borhood, who asked witness to stay on board until Capt. Corrie returned; met Mr. Harris going to Brunswick; Capt. Corrie engaged witness to bring the Wanderer around to Brunswick, for which he was to receive $18; no article of any kind was left in possession of witness, either on the beach or anywhere else; never said to any one that anything had been left in his possession; it was news to him when he got to Brunswick and heard that the Wanderer was supposed to be a slaver.

Cross-examined—Saw nothing on board to excite his suspicions that the Wanderer had been engaged in the slave-trade; had the appearance of having suffered in a storm of weather; other vessels were going out and coming in; saw three on Sunday morning; saw the Wanderer come to anchor on Sunday morning.

Direct examination resumed—Would have had the damages repaired before going to sea; some of her sails were damaged.

Thomas Barnes, sworn—Had seen the Wanderer at Brunswick on the 20th; saw some vessels in the mouth of Stella River; saw the Wanderer four or five days before she came to Brunswick; saw two steamboats lying in the Sound at the same time; this was about the 3d inst.; didn't know the names of the steamers at that distance; knows the tug Lamar; she was in Brunswick at my wharf; saw a small steamboat about the mouth of the Stella River next day; was aboard the sloop of the Lamar till she turned a point and got out of sight; saw the smoke of a steamboat in the Sound two or three hours; went on board the Lamar at Brunswick and started toward the cabin; was interrupted by a servant who asked if I wanted the captain, and went and called him; the Lamar was never in Brunswick before to my knowledge; she did not return to Brunswick on that trip, but did return afterward for the Wanderer; the last time she returned she sailed from Savannah; on her first trip Capt. Christie said he was bound for Fernandina after cedar.

Horatio Harris, sworn—District-Attorney Gardiner asked this witness if he had seen any negroes that he supposed were recently imported Africans. The witness replied that he could not answer of the question, as his answer might criminate himself. A warm debate sprung up between counsel as to whether the witness should be forced to answer whether, in his opinion, his evidence would criminate himself or not. Judge Henry ruled in favor of the District-Attorney, and the witness replied that his evidence would criminate himself. Mr. Jackson then asked the Judge for a continuation of the case till next Tuesday, which was granted.

"The case thus far has been conducted with great energy and ability, both on the part of the prosecution and the defense. The discussion, on yesterday, between Messrs. Jackson and Owens, upon the law of evidence, was equal, in point of forensic display, to anything we have seen at our bar for years past.

"After the developments thus far, no one entertains a doubt that a cargo of Africans have been introduced into the State; but whether legal evidence can be had to fix the offense upon any particular person or persons, is a wholly different question."

A CURIOUS CASE IN CANADA.

From The Rochester Union, Dec. 22.

A remarkable trial has just been concluded at Toronto. To the proper understanding of the case it is necessary to go back a little. The Governor-General of Canada selects his Cabinet from members of the Parliament. They thus fill the offices of member and Minister at the same time, but before they can do so they must resign their seats and "go back" to their constituents, or in other words be elected over again. When the present Canadian Parliament commenced its session parties were nearly divided—Ministerial and Opposition. After a time, on some test question which we cannot now call to mind, the Ministry were defeated, and as a result had to resign their places in the Cabinet, according to practice, although retaining their seats as Members. The Governor-General then, as is the rule and custom, invited the leader of the Opposition majority, Mr. Geo. Brown, to form a new Cabinet. The result was the Brown-Dorion Ministry. The gentlemen comprising it immediately resigned their membership preparatory to the canvass for a return. They were thus out of the House entirely, and the strength of parties was before so evenly balanced that their absence now left the Government party a majority. Some test question was immediately mooted, a vote of want of confidence in the new Ministry was carried, and Brown, Dorion & Co. found themselves not only outside of Parliament but outside of the Government also. Now comes the masterpiece of political thimble-rigging. If a new Ministry was selected from the Government ranks they would be obliged to resign and go back for return, thus leaving a bare Opposition majority. So in order to get over this difficulty the Gov.-General invited nearly if not quite all his Ministers back, simply changing their position, and they refused to resign and try the virtue of another election, claiming that their having done so once was all that was requisite! To this the opposition demurred, and an action was commenced in the Court of Queen's Bench to test the legality of the position assumed by the Ministerial party and to drive the members of the last formed Cabinet from their seats. The result is a decision in favor of the Ministerialists.

The end is not yet, however. The Brown-Dorionites have all, we believe, been returned, and it is quite likely that when Parliament convenes next month the Opposition will be in a majority and carry matters their own way. Lightning seldom strikes twice in the same place, and the Governor-General will have to resort to some new "dodge" in order to again get the advantage of Brown and his followers.

FIRES.

FIRE IN ANN STREET.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire occurred in Bassford's billiard saloon, No. 8 Ann street, but was extinguished by a few pails of water. Damage about $100. The origin of the fire we did not learn.

DESTRUCTION OF CAMPHENE WORKS BY FIRE.

About 1 o'clock yesterday a fire was caused in the storehouse attached to the camphene and turpentine distillery of Farren & Fulham, No. 35 Furman street, Brooklyn, by the blowing out of a still-head. The flames spread rapidly, and the building was speedily enveloped. A large quantity of material, all highly combustible, was stored in the works, which caused a brilliant light and a dense volume of smoke. The fire and smoke could be seen from a great distance. The firemen obtained water from the city hydrants, and, with the aid of the steam-engine on board the ferry-boat Nassau, succeeded in confining the fire to the place in which it originated. The main building, in which the largest portion of the stock and machinery was located, remained comparatively uninjured. The adjoining storehouse of Ledyn & Yonni was slightly damaged. The total loss will amount to about $6,000, upon which there is no insurance.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Speeches and Public Letters of the Hon. Joseph Howe. Edited by William [illegible], M. P. 2 vols., 8vo. John P. Jewett & Co.

A Treatise on Health, its Aids and Hindrances. By Samuel Sheldon Fitch, A. M., M. D. 8vo., pp. 522. Pudney & Russell.

Palestine, Past and Present. By the Rev. Henry S. Osborn, A. M. 8vo., pp. 600. James Challen & Son.

Merry's Museum. Vol. XXXV. J. N. Stearns & Co.

The Historical Magazine. Vol. II. C. Benjamin Richardson.

English and German Primer. 12mo., pp. 224. American Tract Society.

Youth's Bible Studies. 12mo., pp. 249. The Same.

Bethlehem and Her Children. 12mo., pp. 128. The Same.

The Poor Girl and True Woman. By William M. Thayer. 12mo., pp. 353. Gould & Lincoln.

Our Charley, and What to Do With Him. By Mrs. H. B. Stowe. 12mo., pp. 117. Phillips, Sampson & Co.

The Ballad of Sable Bell, and Other Poems. By Thomas Bailey Aldrich. 12mo., pp. 117. Rudd and Carleton.

A History of the Bethlehem Female Seminary, 1785—1858. By Wm. C. Ricketts. 8vo., pp. 466. J. B. Lippincott & Co.

Charity Green. By Theodore Instmans. 12mo., pp. 301. John W. Norton.

Willie Winkie's Nursery Songs of Scotland. Edited by Mrs. Sillebee. 12mo., pp. 104. Ticknor & Fields.

Country School House. By James Johonnot. 8vo., pp. 220. Ivison & Phinney.

Pope, or Freedom. Startling Disclosures of Romanism. 12mo., pp. 360. R. L. Delisser.

Mount Vernon; A Letter to the Children of America. By the "Author of Rural Hours." 12mo. pp. 76. D. Appleton & Co.

Wild Sports in the Far West. By Frederick Gerstaecker. Translated from the German. 12mo. pp. 300. Crosby Nichols & Co.

Memorial of the Revival in Plymouth Church. 18mo. pp. 114. Clark, Austin & Smith.

History of New-England During the Stuart Dynasty. By John Gorham Palfrey. Vol. I. 8vo. pp. 600. Little, Brown & Co.

English and Scottish Ballads. Edited by Prof. F. J. Child. Vols. 5 and 6. The Same.

The Poetical Works of James Montgomery. 5 vols. 12mo. The Same.

The old Chambers street Candy Manufactory, corner of Chambers and Hudson streets, under the supervision of Ridley & Co., is the center of attraction for those who have sweet tastes for the holidays.

Wing's Farina Crackers, at Thompson's, No. 221 Fulton street, are among the necessary articles for Christmas and New-Year's.

A MASSACRE BY SLAVES.—*The Bainbridge* (Ga. *Argus* of the 16th inst. gives the following details of an attempted massacre of a whole family:

About 9 o'clock on Sunday night, the 5th inst., two negro men—one the property of Mr. Perkins, the other of Mrs. Keaton—entered the house of Mrs. Margaret Sadler, about twelve miles northeast of Bainbridge, by breaking down the door, and commenced an attack on Mrs. Sadler's eldest daughter, aged about eighteen years, cutting her on the arm and breast, and bruising her head, but not wounding her mortally. One of them next seized a gun from the rack and attempted to discharge it at Mrs. Sadler, but finding it empty, commenced beating her over the head with it, bending the barrel and breaking off the breeching, so severe were the blows. They also beat her with boards which they had torn from the door, and cut her dreadfully with knives. She survived only about two hours. The second oldest daughter made good her escape, but two other children were badly cut and bruised—one of them, a boy about eleven years old, is terribly mangled, and cannot possibly live. The other is an infant, only three years old, which will probably recover.

Count Du Chatel of Paris recently bought his wife a lot of jewelry, among which was one ruby for which he gave $80,000.

THE POULTRY TRADE.

CHRISTMAS SUPPLY AND PRICES.

Never before, since the memory of the original crowing of the cocks, has there been concentrated upon one point such a supply of poultry as has fallen to the lot of this city during Christmas week. From Monday, Dec. 20, to Monday, Dec. 27, the quantity will certainly exceed fifty tuns a day. In fact, the American and United States Express Companies have delivered nearly that amount from their wagons, or rather from their own and the others that they have been obliged to hire to do the enormously increased business of the week. The American Express Company had twenty eight cars arrive from Monday to Friday, principally loaded with poultry, say five tuns to a car. Beside the express companies, the stock has been largely added to by common freight lines, by boats and cars, and by country wagons, and the bodies of dressed birds are to be seen hanging at every meat shop and grocery store, and at hundreds of extemporized poultry markets along the streets, while wagon loads of poultry are constantly perambulating in pursuit of customers. In the markets poultry is to be seen in stacks that look inexhaustible.

The wholesale commission houses have been nearly overwhelmed with whole cargoes, piled in upon them in barrels and boxes of all sizes and shapes. On Wednesday one house sold for cash over $3,000 worth, beside several lots not paid for. The average of that day's sales for turkies was 12½ cents a pound. Good geese brought 10 to 11 cents; ducks 12 to 13 cents; fowls 10 to 11 cents. This was for stock in good order, such as that put up by "Professor White" (professor of poultry packing) and his partners, Messrs. Beatty, whose poultry factories we have mentioned, one of which is located at Aurora, and two in Chautauque County of this State, and one at Mansfield, Ohio. It would be of the greatest advantage to producers and consumers if there was a very large increase of those poultry factories, where, during the season, several men and teams are constantly employed. The birds are taken in alive, and if not fat are fed till they are. As a general rule, farmers never feed grain to fatten poultry, though they are pretty careful to stuff them for sale when the rate is by the pound. We saw yesterday a tun or two of poultry from the Mansfield factory, that came in fine order, and proved the advantage of knowledge and care applied to the business. At the same place we saw a lot of 2,400 geese, put up by E. S. Hurlburt, at Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio, that had not come in as good order as the lot from Mansfield, because Mr. H. had used paper instead of straw for packing. Remember there is nothing equal to clean rye straw, and without it you cannot be sure of your stuff coming in good order. If the weather is cold, paper will do, but in soft weather it will often cost you a loss of one or two cents a pound.

The enormous business done at one of these poultry factories may be understood when we state that Mr. White estimates the quantity that they will put up this season as follows: At the Mansfield factory, 15 tuns; at the two Chautauque factories, 15 tuns; and probably at Messrs. Beatty's old factory at Aurora, 15 tuns. Such a factory very largely increases the price to producers, without increasing it to consumers, and it is a means of giving the poultry to them in much better order than it usually comes from individuals. It is a positive luxury to look at the large lots from these factories as they are opened, being all consigned to one house, who are often able to get one or two cents extra per pound.

The general appearance of the Christmas stock is far better than it has been in any previous week, and considering the immense supply, we think the price has been remarkably well maintained in favor of shippers. Late on Thursday evening, as the warm rain commenced, there was a good deal of indication upon the part of buyers to cheapen prices, but Friday morning opened bright and cool, and the sellers had the market more at their command. Some of the shipments that arrived late in the week, of course will not sell as high as previous ones. The sales of Wednesday were the best of the week, and undoubtedly the largest ever made in one day in New-York.

The poultry business has grown into one of almost unimagined magnitude, and affords the people of this city the means of indulging in most excellent food, while at the same time, it affords fair remuneration to the producer. May the trade continue to increase, till both parties are fully satisfied. At this time, it certainly will make many a merry Christmas.

CITY ITEMS.

The Harmonic Society of this city will give their annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" at the Academy to-night.

The Society in Boston present the same thing, with Dr. Guilmette, Piccolomini, &c.

In addition to Christmas services to-day at the Church of the Messiah (the Rev. Dr. Osgood's) an interesting juvenile celebration will take place on Sunday afternoon, the Sunday-schools of the Rev. Dr. Bellows's Church and the Rev. Dr. Chapin's uniting with that of the Rev. Dr. Osgood's to receive the German Industrial School. The singing will be by the children of the schools, and the occasion will doubtless be of an unusually attractive character.

THE CITY PROPERTY SOLD.—Mr. Robert W. Lowber yesterday attempted to satisfy the judgment which he had against the city by selling the city piers and lots at a Sheriff's sale. But little interest was manifested in the sale, the few persons who were present at eleven o'clock, when the sale began, leaving the field soon to Mr. Lowber and the reporters. Mr. Veitch knocked down the property, under the direction of Deputy-Sheriff Velte. There were only two bidders on the ground—Mr. Lowber and Moses Taylor. The latter gentleman bought the first lot, situated on the north side of Chatham street and City Hall square, for $1,900. The next twenty-four lots, situated mostly in the Fourth and Sixth Wards, were sold to Mr. Lowber at prices varying from $250 to $1,000 each.

Moses Taylor bought eight lots in all, for $28,000.

The lots on the North River were mostly bought by Mr. Lowber, at an average price of about $100 each.

Mr. Lowber also bought the Piers, as follows:
Vanderbilt Pier, near the Battery, East River, $500.
No. 1, East River, $4,000.
Half of No. 4, North River, $500.
Nos. 5, 6 and 7, and half of 8, 12 and 13, East River, $10,000.
Half of Nos. 20, 21 and 22, East River, $3,000.
Half of Nos. 20, 21 and 22, East River, $3,000.
No. 31, and half of 32 and 33, East River, $4,000.
Nos. 34, 37, 38, 40 and 42, East River, $10,000.
Nos. 43, 44, 46, 48 and 49, and half of 50, 56 and 57, East River, $10,000.
Half of each of the Piers at the foot of Broome and Delancey streets, and the Piers at the foot of Fifth, Twenty-third, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, East River, $10,000.
Piers at the foot of Twenty-eighth, Thirty-eighth, Fifty-third, Sixty-first, One hundred and sixth and One hundred and thirteenth streets, East River, $5,000.

Also, the following Piers on the North River:
Half of Nos. 12 and 14, and whole of 13, $15,000.
Nos. 20, 21 and half of 22, $10,000.
Nos. 33, 34 and 35, $10,000.
Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 39, and at the foot of Leight street, $5,000.
Nos. 40, 41 and 42, $5,000.
Nos. 43, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49, $3,000.
Nos. 51, 52, 53 and 54, $5,000.
Piers at foot of Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-second streets, $5,000.

The total for which the Piers were sold to Mr. Lowber is $118,500.

We understand that Mr. de Cordova has accepted an engagement to deliver, fortnightly, a course of lectures before the Congregation "Emanuel" of Reformed Jews of the "Temple," in Twelfth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, commencing on Christmas day. The pews which are not let are of course free to visitors; but it will no doubt be necessary to go early in order to hear this popular speaker.

MOVEMENTS OF THE GOVERNOR.—Governor Morgan will leave New-York for Albany on Monday, the 27th instant.

We are requested to correct a mistake in the notice of a dinner to be given to the children of the Wilson Industrial School. It is to be given on Wednesday, Dec. 29, and not to-day.

PRESENTATION OF BOOKS.—On Thursday the pupils of the Collegiate and Commercial Institute in West Nineteenth street presented their Principal, Mr. J. H. Brown, and Mr. J. W. Doughty, Associate Instructor, with a number of choice books. The presentation was made to the former by Master Frederic A. Black; to the latter by Master Geo. F. Martin—each accompanied by appropriate addresses.

THE EXPRESS BUSINESS.—Since it is within the recollection of a great many people that the first expressman carried his freight in a carpet bag, it will be the more interesting to note the wonderful increase. Here is an item of what the express business is at present. One express company, the American, who have their headquarters in that great marble building in Hudson street, erected exclusively for their use, have transported within the last five days 44 car loads—28, consisting principally of poultry into the city, and 16 car loads out—about one-half of which was made up of Christmas presents. From information already received at the office, it is estimated that the in and out freight for Christmas week will be at least 35 car loads, and perhaps 60. The in-bound cars, we suppose, may be rated at five tuns each; say 40 cars, making 200 tuns brought in by this single Company in one week. Over 150 tuns of the amount is undoubtedly poultry. The other express companies have been doing likewise in the mean time.

HIBERNIA ENGINE COMPANY TO THE RANDALL'S ISLAND CHILDREN.—The Governors of the Alms-House have received three large boxes, containing cakes, candies and sweetmeats, with an immense plum cake, beautifully ornamented, for the children upon Randall's Island, from Hibernia Engine Company of Philadelphia. The gift came through Wm. M. Tweed, esq., of this city. The Company visited the Island in November last, and were so much delighted that they could not forget their little friends.

BUTTER SHIPMENTS TO CALIFORNIA.—The shipments of Butter made during the month of November ult. for the California market, as specified by the manifest of each vessel, is as follows: Ocean Telegraph, 856 firkins; Sea Nymph, 318; Moonlight, 843; Allegheny, 1,112; Ivanhoe, 1,399; Industry, 53; Prima Donna, 297; Fearless, 100; Neptune's Favorite 912; Walter Lord, 387; Herald of the Morning, 75—Total, 6,319 firkins. Unspecified (under the name of merchandise): Ocean Telegraph, 262 firkins; Sea Nymph, 416; Moonlight, 49; Prima Donna, 539; Neptune's Favorite, 281; Walter Lord, 57—making 1,577 firkins. Sum total, 7,926. Calculating each firkin at 100 lbs. net, at 25 cents per lb., makes the cost $198,150.

SPURIOUS MONEY.—A broker on Broadway had two bills on the "Highland Bank" of Pittsfield, Illinois, of the denomination of ten dollars, which were counterfeit sent to him yesterday by a merchant for whom he discounts uncurrent money. The bills are unlike the genuine, and the printing quite falsi.

An attempt was made last evening to pass a number of counterfeit bills of the denomination of two dollars, altered from the exploded Waubeck Bank of De Soto, Nebraska.

Another counterfeit bill of the denomination of five dollars on the National Bank of Providence, R. I., made their appearance last evening, and several were passed in the Eighth Ward.

DEADLY STABBING AFFRAYS.—About 4½ o'clock yesterday afternoon, a woman named Mary Taylor had an altercation with her husband, Michael F. Taylor, at their residence, No. 14 Mulberry street, and the fight was brought to a close by Michael seizing a knife and stabbing his wife in the side and throat, inflicting several dangerous wounds. The woman was taken to the Hospital, and the man was arrested by Officer Welch. About half an hour afterward, a woman named Coon, living in "Cow Bay," near the Five Points, was stabbed in the throat by Dennis Mahoney. Officer Golden arrested Dennis, and the woman, who was badly hurt, was taken to the Hospital. Both these affrays were the results of liberal potations of bad rum.

THE KNIFE.—It is rather singular that, with the so frequent use of the knife in our city, more lives are not sacrificed. Week after week the year round, are our columns filled with reports of stabbing affrays, concluding with the removal of the victim of the knife to the New-York Hospital, and the incarceration of the would-be homicide or assassin to the cells of the City Prison, where the latter lies, not unfrequently, for a considerable period of time awaiting the result of the other's injuries. The majority of these stabbing affrays take place in low groggeries, and are tragical terminations of petty quarrels or altercations about some trivial matter.

An argument or discussion is set on foot, and from time to time the party indulges in a drink, until their becoming crazed with liquor neither feel inclined to give in. From words they come to blows, and the affair terminates with one of the party, in the hight of his passion, drawing a knife and putting a stop to further argument or discussion by plunging the weapon into the body of his adversary. The Police are summoned, the hero of the knife taken in custody, and committed to prison to await the result of the injuries he has inflicted. The wounded man is taken to the Hospital, where he receives as kind attention as can be afforded in such institutions. After the lapse of three or four days, if the wounded party rallies and exhibit signs of recovery, the friends of the prisoner procure certificates from the surgeon to that effect, and importune the magistrate day after day to release the accused on bail. The friends generally succeed, and the accused again at large takes immediate steps to compromise the matter. Thus the affair not unfrequently drops, and no more is heard of it.

At the present time there are six persons in the New-York Hospital—victims of the knife—all of whom are in a fair way of recovery. The worst among the cases are the two men who were cut down by a sabre in the hands of an infuriated individual at the Arcade Saloon in Grand street. Their injuries, though severe, will not terminate fatally, and the patients are convalescing. The servant of Mr. Gouldy has so far recovered as to get about, and will soon be able to leave the Hospital. Another of the victims of the knife, is a colored woman, who bids fair to recover, though badly stabbed. In all of the cases now at the Hospital, the knife passed within a few inches of vital parts.

Officer Davison, who was stabbed some nights ago by a gang of ruffians, has so far recovered as to get about again, and has been detailed from post duty to one of the Courts. His escape from almost instant death was very narrow; the knife which was aimed at his heart, striking his shield and entering the breast. One of the assailants is still at large.

BURGLARIES.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning, John Henry, a clerk in the grocery store of Henry Miller, No. 490 Eighth avenue, who slept in the upper part of the building, was awakened by a noise in the store, and hastily dressing himself, went down for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of the disturbance. Upon approaching the premises from the street he saw a man standing upon the sidewalk and discovered that the store door had been broken open. The man on the walk apprised his accomplices that they were discovered by giving a low whistle, and then ran across the street. Immediately thereafter two other men emerged from the store and also ran to the opposite side of the avenue. Henry pursued them, shouting "stop thief," when one of them suddenly turned and attempted to knock him down with the money drawer which he had stolen from the premises, but the clerk dodged the blow and escaped uninjured. The alarm given by the clerk was fortunately heard by the police, and Sergeant Brady, of the Twentieth Precinct, joined in the pursuit, and succeeded, after a long chase, in apprehending one of the fugitives, who gave his name as William Johnson. He was in company with another person, but the latter escaped the officer's grasp and continued his flight. Both of the fellows appeared out of breath. Officer Lamson, of the same precinct, while patrolling his post, also heard the alarm, and seeing a man running in an opposite direction, pursued and apprehended him. The fellow gave his name as Robert Shaughnessy.

The prisoners were taken to the Station-House, and upon the person of Shaughnessy was found a box of matches. Johnson is 23 years of age, and the other prisoner 21, and both were born in New-York. They were identified by the clerk.

The prisoners were yesterday morning taken before Justice Kelp at the Jefferson Market Police Court, and upon the evidence of the Clerk and the officers, Shaughnessy was committed to prison for trial, in default of $1,000, and Johnson in default of $500 bail. The burglars had effected an entrance by means of forcing the front door of the store, and had stolen therefrom a quantity of pennies which had been left in the money till.

Some time during yesterday morning the premises of Peter Monaghan, No. 7 Prince street, were burglariously entered by means of false keys. The thieves stole a quantity of ladies' wearing apparel, and escaped through the basement into the yard. Clambering over a fence or two, the burglars next broke into the rear portion of Mrs. Cunningham's premises, No. 246 Bowery, and stole therefrom a gold watch and chain valued at $100, together with other property. Becoming alarmed at some passing noise, the thieves fled, and in their haste forgot the plunder they had obtained from Mr. Monaghan's house. Officer Stagg being in the neighborhood and seeing the fellows emerge from the house, came to the conclusion that they were thieves and gave them chase. The rascals had their plans well laid, and dodging into a dark alley, escaped.

ALLEGED GRAND LARCENY.—On Thursday afternoon a German woman named Catharine Scherer was apprehended, charged with stealing $170, mostly in gold, from Herr Englebrecht Bread, the proprietor of a lager beer saloon at Manhattanville. Catharine at first stoutly denied the charge, but after a while confessed that she took the money, and gave it to William Messer, her son-in-law. Messer was subsequently apprehended, and, with Catherine, committed to prison by Justice Brownell, at the Yorkville Police Court.

BURNED TO DEATH.—Coroner Gamble held an inquest on Friday, at No. 412 Sixth avenue, upon the body of Emma Lyons, a child two years old, who died from the effects of burns received on the 22d inst., by the explosion of a fluid lamp. It appears that the deceased and her mother were sitting at the tea table, when suddenly the lamp exploded, and the clothes dress and other articles in the room took fire.

The same Coroner held an inquest at No. 143 Suffolk street, upon the body of a child, 2½ months old, named Frank Schooler, who died from the effects of scalds, received by its upsetting a kettle of boiling water upon its person. The jury in each of the above cases rendered a verdict of "Accidental death."

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BROOKLYN ITEMS.

CHRISTMAS.—The churches generally are handsomely decorated with evergreens for the holidays. Services will be held in many of them to-day, and the Juvenile Missionary Societies, Industrial Schools and Charitable Institutions have made ample preparations for an agreeable time. In the Catholic churches collections will be taken up for the Orphan Asylum under the care of that denomination in East Brooklyn.

THE COVERNOR ELECT.—The Governor elect, the Hon. E. D. Morgan, was entertained with a dinner at the house of Mr. Henry F. Vail, in Clinton avenue, on Thursday evening, on which occasion most of the prominent and wealthy citizens of Brooklyn were present.

THE MAYORS' PORTRAITS TO BE SOLD.—Four of the portraits of the ex-Mayors of Brooklyn, which are displayed in the Governor's Room of the City Hall, have been seized on an execution, at the suit of James G. Yates, against the city, and are advertised for sale by Constable Slattery on Tuesday next, at noon. The portraits to be sold are those of ex-Mayors Copland, Brush, Lambert and Hall. The suit was brought for rent of premises in South Brooklyn, which the Corporation had secured for the storage of provisions to be distributed to the poor during the Winter of 1857-8. The Controller and Auditor refused payment, on the ground that there was no fund from which to take the money. The matter may probably be arranged, at the next meeting of the Common Council, so as to prevent the sale of the pictures.

PRESENTATION.—The Rev. S. W. King of the South Third-street Methodist Church was presented on Thursday evening with $220 by the members of his congregation.

THE FERRIES.—It is understood that a public meeting will be held in the course of the coming week to take some action in reference to the lease of the Peck-slip and Grand-street Ferries. An effort will be made to organize a people's company to bid for the leases.

MASONIC.—The following were on Thursday evening elected officers of Marsh Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the ensuing year: W. T. Seaman, W. M.; W. J. Huff, S. W.; T. T. May, J. W.; F. W. Jennings, S. D.; Tho. Williamson, J. D. At a meeting of Corner-Stone Lodge of F. and A. M., held on Wednesday evening, the following were elected: S. H. Willis, W. M.; W. H. Boyd, S. W.; S. D. Hazen, J. W.; C. Morton, S. D.; J. Blackburn, J. D.

FIREMEN'S FIGHT.—About daylight yesterday morning, an alarm of fire was caused in the Fourth District by the burning of some material in an open lot. In going toward the scene, a difficulty occurred between Engine Companies Nos. 8 and 17, one of which tried to run ahead of the other on the Myrtle-avenue railroad track. The result was a fight between some of the members, but nothing serious happened. Complaints were made against several of the parties.

PROBABLE FATAL ACCIDENT.—Robert Hanson, a fireman employed on the Walnut-street ferry-boat Metropolis, was caught in the machinery on Thursday afternoon, and so severely injured that his life is despaired of. He was engaged in oiling some part of the machinery while the boat was in the slip, when the engine was put in motion. He was conveyed to the City Hospital.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.—The usual Christmas services will take place this morning in the several Catholic Churches in Jersey City, also Trinity Free Episcopal and St. Mathews Episcopal Churches, all of which have been beautifully decorated with Christmas greens. There is to be a full choral service at St. Matthew's Church, at 11 o'clock a. m.

A Sunday School Festival is to be held at the First Reformed Dutch Church, in Grand street, near Washington. Refreshments are to be provided for the children at the close of the services.

MASONIC.—At the annual meetings on Thursday night, the following Masonic officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Enterprise Lodge, No. 45.—W. M., John O. Ridley; S. W., Chancellor W. Chase; J. W., E. Rousset; Treasurer, James G. Moore; Secretary, James W. Culver; S. D., Ephraim S. Johnson; J. D., George T. Larabee; M. of C., Lundberg and Bellander; Tyler, Thomas B. Lyon.

Enterprise Chapter, No. 2, of Jersey City.—M. E., Leonard Lethener; H. P., E. John O. Ridley; K., E. Alex. G. Gilkison; S., C. H. John B. Fuller; P. S., Charles G. Roar; R. A. C., H. H. Driggs; Treasurer, Alex. Driver; Secretary, Samuel Brickner; M. 3d V., Walter Van Dervoort; M. 2d V., John Mecderville; M. 1st V., Coleman; Sen. Janitor, James Bennett.

Bergen Lodge, No. 17.—W. M., William M. Degeit; S. W., John R. Montgomery; J. W., B. F. Welch; Treasurer, Charles Allen; Secretary, G. R. Entwistle; S. D., Mandeville; J. D., James Cummings; Stewards, R. S. Tate and W. Winters; Tyler, Benjamin Scott.

FATAL EMBANKMENT ACCIDENT.—Coroner Bolmstead held an inquest yesterday upon the bodies of two laboring men, who came to their death by the caving in of a high embankment, where they were at work the afternoon previous at the head of Hudson street, Hoboken. Their names were John Smithwick of No. 379 South Seventh street, Jersey City, and Cicero Clason, who resided at No. 112 Bloomfield street, Hoboken. A verdict of "Accidental death" was rendered.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—Dec. 24.—Before Judge BRADY.

BILLY MULLIGAN AGAIN.

The People agt. William Mulligan and John Petrie.

In this case, it will be remembered, that the defendant Petrie was the surety for Mulligan in the case of his assault on E. K. Webb. When the case was called on Mr. Mulligan walked out of Court, and the recognizance was accordingly forfeited and judgment entered against Mr. Petrie.

A motion was made to remit the judgment on the ground that the surety's responsibility ceased when the prisoner came into Court. The application was, however, denied, but with liberty to renew. Subsequently Mulligan was fined $250 for the Webb assault, and acquitted on the Warner affray. His counsel therefore renewed the motion to vacate judgment on the first recognizance, which motion was granted, the ends of justice having been satisfied, but with $10 costs, to be paid to the District-Attorney.

THE ENGLISH EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

CITY JUDGE'S OFFICE, Dec. 24.—Before Judge RUSSELL.

In the matter of J. S. Elliott.

This was the case of the late military storekeeper, at Weedon, England, who was charged with embezzling the monies entrusted to him as a public officer, and who was arrested and detained upon such charge by an order issued from the Supreme Court, which Court denied a motion to discharge the defendant. Subsequently a motion was made for discharge before Judge Russell, on the ground that the accused had since confessed judgment for the amount alleged to have been embezzled, and that consequently the arrest became merged in the judgment. The Judge denied the motion, and rendered the following opinion in the matter this morning:

In the matter of James Sutton Elliott, brought up on habeas corpus. This is an application for the discharge of the relator on habeas corpus, directed to the Sheriff of the City and County of New-York. The Sheriff makes return to said writ and avers that he has in his custody and detains him by virtue of a certain order of arrest made in a certain action pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, wherein Jonathan Peel, Her Britannic Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the War Department, is plaintiff, and James Sutton Elliott is defendant by said Court, to wit, by the Hon. D. D. Ingraham, a Justice of said Court.

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