LOCAL MISCELLANY.

AFTER THE TWENTY-THIRD STREET FIRE.

CHOOSING A PLACE OF WORSHIP—LOSS OF THE EIGHTH REGIMENT.

About one hundred members of the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, whose edifice was burned in the Twenty-third-st. fire, met last evening in the chapel at No. 221 West Thirty-ninth-st., to select a place of worship. A day or two after the fire, there was an informal meeting of several members of the congregation and a committee was appointed to hire a temporary place for worship. Tremor Hall was engaged, and there the first services after the fire were held last Sunday. Last evening it was stated that many offers of churches and chapels been received. In fact, there seemed to be an embarrassment of riches in this respect, and the difficulty of choice was thereby heightened. The advantages of the different churches were placed in the most favorable light by their advocates. The committee, it seems, hired Tremor Hall until May 1, for morning and evening services, at $15 a Sunday. One member advocated the retention of this place. Finally the choice was narrowed down to the West Twenty-fifth Street Baptist Church, the church at Eighteenth-st. and Seventh-ave., and Tremor Hall. Balloting was proposed. The ladies—who composed at least one-half the number of voters—eagerly embraced the opportunity to cast their votes. After two ballots the West Twenty-fifth Street Church was selected, and here the congregation will meet hereafter in the morning in the lecture-room and in the afternoon in the church proper. The trustees were authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the meetings in this church.

The officers of the 8th Regiment met, last evening, at the armory of the 9th Regiment. They had hoped to be able to determine the exact loss sustained by the companies and the State by the late fire, but owing to the lack of official statistics were not able to arrive at any conclusion. The colonel said, however, that the total loss would not fall short of $60,000. Colonel Scott and several officers will start for Albany this evening, to report their loss in person, and to solicit aid for the regiment.

MASTERPIECES OF ANCIENT ART.

CLOSING MORNING LECTURE OF THE REV. HENRY G. SPAULDING.

The Rev. Henry G. Spaulding delivered yesterday the last of his morning lectures on "Pagan and Christian Rome." Chickering Hall, as at each previous lecture, was well filled with ladies, who have listened with unwearied interest through the entire course of lectures, which, being illustrated by stereopticon views, have been rendered more vivid and more effective in their educative influence than merely verbal lectures could be. Mr. Spaulding, in part to give gentlemen an opportunity to study the subject, has made arrangements for a course of six evening lectures on "Roman Life and Art" to be given in Chickering Hall, on successive Monday evenings beginning March 11. These will be illustrated with stereopticon views, and the first and last lectures, entirely new to this city, will treat of the domestic architecture, private life and decorative arts of the ancient Romans.

Yesterday's lecture was chiefly a study of works of art recently discovered, and which have not been described by the latest writers on sculpture. When we use the words "antique art," said the lecturer, "we think not of Rome but of Greece. Roman artists were rarer than Roman philosophers. And at Rome both artists and philosophers were only Greeks wearing the toga. The Romans first plundered Greece of many of its masterpieces and then employed Greek arts to create new works to adorn the temples and palaces of the Empire. Of portrait statues, the Sapiuccles of the Lateran, he said, was probably the noblest of all the draped statues of antiquity. Its superiority over the Euripides, the Demosthenes, and the Augustus of the Vatican, was previously demonstrated by comparison. A group representing Dionysius and Silenus, a masterpiece of sculpture and one of the gems of the Torlonia Museum, of Rome, recently opened to the public, was represented on the screen; also, the Ariadne of the Taus Museum, pronounced to be far superior to the celebrated Ariadne of the Vatican. The gem of the Torlonia collection is the Pallas Athene, which Visconti enthusiastically calls the "marvel of marvels." Among other noted statues illustrated were the Esquiline Venus, the wonderful Hermes or Mercury, which sculptors pronounce to be a finer piece of modeling than the Apollo Belvedere, and the bas-relief of Antinous of the Villa Albani.

The lecturer, after exhibiting and explaining a series of unique paintings illustrating passages from the Odyssey, which were discovered on the lower walls of a house excavated in Rome, took leave of his auditors at the Fountain of Trévi. From that famous spot, in the first lecture, they began these imaginary "Walks in Rome."

BROOKLYN MUNICIPAL DISCUSSIONS.

The Brooklyn Aldermen yesterday received a communication from the Fire Department stating that the salary account of that department was $18,320 less than in 1877, and that the new company contemplated could not be formed without weakening the other companies. The matter was referred to the Committee on Fire and Buildings when appointed. It was resolved to establish a city library, and the Board of City Works were directed to fit up a room in the City Hall for that purpose. A resolution was adopted requiring all ferry companies plying between New-York and Brooklyn to erect safety gates on their boats, similar to those in use on the North River ferries, and to have the railings of the boats latticed with rope or other material, for the better protection of life. Considerable discussion was called forth by a resolution from Alderman Baird, that the city's representatives in the Legislature should be asked to use every effort to secure the passage of a bill now pending authorizing the city to issue bonds to the amount of $200,000 for the construction of stone sewers in various parts of the city. The question was referred to the Committee on Water and Drainages, to report on March 18. The Park Department was authorized to spend $3,000 in erecting a shelter in Tompkins Park and in making other necessary improvements.

CHARGES AGAINST SUPERVISORS.

The special committee appointed by the Kings County Supervisors, to investigate charges of corruption in connection with a patent ventilating apparatus, which it was proposed to introduce in the County buildings, listened yesterday to the testimony of Frederick O. Merkle, who took an assignment of the contract to ventilate the County court room, and subsequently reassigned it. He produced the letters said to have been written by Supervisors Coates and Curran, asking Merkle for a loan of $300, and the receipt given by Barney Mahon for the sum. The receipt states that the money was received from J. S. Black and was to be paid to Coates and Curran. Merkle testified that he loaned $300 to Black, who said that he wanted it for Coates and Curran. Black told the committee that no members of the Court House Committee ever asked him for money. The demand was made through Barney Mahon. He declined to state whether or not he ever made promises to members of the committee in order to secure their approval. Supervisor Curran swore that he had never been approached by any one in reference to the ventilating apparatus; the letter produced was not in his handwriting, and the signature was not his.

F. C. HARRIOT'S INSOLENT COACHMAN.

Frederick C. Harriot, the husband of Clara Morris, the well-known actress, was arrested yesterday by Officer Moore, of the Ninth Precinct, on a charge of assault and battery, preferred against him by Terence Gearty. The complainant was a coachman, employed by Mr. Harriot at his country home, Riverdale, Westchester County. Mr. Harriot left Riverdale a week ago and came to this city. He is in the flour trade at Charles and Greenwich-sts. His wife wrote him a few days ago that Gearty was neglecting the horses, and becoming insolent, and Mr. Harriot went to Riverdale Saturday, and promptly discharged the coachman. Yesterday Gearty called on Mr. Harriot at his office, and demanded his wages. Mr. Harriot told him he should first visit the intelligence office and find out when he engaged him, and how much he owed him. Gearty became very insolent, and said he would have "his money or his money's worth" there and then, whereupon Mr. Harriot struck him in the face and knocked him down. These were the facts as stated before Justice Duffy, at Jefferson Market Police Court. Mr. Harriot was held in $300 bail, and the bail was promptly furnished by E. A. Harriot, of 709 Greenwich-st., and Mr. Harriot was discharged.

PUSHING THE ARMORY SCHEME.

Another conference relative to the proposed use of a part of Washington-square as a site for a brigade armory was held in Mayor Ely's office yesterday afternoon. There were present Mayor Ely, Controller Kelly, Generals Shaler and Varian, Colonels Scott, Vose, Spencer and Mitchell, and other National Guard officers. A draft of a bill amending the present military code was presented by Colonel Wilson. The words "except Washington-square" are inserted after the section which provides that no part of any public park shall be taken for armory purposes, and a provision is made setting aside about one-seventh of Washington-square as a site for the proposed building. The bill puts the building midway between Fourth-st. and Waverley-place on the line of Fifth-ave. After some general discussion, a petition to the Legislature was adopted recommending substantially the features of Colonel Wilson's bill, and fixing the size of the proposed building at 200x400 feet.

DEPARTURE OF THE SUPPLY.

The United States ship Supply, with American goods for the Paris Exposition, sailed from the Brooklyn Navy Yard soon after noon yesterday, and passed Sandy Hook about 5 o'clock. Commander Kirkland is confident of a quick passage, as the Supply is a quick vessel, and the winds can be counted upon as favorable. The Supply carries about 600 tons of freight, and about 800 tons remain at the storehouse for transportation. The ship Portsmouth, which is expected to arrive from Washington during this week, will carry about the same amount as the Supply.

Commissioner-General McCormick arrived in the city early yesterday morning, and proceeded at once to the Navy Yard, where he was received with a salute of eleven guns. He then went with Commodore Nicholson to the Supply, and congratulated the officers upon having the ship ready for sea on the day appointed. Commissioner McCormick then lunched with Commodore Nicholson, and, at 6 p. m. started for Philadelphia, to be present to-day at the sailing of the Constitution, which will also take about 600 tons of freight for the Exposition.

GERMAN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the German-American Independent Citizens' Association yesterday, Justice Marcus Otterbourg was selected chairman. In his address upon taking the chair, Justice Otterbourg urged that charity should prevail in the committee's actions. A committee was appointed to ask the Legislature to pass a fair Excise law, an honest apportionment bill, and other bills now pending before it in the interest of reform.

THE HALF-ORPHAN ASYLUM.

ITS WORK, AND HOW IT IS DONE—THE ANNUAL REPORT—A GIFT BOOK FOR THE CHILDREN.

The annual report of the Society for the Relief of Half-Orphan and Destitute Children presents the record of a year's work well done. The title of the society defines its object, which is, in certain respects, unique. The names of many of the best people in the city are found on the list of its officers and managers, and with each year of its existence the conviction is strengthened that within the society's asylum at No. 67 West Tenth-st., a work of real benevolence, and crowned with increasing success, is carried on.

The officers for this year are Mrs. G. D. Phelps, first directress; Mrs. William G. Ball, second directress; Mrs. John N. Bradley, treasurer, and Mrs. Daniel D. Lord, secretary. The most important regulations under which children are received into the asylum are as follows: Children under four, and over ten years of age, are not received; applicants must prove satisfactory character and circumstances; no child is received for less than one year; the board of each child is 75 cents a week, payable monthly, in advance, and any child is returned whose parent or guardian fails to pay his or her board for three months; the managers are authorized to put out at situations all children whose parents or guardians neglect to pay their dues, visit, or write to them for six months; no person shall interfere with the care or management of the children while they remain in the asylum; the society is not responsible for children who run away. Last April the managers received from Mrs. J. C. Green $10,000, the interest of which is to be applied to the maintenance of children whose parents are unable to pay their board. A year ago the school-room was furnished with new conveniences, and made in many ways more comfortable, and cheerful, and by the aid of experienced teachers the public school system of instruction has been introduced. During the Summer occasional excursions, and during the year various home diversions, add to the contentment of the children. The asylum has been remarkably free from serious illness during the past year; there has been only one death. Under the above conditions, the work of the society from December, 1876, to December, 1877, was carried on with the following results: Children admitted to the asylum, 121; returned to parents or friends, 73; died, 1; placed in situations, 6; left without permission, 3; sent West by the Children's Aid Society, 5. During the year 283 were under care at the asylum; at the close of the year 195. During the forty-two years of its existence 3,656 children have been under the care of the society.

A pretty little volume called "Kind Words" has been prepared for presentation to each child who leaves the asylum. It contains a great deal of sound advice, gently and sympathetically given under the following heads: Discouragements, Perplexity, Temptation, Idleness, Daily Duties, Manners and Habits, Sullkiness, Meanness, and Character. To these are added a few simple prayers and hymns, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and several texts especially adapted to the circumstances of the children on leaving the asylum. The book, which is adapted to the use of all similar institutions, may be obtained at a low price at A. D. F. Randolph & Co.'s.

DEBTORS' PROCEEDINGS FOR RELIEF.

The applications of Leggett & Young and Henry L. Scranton, for discharge from bankruptcy, before Register Allen, yesterday, were granted.

The creditors of James E. Ray, before Register Allen, yesterday, elected J. H. Platt assignee.

The schedules of Levi G. Fouse, Henry B. Hershberger and William V. D. Hanig, (Fouse, Hershberger & Co., 319 Broadway) were filed yesterday by their assignee, Obed H. Sanderson, two of the partners being under arrest and the third out of the State. Their liabilities are stated at $25,083 59, and their real assets at $1,600. Among their nominal assets are placed $15,738 50 due from branch agencies, which are offset by claims against the company.

The schedules of Risley & Burris, carriage-makers, of Nos. 680 and 1,370 Broadway, state their liabilities at $12,645 57, and their assets at $5,618 68.

The schedules of Marx Metzger, Henry Metzger and Henry Barr (tobacco dealers, No. 178½ Water-st.), state their liabilities at $25,617 85, and their assets at $4,408 56.

Assignments for the benefit of creditors were filed, yesterday, by James D. Trimble to Clarence H. Smith, and by Herman Orth to Rudolph I. Oppenheim.

THE PARK HOTEL CLOSED.

Notice was given to the guests at the Park Hotel, at Nassau and Beekman-sts., yesterday, that the house would be closed at 9 p. m., and that they must obtain other quarters immediately. It was ascertained last evening that the hotel, after having passed through a number of hands, was leased to Peter Hemmer, a wealthy butcher, doing business in Washington Market. He leased it to Mr. Cassidy, who, failing to meet his obligations, left the city. Mr. Hemmer then took control of the hotel. His lease, he alleges, specified that he should pay at the rate of $16,000 a year for three months, and afterwards only $12,000 a year. Mr. Morse, the owner, now insists upon a rental of $16,000, which Mr. Hemmer refuses to pay, and as a consequence the house will be closed.

The building it is stated, has been condemned by the Inspector of Buildings. It was erected as a warehouse, and the alterations which have since been made in it have weakened the structure to such an extent that it is considered unsafe for hotel purposes. The walls are very thin, and the foundations are not secure. It is believed that they cannot be strengthened and that the building will have to be torn down. The hotel has not paid expenses for several years, and within the last seven years there has been eight changes in its management. Several of the proprietors have become bankrupt.

DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.

Just before noon yesterday, a man dressed as a laborer, called at the jewelry store of D. C. Voss, No. 345 East Ninth-st., and wished to look at some clocks. When he went away he said he would call again. He returned at 2 p. m., and found Mrs. Voss alone in the store. He looked again at a certain clock, and remarked that his brother was outside and would also look at it. Just then two other men came inside, and the first one, stepping around the end of the counter, drew a revolver and threatened to shoot Mrs. Voss if she made any outcry. The others attempted to seize some jewelry, when Mrs. Voss was pushed over a large clock which stood in the window. It fell through the large window-pane with a crash, and attracted the attention of some people on the street. The three men fled precipitately, taking nothing with them. They ran up First-ave. to Tenth-st., pursued by a crowd of the neighbors and Officers James Dyer and Thomas Gleason, of the Seventeenth Precinct. Turning down Tenth-st., toward the East River, they disappeared among the tenement houses.

BROOKLYN REVENUE COMPLICATIONS.

The trouble in the office of Revenue Collector Freeland, of Brooklyn, has broken out again, and it is stated that Commissioner Raum has informed the Collector that he must either dismiss Deputies Patterson, Truesdell, and Boone, against whom charges have been preferred, or else send in his own resignation. Nothing can be learned in regard to the matter at the office in Brooklyn, as great reticence is maintained. Collector Freeland said, last evening, that he was not in position at present to make any statement. In a few days, however, he might be at liberty to make an explanation.

A WEALTHY WOMAN ARRESTED FOR THEFT.

Miss Annie Hopkins, age thirty-one, of Flatbush, was arrested in Fulton-st., Brooklyn, yesterday at 4 p. m., by Central Office Detective Frost, for shoplifting at Loeser's store. In her possession was a lace collar, valued at $1 25. At her home in Flatbush a quantity of needlework, stockings, handkerchiefs, soap, scarfs, etc., were found. They were brought to the Central Office. Miss Hopkins is a graduate of the Packer Female Institute, and her sister is at present a pupil in that institution. When the principal, Professor Crittenden, was informed of the arrest, he offered to become responsible for Miss Hopkins's appearance in Justice Bloom's court. She was therefore allowed to go free. Miss Hopkins's father is a dealer in stock, and, it is said, is worth $150,000.

MEETING OF THE POLICE JUSTICES.

At the meeting of the Board of Police Justices last evening, the matter of Police Captain Foley, who was charged with delay in the execution of a warrant placed in his hands, was discussed. Justice Ottenbourg read a letter of counsel McLean, addressed to the Police Commissioners, in which the counsel said that in his opinion, the Justice had no authority to require a report in regard to the warrant, inasmuch as "the warrant of a Magistrate is not returnable at any particular time, and continues in force until has been fully executed." The matter was laid over until the next meeting.

CARE OF SAILORS' BOARDING HOUSES.

Pilot Commisioner George W. Blunt's resignation as commissioner for licensing sailors' boarding houses, was accepted at a special meeting of the Marine Society yesterday. Of the thirty-two votes cast, Captain Richard Luce received thirty, and was declared elected for one year.

Captain C. C. Duncan has tendered his resignation as one of the commissioners for licensing sailors' boarding houses, to the Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber will fill the vacancy Thursday.

SUICIDE AT THE FLATBUSH INSANE ASYLUM.

Mrs. Martha Blanthorn was admitted to the Flatbush Lunatic Asylum, Saturday, and yesterday, at 5:30 p. m., she committed suicide by hanging. Coroner Simms, of Brooklyn, was informed, and gave permission for the removal of the body. This morning the inquest will be held. About three weeks ago John Lynch, also a patient at the asylum, committed suicide by leaping from a window the grating of which was broken and insecure.

STABBED THREE TIMES IN THE HEAD.

Stephen Consello, of No. 382 Water-st., and John Smith, of No. 192 Cherry-st., quarrelled yesterday, Consello stabbing Smith three times with a sheath-knife.

A DISHONEST MESSENGER.

Joseph Brogan, seventeen years old, employed by Lord & Taylor as a messenger, was brought before Justice Duffy, at Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, charged with embezzling about $170 from his employers. The firm has been in the habit of sending the boy out to pay small cash accounts due to jobbers and others for small bills of goods purchased hurriedly, when any particular article was not in the stock. It has been discovered that Brogan systematically kept part of the money, and only paid a portion of the amount of the bills. The judge remanded the boy to enable the officers to find out the persons whose accounts he did not pay.

COWARDLY ATTEMPT AT BLACKMAIL.

THE PRINCESS SUVAROFF THREATENED WITH DISAGREEABLE DISCLOSURES, UNLESS MONEY IS PAID.

It was reported last evening that the Princess Suvaroff, who is temporarily residing in this city, had been robbed of her diamonds. It has been known that the Princess possessed costly diamonds which she frequently displayed when she was in Europe. Since her arrival in this city she has not been present at many public entertainments, but she engaged a proscenium box at both the Charity and the Liederkranz balls. She did not attend the former owing to illness. At the latter ball, her magnificent jewelry attracted much attention. On Saturday evening her cousin, Count Kalowvrat, called at Police Headquarters and held a long and private conversation with Inspector Thorne. During the interview, Charles Waite, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, also called on the Inspector and went away with the Count and Detective Thompson. The cause of the difficulty could not be learned at that time, but the rumor soon spread that the Princess had been robbed of her diamonds. The cause of the visit to Police Headquarters, however, was an entirely different matter, as no robbery had been committed.

While the Princess was sitting in her apartments in the Windsor Hotel on Saturday afternoon, she was surprised at receiving a letter written in the French language, of which the following is a translation:

MADAME LA PRINCESSE: I addressed myself to you some few days ago, asking of you as a compatriot to lend me your aid. You have not seen fit to answer even one word. Now, the time has come in which I can be of service to you. An interesting and piquant biography of your history is in my hands and will be published tomorrow in a journal of the city. If such publication should be disagreeable to you, it remains with you, Madame la Princesse, to prevent it. If you will send me to-day $25, to the address given below, the manuscript containing this portion of my personal recollections will be suppressed; it not, it will be forwarded to the press to-night and to-morrow you will receive the number of the journal containing the details, which will not contribute to render your sojourn here agreeable. Accept, Madame la Princesse, the expression of my respectful regards.

PIERRE DE MOKRZYSKI.

Address Mr. H. Supervielle, *Messager Franco-Américain*, No. 42 Great Jones-st. For Mr. P. de M.

Please send your letter through a messenger.

Not recognizing the name of the person signing the letter, the Princess immediately sent her cousin to Police Headquarters with the news. Detective Thompson enclosed the $25 in a letter and sent it by a messenger boy to H. Supervielle, at the office of the *Messager Franco-Américain*, intending to follow him until the money was delivered. The office was closed and no person was present to receive the letter. After a more thorough investigation of the case, the detective said, last evening, he was satisfied that Supervielle, who is a proof-reader on that paper, knew nothing about the author of the letter. He thinks that the person assumed the name attached to the letter and intended to call at the office at some future time, as it it were directed there by mistake. The proprietors of the paper are very much grieved that their office should have been selected by the black-mailing person.

Count Kalowvrat, the cousin of the Princess, said yesterday that this was a case of blackmail. The person who wrote the letter represented himself as a Pole or Russian, but the French idiom of the letter was too pure for any one except a Frenchman to have written it. The Count thought that this person belonged to some gang, as the Princess's party had been annoyed several times by letters, but had taken no notice of them until the receipt of this one. Count Kalowvrat added that the story published about his cousin was probably written by the person who sent her the letter, but the statements that it contained were not true. The Princess was not separated from her husband, and he had never stolen or pawned her jewels.

THE INSANE PRISONER.

J. EARLE PUTNAM SENT TO AN INSANE ASYLUM—THE MAN WHO CAUSED HIS MADNESS.

J. Earle Putnam, whose pitiable story was given in yesterday's TRIBUNE, was ordered yesterday by Judge Robinson in Common Pleas Special Term, to be taken to the Hudson River State Hospital for the Insane. Formal certificates by Doctors J. E. Messemer and Thomas F. O'Brien, were presented to Judge Robinson, that Putnam was almost hopelessly insane, and Judge Robinson granted the order. Friends of Putnam say that the change in his appearance since his arrest, February 8, is startling, and that he appears to be an utter wreck.

The boarders at the Clarence Hotel, No. 12 Clinton-place, where Putnam lived, held an indignation meeting last evening to talk over the affair. Fay and Kemes, who had been instrumental in causing Putnam's imprisonment, were both absent. Fay had been ordered to leave the house, being indebted to the landlord for a month's board. Kemes also absented himself after making threats of vengeance on the other boarders, who had allowed publicity to be given to his connection with Fay and Putnam. Several gentlemen at the meeting said that if Mr. Putnam had been thrown into jail without having been guilty of slander, and had then been driven to insanity, steps should be taken at once to establish his innocence and to punish the persons who had caused his terrible misfortune. Mr. Sherwood, who had occupied a room with Putnam previous to the arrest, said that several days before he quarrel about the note for $15 Putnam had said thus: "Fay is trying to borrow money of me again and has asked me to let him have $15 on a note indorsed by Kemes. I told him to get the note ready and I would see about it. I think there is some plot between Kemes and Fay to swindle me, and I want to see what they will do." About a week after, Putnam said, "Fay showed me a note with Kemes's name on it, and wanted me to cash it. I told him I didn't think the note was good for anything. I spoke to Kemes about it afterward, and Kemes swore he had not signed any such note. He called me into the room with Fay, and Fay denied having shown the note. I wish I had kept that note."

Mr. Sherwood said that from the manner in which Putnam spoke, and from previous conversations on the same subject, he had little doubt that such a note was shown to Putnam, and that he was innocent of slander. Mr. Pierson's statement, that about the same time Fay had tried to borrow money on a note to be indorsed by Kemes, was believed by the persons at the meeting to show that Putnam was innocent of the charge preferred against him. After Putnam's arrest Fay sold to Mr. Farnell, proprietor of the hotel, "I can keep Putnam in jail as long as I want to. There are 2,500 cases to be tried before he can get into court, and I can keep him in jail for six months or two years. In the presence of two of the boarders he intimated that Putnam could get out by the payment of a sum of money. A similar statement was made by Kemes.

A committee was appointed to gather the testimony in regular form and report at another meeting.

TWO LOW VARIETY THEATRES CLOSED.

ARREST OF SIXTY-ONE PERSONS AT THE COLUMBIA OPERA HOUSE AND EGYPTIAN HALL.

On account of numerous complaints made against two low variety theatres in this city, means have been taken to secure evidence against them. Affidavits were prepared upon which Justice Duffy issued warrants for the arrest of the proprietors and employés of the Columbia Opera House, at Twelfth-st. and Greenwich-ave., and the Egyptian Hall, in Thirty-fourth-st., near Third-ave. It was alleged that liquor was sold in both these places contrary to law; that the performance was immoral, and that the character of the houses was disorderly. Inspector Dilks, with a force of fifty men, made the descent on the Columbia Opera House last night, while the performance was in progress. The force was divided into four squads, and every entrance and avenue of escape was guarded. A number of detectives passed through the audience and took possession of the stage. The proprietor, Jacob Berry, was not present at the time, and escaped arrest. The performers and other employés, including twenty-one women and seven men, were arrested and locked up in the Ninth Precinct Police Station. The confusion in the audience and behind the scenes was great. One of the female performers fainted and several endeavored to escape. Detectives are looking for Berry, and it was expected that he would be arrested before morning.

Inspector Murray executed the descent on Egyptian Hall, at half-past 9 o'clock. Mounting the stage with his men, the inspector informed the spectators that the place was in the charge of the police, and asked them to disperse. The proprietor, George W. Warren, of No. 58 West Twenty-ninth-st., and George C. Davis, the manager, with fifteen women and sixteen men, were arrested and locked up in the Twenty-first Precinct Police Station. The prisoners will be taken to the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning.

DEATH OF EARL BATHURST.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—William Lennox Bathurst, known as Earl Bathurst in the British peerage is dead. He was born in 1791, but did not succeed to the title until 1866. His son, Allan Alexander, member of Parliament for Cirencester, succeeds to the title.

ROBBING A BROKEN BANK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25—The Bank of Temple & Workman, at Los Angeles, which is now in the hands of a United States Assignee in Bankruptcy, was entered by burglars some time between Saturday evening and this morning. The door of the inner safe was forced. The burglars got about $10,000.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 25.—The Third and Brown-sts. Baptist Churches adopted a basis of a union this evening.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 25.—A syndicate is being formed for the working of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railroad.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 25.—United States Collector Davis has just returned from a raid, during which he broke up fourteen illicit distilleries in DeKalb, White and Putnam Counties, and arrested fourteen men.

The Rev. E. P. Roe is writing a new story entitled "A Face Only."—[Boston Advertiser. The title suggests that the hero must be a life insurance agent.—[N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

SOLIDS.—Young lady assistant (at the close of the "school treat"): "Shall I give you some more tea, my dear, before you go? Or what would you like to have now?" Sturdy infant: "Vittles."—[Punch.

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY AT HUDNUT'S, NO. 218 BROADWAY.

9 a. m., 35°. Noon, 35°. 3 p. m., 42°. Midnight, 31°. Highest during the day, 42°. Lowest, 31°. Average, 35⅞°. Same day, 1877, 37⅝°.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Grand Central Hotel—Chief-Justice Sanford E. Church, of the New-York Court of Appeals.....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—Senator William H. Barnum, of Connecticut; the Hon. Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania; ex-Governor Thomas Carney, of Kansas, and Edward R. Bacon, of Buffalo.....*Metropolitan Hotel*—Assemblyman Thomas G. Alvord, of Syracuse, and ex-Congressman Frederick A. Pike, of Maine.....*St. Nicholas Hotel*—Ex-Governor J. B. Page, of Vermont.....*Windsor Hotel*—Judge George P. Comstock, of Syracuse.....*Hotel Brunswick*—Thomas Baring, of Liverpool.....*St. James Hotel*—Controller Frederick P. Olcott, of Albany.....*Astor House*—Isaac E. Eaton, of Kansas.....*Sturtevant House*—Colonel John Mendenhall, U. S. A., and F. C. Bangs.....*New-York Hotel*—J. K. Emmet.....*Rossmore Hotel*—Milton Courtright, of Erie, Penn.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The novelties in Spring fabrics are largely in linens.

Beads have appeared on linen articles of of apparel.

Black lace barbes are becoming popular, and are worn tied around the throat.

There is a restaurant up town that has not closed its doors for over three years.

Naturalists note the absence of sea-gulls from the harbor this Winter, owing to the mildness of the season.

The Hon. Edwards Pierrepont, late Minister to England, returned yesterday to this country, by the steamship Germanic.

Colored grenadines are announced to be very fashionable for the coming Summer. They come in all the choice colors.

The traffic in artificial flowers is very large, millions of dollars being expended annually in their importation to this country.

The law firm of Daly & Perry has recovered, in the Brooklyn City Court, three judgments against Alexander Studwell, for legal services, amounting to $3,217 25.

The truckmen are fond of painting some name or phrase on their vehicles, but such a pacific motto as "a soft answer turneth away wrath," with the Scriptural reference, has been noticed in only one case.

George Canfield, age twenty-two, of Twenty-sixth-st., between Sixth and Seventh-aves., fell from the roof of the five story building, No. 118 Worth-st. yesterday afternoon, receiving a compound fracture of the skull. He died last night at the Chambers-st. hospital.

A short meeting of the Street-cleaning Commission was held yesterday, and some minor amendments to the proposed bill were acted upon. It is expected that the bill will be completed to-day, ready for transmission to the Legislature.

There was no strike yesterday among the stevedores of the Anchor Line of steamships. A week ago the company adopted the plan of paying $12 a week instead of 40 cents an hour. A few men stopped work, but their places were immediately supplied.

The Board of Police yesterday received a communication from A. Oakey Hall, containing an order from the Court of Appeals, restoring to his position patrolman Ira M. Clapp, who was dismissed from the force in 1874. Clapp was assigned to duty in the Thirty-second Precinct.

The Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, heard final arguments yesterday, in the matter of the assessments for work on the Eastern Boulevard. Messrs. Anderson, Wakeman and Shaw, spoke in opposition to the confirmation of the list, and the Board reserved its decision.

Miss Victoria Cameron assumed the role of *Lady Bedella* in "The Dhaoulmaugh," at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, last evening, in place of Miss Adelaide Vance, who is suffering from a nervous illness, which will doubtless yield to rest and quiet. Miss Cameron was cordially received by a large audience.

John Campbell, age seventy-one, and Martin Flanagan, aged seventy, both living at No. 12 Mott-st., had a dispute, yesterday, about the merits of the respective counties in Ireland in which they were born, and about the display which their societies will make when St. Patrick's day is celebrated. Mr. Campbell comes from Tipperary, while all in regard Flanagan, was born in Kerry. When brought to court, they shook hands, and were discharged.

In the suit of Rosa Bertram against Moses Bertram, Judge Robinson granted yesterday a limited divorce to the wife, awarding her $6 a week alimony and $20 counsel fee. Mr. and Mrs. Bertram were married in January, 1877, in the Marine Court, by Judge McAdam, by way of settlement of a suit for breach of promise of marriage, and the plaintiff says that both before and after her marriage she sent money to the defendant, and yet he treated her cruelly.

The General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New-York has leased for a long term of years to Samuel Levy, Julius Levy, Augustus H. Levy and Abraham Levy, its property on Broadway and Crosby-st., near Grand-st., for building purposes. The terms of the lease provides that the building, which shall be of stone or iron, must be completed by January 1, 1879, and a rent of 6 per cent of its appraised value is to be the rent paid for the land.

Patrolman Charles Burns, of the Twelfth Precinct, died yesterday, of pneumonia, at his residence No. 321 East One-hundred-and-thirteenth-st. He was thirty-two years old and had been on the force four years. During the day a rumor circulated among the police of Harlem that Mr. Burns, after having been laid out, returned to consciousness. The rumor originated in the fact that the body, soon after death, was placed upon ice, which caused the muscles of the arms and legs to work convulsively in a mechanical manner for a few minutes, giving the appearance of returning life.

Officer Harris, of the Eighteenth Precinct, yesterday morning, saw a young woman, acting strangely, in the neighborhood of the Morgue, and followed her to the pier at the foot of East Twenty-sixth-st. Just as she was about to plunge into the river the officer seized her. To Justice Smith, at the Fifty-seventh Street Police Court, she said that she resided at No. 25 Oak-st., and was the mother of five children. Her name was Jennie Wheeler. On December 22, last, her husband, who was a compositor mysteriously disappeared, and since that time she has been a constant visitor at the Morgue. She was evidently suffering from mental derangement. She was placed in the care of the Board of Charities and Correction.

When the hatches of the ship C. C. Chapman, just arrived here from Calcutta, were lifted, hundreds of frisky grasshoppers sprang from their warm berths among the jute butts, where they stowed themselves when they had boarded the vessel in India four months before. These tropical insects resemble the grasshoppers common around New-York in movement only. They have many long feelers and are of a light brown color. Captain Pote has also two others and more interesting fugitives in a pair of Indian ring doves, which alighted on the ship in an exhausted condition, when she was 400 miles out. The captain says that for forty days during his voyage he did not see a sail. This is an unusual occurrence even in sailing around the Cape of Good Hope.

BROOKLYN.

Seven liquor dealers pleaded not guilty to indictments for violation of the Excise Law in the Court of Sessions yesterday.

During 1877 the Brooklyn City Hospital cared for 967 patients, of whom 560 were cured, and 61 died. The receipts for the year were $73,144 78, and the expenditures were $71,725 18.

The brewery of Louis Schaefer, at No. 790 Broadway, E. D., has been seized by Collector Freeland on the charge of false entries, neglect to brand kegs, etc. The property seized is valued at $10,000.

Robert Baker, indicted for bigamy, admitted in the Court of Sessions yesterday that within the last four or five years he had married three wives. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for four years.

Justice Walsh, yesterday, held for trial Andrew Hegeman, who was charged by Louis Albrecht with beating him severely on the head with a club. Both the men are sailors on the ship Agnes, lying at Harbeck's stores.

At the battalion drill of the 13th Regiment at the armory, Flatbush-ave. and Hanson-place, Thursday evening, the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, who has just been elected chaplain, will appear for presentation to the regiment in full uniform.

Dr. Thomas S. Henderson who was recently appointed an inspector of sewer basins by the Board of City Works, at a salary of $2 50 a day, has offered his resignation. He does so, he says, on account of the "wishes of a large majority" of his friends.

The first granite blocks which are to be used in facing the bridge approaches, were placed in position yesterday. The blocks weigh from four to eight tons each. It is expected that the forty-first and forty-second strands of the great cables will be completed in a day or two.

Before Justice Elliott yesterday, Mrs. Badger, age twenty-four, charged her husband with abandoning and refusing to support her and her two children. All she wanted, she said, was that he should contribute to the support of the children, who are now in the Industrial Home. Badger was required to furnish bonds to pay $2 weekly for the maintenance of his children.

At the Sunday-school of the Cook Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday afternoon, Superintendent Denison rebuked Joseph McLeod, a scholar, whereupon McLeod's sister, one of the teachers, declared that the rebuke was uncalled for. The superintendent replied sharply; McLeod became angry and threatened to attack Mr. Denison. The boy was taken out of the building.

A man and a woman who had engaged a furnished room in the house of Mrs. Lloyd, No. 78 Middaghst., yesterday afternoon, were seen going out in a few minutes carrying a sealskin sacque valued at $30, in the pockets of which were $12 50. Mrs. Lloyd followed and caught the woman, who gave her name as Lizzie Burke, age twenty-five. She said the man was her husband. He escaped with the booty.

HUDSON RIVER COUNTIES.

YONKERS.—Alexander Harlon, while playing with other boys at the new bridge on Dock-st., Sunday, fell into the water and was drowned.

KATONAH.—Dr. Seth Shove, one of the oldest and best known physicians of Eastchester County, died at his residence in Katonah, Sunday afternoon.

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3:45 a. m.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

RUSSO-TURKISH AFFAIRS.

LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1878.

A dispatch to *The Times* from Gallipoli says: "Intelligence has been received here that a large force of Russians has withdrawn from Sharkoi for Rodosto, and from Silivri toward Constantinople."

[The latter movement is probably on San St. Stefano.]

The Times's Vienna correspondent states that the differences between Russia and Turkey appear to be nearly settled, by Russia consenting to a reduction of the indemnity by one-fifth and the extension of the period for the emigration of the Mohammedans from Bulgaria to three years.

The Telegraph's Berlin special telegram says the conference probably will not assemble before April 1, as Prince Gortschakoff alleges that he will not be prepared sooner.

AUSTRIA AND THE PEACE.

LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1878.

The Austro-Hungarian Delegations will meet on March 7, previous to which the Cabinet Council will finally decide upon the exact form of the credit which the Cabinet on Sunday resolved to ask for. The present inclination seems to be to follow as a precedent the English supplementary vote as regards form and amount, but much depends upon the course of events. There is a discussion already in progress with Russia through the medium of Berlin concerning objectionable points in the Russian terms, especially those relative to Bulgaria.

The Daily News's correspondent at Vienna announces that Count Andrassy will personally attend the Conference, accompanied by the Austrian Ambassador to Rome, and one of the Austrian Ministers.

WIDDIN OCCUPIED.

LONDON, Tuesday