and a female bird, two years old, weighing 97½ lb alive; and a female bird one year old, dressed ready for the spit, 15½ lb weight; and as the stock has been continuously improving both in size, beauty of form and plumage for years, it is impossible to determine any limit. He has lately procured a pair of pure wild birds from Canada, for the purpose of infusing a new strain of wild blood into the stock whenever he sees a chance to improve. The ordinary weight of male turkeys, two years old, as they are prepared for the market, will not exceed 35 lb, and a female of eight lb is accounted a very good one.

This is very of showing what is Mr. Avery's improvement, and to encourage others to go and do likewise. Transferred to other poultry management, that is, the price which so much pleased communities. A good Republican during the late Presidential contest, Mr. Avery determined to do the magnificent turkey as a thanksgiving offering to the candidate of his choice if elected; but alas, he could not have the satisfaction of presenting him to Col. Fremont. He was willing that any on the free soil Mr. Buchanan should have the honor of presenting him upon his inauguration day to some member of the Kickoo Council, provided they were willing to pay the price of a million a pound. Perhaps Mr. J. M. Mathews of Dry Goods concern to come, and forwarded the bird by express to Washington, where we understand the table bird is dividing the attention of visitors between himself and his new owner.

A TEN DOLLAR SEWING-MACHINE.—A Mr. Watson, of "Down East," we suppose, though not fully identified, has invented a sewing machine of such simple form that it is to be sold for ten dollars. From a cut of the machine, we are led to believe the work is principally of cast iron. The whole thing is in one piece, but is extended upon a table, and is operated by a crank and a fly wheel on a shaft that moves the arm that holds the needle. Above this is a hollow projection that holds the movements, some eight inches high, at one end of the plate, with the fly-wheel behind, and the arms that support and move the needle projecting in front. The whole weight is given at only seven pounds, and it has to be secured to the table by a clamp. But one thread is used and that loops on the under side, each succeeding stitch into the last one, making a chain stitch like tambour work. Of course it would ravel out easily. The machine has the extraordinary price as a recommendation, and it is possible that it would be useful for many household purposes; but we have no idea of its being at all equal to the best machines now in use such as Wheeler & Wilson's, Singer's, Robinson's and some others, perhaps—the objection to which is their high price, ranging from $40 to $125. A female correspondent begins if these machines are durable and easily managed? We answer, Yes, and great savers of human strength, and worthy of a place in every family. We hope these cheap rivals will also prove a perfect success.

DURHAM CATTLE FOR CALIFORNIA.—Messrs. B. & C. S. Halstead Enzabeth, N. J., have just made a shipment of Short Horns to Geo. H. Howard of San Francisco, the first of this breed of cattle sent to that State. The lot embraces one bull, two years old, and one about six months; and two heifers a year and a half old. We shall look with much anxiety for the success of this first undertaking to introduce improved cattle into that great State, as well adapted to the business of stock raising.

TRIPS OF THE ALBANY BOATS SUSPENDED.—The late snap of cold weather has had the effect of nearly putting a stop to navigation on the Hudson River. The Rip Van Winkle of the Merchants' Line returned from Albany last Monday, and has not since attempted to make a trip. The Hendrick Hudson of the same line, after being fast for a day or two in the ice at Castleton, succeeded in coming through on Wednesday, and has since been lying quietly at her berth, foot of Robinson street. The Isaac Newton and New World of the People's Line, which had also been frozen fast at Castleton, likewise came down on Wednesday. The New World has not been sent out since. The Isaac Newton left again for Albany at 8 o'clock on Friday morning, but did not reach her destination until about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and it is not probable that she will make another trip until the river is free from ice. The Francis Skiddy, which also came down the river on Wednesday, is lying at her berth, foot of Cedar street, waiting for better accounts as regards navigation above Hudson. The steamers Columbia and South America of the Hudson Line, and the Catskill, which usually plies between this city and Catskill, were to have commenced running at the beginning of the past week for the season, are waiting for more favorable weather, and the clearance of the river from ice.

NEW-YORK FIREMEN GOING TO BOSTON.—We understand that Ocean Engine Co. No. 11 and the New-York Hose Co. No. 5 will visit Boston and vicinity on the 17th of June next. No. 11 will be received and entertained by the Washington Engine Co. No. 5, of Charlestown.

WEST INDIA FRUIT.—The importations of Cuba oranges have nearly ceased, and vessels are now sailing to bring cargoes of bananas, cocoa-nuts, &c., which may be expected to arrive early in April. The past Winter has been a hard one for the foreign fruit trade. Almost every cargo (especially from the Mediterranean) has been more or less damaged by frost, making it necessary to force considerable quantities of oranges upon the market for immediate consumption, lest they should be entirely lost. As a consequence, they have been peddled about the streets at rates barely sufficient to pay the importer's expenses. Only about two more lots will arrive this season. Such portions of the fruit as were sound, embracing the bulk of the importations, sold rapidly at $10 per barrel—amply compensating for all losses.

COMPLIMENT TO THE BRITISH MINISTER.—In view of the courteous reception which Mr Dallas, the U. S. Minister at the Court of St James, received at the hands of the Liverpool merchants, the New York Chamber of Commerce resolved to extend a welcome to Lord Napier, the New British Minister to this country, on his arrival at this port. On Saturday afternoon the deputation waited upon the British Minister at the Clarendon Hotel. At his request the ceremony was entirely private. Among the merchants present were: Messrs. M. H. Grinnell, James G. King, Thos. Tillotson, Henry A. Coit, Dominick Duer, Adam Norrie, James De Peyster Ogden, E. E. Morgan, Henry Grinnell, John A. Stevens, Alex. Duncan, P. Perit.

Joseph Fowler, esq., acting Vice-Consul H. B. M. in this city, performed the ceremony of introduction. The meeting was cordial, and produced an agreeable impression on both sides.

P. Perit, esq., President of the Chamber of Commerce, addressed his Lordship in the following terms:

In behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of New-York, we have called to pay our respects to you, and to offer to you, your lady and family, a cordial welcome to the shores of our country; in doing which, we but give utterance to the sentiments of the whole community. Your arrival in this country is the more interesting, as it will fully restore the diplomatic relations of Great Britain and the United States of America, and will, we trust, be the means of adding strength to the ties of consanguinity, friendship and interest which bind these nations together. On this continued harmony of feeling and action depend not only the prosperity of two great and powerful nations, but the advancement of commerce, civilization and liberal institutions throughout the world. It will be the distinguished privilege of your mission, we trust, to contribute largely to these great objects. We regret that your early departure for Washington will prevent the opportunity of tendering the attentions which it would have afforded us and our fellow-citizens great pleasure to render, and that we can only offer you in this interview a hearty welcome.

Lord Napier replied:

Mr. President and Gentlemen—I beg you will convey to the New-York Chamber of Commerce my highest sense of the honor they have done me in offering me their congratulations on the occasion of my arrival in this country. I can assure you that my efforts shall be wanting, on my part, to realize the happy anticipations which you have had the goodness to express, and to deserve the favorable opinion which you have graciously formed of my ability to promote the interests of our respective countries. I come without every desire to be useful. Although I have never visited American shores, I have enjoyed the intimacy and friendship of many of your country men abroad, and I would gladly merit that regard on the part of the nation which has been extended to me by its individual members. The sentiments of community which you have conveyed to me are those which animate the Government and people of Great Britain. If I fail in giving effect to them it may arise from a deficiency of ability, but never from a want of good will. I am, moreover, justified in an at least plausible claim, that I can serve to meet the harmony of our international relations, or to diminish those friendly sentiments which, under no circumstances, have ever existed in the hearts of the two nations. I venture to hope that the period of my employment in the United States may be passed in that concord and esteem in which alone are essential to our mutual welfare, and to the best interests of mankind.

After a brief greeting the deputation retired. The Minister will leave for Washington on Tuesday.

HARTFORD BOATS.—The steamer Hero, at present plying between this city and Hartford, reports large quantities of ice in the Connecticut River. At last accounts she was at Rocky Hill, but a short distance below Hartford, about 8 o'clock on Saturday night on her way down the river, and was expected here some time last night or early this morning. In consequence of the new formed ice obstructions in the Connecticut River, no other boat has been placed on the route, as contemplated last week.

BOSTON STEAMER LINES.—The boats of the various lines to Boston are now running with regularity, and making good time, notwithstanding the unprecedented quantities of freight which they are carrying. Since Friday morning last the heavily laden steamers of the Norwich line have arrived and discharged their cargoes at the pier foot of Cortlandt street, and left with an enormous quantity of freight.

ON THE TRACK.—The express Hooked Express Train from Cincinnati, on the Erie Railroad on Friday last, met with a slight accident and it took an hour or more the Cuba Station 36½ miles from New-York in consequence of the breakage of a rail. The locomotive and baggage car were turned off the track, but no lives were lost, as stated in one of the papers yesterday, nor were any of the passengers injured by the occurrence. After a detention of a few hours the train came on, and arrived at its destination in Jersey City in safety.

We see, by an advertisement in our columns this morning, that Commodore Vanderbilt is about to employ two of his steamers as a line between New-York and Havre and Southampton. One of these, the Vanderbilt, is one of the largest ships afloat, and as she has not yet been to sea, a great curiosity, will naturally be felt respecting her performance. The Vanderbilt will sail on the 5th of May, preceded by the Ariel on the 16th of April.

IMPROVEMENT IN FIREMEN'S APPARATUS.—During the progress of a destructive fire in Philadelphia, Aaron Roberts, a laboring colored man, says that the flames might have been stayed but for the fact that the hose drove back the firemen out of a narrow alley, at the very time their services were most required at that point; and while witnessing the want of an apparatus that could be thrust forward, and worked so as to throw the water upon the fire wherever required, just as the man holding the pipe of the hose would do, without exposing men to heat, or danger of falling walls, an idea occurred to him how this could be done, and became so fixed in his mind that he could not rest satisfied until he got a model of his invention built, so as to show its advantages to his fellow men. This he did, and this we have seen, and he not cordially approve as we believe it has been approved by all who have examined the apparatus. At any rate, the following is a pretty good indorsement, and as it is also descriptive, we copy the article entire:

"HALL OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE,
"PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12, 1857.

"The Committee on Science constituted by the Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania for the promotion of mechanic arts, to whom was referred for examination the model of an apparatus for extinguishing fires, invented by Aaron Roberts of Philadelphia,

REPORT

"That they have examined an apparatus invented by Aaron Roberts, which is for the purpose of bringing the jet of water from a fire engine in closer contact with the fire than is usually accomplished by the ordinary means.

"This apparatus consists of a telescopic pipe made in three or four sections, or as many as will be found convenient for the light it has to be raised; each joint or section of the pipe is raised by a piston working into a rack that is secured to each section, and may be raised to any required hight within the entire range of the pipe. The upper section terminates in a small pipe (on a universal joint) of suitable size for the jet intended to be thrown on the fire; the pipe is directed by means of cords or small chains extending to the ground, whereby the water is directed to the fire. There are also ropes or chains attached to each section of the pipe for the purpose of keeping it steady when elevated. The pipe is secured to a platform of sufficient size supported on wheels to facilitate its movement, and large enough to support the pipe when elevated to bring it into use. There are screws placed on the lower section of the pipe for attaching the hose from the engine or engines that connect with the pipe. The whole arrangement displays ingenuity, and would answer a good purpose when placed in a proper situation and well directed, and would have the advantage of bringing the jet of water in closer contact with the fire; it would also supersede the necessity of carrying the hose up on a ladder. It might be taken to a fire on a carriage or truck similar to our hook and ladder trucks, and thus be rendered a useful appendage to our Fire Department.

Mr Roberts is now in this city for the purpose of exhibiting his invention to interested parties, and in hope that some person will be disposed to aid him in introducing it into general use, by which he may be compensated and the public benefited.

FATAL AFFRAY ON BOARD A VESSEL—INQUEST BY CORONER PERRY.—John Doyle, the youth who on the 5th ult. was shot by John Worden, master of the canal barge Bradford, while he and two others were on the barge, died yesterday at the New-York Hospital of his injuries. Coroner Perry held an inquest upon the body, when the testimony of John S. Cochran, of the boat James Avery, was taken. He stated that while standing upon the deck of his vessel at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 5th ult. he saw the deceased and two other boys in a row-boat passing into the slip where the barge Bradford and his own boat were lying. The boys, in order to propel their boat, took hold of the side of the barge, and while so doing a large dog rushed at and attempted to bite them. They let go, and one of them struck at the dog with an oar. A man on the barge then struck at the boys with a club. The boys then got on board a schooner which was near by and began to throw stones at the barge. After a while they went away, but again came back after dark and began to quarrel with the hands on board the barge, and during the quarrel a woman came out of the cabin and threw a large piece of ice at them. The ice struck one of the boys upon the shoulder, and another boy threw the ice back at the woman and struck her with it. One of the barge hands then took a club and with it struck one of the boys. The boys soon after turned to go away, and had gone several feet when the captain fired a shot and shot the deceased. The occurrence took place between 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening. Dr. Keator testified that the wound inflicted was in the neck, that the carotid artery and vertebra were injured, and that these injuries were the cause of death. The Jury rendered a verdict "that John Doyle came to his death by injuries from a pistol-shot which was fired by John Worden." Upon the rendition of the verdict a warrant for the arrest of Capt. Worden was issued. He is now at large on bail, given by him the day after the boy was shot. He then stated that he thought at the time he fired the pistol that the deceased and his companions were river thieves come to rob his vessel.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Coroner Perry held an inquest yesterday, at the New-York Hospital, upon the body of John Brady, a lad ten years of age, who died from injuries received on last Friday by being run over near Thirteenth street by one of the Hudson River Railroad trains. It appeared that the deceased was attempting to get on board the train at the time he slipped and fell between the wheels, which passed over both his legs, crushing them badly. The Jury rendered a verdict of "Accidental Death." The deceased resided with his parents at No. 144 Rivington street.

FOREIGN CHECKS.—Hardman Hall, a young man in the employ of Mr. George W. Bussing, merchant, at No. 148 Tompkins, was on Saturday arrested charged with forging the name of Mr. B. to large checks on the Bank of Commerce and Bull's Head Bank. On one of the checks he obtained the amount, but the third was detected and led to his arrest. He stated that a lady friend with whom he associated induced him to commit the forgeries. He was held to bail to answer the charge.

THE SELF-CONFESSED ASSASSIN.—Thomas Sherrard, the young man who was recently indicted for the killing of Patrick Tools Ward Pounce, on a duelling from Philadelphia, in Jersey City, on the 22d of Dec. last, was yesterday discharged from the custody of the Sheriff of Hudson, upon the ground that the offence of which he was indicted, and for which he was held to answer, was not a crime, but one for which the party could be indicted in another county. Sherrard, it will be remembered, was the young man who, after the duel, was taken from the house of Mr. John Kane, and offered to become state witness in the case, and having given a full and complete account of the affair, he was released from custody. This is the second death from the same cause in a few days.

JUVENILE THIEVES.—For some time past a gang of boys have been committing petty depredations in the Fifth Ward, by stealing lead from houses in process of erection. Officers Carter and Rogers of the Fourth District arrested the leader of the gang, named Michael Kennedy, who was found to have secreted a quantity of lead pipe and brass faucets in three houses in process of construction, situated in Hamilton street near Clinton street. A portion of the stuff was found to be lead pipe and a small quantity of brass faucets were discovered in the junk shop of John Kearney in Pearl street near Franklin street. Kennedy was arraigned yesterday for receiving the goods knowing them to have been stolen.

FIRE.—About 11 o'clock Saturday night a fire was discovered in the dwelling of Stephen Wilson, in Navy street, near Park avenue. It originated from the bed on which Wilson and wife were smoking a pipe. It was extinguished without damage.

INSULTING FEMALES.—Chas. Carol was arrested on Saturday night by the police for insulting females in Fulton street early in the evening. He was taken to the First District station House, from which he escaped, and the officer was sued for the escape against him. Carol was made for the and he was captured after running a few blocks. He was taken to Tombs and will be brought before Justice Connolly on Monday morning.

Jacob Dyer was arrested on Saturday evening by Officer Hosmer of the Third District, for insulting women in Chatham street. He was committed for trial.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—Jordan St. John was arrested by Officer Reynolds of the Tombs Police Court on Saturday, for passing counterfeit money. He gave bail for his appearance. There may be more of the same stuff in circulation in Brooklyn.

INQUEST.—Coroner Rollins was called yesterday to hold an inquest on the body of a child named John Farrell, who died at the residence of Ellen and Edward Farrell, in Pearl street. Cause of death, convulsions.

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TIME OF R. R. TRAINS LEAVING NEW-YORK.

HUDSON RIVER ROAD. (Depot on Warren and W. Sixteenth sts.)

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HARLEM ROAD. [illegible]

NEW-HAVEN ROAD. [illegible]

LONG ISLAND ROAD. [illegible]

NEW JERSEY ROAD. (Depot foot of Cortlandt and N. Rs.) [illegible]

MORRIS AND ESSEX ROAD. (Depot foot of Cortlandt and N. Rs.) [illegible]

NEW JERSEY CENTRAL ROAD. (Depot foot of Cortlandt and N. Rs.) [illegible]

CAMDEN AND AMBOY ROAD. [illegible]

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

REMOVAL OF THE QUARANTINE.—In the Senate of the New-Jersey Legislature, on Friday, 6th inst., Mr. Chetwood offered the following resolution:

Resolved, House of Assembly concurring, that the Joint Committee appointed to meet a corresponding Committee of the New-York Legislature on the subject of the removal of the Quarantine be instructed to request and obtain the passing of the Bill by the Legislature of the State with the Quarantine station at Amboy.

In the House, Mr. Stile moved a reconsideration of the vote by which their concurrent resolution appointing a Committee of Conference to meet a similar Committee from New-York to consider the Quarantine question.

Mr. Robins read a telegraphic dispatch showing that the New-York Legislature had already adopted a site for the Quarantine at Staten Island, without consulting New-Jersey.

Mr. Thornton thought, in view of the forestalling of this question by the Legislature of New-York, the resolutions ought to be reconsidered.

After remarks by Messrs. McDonald, Gifford, Day, Gilchrist and Stile, the whole subject was postponed to Tuesday next.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT AT A DRAW-BRIDGE.—At about 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon an accident occurred at the Hackensack Draw-bridge, on the New-Jersey Railroad, in consequence of the engineer not observing the signal that the draw was open. A train of cars leaving Jersey City on Saturday evening with passengers (most of whom were on their way back from Washington) were returning, and the draw-bridge being open the locomotive, tender and one of the cars went into the river. The second car stands with one end on the bridge and the other on the edge of the river. The cars are somewhat broken up. The engineer jumped from the engine and escaped unharmed. The firemen went with the engine but escaped with only the injury of having two of his toes smashed. No other person was injured. The train was moving slowly at the time of the accident.

THE PUBLIC STORE ROBBERS.—Mr. Kissam, the Jersey City Chief of Police, returned from Albany on Saturday with the requisition from Gov. Newell, on Gov. Kline, for the delivery to the custody of the New-Jersey authorities of the five persons charged with robbing the warehouses at the Cunard Dock, a week ago. The requisition was duly placed on file. Meanwhile the prisoners, three in number, have made every effort to be liberated, but without success. They were brought before Justice Connolly, on Thursday, for examination, and hearing the testimony of one witness the Magistrate adjourned the case for one day. Failing in procuring the ground for action of the plaintiffs, their counsel applied to Judge Davies, of the Supreme Court, for a writ of habeas corpus, which he issued returnable to-day. Meanwhile the prisoners have to remain in the custody of the Sheriff of Hudson county.

INTRODUCTION OF WATER.—The authorities of the City of Hudson are maturing their plans for the introduction of water into that city, by obtaining a supply from the Jersey City Water Works, the distance from the reservoir of which is about the city. At one of the Legislature will be required for the consummation of the plan. The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Hudson has been fully organized, and has employed an engineer and surveyor who are now engaged in the preliminary work for the introduction of water. The immediate expense will not be great, from the fact that the principal share of the population of that city is within half a mile of the reservoir, which is on high ground.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SURROGATE'S COURT—March 9—Before A. W. Bradford.

THE BURDELL ESTATE.

The Public Administrator made an application to the Surrogate this morning for leave to sell the furniture, &c., of No. 31 Bond street. The application was contested by Mrs. Cunningham's counsel, on the ground that the furniture was her's under an altered lease, and the hearing postponed till Wednesday next.

THE PARISH WILL CASE—SEVERAL NEW WITNESSES.

Henry Young, further examined says—I went to Europe in 1856, and had an interview with Mr. P. about a month before I left; I was desirous to pay off a mortgage; I saw him in the library, I told him I was to be absent, and wanted to pay off the mortgage, as it would mature during my absence; I offered a small premium, which was declined; he gave a casual negative shake of the head. I was a Trustee of the Benefit Dispensary; I called on Mr P., I think, in the latter part of 1855 for a subscription; I received a very decided negative, more so than usual, from him; on New-Year's day I met him in the street, he was in company with Mr. Cole, I bowed to him—he took no notice of me; I thought it very strange, I had always conducted to his family with the utmost respect; I was very much hurt; I remained on the pavement; I saw Mr. Parish; I said to him, Mr. Parish, I cannot understand Mr. Parish's conduct; I cannot understand what I have done; I have been a faithful friend to your family; I have done everything I could for your family; I have done everything I could for your family; I have done everything I could for