LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE DISASTER AT THE BROADWAY FIRE.

INQUEST IN RELATION TO THE DEATH OF THE THREE FIREMEN—VERDICT OF THE CORONER'S JURY.

An investigation was begun yesterday, before Coroner Woltman, to determine the cause of the death of David Muldrew, David Clute and John H. Busch, members of Engine Company No. 30, who were killed at the fire on Broadway, on Feb. 8.

Thomas W. Lowell testified that he was present at the fire at 7:30 p. m.; that he had been interested in the business at No. 444 Broadway, and noticed the safe in the ruins; he asked a man, who he was told was a Fire Commissioner, that a stream might be directed on the safe; the Commissioner turned and spoke to Chief Gicquel, who gave an order to play on the safe.

Edward Fitzpatrick, Inspector of Buildings, stood near No. 444, but did not see the firemen advance; he saw, however, a group of about five men 10 feet within the house line, and about 15 feet from the wall of No. 444; he saw the wall fall, and shouted to the men. John Cavanagh, assistant engineer of Engine No. 30, saw the men amid the ruins; they did not go in at once, but gradually worked their way in; he heard no order; his impression was, at the time, that the wall was a partition wall. Walter W. Adams, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings, testified that the building was erected under the law of 1852; under the present law the wall which fell lacked four inches of the proper thickness; Nos. 448 and 450 had been repaired at the request of the department. As to the wall, he thought at the time that the top had fallen off, and that no danger was to be apprehended, as, if it fell at all, it would fall into the ruins; he did not see the wall fall. John S. Fisher, Chief of Battalion No. 8 of the Fire Department, said that Chief Gicquel had charge of that part of the fire; he did not give any orders to the men who were killed; he thought that the wall which fell was a party wall of the Continental Hotel. James Otis was recalled, and asked whether it would have been possible for one to have seen that the wall which fell was or was not a party wall; he was of the opinion that it was not possible, as the smoke and steam were thick.

Chief Gicquel testified that while he was watching the operations of the firemen he heard a gentleman ask that a stream be turned on his safe, which contained valuable papers; he went over to Engine No. 30 and told the men to turn a stream upon the safe, which they did; he left these men in front of No. 444, in a safe position; to carry out the orders of the witness, there was no need of going any nearer the wall. Philip Bitzer testified that Capt. Ward gave an order to play on the safe; it was possible to do this without advancing; he was one of those who went into the ruins; it was at the suggestion of David Clute, who said, "Let us go in further, we can dry our clothes;" Capt. Ward took him by the shoulder and told him not to go any further; then the Captain went away to get some oil, and the men took advantage of his absence to advance; Assistant Busch gave no orders to go in; the witness came out to get a drink of water, and had no idea that the wall would fall; he thought the wall belonged to the Continental Hotel. John Ward, Foreman of Engine No. 30, testified that he ordered Busch to "give the fire a dash" and then back out, because he feared the walk would fall in. David Clute was a very daring man, and always anxious to advance. The witness said that he caught Clute by the collar and drew him back. George H. Sheldon, Fire Marshal, saw the men move into the ruins. He did not notice the wall. The smoke and steam were so thick that they might have gone in without knowing their danger. He also stated that no clue to the origin of the fire had been discovered up to the present time. Eli Bates, Chief of the Fire Department, stated that it was not intended, nor required, that the men should go among the ruins, as the engines on Crosby st. and Broadway were able to reach the heart of the fire. He said he did not believe that any person knew that the wall that fell was an independent one. The buildings destroyed were safe according to the former law, and there were many buildings in the city, at present, much more unsafe than these. Capt. Ward being recalled, stated that he went to his engine house after oil, leaving Busch in charge; the engineer said he couldn't run his engine more than two minutes and he went to get it, because he thought he could get it sooner than any of the men. The testimony of Dr. Cushman showed that the men came to their death on account of injuries received at the Broadway fire.

After an absence of an hour the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that David Muldrew, David Clute, and John H. Busch came to their death by the falling of an unobserved independent wall of building Nos. 444 and 446 Broadway.

BUSINESS EMBARRASSMENTS.

Wellington, Kidder & Co. of No. 74 Broad-st., rectifiers and distillers, have failed and made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Some time ago the internal revenue officials seized their whisky on the ground of non-payment of the revenue tax. Since that time they have been declining until they were compelled to make an assignment. Their liabilities are represented at about $200,000.

Frederick Schuchardt and Lawrence Wells, comprising the banking firm of Frederick Schuchardt & Sons of No. 40 Exchange-place, have been adjudicated involuntary bankrupts by Judge Blatchford, in the United States District Court, on a petition filed by Carter & Eaton, attorneys for a number of the creditors. The firm suspended payment in September, 1875. The entire liabilities do not exceed $1,250,000. The claims of the creditors who united in the petition are as follows: Iselin & Co., $72,500 29; the Bank of New-York, $60,000; the National Park Bank, $25,000; M. Morgan's Sons, $10,000; Vve. J. Magnin, Guedin & Co., $450; Stapfer & Streuli, $10,000; William Y. Mortimer, $1,472; W. & F. Livingston, $1,371; Bischoff de St. Alban, $33,000; Lombard, Odier & Co., $9,700; Louis Wagner & Co., $4,394 71; Charles Wetter, $823 29; the heirs of M. Blanc, $1,861 30; Rogers & Dechnée, $350; *Société de Crédit Suisse*, $27,000; Deutsche National Bank, $85,000; M. Ephrussi & Co., $18,000; De Neufville & Mertens, $33,000; St. Lurman & Sohn, $30,000; the National Albany Exchange Bank, $25,000. The aggregate amount of these claims is $438,741. The bankrupt firm consented to the entry of the order of adjudication. The matter was referred to Register Fitch. The first meeting of creditors will be held before him in March.

Wallace & Co. of New-Orleans, who failed recently for about $1,000,000, offered a composition of 33⅓ cents, 25 cents to be paid in cash, and the remainder in notes. Some of the creditors in New-York and Boston, among whom were E. S. Jaffray & Co. and L. M. Bates & Co. of this city, opposed the composition on the ground that some of the creditors were to be paid in full and some were to receive more than 33⅓ cents. Testimony was taken yesterday before Register John W. Little, at No. 4 Warren-st. It was shown that Boerum & Pease were to be paid 33⅓ cents in cash. Further hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

In proceedings before John Fitch, Register in Bankruptcy, yesterday, Wareham M. Quimby, jeweler, effected a compromise with his creditors at 30 cents on the dollar, payable in notes running three, six, nine, and twelve months, indorsed by M. T. Quimby of Boston.

Several of the creditors of William Traitel, jeweler, attended the creditors' meeting yesterday at the office of Isaac Dayton, Register in Bankruptcy, and opposed the application of Mr. Traitel for a discharge from his debts.

Edward Strong has filed a petition in bankruptcy, which has been referred to Register Edgar Ketchum. His liabilities amount to over $100,000. His assets consist of 1,000 shares of the American Zinc Company's stock and 1,000 shares of the stock of the Consolidated Gregory Mining Company, which is worthless. J. J. Van Alst has a claim of $16,000; Dean, McClintock & Co. are creditors to the extent of $12,934 18 for money advanced; Timothy C. Carman has a claim of $1,088 50. The following are the unsecured creditors: James Crumble, $26,000; Albert Strong, $9,000; Hannah Strong, $5,000; Mary Strong, Milton Strong, Elbert S. Strong, Sarah E. Thomson, Julia C. Stewart, and Cornelia S. Robbins, $19,506 21.

Dwight C. Crocker and Granville P. Healy (D. C. Crocker & Co.), who recently made an assignment, have presented a schedule stating their liabilities at $78,595 33 and their nominal assets at $8,390 81. John Kavanagh, in his schedule, fixes his liabilities at $38,011 62, his nominal assets at $86,983 19, and his real assets at $19,325 05. His assignee's bond is fixed at $25,000. An assignment for the benefit of creditors was filed yesterday with the County Clerk by Benjamin B. Tilt and Albert Tilt to Dennis O'Donoghue.

GAS TROUBLES IN BROOKLYN.

A person who was formerly in the employ of one of the gas companies is doing a good business in Brooklyn having gas meters tested for dissatisfied consumers. He has them examined by a State inspector, who furnishes a certificate. In almost every case thus far the meters have been declared to be incorrect. A prominent builder's meter, which had been in use nine years, was declared to be incorrect 13 per cent. He demanded a rebate from the gas company, and was paid the alleged overcharge for five months. A livery-stable keeper, whose meter was said to be incorrect, asked and obtained a drawback. A well-known dry goods merchant found that his meter, according to the inspector's certificate, indicated 10 per cent more than passed through it. The gas company compromised by paying him $36. Other demands, based upon the State inspector's certificate, have not been complied with, and several suits are threatened.

AN OLD LADY'S HEAVY LOSS.

Mrs. Ann Polhamus, a lady 70 years of age, reported on Sunday at the Twelfth Precinct Police Station, and yesterday at the Central Office, that thieves had entered her apartments on the second floor of the tenement house at No. 537 East One-hundred-and-seventeenth-st. and stolen a large amount of money and jewelry. She had drawn only a few days before, she stated, $10,000 from the bank, thinking the bank unsafe, and kept it in her room. Mrs. Polhamus stated at the station that the money was in five $1,000 bills, 49 $100 bills, two $50 bills, and one $5 gold piece. At the Central Station she gave the amounts differently. It is thought that she is somewhat deranged in mind, and while there is no doubt, the police think, that a robbery has been committed, and that she has lost money and jewelry, there are serious doubts as to the amount. The police of the Twelfth Precinct are investigating the case.

WORKS OF ART AT THE EXHIBITION.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—All works by American artists that are to be shipped from England to the Centennial Exhibition must be at Southampton as early as March 15, at which date the United States steamer Franklin will receive them on board. The Franklin will call at Cherbourg on the 18th, and American artists in France, who have works of art to send, must have them at that place ready for shipment before that time. The vessel will proceed to Gibraltar, and will be met there by the Supply, which will have received at Leghorn and Civita Vecchia the contributions of American artists in Italy. The articles on the Franklin will then be transferred to the Supply, and that ship will sail at once for Philadelphia.

XLIVth CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

REGULAR REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

A BUSY TIME IN BOTH HOUSES—THE WESTERN TIMBER LAND AND DISTRICT INTERNAL BILLS PASSED IN THE SENATE—IMPORTANT NEW INVESTIGATIONS STARTED BY THE HOUSE—THE JUDICIARY BILL PASSED BY 143 TO 102—A RAILROAD TO THE BLACK HILLS.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 1876.

The Senate was opened this morning with prayer by the Rev. Wm. H. Milburn of New-York.

Petitions for the repeal of the Bankruptcy law were presented by Mr. SHERMAN (Rep., Ohio), Mr. WINDOM (Rep., Minn.), Mr. KEY (Dem., Tenn.), and Mr. THURMAN (Dem., Ohio), all of which were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A message was received from the House of Representatives announcing the passage of a resolution by that body declaring the 22d of February of the present year a legal holiday.

Mr. HAMLIN (Rep., Me.) asked for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

Mr. CONKLING (Rep., N. Y.) said he did not object to its passage, but he desired to say that the time would come, if it had not already, when Congress should declare the birthday of Abraham Lincoln a legal holiday.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the concurrent resolution, and it was agreed to.

Mr. ALLISON (Rep., Iowa), from the Committee on Appropriations, reported with amendments the House bill asking appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877. Placed on the calendar.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

Mr. MORRILL (Rep., Vt.) submitted a resolution instructing the Committee on the Library to inquire as to the expediency of making an appropriation of $1,000 annually for the Library of the Treasury Department. Agreed to.

By Mr. MITCHELL (Rep., Oregon)—A bill to locate and establish an assay office at Portland, in the State of Oregon. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. SARGENT (Rep., Cal.) introduced a bill relating to the silver coinage of the United States. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. EDMUNDS (Rep., Vt.), from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably on the House bill to extend the time for claimants under Section 11 of Chapter 459 of the Laws of the XLIIId Congress to prove their claims before the Court of Alabama Claims. Passed.

Mr. THURMAN (Dem., Ohio) presented nine petitions from citizens of Ohio in favor of aid to the Texas Pacific Railroad. Referred to the same committee.

Mr. WHYTE (Dem., Md.), from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported back the petition of the Chesapeake and Albemarle Canal Company in regard to payment for tolls upon vessels passing through that canal carrying naval supplies, with a bill for the relief of that Company. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. LOGAN (Rep., Ill.), from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported favorably on the Senate bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for furnishing trusses to disabled soldiers," approved May 28. Placed on the calendar.

Also, favorably on the Senate bill to extend the time for filing claims for additional bounty under the act of July 28, 1866. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. CONKLING (Rep., N. Y.) presented a petition signed by 700 wounded and disabled soldiers in favor of an amendment to the act granting bounty land to soldiers so as to allow those unable to comply with the provisions of the act on account of wounds to furnish a substitute who can comply therewith. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

He also presented a petition of lumber dealers of Albany, N. Y., in favor of the repeal of the Bankrupt act.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (Rep., N. J.), from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported back the petition of James A. Bridges, attorney, &c., asking Congress to prohibit the sale of the Wabash and Erie Canal, between Terre Haute and the Ohio line, with a resolution that the Attorney-General report to Congress whether any act of Congress is necessary to protect the property and interests of the United States in the Wabash and Erie Canal, and that he be requested in the mean time to take such measures as may be deemed necessary to have the sale postponed.

After some discussion by Mr. McDONALD (Dem., Ind.), Mr. CONKLING (Rep., N.Y.), and Mr. THURMAN (Dem., Ohio), the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (Rep., N. J.) presented a petition of citizens of Dacosta, N. J., asking the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payment.

Also, a petition of Thomas S. Whitehead, praying for an extension of his patent for the improvement in rakes for harvesters.

Mr. McMILLAN (Rep., Minn.) presented resolutions of the Legislature of Minnesota, asking such legislation as will provide for a treaty with the Indians occupying the country known as the Black Hills, so that the same may be opened to settlement. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Mr. HARVEY (Rep., Kan.) called up the resolution, submitted by him a few days ago, directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate such suggestions as may be deemed expedient for the public service, covering the period between May 19, 1869, and Oct. 1, 1872, to enable the Government to carry out the act constituting eight hours a day's work for all workmen employed by the Government.

Mr. SARGENT (Rep., Cal.) said if it was contemplated that the Secretary of War should send to the Senate a list of persons who have claims against the Government on account of this law he was opposed to it.

Mr. HARVEY said these claims were of such a character that Congress could provide for their settlement, and claim agents would have nothing to do with them.

Mr. SAULSBURY (Dem., Del.) said that this eight-hour law was an evil as originally passed. It has already cost the Government a good deal of money.

Pending the discussion the morning hour expired, and the resolution was laid aside.

Mr. SARGENT (Rep., Cal.) moved that when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to meet on Wednesday next. Agreed to.

TIMBER LANDS.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the bill for the sale of timber lands in the States of California and Oregon and in the Territories of the United States, the pending question being on the amendment of Mr. Sargent that any person desiring to avail himself of the provisions of the act, in addition to the other requirements mentioned in the bill, shall declare that he has not made any agreement with any person or persons by which the title to which he might acquire from the United States, or any right to said lands or the timber thereon, should inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except himself. This was agreed to.

Mr. CLAYTON (Rep., Ark.) moved to amend so as to provide that the public land affected by this act shall be offered at public sale as soon as practicable from time to time according to the provisions of existing law, and shall not be subject to private entry until so offered for sale.

The amendment was rejected—Yeas, 8; Nays, 36.

Mr. INGALLS (Rep., Kan.) said he had no doubt that this bill would turn vast valuable timber land into the hands of railroad corporations and mining companies of the Pacific coast.

Mr. INGALLS (Rep., Kan.) moved to amend the bill so that it should apply to all public lands in the United States alike, and that the number of acres to be taken under it should not exceed 160. Rejected.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. CONKLING (Rep., N. Y.) called up the Senate bill conferring exclusive jurisdiction over Indian reservations upon United States Courts, and for the punishment of crimes committed by and against Indians.

The amendments, proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary, were agreed to.

Pending discussion, at the request of Mr. KELLY (Dem., Oregon) the bill was laid aside, with the understanding that it should come up as the unfinished business on Wednesday.

Mr. WINDOM (Rep., Minn.), from the Committee on Appropriations, reported favorably on the House bill making an appropriation to pay 14 crippled and disabled Union soldiers employed in the House of Representatives from the 6th day of December, 1875, to the 30th day of June, 1876. Passed.

THE DISTRICT COUPONS PROVIDED FOR.

Mr. MORRILL (Rep., Me.), from the Conference Committee on the joint resolution to pay the interest on the 3.65 District of Columbia bonds, made a report, which was read.

Mr. COOPER (Dem., Tenn.) hoped the report would be printed so that members might have an opportunity to examine it.

Mr. SHERMAN (Rep., Ohio) said he hoped the Senator would not insist upon having it printed. He felt an injustice is being done by allowing coupons on these bonds to go unpaid.

Mr. BAYARD (Dem., Del.) offered the report.

Mr. MORRILL (Rep., Me.) said this was a most fruitful subject of debate. It seems that every Senator felt at liberty to puncture him and the Conference Committee, and could not be satisfied.

After some further discussion, Mr. EATON (Dem., Conn.) moved to adjourn. Rejected, Yeas, 14; Nays, 25.

Mr. COOPER (Dem., Tenn.) moved that the report of the Committee be printed.

Mr. WADLEIGH (Rep., N. H.) said he hoped the motion to print would prevail.

Mr. DAWES (Rep., Mass.) said he was satisfied with the report of the Committee just submitted. The motion to print the report was rejected. Yeas, 27; Nays, 28.

Mr. WITHERS (Dem., Va.) moved to adjourn. Rejected. Yeas, 18; Nays, 29.

Mr. COOPER (Dem., Tenn.) said he believed many of these 3.65 coupons had been fraudulently issued, and spoke a few minutes on the subject.

Mr. COCKRELL (Dem., Mo.) moved to adjourn. Rejected. Yeas, 25; Nays, 29.

Mr. SARGENT (Rep., Cal.) said if the disposition was to filibuster, of course the Committee would have to yield and let the matter go over.

Mr. COCKRELL (Dem., Mo.) said that mistakes have been made in the report, and he moved that it be made the special order for Wednesday, at 1 o'clock. Rejected, by a vote of 23 Yeas, to 29 Nays.

The report of the Committee was then concurred in—Yeas, 31; Nays, 25.

Mr. WADLEIGH (Rep., N. H.) gave notice, that with a view to examine the report, he would on Wednesday move that the vote by which it was concurred in be reconsidered.

The Senate then on motion of Mr. CAMERON (Rep., Wis.) went into executive session.

At 5:30 p. m. the doors were reopened, and the Senate adjourned until Wednesday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met, with Mr. Cox (Dem., N. Y.) in the chair as Speaker pro tempore.

Mr. BLISS (Lib., N. Y.) presented a petition from the tobacco manufacturers and dealers in New-York State, asking for the abolition of the import duty on licorice.

Under the call for States in addition to private bills and bills for internal improvement, the following were introduced and referred:

By Mr. WILLIS (Lib., N. Y.)—To regulate the payment of duties on imported merchandise.

By Mr. SCHUMAKER (Dem., N. Y.)—For the condemnation of a piece of ground for a public building in Brooklyn.

By Mr. COOK (Dem., Ga.)—Limiting the power of Congress in making appropriations.

By Mr. WHITTHORNE (Dem., Tenn.), by request—To authorize a mixed commission to inquire and report as to the future naval policy of the United States.

By Mr. RIDDLE (Dem., Tenn.)—To reduce the tax on distilled spirits.

By Mr. BURCHARD (Rep., Ill.)—Relating to distilled spirits.

By Mr. McCRARY (Rep., Iowa)—Chartering the Atlantic, Chicago, Black Hills and Pacific Railroad Company.

By Mr. STRAIT (Rep., Minn.)—A memorial for an Indian treaty by which the Black Hills may be opened to settlers.

Mr. LORD (Dem., N. Y.) offered a resolution directing the Attorney-General to report by what authority and for what purpose he recently gave instructions to his subordinates in contravention of the long established rule, relating to the testimony of accomplices in criminal actions. Adopted.

The House then proceeded to vote on the bill to reorganize the Judiciary and it was passed by Yeas, 143; Nays, 102.

Mr. KELLEY (Rep., Penn.) offered a resolution calling for the correspondence between the Treasury Department and the Bank of England prior to the 31st of December, 1873, in relation to the transfer of the proceeds of United States bonds sold, or to be sold, in London; also, for the correspondence between the State Department and the British Government in relation to the mode of transferring to this country the amount of the Geneva Award. Adopted.

Mr. ELLIS (Dem., La.) offered a resolution for the appointment of a sub-committee to visit and inspect the levees of the Mississippi River and the region subject to inundation. Adopted.

Mr. TOWNSEND (Rep., Penn.) offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Pacific Railroads to inquire whether any arrangement has been formed by the Pacific Railroad Companies with English capitalists to transfer the commerce of the Pacific Ocean now carried on American-built ships to English-built ships, sailing under the British flag. Adopted.

Mr. FAULKNER (Dem., W. Va.) offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Foreign Affairs to inquire into the circumstances of the conviction in Great Britain of Edward O'Meagher Condon, a citizen of the United States. Adopted.

Mr. JENKS (Dem., Penn.) introduced a bill for the transfer of the Pension Bureau from the Interior Department to the War Department. Referred.

Mr. CLARK (Rep., Mo.), from the Post-Office Committee, reported the Post Route bill. Passed.

Mr. SPRINGER (Dem., Ill.) made a personal explanation in reference to an amendment moved by him to the Centennial Appropriation bill when it was before the House and which was ingrafted on the bill, and replied to strictures upon him contained in *The New-York Herald* and *The Philadelphia Times* in relation thereto, as to whether the appropriation was to be a first or a second loan. He wanted to know, in conclusion, whether at the close of the exhibition the stockholders were to receive their share of the assets first and the Government afterward. He wanted to offer a resolution to have the Government appropriations withheld until that is known.

Mr. KELLEY (Rep., Penn.) denied Mr. Springer's allegations distinctly.

After some confusion, arising from a fruitless effort on the part of Mr. Holman (Dem., Ind.) to be recognized and to submit a motion, the House, at 4:30 p. m., adjourned until Wednesday, to-morrow (Washington's birthday anniversary) being a national holiday.

Mr. COX then resumed the chair to announce that he had just received a telegram from Mr. Kerr to the effect that he was much better, and would be in Washington to-morrow.

NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

Seth J. Comly, to be Collector of Customs at Philadelphia, Penn.; Andrew Cone of Pennsylvania to be Consul at St. Paul de Loando; John J. Jenkins to be United States Attorney for Wyoming Territory. Postmasters—Samuel Marfield, jr., Circleville, Ohio; James H. Moore, El Paso, Illinois; Charles G. Pages, Eaton Rouge, Louisiana.

MEDICAL COMMENCEMENTS.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.

EXERCISES OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT—159 GRADUATES—ADDRESS BY PROF. CROSBY—AWARD OF PRIZES.

A large audience filled the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the fifteenth annual Commencement of the Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Besides the numerous friends of the graduating class, there were present several gentlemen of prominence, who, with the Faculty, occupied the stage. Among them were the Rev. Dr. Crosby, Chancellor of the University of the City of New-York, Dr. Janeway of the Board of Health, and ex-Commissioners Bell, Nicholson, and Owen Brennan. While the orchestra was playing one of Mendelssohn's marches, the graduating class, 159 in number, entered the hall in a body and occupied the seats in front of the stage.

After prayer by the chaplain, Dr. Beach, and music by the orchestra, the degree of M. D. was conferred on each member of the class by the President of the Faculty, Dr. Isaac E. Taylor. Dr. Austin Flint, jr., read a statement of their proficiency. A prize of Holmes's Surgery, in three volumes, was awarded to Seth W. Williams for the best examination in physiology, and Joseph A. Coogan, Wm. A. George, J. H. Jackson, Geo. H. Magness, Henry Muhlfeld, F. A. Rice, F. R. Sherman, and E. H. Tyler received honorable mention. A prize given by Prof. Mott for the best report of his lectures and clinics was awarded to Patrick J. Higgins. The Alumni prize for the best essay on anatomy was given to Dr. J. A. Wyeth of this city.

The address to the graduates was given by Prof. A. B. Crosby. He spoke in part as follows:

Well will it be for you if obstacles only stimulate you to a more exalted faith, a more undying enthusiasm. In enthusiasm involves energy, work, persistence and pluck. You must remember that you have only acquired the rudiments of your profession. Let not a day pass without earnest professional study. Medicine is a progressive science, and constant study is needed to keep up with the times. But read a few works thoroughly instead of trying to read many. Choose standard text-books instead of medical journals, which are usually a kind of yesterday's dinner warmed over. It is the man of one book who has the most power. If your enthusiasm is worthy of your profession, work will in time give you real pleasure. To be interested in the woes of everybody, to furnish hope to the desponding, and to labor with uncomplaining self-denial, in season and out of season, is the part of a good physician.

After more music the exercises were closed by the valedictory address, which was delivered by Charles W. Cropper of Illinois. It was short, but practical and full of earnestness, and was well received by the audience.

The names of the graduating class are as follows:

Allen, Edward S.,	Glover, W. P.,	McAdams, And. J.,
Allen, John H.,	Goldthwaite, H.,	McClean, Jos. T.,
Allen, Joseph,	Price, Samuel H.,	McCrea, Henry,
Almy, Reynald B.,	Prichard, Lewis,	McCready, Geo. H.,
Abgar, Francis A.,	Putnam, Seymour,	McDonald, A. J.,
Barton, Thomas J.,	Rasbach, Geo. P.,	McNiff, Wm. O.,
Beardsley, Wm. E.,	Rasbach, Jas. L.,	McKenna, Levi P.,
Beebe, Warren L.,	Reed, Chas. H.,	Mewell, James W.,
Benjamin, John H.,	Reynolds, A. B.,	McWhinnie, F. A.,
Boyer, Henry C.,	Rice, Fred. A.,	Monroe, Wm. C.,
Boggs, Samuel W.,	Richardson, A. B.,	Morse, Benjamin,
Boon, Walter A.,	Rusine, John M.,	Milham, John D.,
Border, Daniel W.,	Sanborn, Thos. B.,	Mahfield, Henry,
Bond, George C.,	Saylor, Wm. H.,	Mullen, Tobias P.,
Bland, Thomas T.,	Sayre, Lewis H.,	Munn, John P.,
Bradner, W. K.,	Schwalka, F.,	Murray, John M.,
Burke, Martin,	Sherman, C. R.,	Robinson, Wm. A.,
Burroughs, T. L.,	Smith, Chas. S.,	Pearl, Augustus A.,
Carter, Chas. C.,	Sheum, Chas. E.,	O'Brien, Thos. F.,
Chambers, F. F.,	Sper, George D.,	O'Farrell, Michael,
Chewning, John P.,	Stein, Charles,	Olcott, Chas. A.,
Coogan, Joseph A.,	Stevens, M. R.,	O'Sullivan, Thos. J.,
Conz, Addison C.,	Stone, George W.,	Parr, George W.,
Cooley, John H.,	Stoner, George W.,	Pease, George W.,
Crowley, Wm. R.,	Still, David V.,	Peddie, Thomas,
Craig, Wm. B.,	Sullivan, D. S.,	Pell, Arthur,
Crawford, Regius,	Summers, John R.,	Pennman, A. B.,
Cropper, C. W.,	Green, Carl D.,	Plews, Bradford F.,
Cuddeback, W. L.,	Grimes, Thos. H.,	Pro tor, Thomas R.,
Davis, Eugene C.,	Griffith, Benben C.,	Sweetland, Wm. F.,
Davis, Wm. H.,	Gwin, John W.,	Secore, Wm. H.,
Denton, Samuel J.,	Hall, Orvin L.,	Taylor, Wm. W.,
Divelbiss, J. C.,	Ham, Geo. W.,	Terry, Wildrdge G.,
Douglass, Chas. H.,	Hatcher, Wm. E.,	Thomson, Mason,
Douglass, Wm. E.,	Havens, Byron B.,	Trimmer, John W.,
Dudlard, John E.,	Haynes, Wm. E.,	Tyler, Edwin H.,
Earl, Harry D.,	Hinds, Frederic J.,	Van Santvoord, R.,
Edwards, L. S.,	Hoffman, Oscar,	Varick, Wm. W.,
Elder, Elijah S.,	Howell, Andrew,	Virtue, Geoffrey,
Emery, Thos. M.,	Hubseth, Leonidas,	Weir, Samuel D.,
Evans, H. G.,	Hughes, Henry R.,	Wheeler, John T.,
Farnham, A. B.,	Jack on, James H.,	Wickham, Frank,
Ferrer, John D.,	Jacobus, Arthur M.,	Whitney, Geo. A.,
Forgelbaum, E. W.,	Jones, John E.,	Wilber, Chas. W.,
Fox, Chas. G. J.,	Jesier, John E.,	Wilson, Charles M.,
Fisher, Wm. H.,	Jones, Charles E.,	Wilson, Jeff. H.,
Flynn, James W.,	Keating, Wm. F.,	Williams, Seth W.,
Fraser, John C.,	Kelley, William,	Williamson, J. G.,
Cabourn, Frederic,	Lee, Millard F.,	Wood, Philip M.,
Gatewood, W. E.,	Magness, Geo. H.,	Wooden, Chas. D.,
George, Wm. A.,	Marshall, James L.,	Woodworth, D. W.,
Gillis, Alexander,	Mason, Geo. L.,	Yates, Martin,
Glover, Jos. N.,	Matson, Willie B.,	Youmt, Silas T.,

The Faculty of the College gave a supper at Delmonico's last evening to the members of the graduating class. About 200 persons were present, and enjoyed the banquet greatly. Toasts were responded to by both professors and students with social familiarity and with abundance of wit and humor. The supper was in progress until 10 o'clock, and after that hour the speeches occupied the attention of all present until after midnight.

NEW-YORK COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY.

TENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT—A GRADUATING CLASS OF 23 MEMBERS.

The exercises of the tenth annual Commencement of the New-York College of Dentristy were held last evening in Chickering Hall. After the opening prayer, and music by Grafulla's Band, Dr. William H. Allen, President of the College, conferred the degree of D. D. S. upon the 27 members of the graduating class. Prof. C. A. Marvin then presented the "Faculty Prize," for the best examination in all the studies of the course, to George H. Dunster of St. Petersburg, Russia. The prize was a set of instruments worth $100.

Prof. D. Weisse addressed the graduates, and reviewed the history of the College during the first ten years of its existence. George M. Eddy made the valedictory address. Dr. Washburn of Calvary Church delivered an address giving counsel to the graduates.

The following is a list of the graduating class:

G. H. Dunster,	J. Lyon,	E. Moor Flagg,
C. Palon,	W. C. E. Bergmann,	F. D. Tomlinson,
G. J. Hartung,	G. J. Pack,	H. de Vreis,
G. M. Feigy,	D. Engel,	F. H. Lee,
C. W. McCall,	W. H. Barnum,	A. J. Wright,
S. H. McNaughton,	G. F. Rasell,	R. J. Stambrough,
L. C. Smith,	F. E. Pratt,	A. J. Miller,
J. O. Edwards,	L. Restrepo,	

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 21.—A very perceptible earthquake shock was felt here yesterday forenoon. It was severe enough to cause so much alarm in St. Mary's Church that the congregation speedily vacated the building.

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER, YESTERDAY, AT HUDNUT'S 1N BROADWAY.

9 a. m., 27°. Noon, 31°. 6 p. m., 37°. Midnight, 35°. Highest during the day, 37°. Lowest, 25°. Average, 31⅔°. Same day, 1875, 28⅓°.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

New-York Hotel—Congressman Lucius Q. C. Lamar of Mississippi....*Windsor Hotel*—Richard R. Irwin of San Francisco and Senator W. H. Robertson of Westchester County....*St. Denis Hotel*—The Rev. Dr. E. L. Magoon of Philadelphia and Capt. Hamilton Perry of the steamship Baltic....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—Ex-Congressman Clinton L. Merriam of Locust Grove, N. Y.; Postmaster John F. Smyth of Albany, and C. I. Nicholas Smith of Chappaqua....*St. James Hotel*—Gen. William H. French, U. S. Army....*Union Square Hotel*—Naval Constructor F. L. Fernald, U. S. Navy....*St. Nicholas Hotel*—Capt. Samuel Brooks of the steamship City of Richmond....*Clarendon Hotel*—The Hon. J. W. Patterson of New-Hampshire.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The reported balance in the city treasury on Saturday was $1,507,437 25.

The flagging on the walk around the Battery is fast becoming dilapidated.

Since the seizure of about 360 quarters of "bob" veal at Washington Market, the price of wholesome meat has increased.

Large cargoes of timber are being unloaded at the foot of Canal st. previous to beginning the erection of the new stone piers.

Col. Emmons Clark acknowledges the receipt of a subscription from Col. Washington R. Vermilye of $1,000 to the 7th Regiment new armory fund.

The citizens of Washington Hights will have a dinner this evening at High Bridge. Many prominent residents of that vicinity are expected to be present.

Last week 68 prisoners—58 males and 10 females—were received at the Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island; 51 will be discharged between Feb. 27 and March 4.

As one of the Morrisania steamers was passing through Hell Gate a few days ago the rudder chain broke, and the boat narrowly escaped being dashed upon the rocks.

An aged woman, who keeps a stand in front of the Assay Office, is greatly troubled by thieves, who on two occasions have stolen valuable portions of her toothsome stock.

The members of the Produce Exchange engaged in the cheese and seed trades contemplate adopting a series of rules for the better government of their respective branches of business.

It is probable that the parade of Irish societies on the coming St. Patrick's Day will not be as great as it was last year. Many of the societies oppose a parade on various grounds.

The Australian mail for Great Britain, consisting of 182 bags, arrived at the Post-Office by the fast mail train on Sunday morning. It will be detained until to-morrow, when it will be dispatched by the Java.

A tender-hearted lady can be seen in Battery Park daily, with a wallet of crumbs and corn, and a flock of beneficiary sparrows chirruping around her. She says they watch for her approach with eager attention.

The National Rifle Association has resolved, in view of the want of a proper range, and the manifold other difficulties connected with the shooting of the Centennial rifle matches at Philadelphia, that such matches be shot at Creedmoor.

Mr. Kellogg, Superintendent of Out-door Relief, states that he has received no order from the Board of Aldermen enabling him to dispense assistance to the out-door poor. The only relief his appropriation warrants is the distribution of coal.

This being a legal holiday, the Sub-Treasury, Assay Office, Produce, Stock, Gold, Cotton, and other exchanges, banks, and other places of business will be closed. The Custom-house will be open from 9 until 10 a. m. for the entrance and clearance of vessels.

The register of the Newsboys' Home, in New-Chambers-st., shows that during the Winter the number of homeless boys who have sought lodgings there has averaged 16.17 a month; and the amount received for the same period for lodgings and meals, at six cents each, is $1,008 57.

A movement is on foot to construct a railroad from Jerome Park station to Jerome Park race course. It is thought that the Harlem Railroad Company will run special steam trains on race days over the proposed branch road. On other days horse cars will be run over the branch for the accommodation of persons living in the neighborhood of Jerome Park.

The spectacle of a man standing almost on the apex of a flag-pole on the six-story building at Broadway and Grand-st. attracted a crowd yesterday morning. He had succeeded to adjust the gilt ball at the top, and finding he had attracted a crowd, a hoax had some antics. When the pole began to sway to and fro, as if it would snap, he realized his peril, and cautiously descended, to the great relief of hundreds of witnesses.

The examination of Thompson W. Decker, President of the Third Avenue Savings Bank, on a charge of perjury, was to have been resumed yesterday in the Yorkville Police Court. The counsel for the plaintiff asked for an adjournment, as both sides were not prepared. Justice Duffy set the case of Mr. Decker down for to-morrow at the Tombs Police court. The examination of Morgan, Carman & Bates will take place in the same Court on Thursday.

Miss Nourse, the missing young lady, has been found. She wandered away from home last Wednesday afternoon while laboring under temporary aberration of mind, and got as far as Phillipsburg, N. J., where her delicate appearance and illness attracted the attention of a clergyman and his wife. They took her to their home and cared for her with the great kindness, telegraphing, as soon as they saw the notice in the papers, to her mother. Her brother went for her and brought her home, and she is at present apparently recovering, though confined to her bed.

The Rev. Dr. John Hall's old church, at Fifth-ave. and Nineteenth-st., having been presented to the Central Presbyterian Church to be removed to their land in West Fifty-seventh-st., the work of removal has been begun. Its