COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Jan. 14.

U. S. 6s 1868 cp.	Pitts. Ft. W. & C.	Mich. Central.
3,000.....135	1st Mort.	100....b60.110¼
U. S. 6s, 1881 cp.	1,000.....108	100....b60.110¼
10,000.....112¼	Pitts. Ft. W. & C.	300....b60.110¼
1,000.....112	2d Mort.	200....s60.109
U. S. 6s 5-20 Cp.	2,000.....100¼	300.....109¾
1,200.....110	Cleve. & Pitts.	50.....109¾
5,000.....109¼	4th Mort.	Reading.
19,000.n.is.109¼	1,000.....79¾	550.....113¼
U. S. 5s 10-40 Cp.	Shoe & Leather.	50.....113¼
10,000.....102¼	20.....106	200....s30.112¼
Tenn. St. 6s '90.	Del. & Hudson.	400.....112¾
4,000.....56¼	40..ex div.104	400.....112¾
Miss. 6s. H. & J. is	Central Coal Co.	Cleve. & Pitts.
5,000.....84	100.....47	300.....92¼
Miss. 6s Pac. Iss.	Wy. Valley Coal.	100.....92¼
5,000.....70	100.....54	100.....92
Ohio & Miss. cer.	Cum. Coal pref.	500....s30. 91¼
10,000.....30¼	350.....43	400....s30. 91¼
20,000.....30	100....b30. 43¼	200.....91¼
10,000.....29¾	Quicksilver M.	600....s30. 91
20,000.....29¾	100....s10. 97	Chic. & N. W.
N. Y. C. 7s '76.	50.....97¼	1,000.....35
10,000.....116	700.....97	200.....35¼
Erie 4th Mtge.	Mariposa.	600.....35¼
1,000.....104	500.....12	500.....35¼
7,000.....104¼	200.....11¼	300....b30. 35¼
25,000.....104¼	200.....11¼	400.....35¼
Erie 3d Mtge.	N. Y. Central.	Pitts., Ft. W. & C.
1,000.....113	400.....117	200.....98
Mich. S. 2d Mtg.	Erie.	100....b30. 98
1,000.....94	100....s30. 83¾	100.....97¾
Ill. Cen. Bonds.	400....s60. 82¾	100.....97¾
10,000.....116	1,100.....83¾	100....s30. 97¾
Alt. & T. H. Inc.	Hudson River.	200.....97¾
2,000.....80	600.....108¼	M. & P. DuChien
C. & N. W. 1st M.	700.....108¼	100.....45
9,000.....91	Chic. & R. I.	Chic. & N. W. pf.
C. & R. I. Bonds.	690.....102	1,100.....66¾
6,000.....108	100....s30. 101¼	100.....66¾
2,000.....112	Mich. So. & N. I.	100.....67
Panama.	300.....72	
24.....265	100.....71¾	

OPEN BOARD—1½ P. M.

U. S. 10-40 Cou.	Chi. & Rock Is.	Chi. & N. W. pref.
100,000.b3.102¾	200.....102¼	100.....67¾
10,000..b3.102¼	100....s10.102¼	100.....b3. 67¾
N. Y. Cen.	100.....c.102¼	300.....67¾
100.....117	Chi. & North W.	100.....c. 67¾
Erie.	500.....s3. 36	100.....67¾
500.....83¾	300.....s5. 36	100.....67¾
200.....83¾	100.....36¼	100.....67¾
900.....b3. 84	100.....s3. 36¼	P., Ft. W. & Chi.
100.....s4. 83¾	200.....c. 36	100.....98
100.....s3. 83¾	200.....s3. 36	100....s10. 97¾
200.....b4. 84	200.....c. 36¼	Cumber. Coal.
200....b15. 84¼	200.....s5. 36	100.....45
200.....c. 84	200....s10. 36	100.....45¼
500.....b3. 84	500.....c. 36¼	100.....b3. 45¼
200.....b4. 84	200.....s5. 36¼	200.....45¼
Hudson River.	300.....36¼	200.....45¼
100.....109¼	100.....s5. 36¼	200.....46
M. So. & N. Ind.	200.....c. 36¼	200.....s3. 46
200.....b3. 72	100.....c. 36¼	Quicksilver.
100....b10. 72	200.....s3. 36¼	200.....s3. 97
200.....71¾	100.....36¼	O. & Miss. Cert.
200.....71¾	100.....c. 36¼	5,000.....30
100.....s3. 71¾	300.....36¼	10,000.....29¼
100.....b5. 72	200.....c. 36¼	Cleve. & Pitts.
Mariposa Min.	Reading.	200.....92¾
100.....s3. 12¼	200.....113	500.....92¼

EVENING EXCHANGE.

Amer. Gold.	Chic. & N. W.	Chi. & N. W. pref.
110,000.s3.221¼	100....s10. 37¼	200.....68¼
70,000.....221¼	400.....s3 37¼	200.....68¼
15,000.....221¾	200.....38	300.....69¼
U. S. 6s 5-20s. Cer.	100.....b3. 38¼	300.....s3. 69¼
3,500. o. is.109¼	400.....38¼	200.....69¾
Ohio & Miss Cer.	500....s30. 38	100.....s3. 69¼
5,000.....29¼	100.....b3. 38¼	100....s10. 69
10,000..b3. 30	1,100.....38¼	500.....69
10,000.....30	100.....s3. 38¼	Cumberland.
Erie.	200....s10. 38¼	100.....b3. 45¼
800.....84¼	400.....s5. 38¼	100.....45¼
600.....s3. 84	100.....s3. 38¼	Quicksilver.
400....s60. 83	100....b10. 38¼	100.....s3. 97
200.....84	300.....38¼	Pitts., Ft. W. & C.
300.....s5. 84¼	200.....s5. 38¼	100.....98¼
600.....s5. 84	Reading.	Mich. So. & N. I.
1,800..s90. 82	200.....113¼	300.....s3. 72¼
Hudson River.	200.....113¼	100.....b3. 72¼
300.....109¼	100.....113¼	Cleve. & Pitts.
300.....109¾	300.....113¼	200.....93¼
Mariposa.	Chicago & R. I.	300.....93
200.....13¾	200.....102¾	

Stocks very animated and strong on call; continued so after call. Gold firm on call, but yielded after, and sold at 220¾. The last sale was at 221.

SATURDAY, Jan. 14—P. M.

Gold opened at 218¼, sold up to 219¼, and closed at 219¼. The market has been dull and heavy, and the small shipments has had the effect to discourage any purchasers for a rise in face of the small demand and the constant recurrence of peace rumors.

Government bonds were dull and heavy, on the absurd rumor that the Secretary of the Treasury would sell the balance of the 10-40s. The closing prices were: Coupon 6s, 1881, 112; Coupon 5-20s, 109¾; New Issue, 109¼; Coupon 10-40s, 102¾; and were in active demand at quotations.

A fine business was done in Railroad and State bonds. Coal stocks were steady for the Anthracite Companies. Cumberland was active and advanced to 46 after the Board. Mariposa was steady at 12¼. The Railway share list was very steady at the morning session, and afterward on the street prices were fully maintained, and in some cases an advance was made. North-Western stocks and Cleveland and Pittsburgh were the most active. Erie closed at 83¾; North-Western preferred, 67¼; North-Western common, 37¼; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 92¼; Mariposa, 14, with sales.

Money has been very abundant lately, and brokers have large balances offered them at 6 per cent. The second payment on the 10-40 loan was paid to-day.

Freights are dull. The engagements to Liverpool are 500 loads Oak Timber, at 20s. 6d. per load of 50 cubic feet; 500 boxes Cheese, at 20s. To London, 50 tuns measurement goods, at 12s. 6d. @ 15s. To Bremen, 700 hhds. Tobacco, at 30s. To Antwerp, 500 bbls. Petroleum, at 5s. 3d.

The proceedings commenced against the Chicago and North-Western Railway Company in Chicago yesterday, are well understood to be a part of the crusade against that stock, undertaken by a clique of operators for stock-jobbing purposes. The game has been to circulate various reports prejudicial to that company, and upon the effect of such rumors to depress the price, and thus to bring in at a profit stock which they had previously sold short. The attack upon the consolidation now made, has been knowingly predicted by the short interest for some time, and timid people have been alarmed into selling their stock—thus aiding the purposes of the clique. The legal proceedings now commenced with such ponderous solemnity are instituted by a holder of *three* shares of the old Galena Railway Company, upon a basis regarded by the best legal authorities, both here and in Chicago as utterly frivolous. The consolidation of the Galena and North-Western roads was arranged with the greatest care, under the best legal advice which could be secured, and it will require a legal knowledge more than profound, to find an assailable point in it. It ought, however, to be sufficient to state, that about 58,000 shares out of 60,280 shares of the Galena have already been exchanged under the consolidation act—a fact which alone shows the suit now commenced to be a farce. It is seldom that more unscrupulous means have been adopted to depress a stock and injure the credit of a company than those which have recently been witnessed. No falsehood seems to have been too gross for circulation, and no slander too outrageous to be used against the company. As people ascertain the truth, these fictions will recoil upon their originators.

The shipments of specie to-day were as follows: per Etna, $134,760; per New-York, $245,799; per Havana, $2,250. The total shipment for the week is quite large, amounting to $1,035,851.

Sterling Exchange is quiet at 109¾@109¾ for bankers' bills against gold.

The imports of dry goods continue very light, the receipts for the week being but little over half the amount for the corresponding period of last year:

IMPORTS OF FOREIGN DRY GOODS AT NEW-YORK.

	1863.	1864.	1865.
For the week.			
Entered at the port...	$1,074,124	$1,043,235	$572,608
Thrown on market....	875,063	1,294,528	761,783
Since Jan. 1.			
Entered at the port....	$2,377,701	$3,544,761	$1,104,992
Thrown on market....	2,034,939	3,273,073	1,106,618

The total imports at New-York for the week compare as follows with previous returns:

	Jan. 14.	Jan. 7.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.
Dry Goods..	$672,602	$532,284	$467,072	$435,780
Gen. Merch'e.	2,093,907	1,500,437	1,878,367	1,736,390
Total.....	$2,666,318	$2,032,821	$2,375,439	$2,172,170

At the Petroleum Board United States sold at $29; Knickerbocker at 52c., and Revenue at 46. Business was dull. After the Board United States sold at 36.

The gold shipment is unusually light to-day. The amount is only $381,760, of which the New York took out $250,000 and the Etna $134,760.

The East River Bank is to be organized as a National Bank, capital $500,000. A stock dividend of 25 per cent is to be made to the present shareholders.

The Chicago and North-Western Railway Company earned first week in January:

1865.....$155,289 05 | 1864..... $67,687 73
Increase..... $87,601 32

We call attention to the advertisement of the new Public Petroleum Exchange in another column. The secretary is in attendance at the room to receive subscriptions.

The subscriptions to the 7 3-10 loan received by the First National Bank were $321,750.

[Advertisement.]

PUBLIC PETROLEUM STOCK EXCHANGE, No. 73 Broadway, cor. Rector-st.

NOTICE.—The public Petroleum Stock Exchange, for dealings in Petroleum Stocks, located in the Empire Buildings, No. 73 Broadway, corner Rector-st., will open for business on Wednesday, February 1st. I wish the officers of the various Petroleum Companies of this and other States to furnish me as promptly as practicable prospectuses showing their organizations, in order that a full list of stocks may be compared. I am now ready to furnish subscribers with their Tickets of admission and to receive additional subscribers. The usual subscription to this Exchange is twenty-five ($25) dollars.

W. L. JACKSON, Secretary.

Markets—CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE N. Y. TRIBUNE. SATURDAY, Jan. 14, 1865.

ASHES—The market is more active, and firmer; sales of new inspection bbls. at $12 @ $12 25 for Pots, and $13 @ $13 25 for Pearls.

COTTON—There is no improvement in the feeling, and though about 400 bales have been disposed of prices are again lower, closing at $1 08 @ $1 09 for Middlings. About 500 bales were offered at auction to-day, 400 of which were sold at $1 07 @ $1 04 for low Middlings, the balance at irregular rates being in poor order.

COFFEE—The demand for Rio has been fair at steady rates; sales of 5,000 bags ex-Paladin at or about 15c. gold in bond; other kinds are dull.

CANDLES—All descriptions are firmly held, but we hear of no important sales; a Government contract was awarded at 34½@35c. for Adamantine, and 45@46 48-100c. for Sperm.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for Western and State Flour is dull and heavy. Int prices are without quotable variation, the large receipts and unpleasant weather check business; the arrivals from New-Orleans are large; Trade and Family brands are dull and irregular; the sales are 5,700 bbls. at $9 70 @ $10 for Superfine State; $10 15 @ $10 30 for Extra State; $10 40 @ $10 65 for Fancy do.; $10 35 @ $10 65 for the low grades of Western Extra; $11 10 @ $11 35 for Shipping Ohio; $11 40 @ $12 for Trade and Family brands; and $11 40 @ $15 for St. Louis Extras, the latter rate for Trafton's Superlative Extra. Buckwheat Flour is dull at $4 75 @ $5 25. Rye Flour is dull and heavy; sales of 150 bbls. at $10 20 @ $10 35 for the low grades of Extra, and $10 40 @ $12 for Trade and Family do. Southern Flour is also dull and heavy; the supply is fair; sales of 400 bbls. at $10 75 @ $12 for inferior to good Superfine Country Baltimore, &c., and $12 20 @ $15 for Trade and Family brands; the Government contract was awarded at $12 25 @ 12 50. Rye Flour is dull, and prices favor the buyer; sales of 50 bbls. at $8 25 @ $9. Corn Meal is fairly active and firm; sales of 250 bbls. at $9 for Brandywine; the Government contract was awarded at $9 24 @ $10 50 for White, and $8 45 for Yellow.

GRAIN—The Wheat market continues very dull, and prices are nominally lower; early in the day dealers were apart in their views; we note a sale of 7,000 bush. No. 2 Chicago Spring, at $2 25. Barley is firmly held, but the market is quiet. Barley Malt is dull, but prices are without change to note. Oats are dull and lower; the receipts are fair; the sales are 17,000 bush. Western, at $1 06 @ $1 07. Rye is quiet but steady, at $1 70 for Western. Corn is without change in prices; the demand is light, the extreme prices insisted upon checking the inquiry for home consumption; the sales are 7,000 bush. Mixed Western at $1 20 in store, and $1 30 @ $1 32 for New Yellow Jersey.

GUNNY BAGS are in fair demand and firm; sales at 36½@38c., cash.

GUNNY CLOTH is in fair request and firm at 21½@22c.

HIDES—There has been a moderate inquiry from the trade since our last, but in prices we have no particular change to note.

HOPS are in fair demand and quite firm; sales at 25@35c. for common to prime Old, and 45@55c. for New Crop do.

LEATHER—Hemlock Sole has been in fair demand and prices are supported. Oak Sole is quiet but steady. French and American Calfskins are dull and prices are nominal.

LUMBER—Eastern Spruce and Pine have been very quiet, and in the absence of arrivals, prices are entirely nominal.

MOLASSES—The inquiry is fair; sales of 50 hhds. Barbadoes at 86c.; 25 bbls. Muscovado at 65c.; 25 hhds. choice do. at 90c., and 150 hhds. Sour do. at 54c.

OILS are generally quiet, but prices favor the seller; sales of Linseed at $1 60 @ $1 63, and Lard Oil at $2 20 @ $2 25, which is an advance.

PROVISIONS—There has been less activity in the market for Pork to-day and prices are lower, closing unsettled; buyers and sellers are apart in their views; for future delivery we hear of sales of 3,500 bbls. Old Mess, buyer January, at $42 25, and 1,000 bbls. New Mess, buyer February, at $43; the sales cash and regular are 5,000 bbls. at $41 50 @ $41 67½ for Old Mess, closing at $41 62½; $42 50 @ $42 75 for New Mess; $34 25 for Prime; $39 50 @ $40 for Prime Mess, and $40 for Thin Mess. Beef is offered quite freely, but we hear of no large transactions; the sales are 470 bbls. at $41 75 @ $42 50 for Plain Mess, and $21 50 @ $24 for Extra Mess, the outside rates for small lots choice brands. Beef Hams are steady and in fair demand; sales of 300 bbls. Western at $27. Cut Meats are in fair demand, and steady; sales of 250 pkgs. at 17½c. for Western pickled Shoulders, and 20c. for Western pickled Hams. Bacon is rather easier, but the business is moderate; sales of 50 boxes Short Ribbed at 22½c. on the spot; 200 boxes Cumberland Cut, buyer first half of February, at 21 @ 21½c. Dressed Hogs are dull and heavy at 16½ @ 17c. for Western, and 17½ @ 17½c. for City. Lard is in moderate demand, and is weak at the close; sales of 1,500 pkgs at 20 @ 20½c. for No. 1; 23½ @ 24½c. for fair to Prime Steam and Kettle Rendered, and 24½c. for Choice. The Provisions advertised by the Government were taken at the following prices: Beef, $19 97 @ $22 for Mess, and $21 79 @ $22 97 for Extra Mess; Smoked Hams at $16 80 @ $16 95; Bacon sides at $23 71 @ $24 98, and Shoulders at $21 @ $22 90.

PETROLEUM is quiet at 52c. for Crude, 73 @ 74c. for Refined in bond, and 94c. for do. free.

PEPPER—A Government contract was awarded at 44 4-10c.

RICE—No sales are reported; prices nominal. The Government contract was awarded at 13½c. for Rangoon.

SUGARS—Raw Sugars have been in fair demand at steady rates; sales of 605 hhds. at 19½ @ 20½c. for Cuba, 21 @ 22c. for Porto Rico; 20 boxes Havana at 25½c., and 340 do. on private terms. The Government contract was awarded at $20 64 @ $21 50 for Cuba duty paid, and $13 90 @ $13 95 in bond, quantities not to be made public. Refined are quiet at 28½c. for Hards.

SALT—Liverpool Ground is firm and in fair demand at $2 30; the quantity advertised by the Government was taken at ½c. ⅌ lb.

SIRUP—The Government contract was awarded at 68 [illegible] in barrels, and 79c. in half-barrels.

SOAP—The Government contract was awarded at $14 72 @ $15 for Brown.

SEEDS—The inquiry for Clover Seed is light; we quote at 25½ @ 25½c. Timothy Seed is inactive but firm at $6 @ $7 ⅌ bush. Rough Flax is firm at $3 85 @ $4 ⅌ bush.

TALLOW—The market is fairly active but prices are easier; sales of 132,000 lb at 17 @ 17½c. for Western, and 17½c. for City.

TIN—Pig is quiet but firm; sales of Straits at 61 @ 61½c., and English at 58½c. Plates are in fair demand at previous prices.

VINEGAR—A Government contract was awarded at from 40 @ 44 9-10c.

WHISKY—The market is fairly active, and is firmer, closing firm; sales of 700 bbls. at $2 26½ @ $2 27 for Western; the Government contract was awarded at from $2 50 to $2 60 for rectified.

Receipts of Produce.

JAN. 14.—3,922 bbls. Flour; 120 bbls. Whisky; 639 bbls. Corn Meal; 40 pkgs. Ashes; 228 pkgs. Lard; 90 pkgs. Oil Cake; 1,010 pkgs. Butter; 3,900 pkgs. Provisions; 2,633 Dressed Hogs.

Live Stock over the Erie Railway.

Statement of Live Stock transported over the road for the week ending Jan. 14.—70 cars of Cattle; 9 cars of Hogs; 27 cars of Sheep; 3 cars of Horses; 3 cars of Calves. Total cars of Stock for the week, 112.

CITY ITEMS.

THE TOBACCO INTEREST.—John G. Woodruff, President of the Cigar-Makers' Protective Union, has been deputed by the National Tobacconists' Association of this city to visit Connecticut and Massachusetts, and explain to the growers, who have been holding meetings against the proposed modification of the Revenue Act, under the mistaken view that such change would be antagonistic to the interests of the agriculturists.

REMOVAL OF ASHES.—The City Inspector gives notice that the removal of ashes will begin to-day. He requests citizens to keep within doors the ashes on hand until those on the sidewalks and streets are taken away.

RAILROAD CONVENIENCE.—We learn that the Second and Third-Avenue Railroad Companies have decided to receive each others tickets in payment of fares.

THE STREET-SWEEPERS PAID—DISSOLUTION OF THE HECKER INJUNCTION.—At noon on Saturday a large delegation of street-sweepers congregated around the Court House anxiously awaiting the decision upon the motion to dissolve the injunction granted upon the application of Mr. John Hecker. Shortly after twelve o'clock it became known to them that Justice Ingraham had dissolved the injunction and that they were entitled to and should receive their pay. Cheer upon cheer arose, not only for the Justice, but as one man expressed himself: "Boys, let us give three cheers for John Hecker—because we have beaten him," which were given with a decided earnestness. The men then proceeded to the Controller's office, and Mr. Brennan having anticipated a decision in favor of the men, was ready to pay them off. In a very short time twenty-five or thirty clerks were busily engaged upon the pay-rolls, some in checking names and others in paying the men. Up to six o'clock p. m., upward of $50,000 had been paid, and the balance, $60,000, will be paid to-day.

PLASTERERS' NATIONAL CONVENTION.—The Plasterers' National Convention met on Thursday morning at Early Closing Hall, No. 267 Bowery, and appointed Mr. Charles MaLean of Boston President, Mr. E. P. McDermott, Secretary. Delegates were present from the principal cities in the Eastern and Middle States, and also from Washington City. Mr. McLean, on taking the chair, thanked the Convention for the honor conferred, and then briefly explained the objects of the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting, held in July last, were then read and approved, and the term of the present officers having expired, the following were elected for the current year: President, Mr. Charles McLean of Boston; Vice-President, Mr. Hackmeller of Pittsburgh; Secretary, Mr. E. P. McDermott of New-York; and Treasurer, Mr. Alexander Turner of Brooklyn. A committee on the state of the trade was then appointed, after which the reports of the several branches or plasterers' societies were read. Reports were read by Mr. Crane of Newark, Mr. P. Bryan of Jersey City, Mr. Thompson of Philadelphia, and Mr. Mahony of Washington.

After a short recess the reading of reports continued, and the following gentlemen were heard from: Mr. Harkwell of Pittsburgh, Mr. Turner of Brooklyn, Mr. McLean of Boston, and Mr. McDermott of New-York. A paper containing the following suggestions was then read:

1. The formation of a Union, as far as possible, of the different Plasterers' Societies throughout the United States.
2. The establishment of a system of intelligence in the different cities for the purpose of giving an opportunity to the employer and employee for hiring with each other, and to save unnecessary travel over a city in search of employment.
3. A thorough system of correspondence throughout the United States with the different associations, for the purpose of knowing the state of trade in the different sections of the country.
4. Some general plan by which a member of any Plasterers' Society in good standing may be assisted in procuring employment when traveling.
5. To provide against imposition by unprincipled journeymen and crafty employers.
6. To make some provision in case of sickness or death.
7. Not to close an alliance with other branches of trade mechanics' associations.
8. To make eight hours a day's work, believing that our moral and physical condition would be improved by a shortening of the hours of labor.
9. To require an applicant to have a clear card from the last society to which he belonged before being admitted to another.

This paper was referred to a committee, and the Convention adjourned till yesterday morning, when it reassembled, all the members being present. The reports of the previous day were continued, and after the delegates from all the cities had been heard from, the Committee on the State of Trade presented their report. After a careful review of the state of the trade and the evil systems which prevail in it, the committee close their report by recommending the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That local organizations or associations of the members of the trade in every city and town in the United States is of prime importance, and to be encouraged in every practicable manner, and at whatever cost, by this "National Union" and the societies represented in it.

Resolved, That the several Plasterers' Societies in the various States cooperate with the representations of other trades for obtaining charters of their respective Legislatures, that will give them the legal right to control and direct the interests of their trade.

Resolved, That we protest against all trading of any form and kind in our business, and hold that our immediate employers should alone contract for plastering with the owners; that our employers have no right to foster a system that is injurious to their workmen and the owners of houses, and we invite all to break up the practice of "bumping," whether of latning, cornicing, finishing, &c.

Resolved, That no boy or "grown man" be permitted to learn the trade without he be first indentured to some known boss, and this "indenture" be filed in the County Clerk's office of the district where the parties reside.

Resolved, That we labor with other mechanical branches to reduce the hours of labor to the rational period of "eight hours" a day.

The report and resolutions are signed by David Mahony, Leonard Crane and E. P. McDermott, Committee on the State of the Trade. The resolutions and report were unanimously accepted. After transacting some further business, the Convention adjourned.

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR BAGGAGE.—The numerous thefts of trunks and other baggage in this city calls for a watchful eye, both from travelers and the police authorities. Citizens should also lend their aid in suppressing the evil. Trunks strapped behind a coach are no longer safe, as recent instances have proved, where the strap was cut, trunks thrown into a wagon and driven off at full speed, almost before the owner's eyes. The more common plan, however, is to watch about a railroad depot, notice any baggage left to be called for, and in a few minutes personate the owner, get a check for any desired point, and thus secure the booty. An instance of this kind has just come to our notice, where a lady was going South with all her valuables packed in a new, attractive-looking trunk. It was left at the New-Jersey Railroad depot, with the remark that it would be called for by the owner; but it was soon smuggled on board a train, checked for Wilmington, Delaware, and the thief would probably have secured a valuable prize but for the investigations and exertions of officer Rhodes of the Twenty-seventh Precinct, and the promptness of the railroad company in sending a dispatch over the road to stop such a trunk, which was done. Unfortunately in this case, as in too many others, the owner was only too glad to find her baggage without securing the prosecution of the thief.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHILOLEXIAN SOCIETY.—The Sixty-second Anniversary of the Philolexian Society of Columbia College was celebrated Friday evening at the Academy of Music. The edifice was completely crowded with ladies and gentlemen. Prof. Barnard, President of Columbia College, and several of the faculty were present on the stage; as was also Prof. Horace Webster of the Free Academy. Erastus B. Rudd, A. M., President of the Society, presided. The exercises opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Chauncey, and was followed with addresses, compositions and instrumental music. The music was by Heimsmuller's Band, and several favorite pieces from celebrated composers were performed. The following gentlemen took their part in the exercises in a very creditable manner: Daniel Lord, jr., Wm. N. McVicker, Geo. Putnam Smith, Julien T. Davies, Francis F. Wilson, A. Ernest Vanderpool, N. Craig, F. Randolph, and George S. Rives.

THE SAVANNAH COTTON.—The Government has rented the large sugar houses at the foot of Canal-st., where the cotton and rice captured at Savannah, and which is to be immediately shipped to New-York by Collector Draper, is to be stored, and disposed of, at semi-weekly auction sales, by John Draper, auctioneer.

RELIEF FOR THE PILOTS.—The New-York and Sandy Hook pilots have had a bill introduced in the State Senate for an increase of their rates. This body of men is the only one we know of whose rates of pay have not been increased with the exigencies of the times, or with the vast increase of their expenses. They are receiving the same rates now that they received in 1854, while their expenses have increased one hundred and fifty per cent. When these facts, in connection with the arduous and hazardous nature of their vocation is considered, we cannot doubt the passage of the bill on its merits in both Houses.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. Richard A. Storrs, who is connected with the Controller's Department, was the recipient last Friday evening, at the residence of Capt. Seebach, in West Forty-sixth-st., of an elegant buggy, as a mark of the respect and esteem held for him by the book-keepers in the Finance Department. The presentation was made by Wakeman H. Dikeman, esq., stock clerk, in behalf of the other clerks.

RELIEF FOR SAVANNAH.—The steamship Rebecca Clyde sailed for Savannah on Saturday evening, heavily laden with an assorted cargo of provisions, for distribution among the suffering people of Savannah. Mr. Archibald Baxter, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Relief Committee, accompanied the vessel, in charge. Col. Julian Allen's steamer, the Daniel Webster, will start on her Southward voyage this afternoon, at which time her extensive cargo is expected to be complete. Mr. E. D. Babcock, treasurer of the Relief Fund, has received the following subscriptions, in addition to those already published:

Edward Parsons, $500; Geo. Hall, $35; Fabbri & Chauncy, $100; Howland & Aspinwall, $250; H. B. Livingston, $1,000; Oliver Carpenter & Co., $100; Thomas A. Vose, jr., $100; Thomas Otis Leroy & Co., $250; C. Durand, $350; Robert L. Taylor, $200; Edmund Matthews, $100; David Headley, $50; M. C. Riggs, $50; Zopher Mills, $100; J. J. Stuart & Co., $50; Einstein, Rosenfeld & Co., $250; S. Knapp & Brother, $100; Maury Brothers, $30; Stamford Manufacturing Co., $50; Cash, $15; Paul Spofford, $500; Peter Cooper, $50; S. B. Chittenden & Co., $500; Ward, Campbell & Co., $100; Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co., $1,000; Mutual Life Ins. Co., $500; Lawson, Ludington & Co., $500; P. T. Barnum, $50; Metropolitan Ins. Co., $250; Brown, Brothers & Co., $500; Babcock, Brothers & Co., $1,000; John T. Johnston, $500; Pacific Mail Steamship Co., $1,000; Columbian Ins. Co., $1,000; Orient Ins. Co., $250; Union Mutual Ins. Co., $500; Mercantile Ins. Co., $500; Sun Mutual Ins. Co., $500; Albert Clack, $50; F. Lawrence, $50; J. G. Vose, $25; J. Falconer, $100; H. B. Claflin & Co., $1,000; Great Western Ins. Co., $1,000.

The steamer Greyhound, with supplies, is already on her way, so that the hungry people of Savannah will, in a few days, find their empty larders full.

PASSENGERS LOST ON THE MELLVILLE. Among the passengers of the unfortunate steamer Mellville, was Mr. T. Osborne, the father of a former correspondent of *The Herald*, Mr. Galen H. Osborne. He had recently come on from Hilton Head, in the Fulton, with the body of his son, (recently deceased), and took passage on the Ceres to return to Beaufort, but afterward, changing his mind, went by the Mellville, and was lost with her. Mr. B. K. Lee, postmaster at Hilton Head, and his wife, a daughter of Rev. Mr. Dyer of Somerville, Mass., were also among the lost. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are said to have been estimable persons. The former was, at one time, an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association of Boston, and had, for some time, been an elder of the Harrison-ave. Presbyterian Church of that city. Before he was appointed postmaster at Hilton Head, he was the Superintendent of contrabands at that place. William W. Bishop, esq., an active business man of Providence, R. I., and a brother-in-law of Gen. Burnside, was also among the lost, together with his two daughters, Miss Mary J. and Miss Anna J. Bishop.

BALL AT WILLETT'S POINT.—On Friday night last a Complimentary Ball was given by the officers attached to the Grant General Hospital, Willett's Point, in their splendid mess-room, which was beautifully arranged and decorated for the festive occasion. There was a considerable assemblage of distinguished guests from this city, Flushing and the neighboring district, and the Hop was a decided success. The band of the Seventh New-York Infantry was in attendance, and did justice to its well-earned reputation.

CONSTITUTIONAL UNION GENERAL COMMITTEE.—This Committee had a meeting on Friday evening last, at the Sinclair House, corner Broadway and Eighth-st., resulting in the election of officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Dr. R. F. Stevens, 19th Ward, President; John R. Voorhees, 20th Ward, First Vice-President; Ellison Herd, 9th Ward, Second Vice-President; H. S. Bancker, 8th Ward, Recording Secretary; W. W. Lyon, 11th Ward, Corresponding Secretary; Stephen Roberts, 12th Ward, Treasurer; F. B. Dominick, 22d Ward, Sergeant-at-Arms.

DEATH OF DANIEL EWEN, ESQ.—Daniel Ewen died at his residence, corner Rutgers-st. and East Broadway, on Thursday last, aged sixty-nine. He was a well known city surveyor, and was a brother of Gen. John Ewen, formerly City Inspector, Controller, etc., and now President of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. Daniel Ewen was city surveyor for a period of forty-eight years.

AN OLD DODGE.—Early yesterday morning Bernard O'Neil and Henry Gaffney went into the saloon of Thomas F. Currie, No. 364 Hudson-st., and quarreled with some of the inmates. They were ordered to leave by the proprietor, but refused to go, and he then went for an officer. On his return he found them engaged in robbing his till. They then ran into the street, having in their possession $43, pursued by Currie. They were arrested after running a few blocks. Gaffney threw away a portion of the stolen money. Justice Dodge committed the prisoners for trial.

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL INSPECTORS.—The newly appointed School Inspectors met at the Hall of the Board of Education on Friday evening. The most important business transacted was the adoption of a resolution setting apart each Saturday for the examination of teachers, and to grant certificates to all who pass the required examination, and that such candidate must have a testimonial, certifying to his or her good character, from at least three respectable citizens of the ward in which the applicant resides. It was also agreed that before any bill of repairs exceeding twenty dollars should be paid, the trustees of the ward in which such repairs are made must approve such bill. Finally a motion prevailed to print the rules and regulations of the Board of School Inspectors, and send them to each person in the employ of the Board of Education.

REBEL PRISONERS.—On Friday evening the Rebel Col. Dick Morgan, (a brother of Gen. John Morgan), with one hundred and fifty brother officers, prisoners of war, from Hood's Army, on their way to Fort Delaware, arrived at the Harlem Railroad Depot, Fourth-ave. and Twenty-sixth-st. They were escorted to the Courtlandt-st. ferry by a platoon of men from the Twenty-ninth Precinct.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Frederick Hield, a German, while laboring under a temporary fit of insanity, jumped from a fifth-story window of his residence, No. 147 Canal-st., to the pavement, fracturing both legs, besides receiving severe internal injuries. He was taken to the New-York Hospital. There is scarcely a chance of his recovery.

THIEVES ATTEMPT TO SET A HOTEL ON FIRE.—John Wilson and a friend, on the night of the 25th ult., hired a room at the Revere House, corner of Broadway and Houston-st. In the room was a trunk, which they broke open and robbed of clothing to the amount of $200. They were seen by the night porter to leave with a large bundle in their possession. The next morning the chambermaid, on entering the room, found that the sheets had been torn up, placed between the pillows, and set on fire. Fortunately no further damage was done than scorching the bed-clothing. Yesterday Wilson was arrested and committed by Justice Hogan.

A BURGLAR SHOT BY AN OFFICER—CORONER'S INQUEST.—Early on Saturday morning officers Hyde and Montgomery of Westchester county, accompanied by officer Fleming of the Fourth District Police Court, went to the residence of Robert Churchill, corner of Fifth-ave. and Fifty-seventh-st., for the purpose of arresting him, he having been concerned in a number of burglaries lately perpetrated in Westchester county. On entering the house, Churchill and his wife made a desperate resistance, Churchill even succeeding in taking officer Fleming's club from him. Finding that he was being overpowered, the officer drew a pistol. That was also grasped by his opponent, and in the struggle it exploded, the ball entering the head of Churchill just above the right ear. Death ensued in a few moments. The body was taken to the Nineteenth Precinct station-house, where later in the day Coroner Collin held an inquest. The jury rendered a verdict declaring the shooting to have been accidental, and justifying the officer in drawing his weapon. Deceased was aged 35 years and a native of England.

THEFT OF GOLD, AND RECOVERY OF A PORTION OF THE STOLEN MONEY.—Thomas Brown, a stranger in the city, on Thursday night last accompanied Josephine Miller into a disreputable house in Baxter-st., and while asleep was robbed of $1,220 in gold and $15 in Treasury notes. Information of his loss having been conveyed to Capt. Jourdan, that officer arrested the girl and the keeper of the house, a colored woman named Hannah Miller. She stated that she was in the room occupied by Brown, and the money was stolen by Wm. McGiven, who gave her a handful of gold as her share. This she had given to Joseph Sands, colored, with whom she had been living. Yesterday Sands was arrested in a house in Thomas-st., and in his possession was found $734 in bills, he having probably exchanged the gold. Justice Hogan committed the prisoners, and sent Brown to the House of Detention as a witness. McGiven is still at large.

BEATEN WITH CART RUNGS.—On Saturday night William H. Thompson, conductor on the Bolt Railroad, stopped his car at the corner of Grand and Goerck-sts., to enable some passengers to alight. As he did so, a cart, on which were John McCormick and Michael Cogan, was driven alongside in such a manner as to prevent the passengers reaching the walk. The conductor