kind of materials, and in such a manner as not to infringe upon the patent of Mr. Russ, on terms much more advantageous to the City, but which they cannot be permitted to do, if the directions contained in the resolutions are carried into effect.

I am free to admit that our great thoroughfares require some kind of pavement more serviceable and durable than the cobble stones, and I am equally free to state my conviction that the pavement of Messrs. Russ & Reid is the most suitable for those thoroughfares of any yet tested. It is durable, easily cleaned, and has thus far proved adequate to the large amount of travel daily passing over it, but the price fixed upon by those gentlemen, and which it is proposed to pay under this contract, in my opinion forbids the idea of its being the most economical; and although it has thus far proved the most durable of any pavement yet laid down, repairs must in time be needed, and as Messrs. Russ & Reid can alone make those repairs, they would in effect be confirmed in a life control of all streets in which that pavement is laid, and in which repairs may hereafter be required, nor is there any provision made as to the prices to be paid for such repairs—thus leaving the City entirely at the mercy of those gentlemen, and of course greatly enhancing the value of the monopoly sought to be conferred on them.

I do not deem it necessary to enter into a detailed statement of the actual expense of this pavement under the proposed contract, that subject being already made familiar not only to your Honorable Body but to the community.

It being my firm conviction that the Common Council has no power to enter into any contract without complying with the forms prescribed by law, and as in my judgment a failure to comply with those provisions will in this instance tend to the expenditure of a very large sum of money, when by a compliance, similar work could be performed for a much less amount.

I feel constrained, from a sense of duty, to withhold my signature from these papers, and therefore return them for such further action as your Honorable Body shall deem expedient. JACOB A. WESTERVELT, Mayor.

EARLY CLOSING OF STORES.—Several of the leading importers of linen goods have determined to close their stores at 3 o'clock P.M. on Saturdays.

BLEECKER-ST. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Trustees of this Church, of which Rev. Joel Parker, D.D., is pastor, have rented the large lecture room in the Fourteenth-st. Medical College. The pews will be let on Saturday evening.

THE STRANGE CHILD AT POUGHKEEPSIE.—We find the following notice additional of the lost child, in *The Poughkeepsie American*. Our readers will recollect that we published an account of her advent and disappearance some weeks ago:

She says she is from England, where her parents now are. She came on board a vessel for New-York; wandered about this State, and was finally sent to an Orphan Asylum at Rochester. She said she had relatives at Manhattanville, whereupon Mr. Colt, of Poughkeepsie undertook to search them out. He sent a member of his family with her to that place, and there was found a family named Reily, who recognized and claimed the girl as a relative. Her story about leaving Liverpool was true. Her father was mate on board a vessel, and had been to this country in pursuit of his wandering child. His brother had advertised for her in the New-York papers, and the gentleman who took her to Rochester advised him of her being in the asylum in that city, whence she was brought to her uncle's residence. In a few months, according to her story and corroborating circumstances, she escaped and went back to Rochester—soon after, she returned to New-York and was taken into the family of a Mrs. Jones, in Canal-st. From this last place she came up the river by railroad, stopped at Poughkeepsie and became an inmate in the family of Mr. Morris. From Mr. M.'s she went to Mr. Colt's, and from Mr. C.'s she went to her relatives, who will at the earliest opportunity send her to her parents. Her true name is *Margaret Reily*. Her uncle has heard nothing of her for some eight months. For one her age, she certainly presents a remarkable career.

PULPIT NOTICES.—Some of our City papers are notable for remarkably liberal notices of favorite divines, but we think the following is the "puff direct," from *The Poughkeepsie American*:

Rev. Mr. King, of New-York, has been attracted to our beautiful village, and may hereafter every Sabbath be seen and heard by our citizens at the Universalist Church. His sermons are buoyant, animated, living: treating of love and hope, purity and peace—wafting breezes of ecstatic bliss to willing recipients. [See adv. in another column.]

☞ Petitions were received last evening by the Board of Aldermen, from real estate owners in Church st., for the use of part of that street for the purpose of tearing down and rebuilding. They complain of the Sixth and Eighth-av., Rails being a serious drawback to the improvements they contemplate making, as the rails on the east side are within a foot of the sidewalk, the carriage-way being only twenty feet wide, and the sidewalks very narrow. The Common Council will have to settle the matter between the projectors of the improvement and the Railroad Companies. During the present year most of the buildings on the west side of Church st., between Murray and Chambers st., are to be removed. The buildings on the east side of the same street, from Park-place to Chambers-st., are to be removed to give place to stores of large dimensions.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—*Friday.*—R. T. Compton, President, in the Chair, and a quorum present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions Referred—Of John J. Benedict, for permission to open West Thirtieth-st. for the purpose of constructing a sewer; of Cummings & Pollock, for a balance due on contract for building a sewer in Forty-second st., between Eleventh and Twelfth-avs.; of Isaac T. Taylor, to be paid for a horse that backed off the pier foot of Vesey-st. and was drowned; of John L. Brown and others, for an Engine Co. in the Nineteenth Ward; of Gen. Hoyt, stating that certain buildings were about to be torn down in Church st., and that the improvement intended to be made was at present prevented by the Railroad in that narrow street, and asking for some action by the Common Council to enable the rebuilding to go on. After considerable discussion this was referred to Committee on Streets, together with another for a similar privilege from Herman D. Aldrich.

Resolutions Adopted—Appointing N. J. Waterbury Inspector of Elections for the Third District of the Twentieth Ward; to place oil lamps in One Hundred and Twentieth-st., from Third av. to the East River; to lay a cross walk in West st. to the pier where the Collins steamers land. By Ald. Boyce, that the Controller report to this Board a full statement of the monthly receipts of the Sixth and Eighth-av. Railroad Companies, so far as said Companies have made returns to him under oath, in accordance with their agreement with the Corporation.

Resolutions Referred—By Ald Oakley, calling upon the Corporation Attorney to take cognizance of the violation of ordinances by the Eighth av. Railroad Company, in leaving the cars standing between Forty-ninth and Fifty-fourth-sts., in the avenue.

Communication—From the Street Commissioner, in answer to Ald. Sturtevant's resolution in relation to the Sixth and Eighth-av. Railroads' double track in College-place and Barclay-st., stating that he had served a copy of the resolution on the Companies, directing them to take up the rails, and that they have not obeyed. He says that he could not have the track ordered to be removed for want of an appropriation. This communication was not satisfied with this excuse, and after some discussion the paper was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Board adjourned to Monday.

STRANGERS.—The following are among the arrivals at the principal hotels:

METROPOLITAN.

Count Rossi, Europe. H. R. Williams, Grand Rapids.
Major Ripley, U. S. Army. C. C. Brava, Jamaica, W. I.
Philip Williams, London. R. H. Butler, Georgia.
J. R. Sage, California.

ST. NICHOLAS.

Hon. Fred. Follet, Albany. Capt. Peetland, New-Orleans.
Hon. J. Westbrook, Conn. Dr. Bickley, Cincinnati.
Hon. H. J. Ponder, Virginia. J. Pettibone, Albany.
Col. Raiford, Philadelphia. B. Vaughan, Penn.
H. Acker, Detroit.

IRVING HOUSE.

Col. Philpott, Bermuda. N. D. Benedict, Utica.
Dr. E. F. Lake, Pennsylvania. N. Greene, Bridgeport.
Major S. Smith, Washington. A. Jeffrey, Canada.

ASTOR.

Hon. Friend Humphrey, Albany. Capt. Farber, ship Great Western.
Gen. Luster, Miss. T. Weed, Albany.
Dr. McCarty, Richmond. Fitz Henry Warren, Iowa.
Capt. Nelson, U. S. Army. J. C. Fargo, Augusta, Ga.

NEWS FROM WESTCHESTER.—Mr. Thomas Towndrow, an old reporter of this City and a thoroughly capable man, has just started a paper at New-Rochelle, called *The Westchester News*, published every Friday, at $2 per annum. It is a handsome sheet, wide awake upon home matters (the true cue for *any* country paper within one day's mail of the Metropolis) and ought to be generously sustained by the people of Westchester. We copy from it the following items:

THE NEW-ROCHELLE RAILROAD.—The parties interested in the Second Avenue Railroad, whose operations in its construction were recently suspended in consequence of an injunction being served upon them, have made another proposition to the authorities of New-York, which it is believed will receive their sanction. The former guarantees of the road, now propose to run cars to Harlem river by horse power, and pay into the City Treasury $100 for each car employed on the road. Should this proposition be favorably acted upon, it is believed that the projectors of the New-York and New-Rochelle Railroad would commence its construction at an early day, notwithstanding the fact that there would be a loss of time in passing to and fro instead of a saving in consequence of the prohibition of steam power in the City. The inhabitants of Pelham, Westchester, West Farms, Union Port and East Morrisana, are anxiously looking for active operations in the matter.

NEW HAVEN RAILROAD.—NEW ARRANGEMENTS.—The summer arrangements of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad go into operation on Monday next, the 9th inst. The accommodation train which has heretofore left New-York at 5, P. M., will, during the summer, leave at ½ past 5, P. M., and the Boston express train is to leave New-York at 5 o'clock, instead of 3½, P. M., stopping only at New-Haven, Springfield and Worcester. An express train will leave New-York for New-Haven also at 3 o'clock, P. M., stopping at Stamford, Norwalk and Bridgeport. Several new and beautiful cars, intended for the "*New York and Boston Express Line*," passed over the road to New-York on Tuesday, to be ready for a start on Monday. They are finished inside with mahogany, curled maple and rosewood, and the seats, bottoms and backs are cushioned in the most elegant and comfortable manner.

POST OFFICE CHANGES.—The following regulations have been made:

New Rochelle—J. J. Deal appointed.
Rye—Daniel Strong.
Westchester—William H. Bowne.
Mount Vernon.—A post office is petitioned for, and assurances are given that it will be created.

LIGHT HOUSE ON EXECUTION ROCKS.—Mr. Benjamin Baker, of New Rochelle, has received the appointment of Keeper of the above Light House.

LIGHT HOUSE ON CAPTAIN'S ISLAND.—Mr. Charles McIntosh has been appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury Keeper of the above named Light-House.

DEDICATION AT PORT CHESTER.—The new Roman Catholic Church, recently built in this village, to be called the "Church of Our Lady of Mercy," is to be dedicated on Sunday morning, June 5; on which occasion Archbishop Hughes, and several other Catholic clergymen of distinction, will be present, and take part in the services of High Mass. The Roman Catholic Church in White Plains will be dedicated in the afternoon of the same day. Both of the above Churches will be placed under the pastoral care of the Rev. E. J. O'Reilly, of New Rochelle, and his associate, Rev. James Coyle.

ROBBERY OF ADAMS' EXPRESS COMPANY.—A young man, 19 years of age, named Major Seth Damon, formerly a Delivery Clerk in the employ of Adams' Express Company, No. 59 Broadway, was yesterday brought to the City from Toledo, Ohio, in custody of Mr. Henry B. Plant, also an employee of that Company, and taken before Justice Bogart, to answer a charge of grand larceny, committed on the 17th of last March. It appears that on that day the accused was intrusted with two packages of money—one containing $1,000, and the other $1,500—to deliver as directed; instead of doing which, however, he appropriated it to his own use, and fled the City. A few days since, Mr. Plant learned that the young man had located himself at Toledo; and Mr. Wm. B. Dinsmore, one of the firm of Adams & Co., went before Justice Bogart and preferred a complaint against him. A warrant for his arrest was issued, and Mr. Plant started with it to Toledo. On confronting the accused, he acknowledged to Mr. Plant his guilt, and voluntarily accompanied him to the City. When taken before the magistrate, and asked what he had to say relative to the charge, he answered, "I am perfectly guilty; I took the money." He was then committed to prison. It is believed that he has $2,000 of the stolen money deposited in a place known only to himself, which he has not, thus far, returned to its owners. He is a native of Vermont, and was reared a farmer.

FOUND DROWNED.—Coroner Gamble held an inquest yesterday, at the foot of Hammersly st., North River, upon the body of an unknown man about 35 years of age, found drowned at that place. Deceased had brown hair, and was dressed in a monkey jacket with horn buttons, black pants, stout boots and blue cotton shirt. He was about 5 feet 8 inches in hight, and appeared to have been three months in the water. A verdict of death by drowning was rendered by the Jury.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—An unknown man was run over at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, by an up train of New-Haven cars, at the corner of Fifty-eighth-st. He was seriously injured, and was taken to Bellevue Hospital by Officer Roswell, of the Eighteenth Ward.

A YOUNG PICKPOCKET.—A boy eight years of age, named John Hines, on Thursday afternoon, picked the pocket of a lady, while walking in Broadway, of a purse containing $40. He then snatched the veil from her bonnett, and ran off, but was pursued and arrested by some citizens, who took him to the Station House, where the property was found on his person. On recovering the property the lady refused to prefer a complaint against an offender so young, and he was therefore discharged.

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF.—Officer Evans, and others of the Fifth Ward Police, on Thursday arrested half a dozen persons, of both sexes, for entering a house in West Broadway, near Duane-st., and wilfully destroying a considerable amount of furniture. The whole party were locked up by Justice Bogart, to answer the charge.

STABBED IN PRINCE ST.—A young man named Thomas Mahon was found at 2½ o'clock yesterday morning, in Prince, near Mott-st., by Officer McGrade, of the Fourteenth Ward, suffering from a stab in the abdomen, inflicted by a man unknown to him, with whom he had previously an altercation. He was taken to the Station-House, where his wounds were dressed. He is a resident of Newark, N. J. The assailant had not been arrested.

HUMAN REMAINS FOUND.—A large crowd collected yesterday in East Broadway, near Montgomery st., to see the skeleton of a human body which was disinterred by some laborers. An inquest will be held upon it.

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BROOKLYN ITEMS.

☞ A Temperance Discourse will be preached to-morrow evening, in the Congregational Church, corner of Court and President-sts., South Brooklyn, by the Pastor, Wm. H. Murah.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, SOUTH BROOKLYN.—The corner-stone of a projected edifice for the Church of the Ascension of South Brooklyn, to be situated on the corner of Third-place and Smith-st., was laid on Thursday, with appropriate ceremonies. The Clergy officiating on the occasion were dressed in full canonicals, and arrived on the ground about 4½ o'clock with the Vestry of the congregation. Rev. Dr. Vinton, Rector of Grace Church, on the Hights, laid the foundation, and read the usual service; when Rev. Mr. Lamson, Pastor of the Ascension congregation, delivered the sermon; in the course of which he observed that it was not many years ago that the parish which now planted its standard of faith was in existence, and but three years since the nucleus was formed in an upper room near the spot where they now raised their voices in prayer and praise. Since the first service full enough adversity had been alloted them to make vigorous and robust their faith, and enough sunshine to cheer their hearts in the good work; for all which it became them to be thankful. He trusted they would hereafter meet and continue to labor in the same spirit, and their efforts would be crowned with unbounded success. Rev. Mr. Guion, of St. Joan's Church, then read a list of the articles deposited in the corner-stone, which embraced a Bible, book of Common Prayer, Journal of the Proceedings of the late Convention of this Diocese, *The Churchman* and another religious periodical, Church Almanac and a scroll of parchment containing a suitable record of the proceedings attending the services, the name of the officiating Clergyman, Wardens, Vestrymen, and Building and Finance Committees. Rev. Mr. Tuttle, of St. Luke's Church, New-York, read the Psalm, and Rev. Dr. Vinton closed with the Benediction. The ceremonies throughout were solemn and impressive.

The congregation at present worship in a second story room on the corner of Court and Sackett sts., which becoming too contracted for their increasing numbers they resolved to erect an edifice of sufficient dimensions for their accommodation. The ground selected is on the corner of Third place and Smith-st., a most eligible neighborhood, about which improvements are progressing on the most magnificent scale, which will before long make it the most beautiful portion of the City.

The building will be of brown stone, in the Gothic style of architecture, 68 feet front, on Third-place, by 88 feet deep. In hight it will be 48 feet, and the steeple 120 feet. It is calculated to seat about 700 persons, and will cost something like $30,000. The architect is Mr. D. Lileman, of New-York.

EMBANKMENT ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon a laborer named Owen Reardon, employed in carting away dirt at Bergen Hill, on the line of Bergen-st., was crushed beneath a falling embankment, and instantly killed. He was about 28 years of age, an Irishman, and had been in this country about four months. He leaves a family of three small children. Within about a year past six or eight persons have been killed while working at this hill.

HOMŒOPATHY.—On Monday the Homœopathic Physicians, practising in this city, held a meeting at the Dispensary Rooms, No. 50 Court-st., and formed themselves into a Medical Society, by electing the following officers:

President.....A. COOKE HULL.
Vice-Presidents.....S. S. GUY, R. C. MOFFAT.
Secretary and Treasurer....O. R. KING.
Censors.....ROBERT ROSMAN, P. P. WELLS, A. COOKE HULL.

BROOKLYN DISPENSARY.—During the month of April, 465 persons have been treated at this Dispensary, of which 357 were of foreign birth, and 108 natives of the United States, to whom 1,395 prescriptions were gratuitously dispensed.

ACCIDENT ON THE WALL ST. FERRY.—About 1 o'clock yesterday a collision occurred between the Wall st. Ferry-boat Montague and the tow-steamer Titan, in which the former had a portion of the railing at one end of the Ladies Cabin carried away, and was otherwise damaged. The Titan had one of her small boats stove in pieces, but sustained very little injury. Workmen were busily engaged in repairing the Montague in the afternoon, and it is probable she will resume her place to-day.

FIRES.—About 6 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the cottage house at the corner of Montague and Hicks sts., originating from a defect in the furnace in the basement. The First District Police extinguished the flames before much damage had been done. On the evening previous, the bed-curtains in a house in Johnson-st., near Duffield, caught fire from a candle, and for a time threatened seriously. The flames were, however, soon extinguished with a few buckets of water.

MOUNT PROSPECT ENGINE COMPANY.—The annual election for officers of this Company, (No. 16) took place on Tuesday last and resulted as follows: Foreman, Wm H. Hopkins; First Assistant, Wm. Wallace; Second Assistant, Sylvester Whitehead; Secretary, Richard Van Ingen; Treasurer, John Acker; Trustee, Wm. H. Noe; Steward, Thomas N. Greet; Representatives, Wm. Burrell, and George H. P. Hopkins.

☞ Michael Dolan was arrested on Thursday night for creating a disturbance at the Brooklyn Athenæum, on the occasion of Father Gavazzi's lecture. He was brought before Justice Smith and fined $3.

WILLIAMSBURGH ITEMS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—The regular monthly meeting of the members of this Board was held at the City Hall, on Thursday evening, the President, F. Sylvester, in the Chair.

A Communication was received and ordered on the minutes, from the School Board of Finance, transmitting the appropriations for the ensuing year.

An application from Miss Gardiner, to be appointed a teacher, was referred to the Committee on Qualifications. The same Committee reported in favor of granting certificates to Misses Margaret J. Baap, Ellen J. Atkinson, Ann Flynn, and Maria Dean. The report was accepted and adopted.

A lengthy discussion here arose respecting the best method of conducting school examinations. The matter was finally laid over. Several bills were presented and referred. A number of others were reported on, and warrants ordered.

The Annual Report of the Third Ward Trustees, was ordered to be presented to the Committee on Reports, as soon as complete.

The hour of meeting through the summer season, was fixed at 8 instead of 7½ o'clock, as heretofore.

Friday, the 29th of July, was fixed on for the summer vacation to commence, to continue four weeks.

The report of the First Ward Trustees was received and referred to the Committee on the Annual Census. The Board then adjourned.

COLLISION.—Yesterday morning, about 6½ o'clock,