LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE ORCHARD-ST. TRAGEDY.

ADDITIONAL FACTS ABOUT JACQUES AND HIS VICTIM.

The body of Mrs. Anne Surman, the victim of James Jacques's wrath and jealousy, lay yesterday in the front room, opening from the parlor, of Mr. Waldo's house, No. 243 Bowery, where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Mrs. Surman's oldest son, James Edward, was at the house. He exhibited less of the stoicism which characterized him on the previous day, and his eyes were red as if from weeping. There was nothing to add, he said, to the statement he had previously made in regard to his mother and Jacques. He had known Jacques in Chicago in 1871, when he was connected with the Jacques House.

It was learned yesterday that Mrs. Surman's three younger children, together with those of Mrs. Waldo, had attended the Sunday-school of St. Barnabas Chapel, in Mulberry-st., between Bleecker and Houston-sts., of which the Rev. Mr. Moore is the rector. When one of the sisters, connected with the chapel was asked, yesterday, what she knew about the family of the woman murdered in Orchard-st., she expressed great surprise, and when she learned that it was Mrs. Surman who had been killed, her sorrow was extreme. The two youngest children of Mrs. Surman, she said, had been in her Sunday-school class for about a year, and the older one was in a more advanced class. They came there under the name of Johnson, and were known by that name for a long time. Last Summer they said their mother was sick, and this sister, who is in the habit of visiting the families of all the children in her class, called at the mother's home in First-ave. When she inquired for "Mrs. Johnson," she was told that no one of that name lived there. By describing the children, however, she learned what rooms were occupied by their mother. "Mrs. Johnson" said that she had been very sick. After further conversation, she informed the visitor that the name of her children was not Johnson, but Surman. This was all that the sister knew about the family. Mrs. Surman never attended service at the chapel. About two weeks ago the eldest child said that they were about to move to Forty-sixth-st., and they could not attend the Sunday-school any more.

Mr. Missbach, Jacques's employer, said yesterday that no information had been received from his Chicago relatives. On January 4 Jacques had written a letter to his sister, Mrs. Harris, asking her to send him money, and Missbach had also written to Mrs. Harris, telling her of her brother's condition. Last Saturday Jacques came early to the office, at No. 746 Broadway, saying that he had dreamed that a letter was there for him from his sister. There was none. He became very despondent. That afternoon two men called to see him, and he feared that they were detectives from Chicago who had learned where he was from the letters written by himself and Missbach. He then told his employer that if any one called to see him, Missbach should say that he was in Hartford. Jacques earned about $8 a week. He was a man of frugal habits, and was not addicted to drinking.

Jacques's body still remains at the Morgue. A certificate of death has been issued, and is in Coroner Woltman's possession. If no one claims the body within two or three days, it will be turned over to the Superintendent of the Morgue and buried under his direction. The inquest upon the two bodies will probably be held on Monday.

LARGE FIRMS IN TROUBLE.

FAILURES AND ASSIGNMENTS IN VARIOUS LINES OF TRADE.

Powers, Gaston & Co., extensive jobbers in boots and shoes, at Duane and Church-sts., submitted their affairs to a committee of creditors yesterday. The committee, after examining the books, recommended the firm to make a general assignment for the benefit of their creditors to James E. Hedges, which will be done to-day. The liabilities of the firm amount to $260,000; nominal assets, $265,000; real assets, $150,000. On January 1 the firm was succeeded by Powers & Dix, but Mr. Dix, after being in the new firm two weeks, discovered its embarrassed condition, and withdrew a few days ago. Powers, Gaston & Co. hope to make a settlement at 60 cents on the dollar.

A meeting of the creditors of Adriance, Robbins & Co., dry-goods jobbers, at No. 390 Broadway, was held yesterday. A statement was read, showing that the assets amounted to $147,946, while the liabilities were $90,887; the individual estate of James B. Adriance shows, after paying individual debts, a surplus of $13,997. A committee was appointed to make further investigation. The offer of the firm to compromise at 50 cents was disapproved of unanimously.

The failure of George L. Watrous & Co., jobbers in hats, furs and straw goods, at Nos. 498 and 500 Broadway, is announced. The liabilities amount to about $100,000; the assets will not be known for several days. Until the failure, the supposition was that Watrous was a partner in the firm of Snedeker, Watrous & Boynton, wholesale clothing dealers, at No. 358 Broadway, but Mr. Snedeker states that the interest of Watrous was seized October 21, 1876, and, although the dissolution of copartnership was not announced at the time, he has had no interest in the firm since that time. George L. Watrous, William Cuney and Benjamin Westlake, members of the firm of Watrous & Co., yesterday joined in an assignment to Frederick Collins.

At a meeting of the creditors of John Thomas, mining stock broker, at No. 57 Broad-st., and late president of the Queen of the West Silver Mining Company, yesterday, schedules were presented showing liabilities of $88,000, and merely nominal assets. Among the creditors are the South Carolina Loan and Trust Company, $13,522; Thomas S. Dugan, $10,958; S. J. A. Frazier, executor, $8,613; W. Black & Co., $8,228; Mrs. M. A. Bowles, $7,840; J. E. Rapt, $5,959. There was no choice of assignee, five creditors voting in favor of Edwin L. Hayes, a nephew of President Hayes, and five for David S. Ritterband. The creditors also made objections to the Register appointing John H. Platt, and the matter will have to go before Judge Blatchford for decision.

Assignments for the benefit of creditors were filed yesterday by Chauncey C. Nichols, house-furnishing goods, No. 49 Third-ave., to William J. Hunan; by Jacob Harris, to Isaac Strauss; by Charles W. Rhodes and Edward A. Server (Rhodes & Server, produce, No. 26 Whitehall-st.), to James Taylor, and by William H. Mott and James W. Mott (Mott & Brother, coal, No. 669 Hudson-st.), to Frederic A. Potts.

DEPARTURES FOR EUROPE TO-DAY.

Four steamers will sail for Europe to-day carrying passengers. The Inman Line steamer City of Brussels, and the National Line steamer Erin, will sail for Liverpool; the Anchoria, of the Anchor Line, sails for Glasgow, and the Hermann, of the North German Lloyd, for Bremen. Among the passengers by the City of Brussels is Joseph Maas, tenor of the Kellogg opera troupe, his wife and infant. The following are the complete lists of passengers:

FOR LIVERPOOL—*In Steamship City of Brussels.*—F. W. Walsh, Charles Cristadoro, F. W. Walsh, jr., Captain Edmund Edmunds, Robert C. Paul, J. Salas, Joseph Short, O. P. Gage and two children, G. Harlmann, P. Siccone, William Prophitt, Austin H. Turner and wife, Joseph Maas, wife and infant, A. Crawford, Edward Morehouse, P. Despagne and wife, Edward Fraser, E. J. Passmore, Henrique Mora, Alexander Paul.

In Steamship Erin.—J. W. Murphy, Mrs. Murphy, J. T. Hine, Thomas B. Wright, B. E. Hinmans, H. S. Harris, C. A. Oliver, J. Oldfield, Mrs. E. Senior, Miss Senior, J. H. Andrews, T. Thompson, William Samuels, J. F. Brown.

FOR GLASGOW—*In Steamship Anchoria.*—Robt. S. Daville, Samuel Thorn, J. G. McIlwraith, F. G. Cary, James Robertson, Edward Howat, George Phelps, Joseph Merry, Arthur Gua, Robert Henrisido, James Spence and wife, Miss F. Sherwin, W. D. Dunn and wife, Edward Dunn, Robert Dunn, Miss Elizabeth McGoldrick, D. M. Austin, Miss Mary E. Burns, W. J. McKee, William Firth.

FOR BREMEN—*In Steamship Hermann.*—Louis Schwarzschild, F. B. Ruthenburg, Max Schmidt and wife, C. O. H. Fritsche, Mrs. Frances Lanetzky and daughter.

WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENTS.

The Commissioner of Public Works received a visit yesterday, from a large number of west-side property-owners who desired to talk with him about the completion of Morningside-ave., and improvements on the west side of the city, generally. D. H. Olmstead, Richard V. Harnett, General De Peyster and Simeon E. Church were among the deputation. Mr. Olmstead stated the object of the visit at length. He urged upon the Commissioner the advisability of completing Morningside-ave. at once, as it could never be done more cheaply than now. He referred to a recent decision in the Court of Common Pleas, where the controversy between the Department of Parks and the Department of Public Works was considered, which held that the latter could go on and finish the improvement if the former did not. Property-owners desired the completion of the avenue, irrespective of Morningside Park, as they wan ed access to their property. There had been expended on the avenue already over $150,000, and a comparatively small amount would finish it. Commissioner Campbell thought the Park Commissioners should finish their work on the park before the avenue was completed.

UNLIMITED SILVER DENOUNCED.

At the Maritime Exchange, yesterday, the following memorial to Congress was signed by many merchants and bankers and representatives of the leading marine underwriters, steamship companies and shipping houses of the city:

We, the undersigned members of the Maritime Association of the Port of New-York, feel it to be our duty to remonstrate against any legislation that shall make silver an unlimited legal-tender, as in our opinion such legislation would unsettle values, disturb confidence, retard resumption in gold, and impair the National credit.

CIGAR-MAKERS RETURNING TO WORK.

Mr. Straiton, of the firm of Straiton & Storms, said yesterday that notwithstanding the resolution of the cigar-makers to dissolve their unions and reorganize themselves under another name, he would not employ anyone belonging to the new organization, and if any of his workmen became delegates to the new central organization, he would dismiss them. While a number of pickets were standing in front of his factory, in Twenty-seventh-st., yesterday, a member of the firm approached one of them and asked him what he wanted there. The man replied that he had been sent there as a picket, but was willing to return to work. On promising to leave the union, the man, who had been employed by the firm before the strike, was taken back. Mr. McCoy said that many of his old hands have returned to work, and separated themselves from the union.

STEALING RELICS OF CRIME.

The discovery was made yesterday, by District-Attorney Catlin, of Brooklyn, that a large number of the weapons that have been taken from the hands of noted criminals for many years, had been stolen from the collection in the office. Among the articles taken were the air-gun with which Police-Sergeant Skidmore murdered Mr. Carr, in Prince-st., about ten years ago, and the razor with which the murderer afterward committed suicide in Raymond Street Jail; the pistol with which Kate Stoddard shot Charles Goodrich, and many other implements of crime. No one connected with the office is suspected of the theft. It is thought that the thief came from New-York.

THE FRENCH MASQUERADE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BALL AT THE ACADEMY.

The thirteenth annual masquerade ball of the Cercle Francais de l' Harmonie, will be held at the Academy of Music on Monday evening, January 21. An unusual degree of interest is taken in the affair this year, and the number of private boxes sold to well-known society and club men, to brokers and to city officials, is greater than at any time since the balls prior to the gloomy season of 1873. Fritz Hirschy, formerly treasurer of the Théâtre Francais, in this city, has recently returned from Philadelphia and Boston, and reports a large demand for boxes and tickets in both places. An attempt is being made to have an excursion train, on Monday, from Philadelphia, for the accommodation of the expected throng from that city, and all the spare rooms at the Hoffman House were ordered a week ago by Philadelphians.

If the weather is fine, the exterior of the Academy will be decorated with the flags of all nations, and darkness will be dispelled by calcium lights. Inside the building there will be little attempt at ornamentation. A scene from "Trovatore" will fill the back of the stage; in front of this the words "Cercle Francais de l' Harmonie" will be displayed in gas jets. There will be an exhibition in the committee room a statue of composition, three feet high, including the pedestal, symbolizing the press of New-York. It is a female figure, clad in a long classic robe, holding in one hand a pen and in the other a torch, signifying the light of journalism. At the feet of the figure are strewn fac-similes of the most important local papers. This statue will be awarded to the paper receiving the largest number of votes.

The following special programme has been arranged for the ball: After a triumphal march by an orchestra of one hundred musicians under the direction of Max Schwab, fifty trained dansuses dressed in white baby clothes reaching to the knee will perform an extravagant quadrille in the French style; this is entitled "The Babies in Distress." Then the same damsels will execute a comic and eccentric quadrille called "Les Cloches de Carneville," the music being from "The Chimes of Normandy;" next the orchestra will perform the "Polka des Coucous" from "La Marjolaine," with realistic effects by twenty-five cuckoo instruments, and finally the Carron and Zanfretta families will appear in comical masks and costumes to perform the grotesque dance of "Les Binettes Parisiennes." The regular order of dancing will embrace thirty quadrilles, waltzes, polkas, etc.

A large stock of silk dominoes, got together by the costumer of the society, has been entirely disposed of. All the members of the committees will wear new and very elegant dresses. Supper is to be served in Nilsson Hall from 12 to 4 o'clock, by Francis Kinzler, of the Hotel Brunswick. The ball will open promptly at 10 o'clock.

HIGHER TELEGRAPH RATES.

ADVANCE IN CHARGES TO WESTERN CITIES.

The Western Union, and Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies have made another advance in rates to Chicago and other Western cities. At the office of the Western Union Company it was stated, yesterday, that when the working arrangement was made with the Atlantic and Pacific last Summer, it was decided that a material advance in rates should be made between certain points, but that this advance should take place gradually. There was little difference in the distances between New-York and St. Louis, and between New-York and New-Orleans, and yet, the charge between the former cities at the time the combination was formed was 25 cents, and between the latter $1 50. After the compact was agreed to the rates to St. Louis were advanced to 50 cents and reduced to New-Orleans to $1. By the old rule of the Western Company in force before competition brought down rates, the charge between any two points twenty-five miles apart or less, was 25 cents. At the time of the compact the 25 cents distance was made 100 miles. The loss in the receipts of the company by the reductions then made, in the different ways mentioned, was greater than the increase realized from advances to other points. From time to time changes have been made for the purpose of equalizing rates to all parts of the country. The rate to Chicago for ten words was at first advanced to 40 cents, then 50, and now 60 cents.

The following are among the changes made yesterday:

Between New-York and	Old rate. Cts.	Present rate. Cts.	Between New-York and	Old rate. Cts.	Present rate. Cts.
Buffalo	35	40	Cincinnati	50	60
Pittsburg	35	40	St. Louis	60	75
Chicago	50	60	Omaha	75	$1 00

The highest rate between any two points east of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers was $1, and to points beyond those rivers, $2. The latter charge has been reduced to $1 50 from the east to any point between the rivers mentioned and the Rocky Mountains.

PROTECTION FROM PAUPER IMMIGRANTS.

HOW THE EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS PROPOSE TO REDUCE THEIR EXPENSES.

A bill has been drawn up by the Commissioners of Emigration and placed in the hands of Congressman Potter, who will probably introduce it on Monday next, for the purpose of relieving the embarrassments of the commissioners, who are in want of funds to maintain their institutions. This bill, it is stated, will contain no provision for a "head tax." Immigrants coming under the following classes are not to be allowed to land, but are to be returned by the steamship companies and cared for by them until they are returned: Persons who, within a year previous to their arrival, have been convicted or imprisoned for any criminal offence; who have been inmates of a lunatic asylum, poor-house, or other institution of a similar character; or who might be unable to support themselves, or have not friends able and willing to support them. The Supreme Court in its decision adverse to the constitutionality of the "head-tax," added that the State could, by appropriate legislation, protect itself against actual paupers, vagrants, and criminals arriving from other countries. If the State should pass such a law, the commissioners feared it would practically obstruct immigration. They therefore appeal to Congress for National legislation which shall protect immigrants, and prevent the introduction of destitute persons, and at the same time give the State power to reject any one liable to become a public charge.

Of the 97,221 immigrants who arrived last year, 7,821 were of the class likely to become paupers. Of these, 1,531 were widows, with 3,170 children; 1,588 were over age (60 years old and over); 1,212 minors; 172 crippled; 16 blind; 9 deranged; 6 deaf and dumb; 3 dwarfs; 20 with infirmity of eyes; 3 idiots. The commissioners, about two years ago, discovered that there were a large number of Danish convicts, or "ticket of leave" men arriving by some of the vessels. This fact was soon detected, and the steamship companies were obliged to return them.

CONCEALING A MURDERER.

A man named Abanathy committed a murder in a house of prostitution, kept by Delia Stewart, in Williamsburg, a year ago and escaped. The woman Stewart removed to New-York, and opened a disorderly house at No. 311, East Ninth-st. Last night detectives under the command of Captain McCullagh, entered the house and secured the following prisoners: Delia Stewart, the proprietor, Annie Russell, Jennie Bisiel, Mary White, inmates of the house; Samuel Bailey, a broker of Hoboken, N. J.; Joseph Jackson, a clerk of No. 217, 125th-st.; and John Jones, age sixty, of Yonkers. Jones is a coroner of Westchester County.

The woman Stewart drew a long dagger from her sleeve, and tried to stab Captain McCullagh, but Detective Robinson struck her arm aside. Matilda Abanathy, a sister of the murderer, was seen to enter the house early in the evening, but neither she nor her brother could be found when the raid was made. Mrs. Stewart acknowledges having secreted Abanathy for some time.

WORK OF THE STEAMBOAT INSPECTORS.

The Steamboat Inspectors of this port examined last year 624 steam vessels, an increase of 28 vessels over the previous year; two were condemned. The number of boilers inspected was 686, of which 101 were found defective, 19 gave way under hydraulic pressure, and 8 were condemned. Five masters and five engineers lost their licenses for violation of the law. They report nine accidents by fire, thirty by collision (with thirty-five lives lost), three by breakage of machinery, and seven wrecks. The total amount of property lost was: by wreck, $426,000; by fire, $376,200; by collision, $10,700; by breakage of machinery, $25,000. Twenty-three new steamers were put in commission, and nine vessels (including three lost) went out of service. The estimated number of passengers carried by steam vessels in and out of this port during the past year was 125,000,000.

WALL-ST. FILLED WITH RUMORS.

Various rumors were circulated in Wall-st. yesterday morning affecting the financial standing of one of the banks and several commercial houses. None of these rumors proved true, which assumed sufficiently definite shape to enable an investigation to be made. The stock of the Grocers' Bank was offered at 54, without a bid. In answer to the numerous reports which followed, the president of the bank stated that it had been examined by the Bank Examiner during the current week, and he had had furnished a statement that it was sound. There was not a word of truth in any of the reports, and he could not give any reason for the decline in the price of the stock. The bank was able to pay every dollar it owed.

It was also reported that a house in the tobacco trade, and two large grocery houses were in trouble, but no names were mentioned. Another story in circulation was that a member of the Stock Exchange had fled with $30,000 or $40,000 belonging to his partner, but no foundation for this rumor could be discovered.

NOT A SAVINGS BANK RUN.

For several days a crowd of people has besieged the Cashier's window of the German Savings Bank, at Fourth-ave. and Fourteenth-st. This gave rise to the report that there was a run on the bank. The treasurer, G. F. Anthor, said yesterday that the people were merely drawing the semi-annual interest, the payment of which was begun on January 15. The bank, he declared, was never in better condition than now, nor was the confidence in it ever more general. The nineteenth annual report shows the assets to be $11,493,415 81, of which $799,677 76 is cash on hand; liabilities $10,883,264 55, leaving a surplus of $610,181 26.

ORDER PRESERVED AT SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—The police broke up two meetings of workingmen last night. But little disturbance ensued. The militia are on hand at the armories, but, with the above exception, the city has been quiet.

A gentleman who was dining at a Parisian restaurant had reason to complain of the potatoes that had been served him. Calling the garçon, he pointed to the offending vegetables, and observed, "You have had the Colorado beetle here, I should think." The waiter rushed off, seized a bill of fare, skimmed through it quickly, and apologized in French, "I am sorry, sir, but there is no Colorado sauce on the list to-day."

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY AT HUDNUT'S IN BROADWAY.

9 a. m., 31°. Noon, 34°. 3 p. m., 38°. Midnight, 32°.
Highest during the day, 38°. Lowest, 28°.
Average, 32½°. Same day, 1877, 29½°.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Brevoort House—Charles Francis Adams, jr., of Massachusetts.....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—General Benjamin F. Butler, of Massachusetts; Senator Hamilton Harris, of Albany; General Thomas W. Sherman, U. S. A., and ex-Congressman J. D. Morrill, of Pennsylvania.....*Windsor Hotel*—General Benjamin Le Fevre, of Ohio, and D. T. Vail, President of the Troy and Boston Railroad Company.....*St. Nicholas Hotel*—Judge Amasa J. Parker, of Albany, and the Rev. Dr. F. X. Weninger, of Cincinnati.....*Gilsey House*—General John Hammond, of Crown Point, N. Y.....*Hotel Brunswick*—Judge S. B. Beardsley, and United States District-Attorney Calvin G. Child, of Connecticut, and Senator D. B. St. John, of Newburg, N. Y.....*Astor House*—John A. Burbank, of Indiana.....*Hoffman House*—Ex-Governor Frederick Smyth, of New-Hampshire.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The Apprentices' Library has been removed to the new rooms in Sixteenth-st., near Union-square.

A large number of painters are now employed daily on the Gilbert Elevated Railroad above Twentieth-st.

Professor William A. Hammond, M. D., will will lecture on "The Nervous System, and How to Use Without Abusing It," this evening, in the free course for the people, at Cooper Union.

Edward Lowery, age fifty, of No. 585 Grand-st., employed at Whitney's iron warehouse, No. 60 Hudson-st., fell from a pile of iron seventy-five feet high, last evening, seriously injuring his head and back.

The Harlem Athletic Club will give an exhibition on the evening of February 4, at the Music Hall, Third-ave. and 130th-st. Prominent athletes from other clubs will take part, and there will be a large variety of contests.

Eight plans for the erection of new buildings (consisting in all of eighteen structures), to cost $132,150, and sixteen plans for alterations, to cost $27,830, were filed during the past week at the office of the Superintendent of Buildings.

In the case of Adam Sartori, who died at Chambers Street Hospital, January 14, and who was supposed to have been pushed off of a stoop by Adolph Frisch, a coroner's jury yesterday rendered a verdict that death was caused by an accidental fall.

An amateur musical and dramatic entertainment, in aid of the sick and wounded of the Cuban patriot army, will be given in the Théâtre Français this evening. A drama in the Spanish language entitled, "Moctezuma," will form part of the programme.

The National Bank Note Company has recently received a large order from the Government of Honduras, Central America, for five different orders of postage stamps. Each stamp is to bear a vignette of General Morazan, the George Washington of Central America.

The property owners of the Twentieth and Twenty-second wards intend to present to the Legislature a memorial for the reduction of the salaries of all public officers, of twenty-five per cent. They will also ask for a general trade tax, so that the taxes are not to be borne by the property-holders exclusively.

No more shall the mellow sound of the fish-horn be heard in the land, and the unassisted lungs of the vender will alone wait the virtue of fish fresh to the ears, if not to the nose, of destined purchasers. Fifteen fish dealers, each with his offending trumpet, silently paid Justice Kilbreth a dollar apiece yesterday for making too much noise.

The Western Union Telegraph Company yesterday ordered that hereafter, on all unpaid messages, the word "collect" should be charged for as a portion of the telegram. On a San Francisco dispatch this will make a difference of fourteen cents. It is expected that by this order several thousands of dollars will be added to the company's annual receipts.

Preparations are being made to hold an extensive mass meeting of canal-boatmen, shipmasters and others, at Cooper Union, within two weeks. Efforts are to be made to have canal tolls abolished, on up-freights, to procure the repeal of the law relative to compulsory pilotage, and to obtain a reduction of wharfage dues. Ex-Governor Seymour will address the meeting.

H. J. Montague, through his physician, Dr. E. Bradly, explains that a congestive chill, which attacked him last Sunday, while he was at Mr. Wallack's country seat, at Stamford, was the reason why he did not appear at the Brougham benefit, on Thursday. It was not until Wednesday that he could be brought to this city, and he is still prostrate from the effects of the fever.

The judges of the pigeons at the Aquarium have a hard task in making their awards, as, in addition to the number and variety of the birds to be examined, great care is necessary in handling. They will probably close their labors this afternoon. There have been added to the exhibition recently archangels, ice pigeons, Romans, starks, highflyers, and many other rare varieties. Several more pigeons were flown yesterday.

The bright moonlight and balmy air attracted a large number of sentimental couples, last evening, into the public parks and squares, giving them a Midsummer appearance. Love-making in the open air, even though that air be frosty, seems to be preferred by the poorer people of this city to tenement-house wooing. To those living in the more crowded parts of the city, the squares and parks offer the only chance of freedom from observation.

At the auction sale, yesterday, of smuggled goods which had been seized by Custom House inspectors, 100 boxes of cigars brought prices ranging from $20 to $131 a thousand; 500 boxes of cigarettes sold for $1,000, and 168 books of cigarette paper for $5. The silk goods were disposed of at $1 75 to $1 90 a yard, and the silk umbrellas at $6 each. The Chinese embroideries brought $12 to $21 per pair. Brandy sold at $1 25 a bottle.

The Board of Police yesterday dismissed Patrolman James T. Mahoney, of the Nineteenth Precinct. The following transfers were made: Patrolman John Purvis, Sixteenth to Twenty-ninth Precinct; John F. Roach, Nineteenth Precinct to the Eastern Steamboat Squad; George Bennett, Seventh to Nineteenth Precinct; Sergeant James M. Miller, Thirteenth to Thirty-fifth Precinct; Patrolman McQuade, of the Western Steamboat Squad, was granted permission to accept a reward of $25 and a silver medal from the Life-saving Benevolent Association, for saving several persons from drowning.

BROOKLYN.

An octogenarian on Sanford-st. is the fortunate possessor of a third set of teeth, including wisdom teeth.

William G. Bishop, city clerk, yesterday removed his assistant-clerk, James E. Hervey, and appointed in his place ex-Alderman George Sterling, of the Second Ward.

According to the annual statement of the County Treasurer, there are $564,990 30 on hand, in cash and securities, to the account of the trust funds belonging to widows and orphans.

The Directors of the Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital, on Tuesday night, elected S. B. Chittenden, president, and Dr. E. R. Squibb, vice-president. During the year 1877 there were 3,993 new cases treated at the hospital. The total number of visits of patients during the year was 20,771.

Twenty witnesses have been supenaed to appear before the next grand jury to support the charges of malfeasance, made by James Myers, a real estate agent, of Myrtle-ave., against Police Justice Semler. Myers claims that the Justice has taken illegal fees in land and tenant cases.

James H. Montgomery, who was arrested, yesterday, as a vagrant, was found afterwards to be insane. When brought before Justice Walsh, the man said: "Judge, I'm a spy. Please send an officer out and let him shoot me as a spy." The prisoner was put under the charge of the Charity Commissioners.

Thomas Hunt, a respectable and wealthy resident of the Heights, died yesterday morning at his home, No. 102 Remsen-st., at the age of seventy-nine. He was engaged in business for a number of years in California, where he made a large fortune. He was the father-in-law of the physicians Dr. A. E. Sumner and Dr. John F. Talmage.

The executors of Michael Bergen began an action in the Supreme Court yesterday to foreclose a mortgage of $165,000 against Abram Wakeman, on property near Bay Ridge, extending from the shore to Gunther's Station on the Bath and Coney Island Railroad, a distance of more than two miles. It is claimed that $55,000 of interest is due. Among the defendants are the Manhattan Beach Railroad Company and the Brooklyn, Jamaica and Bay Ridge Railroad Company.

The dead-lock which exists in the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen, because of the failure to elect a president, is liable to continue another week at least. As Monday evening is announced for the Democratic primaries, it is thought that the board will be left without a quorum, which will make it necessary to adjourn for another week. It was stated yesterday by a member of the board that it had been suggested to withdraw Alderman Fisher's name, in which case Alderman Ray would be elected on the first ballot.

THE DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—In the proceedings of the Dominion Board of Trade to-day, the insolvency law question was referred to a committee to draft necessary amendments and report at the next annual meeting. A committee was appointed to report at the next meeting on a resolution to secure the modification of treaty relations with tropical and South American countries, to promote reciprocal commerce between them and the Dominion. A resolution was carried urging the Government to establish a Department of Commerce.

A resolution expressing the desirability of communicating with the Associated Chambers of Commerce in England, with the view of obtaining their assistance in organizing a confederation of representatives from the Board of Trade of the dependencies of Great Britain, to meet in London once a year, with the object of securing closer trade relations between the colonies and dependencies of the British Empire, was carried. The Board then adjourned. The American delegates left for home to-day. They were entertained last night by the Premier.

POSTSCRIPT.

3:45 a. m.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

KAZAN EVACUATED.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 19, 1878.

The Daily Telegraph's Shumla dispatch says the Turks have evacuated Kazan, south of Osman Bazar. The Russians hereby secure the head of another Balkan Pass. The material, etc., has been removed from Osman Bazar to Eski-Djuma.

THE RUSSIAN FINANCES.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday, Jan. 18, 1878.

The budget of the Empire shows an exact balance between the revenue and expenditure, both amounting to 600,398,425 silver roubles.

KING HUMBERT AND THE AMERICANS.

ROME, Friday, Jan. 18, 1878.

The American residents of this city have presented an address to King Humbert through the United States Ambassador.

MACMAHON WELCOMES STANLEY.

[BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.]

PARIS, Friday, Jan. 18, 1878.

President MacMahon gave an audience to Henry M. Stanley to-day, and complimented him upon his explorations in Africa.

THE HOME RULERS DEFEATED.

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 18, 1878.

In the House of Commons this evening, the amendment to the Address moved by Mitchell Henry, that an examination be made into Irish grievances, was rejected by a vote of 301 to 48. The Address was then agreed to.

[*For other Foreign News see First page.*]

SHOT FOR INTERFERING IN A QUARREL.

A quarrel took place last evening between John Donli, of No. 331 West Twenty-eighth-st., and Joseph Picci, of No. 120 Henry-st., in a back room on the second floor of No. 39 Mulberry-st. Another Italian, Michael Bolont, who lives in the house, interfered between the men, and received a shot wound in his right fore arm. Donli was arrested, and Picci was detained as a witness.

A RECEIVER AND A THIEF IN CUSTODY.

Detective Moran returned from Saugerties yesterday, with Francis Seabold, who was arrested on a warrant issued by Justice Murray, charged with stealing goods to the amount of $200 from Benjamin Leven, of No. 192 Bowery. Seabold was taken to court yesterday afternoon, and was committed in $500 bail. Later in the afternoon, Detectives Moran and Crowley arrested Samuel Berry, of No. 272 Elizabeth-st., charged with receiving the stolen goods. He was taken to court and remanded until this morning.

THE LATEST FAILURES.

YANKION, D. T., Jan. 18.—The doors of Mark M. Palmer's private banking house were closed to-day. Liabilities, $60,000, which, Mr. Palmer says, can be fully met by the assets.

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—The liabilities of J. R. Middlemiss, real estate speculator, amount to $100,000; assets, $30,000.

FREIGHT RATES UNSETTLED.

NO REGARD PAID TO THE SCHEDULE.

TAKING FREIGHTS AT ANY PRICES OBTAINABLE—INJURY TO NEW-YORK MERCHANTS.

The troubles between the Grand Trunk and the other trunk lines are growing more serious daily. Private dispatches from Boston state that the Boston and Albany Railroad is taking freight for the West at whatever figures can be obtained, without any regard to schedule rates. Shipments of first-class freight have been made to St. Louis and Chicago as low as 25 cents per 100 pounds below tariff rates, and fourth class freight has been taken at a reduction of 10 cents per 100 pounds.

The shipments by the Grand Trunk from this city by way of Portland have greatly increased recently. The steamer from New-York to Portland, which sailed Thursday, was unable to carry all the freight offered, a large portion of which was from the West. It was claimed yesterday by rival agents that this line was taking freight for the West as low as 62 cents, the schedule rate for which is $1.

A considerable portion of the freight from this city is going West by way of steamer to Charleston, S. C., and thence by the "Green Line" to St. Louis and elsewhere in the West. The time by this route is only twelve to fifteen days, and the rates are materially less than by the trunk lines. The schedule rate to St. Louis is $1 27 for first-class freight. By the Charleston route large shipments have been made recently at 75 cents.

When the compact between the trunk lines, which went into operation last July, was under consideration by the presidents of these lines, it was claimed that if the rates from Baltimore and Philadelphia should be lower than from New-York, the rates from Boston, for the same reason, should be greater. Mr. Vanderbilt urged that he was anxious to bring the Grand Trunk to terms and for this purpose it was necessary that the rates should be no greater from Boston than from this city for some time. The stipulation was made that the companies should furnish Commissioner Fink with statements showing the total amount of Westbound tonnage from Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore for the preceding year, and also either weekly or monthly statements thereafter of the gross shipments from those cities. With this stipulation, the rates from Boston were made the same as from New-York. The object of these statements was to show whether or not the concessions in rates resulted in a relative increase in the shipments from the favored cities. But none of the statements has ever been furnished. The present war with the Grand Trunk, it is conceded, must operate to the great disadvantage of New-York merchants, while schedule rates are maintained from this city. Already Western merchants have begun to arrive for the purpose of laying in their early stock of Spring goods.

Shipments from the West continue to be made at about the same rates mentioned in THE TRIBUNE two days ago. The tendency, however, is for still lower rates. The railroads are unable to obtain over 30 cents per 100 pounds for any considerable shipment of grain from Chicago and Milwaukee, the schedule rate being 40 cents. Boxed meats continue to come from Cincinnati and Indianapolis at 25 cents.

THE FIRE RECORD.

AT LOWVILLE, N. Y.

LOWVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 18.—A fire broke out this morning in the brick building owned by John O'Donnell, and occupied by B. J. Beals, grocer, whose loss amounts to $2,500, fully insured; James Reed, jeweler, who loses $1,000, insured for $500; James O'Donnell, clothier, whose loss will reach $5,000, insured for $2,500 in the following companies: Capital, of Albany; Kings County, Niagara, and Millville, of New-Jersey. The building was damaged to the extent of $5,000, fully insured in the above-named companies. *The Times and Watchword* newspaper, which occupied the same building, was uninjured. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building was heated by steam.

OTHER FIRES.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Margaret Cosgrove's millinery store was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss about $1,000; insured for $3,500. The fire caught from a stove.

SUNBURY, Penn., Jan. 18.—A fire, this morning, destroyed J. W. Coke's residence at Cokestown, near this place. Loss $15,000; insured.

Announcements.

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