LOCAL MISCELLANY.

TRYING TO REDUCE PILOTS' FEES.

MEETING OF INTERESTED PERSONS—CONFERENCE COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

A meeting of special committees representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Ship-Owners' Association, the Pilots and the Maritime Exchange, was held in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday to consider the question of a reduction in pilots' fees. Gustav e Schwab presided. Pilot Harbinson said that the pilots were willing to accept a reasonable reduction in rates to bring about a better state of feeling between the ship-owners and pilots. He would like to be informed, he said, how much of a reduction the shipping community wanted, but he suggested that it should not be very great.

J. Ernst Miller, of the Maritime Exchange, presented the grievances of the ship-owners and sketched the growth of the pilots' monopoly. In 1865, when gold was at 200 and 250, he said, the merchants agreed to advance the old rates about 15 per cent for three years. Before the expiration of the three years, the pilots, without consulting the ship-owners and in violation of an express understanding, had the time extended three years, and had since successfully opposed in the Legislature every attempt at reform. There are, he added, twenty-nine vessels in the Sandy Hook and New-Jersey pilot service, averaging six pilots to a boat. These boats collected as pilotage in 1873 an average of $30,000 each, or a total of $850,000; and each man's share was between $4,000 and $5,000. The pilots' risks were not as great as masters of vessels, yet they were paid more in proportion.

It was resolved that the Chamber of Commerce, the Produce Exchange, the ship-owners, the Maritime Exchange and the pilots should appoint special committees to confer with each other and to agree upon a bill to be presented to the next Legislature.

The steam pilot-boat Hercules, the purchase of which was the beginning of the present agitation, was ready last night, with the pilots of the boat Widgeon on board, to go down to Sandy Hook. The first vessel to be brought in by the senior pilot is the White Star steamship Germanic. It is believed that the pilot will have his license revoked by the Pilot Commissioners, and that the next steamship company which employs him will have suit brought against it, and then the question will be settled in the courts. The counsel to the Pilot Board, it is claimed, was in doubt whether to advise the Commissioners to prohibit the use of a steam pilot-boat or not. In his opinion he says: "It may be only a question of time when the whole service may be most advantageously performed by means of steam vessels. It would be going too far to say that companies proposing to introduce a steamboat into the fleet of pilot-boats at the present time are combining injuriously with each other within the meaning of section 12 of the act."

STANDING GUARD WITH AN AXE.

KOMAH NYMAN'S THREATS AGAINST HIS FATHER AND GRANDMOTHER.

At the inquest as to the cause of the death of John Nyman, of Passaic, the Rev. William Greve, pastor of the Dutch Church in Passaic, testified yesterday that John Nyman told him of the conversation between himself and his son Komah, when the former brought his aged mother and her furniture from Hackensack to Passaic. On that occasion Komah uttered a curiously worded threat to his father. "If you have a heart in your life," he said, "to take off her furniture from the wagon, I will kill you both." The young man's grandmother was then present. During the whole day Komah stood on the stoop with an axe in his hands, apparently ready to carry his threat into execution if his father made an attempt to unload the furniture. John Nyman also told the witness that he was afraid of being poisoned, and at that time the witness promised to go to Nyman's house to try to settle the trouble between Komah and his father. Mr. Greve was to have gone to the house last Monday for this purpose, "but then," as he expressed it, "it was too late." John Nyman said to the witness that once Komah shook his fist in his face. The dead man's mother stayed in the house only one night, and then left the place on account of Komah's dreadful threats.

A CAREFUL HOUSEWIFE'S SUICIDE.

Mary Sperling, age forty-one years, the wife of a pastry cook employed at William and Beaver-sts., took her own life yesterday in a fit of mental aberration, produced by mental and physical suffering. The couple occupied a fourth-story back room at No. 417 East Ninth-st. They lived happily until four years ago. Then Mrs. Sperling's father, August Fleetweeks, and her brother-in-law, David Skidmore, a hired man and his wife were burned to death in her father's house, at Deer Park, L. I. A brother of Mrs. Sperling was afterward arrested on suspicion of having set the house on fire. From that day her mind was affected. She brooded incessantly over the trouble, and frequently complained of severe pains in her head. At such times she threatened to take her life as the best means of ending her misery.

Yesterday morning she bid her husband good-bye, sent the children to school and then set her house to rights. She swept the floors and made the beds, dressed herself in clean clothes, and, as appeared from the manner in which the rope was arranged, hanged herself with calm deliberation. A rope, passed through a little window over the bedroom door, was brought down and a noose made in each end. Standing upon a chair, she put the noose over her head, and then jumped down. Her little daughter returning from school saw the dead body through the window, and alarmed the neighbors. Life had then been extinct at least an hour. A jury impanelled by Coroner Woltman found a verdict of suicide by hanging.

T. C. VERMILYE'S DEATH.

The Richmond County, S. I., Bar Association, of which Theodore C. Vermilye, who was killed late on Thursday night by being thrown from a carriage at Clifton, was a member, has called a special meeting of its members to take appropriate action in regard to his death. At the time of the accident Mr. Vermilye was returning from Richmond in company with Peter J. Kiernan, and when within a mile of Vanderbilt's Landing their carriage came in collision with a farmer's wagon, and Kiernan was thrown out. The horse taking fright started off on a lively run with Mr. Vermilye in the carriage. Kiernan, after recovering from the shock, started in pursuit of the runaway, and after going about a mile came across the apparently lifeless body of Mr. Vermilye lying in the roadway at Vanderbilt-ave. and Bay-st., Clifton. The horse in turning the corner had thrown Mr. Vermilye to the ground. He was unconscious when picked up, and was at once removed to Police Headquarters at Stapleton, but expired as he was being carried in the door. Upon examination it was found that death had been caused by a severe fracture of the skull. Mr. Vermilye, who was fifty-seven years old, was a relative of the late Governor Daniel T. Tompkins. One of Mr. Vermilye's two daughters, who is in the South, has been telegraphed to return, and upon her arrival the funeral will take place.

BROOKLYN GAS INTERESTS.

Notices have been issued to the stockholders of at least two of the seven gaslight companies of Brooklyn, requesting them to meet on December 15 to vote on the agreement of consolidation with the Metropolitan Company. The directors of the Williamsburg Company met Friday of last week and unanimously voted to ratify the agreement of consolidation and to recommend it to their stockholders. The notice sent to each stockholder yesterday, and published according to law in two local papers, calls for a meeting of all the stockholders of the company at the office December 15, at which time and place will be submitted to them for their action the agreement made by the directors for the consolidation of the company. The stockholders are allowed to inspect the agreement at the company's office after to-day.

The Fulton Municipal Company also issued yesterday and sent to stockholders in last night's mail, notices for a meeting at the office of the company on December 15 for the same purpose. It is stated that much opposition is expressed by the People's Company. A. W. Benson, president of the Brooklyn Company, said yesterday that the matter would not be settled this week. That there is a growing feeling of opposition to the consolidation is shown by the fact that during the last week the stock of each of these companies fell off from five to eight points in the market.

POLICE BOARD MEETING.

Commissioner Wheeler offered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Street Cleaning at yesterday's meeting of the Police Board, because since Mr. MacLean's connection with that department no one ever takes the trouble to give notice of its meetings. His resignation was not accepted. Commissioner Morrison explained how the much-discussed "reprimand" came to be put down against Captain Williams at the last meeting of the Board. As he declared himself content that it should be stricken from the records, that was done, and the matter was referred to the Board for decision.

Controller Kelly informed the Board by letter that he could not set aside funds for the increased expenses of the Election Bureau, and that the money must be found from other sources at the command of the Police Department. Chief O'Brien was ordered to report at the next meeting the names of all inspectors of election who had violated the election law in the manner of making returns.

A POSSIBLE RIVAL OF PACIFIC MAIL.

The Atlas Steamship Company, which runs a line of vessels between New-York and West Indian and Central American ports, formerly enjoyed the privilege of issuing through bills of lading to places on the Pacific coast. When the Panama Railroad Company formed its contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company this privilege was taken away from the Atlas Line. For several years the managers of the company have striven to regain it, and, it is understood, have recently applied to the Panama Railroad about the matter. The demand has been denied on account of the existing relations between the Railroad and Pacific Mail, but it was suggested that the latter company might be willing to pool the business to Central American and Mexican ports. It is reported that the Atlas Company demanded an equal division of the traffic, and that this proposal will not be entertained by the Pacific Mail. Those interested in the companies say that no arrangement can be made. The Atlas Company is building four large steamships, which are nearly completed, and it is rumored contemplates putting a line of steamships on the Pacific coast, and also the establishment of a direct line to Aspinwall. Its vessels now touch there after having made the circuit of the West Indian ports. Its through business, therefore, is largely to New-York, but it is claimed that, by putting on vessels direct to Aspinwall, it would secure a large outward business, which would be diverted from the Pacific Mail.

CITY EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment yesterday transferred to the appropriation for the maintenance of parks $7,000 from the appropriation for maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in order that the laborers and employés of the department could be paid. Controller Kelly presented a report on the General Fund. This is derived from licenses, interest on unpaid assessments, school moneys received from the State, and all the various revenues of the city not otherwise specifically appropriated. The General Fund this year will amount to $1,711,980 28. There was a balance unappropriated last year of $688,288 64, and a surplus from the Sinking Fund of $107,922 47, making a total sum of $2,508,191 39 applicable this year to the reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation to meet the final estimate.

TROUBLES OF BUSINESS MEN.

The failure of M. S. Heyman & Sons, manufacturers of artificial flowers and feathers, at No. 508 Broadway, caused considerable surprise in the trade yesterday. The firm made an assignment early in the day to S. Keiley, giving three preferences for $15,500, the largest being $10,000, to Lewisohn & Brothers. The liabilities amount to about $100,000. The assets consist of: merchandise, $35,000; book accounts, $10,000, and a factory which cost $8,000. A meeting of creditors will be called for in a few days.

The schedule in the assignment of Moritz Isidor and Ferdinand Hem to Edward Stieglitz, was filed in the Court of Common Pleas yesterday. The liabilities were $133,732 74; nominal assets, $131,041 95; real assets, $95,554 49. Thomas D. Brown, John Bell and George W. Mead, of the firm of Brown, Bell & Co., made an assignment to David Buchanan.

THE RIGHT TO A CEMETERY LOT.

DECISION OF JUSTICE WESTBROOK THAT THE BODY OF DENNIS COPPERS MUST BE BURIED IN CALVARY CEMETERY.

The decision of Justice Westbrook as to the right of the friends of the late Dennis Coppers to have his body interred in the lot in Calvary Cemetery which he had bought during his lifetime, was made public yesterday, although the Justice has not yet filed his decision, in Supreme Court, Chambers. Dennis Coppers, who was a prominent citizen of Hoboken, died August 14, and the lodge of Free Masons of which he was a member conducted the funeral services. When the funeral procession reached Calvary Cemetery, where the arrangements had been made to have Mr. Coppers' body placed beside the bodies of his wife and two children in his lot, the friends were met by an order from Vicar-General Quinn refusing burial. The reason assigned was that no Free Mason and no non-Catholics could be buried in consecrated ground. Permission was obtained to put the body in the receiving vault and two proceedings were at once begun in the Supreme Court by the three brothers of Dennis Coppers. One was by mandamus to compel the "trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral of New-York" to bury the body in the lot; the other to enjoin the defendants from removing the body and burying it in unconsecrated ground.

After reciting the facts Justice Westbrook in his decision says:

The main proposition involved is this: The defendant is a corporation attached to the Roman Catholic Church, and claims the right to exclude and forbid the interment of the body in the lot purchased by Dennis Coppers in his lifetime, because such burial would be contrary to the doctrines of such Church, which it is claimed to hold the burial in consecrated ground of the body of a non-Catholic, or of one who was a member of the Masonic fraternity. As the point just stated is the most important one involved, it will be first examined.

The paper executed to Dennis Coppers in his lifetime is certainly not a deed, which of itself would transfer the fee; but as it is duly signed, executed and delivered by an officer of the defendant corporation, whose authority to make a valid instrument of this character is not questioned, and as it declares that $75 has been paid as the "purchase money of a plot of ground 8x8 feet in Calvary Cemetery," which plot is, by other words and figures in said writing contained, capable of exact location and ascertainment, and as the deceased in his lifetime took actual possession of such plot by placing therein the remains of members of his family, it is difficult to say why under the well known maxim of the law that "what has been agreed to be done, and what ought to be done, shall, for the advancement of justice, be regarded as done," it should not be treated as a deed in fee. The acknowledgment by a writing duly subscribed by the owner that such owner had received from another person the entire "purchase money of a plot of ground," which is fully designated, the delivery to and acceptance by such buyer of the instrument, and that followed by actual possession of the property, would certainly, in ordinary cases, entitle the purchaser to a conveyance in fee simple absolute, and in any controversy between the vendor and vendee as to the use of the premises, though a formal conveyance had not passed, the latter would both in law and equity be deemed the owner. Looking, however, at the objects and purposes for which the defendants held and owned the lands known as "Calvary Cemetery," and the language of the instrument, it is reasonably clear that the writing was intended to confer not merely a use of or easement in the land for the purposes of burial, but to convey the ownership of the soil, not for any and every use, but for the sole and only one of burying the dead.

If the right intended to be conferred upon the deceased was simply an easement, the paper should so have declared; but on the contrary the $75 paid is stated to be the full "purchase money of a plot of ground"—i. e., of the land itself. If, then, the words used are limited by the surroundings, which is lessening their legal significance as much as any known rule of law or equity will admit, the defendants are in the position of parties who have conveyed (for that which they are legally bound to do must be regarded as done) to Dennis Coppers, his heirs and assigns, the title of the land, to be used by him and them for the purpose of burying their dead. The defendants are to be regarded as in the position of grantors of a fee of land to be used and enjoyed by the purchaser, his heirs and assigns for burial purposes only. If his rights were to be in any wise limited, such limitation should appear in the instrument itself, and not, so appearing, no dogma or decree of a church, however right or proper in itself it may be, or however capable of being inforced, if the power and right be properly reserved, can be interposed to prevent the cherished and natural wish of the deceased to have his mortal remains deposited by the side of those of his mother from being fulfilled.

Judge Westbrook answers several points raised by the defendants and then concludes as follows:

It is also argued that a mandamus is not the proper remedy. It is conceded that the cases are not uniform as to when the writ issues. Numerous decisions, however, can be found, in which it has been held properly to issue to compel a corporation to do that which by law it is required to do, especially when no other adequate remedy exists. If we are right in our view that the defendants should be deemed to be in the position of grantors of the cemetery plot to be owned by the grantee, his heirs and assigns, for burying their dead, then, as they have also received compensation for opening the grave, they are bound so to do. The need of burial is a pressing one, and there seems to be no other remedy which is adequate to the emergency. If, however, the Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter and of the parties, objections founded upon the form of proceeding have never been favorably regarded by me. Writs were originally derived by courts to redress peculiar grievances, and the power which could create can enlarge the original office, provided the jurisdiction of the Court in the subject matter and of the persons is not exceeded.

A careful examination of the questions which have been submitted leads me to the conclusion that the respondents must open the grave, for doing which they have received payment, and against them as defendants in the action an injunction must issue as prayed for. Such injunction is granted for the reason that as the defendants prevented the interment of the body in the spot to which it was entitled to be interred and gave permission for its deposit in the vault, they cannot remove the same elsewhere for burial.

A NATIONAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION.

Representatives from the Brooklyn, Columbia, New-Jersey, Jersey City, Salem, of Massachusetts, Manhattan, Hudson River and Empire Yacht Clubs met at the Astor House Monday evening to organize temporarily a central association of yacht clubs. A resolution was adopted directing that a committee be appointed to prepare an address to the yacht clubs of the United States, and to call a convention of yachtsmen to form a National association. The committee consists of R. S. Osbon, of the Brooklyn, John Frick of the Columbia, David H. Rice of the Salem, E. W. Ketcham and W. H. Dilworth of the New-Jersey, J. H. Robbins of the Manhattan, A. P. Ball of the Jersey City, P. Kerarmeich of the Empire, and J. G. Goodwin of the Hudson River Club.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Senator William Windom, of Minnesota; State Senator Hamilton Harris, of Albany, and Colonel H. S. McComb, of Delaware.....*Grand Hotel*—The Rev. James Freeman Clarke, of Boston.....*St. James Hotel*—Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, and Henry C. Robinson, of Hartford.....*New-York Hotel*—Senator William W. Eaton and Benjamin Stark, of Connecticut.....*Astor House*—Congressman J. W. Dwight, of Dryden, N. Y.....*Windsor Hotel*—F. Gordon Dexter and Elisha Atkins, of Boston.....*Brevoort House*—Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia, and the Hon. J. R. Roche, of Ireland.....*Metropolitan Hotel*—Assemblyman Thomas G. Alvord, of Syracuse.....*Everett House*—F. T. S. Darley, of Philadelphia.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Wallace Bruce will lecture on William Cullen Bryant before the Teachers' Association at Steinway Hall this evening.

George Vandenhoff will give the second of his "Dickens Mornings" at Chickering Hall, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Antonio Nuglion, nine months old, was killed yesterday evening by an accidental blow given by his father with a fire poker.

Captain Williams's trial before the Police Commissioners for clubbing Charles W. Smith was adjourned yesterday until next Wednesday.

A purchase of twenty-five barrels of flour was made on the Produce Exchange on Thursday for Queen Victoria and her family, at $9 a barrel.

The police were informed yesterday, that Margaret Morris, age thirty-nine years, had run away from No. 5 Sheriff-st., with $250 of her husband's money.

Alterations are in progress at the Fourteenth-st. station of the Third-ave. Elevated Railroad. The platform is to be enlarged to correspond with those at the other stations.

The Hon. John R. Brady will deliver a lecture for the benefit of St. Francis's Hospital Monday evening at Cooper Institute. His subject will be: "May good digestion wait on a ppetite, and health on both."

The next lecture in the Cooper Union Free Course will be delivered this evening in the great hall at 8 o'clock, by Frederic Vors, on "The Craft of the Silversmith," with numerous illustrations and lantern views.

The second game of foot-ball in the Intercollegiate Championship series will be played this afternoon on the grounds of the St. George's Cricket Club, Hoboken, at 3 o'clock. The Harvard and Princeton teams will be the contestants.

The library of the late Bayard Taylor, which embraces English, German and American books, including many presentation copies, will be sold at auction on Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25, by Bangs & Co., No. 739 Broadway. The sale will begin each day at 3:30 p. m.

The captain of the tugboat J. B. King yesterday found the body of an unknown woman, apparently thirty-five years old, floating in the water off Bedloe's Island. It is described as that of a woman about five feet six inches in height, with brown hair and eyes and dressed in striped calico dress. The body was sent to the Morgue.

There was a higher range in the breadstuffs market yesterday, red Winter wheat being from 2 to 3 cents higher, the purchases being on speculative account and for export. Corn was ½ cent higher, and freely dealt in for prompt delivery. Flour was from 10 to 15 cents higher, and in good demand. Provisions were also higher.

The ninth anniversary of the Yorkville branch of the Young Men's Christian Association will be celebrated at the hall, Third-ave. and Eighty-sixth-st., to-morrow. The Hon William E. Dodge, jr., will preside, and addresses will be given by the Rev. Drs. R. L. Dashiell, Charles S. Robinson and J. F. Elder. The service will begin at half-past 3 o'clock.

Officer Grogan, of the Steamboat Squad, brought to Castle Garden yesterday August Nielson, a homeless lad, thirteen years of age. August said he came to this country with his father from Sweden, where his mother now lives; that his father is living with another woman in this city, and has cruelly beaten him and turned him out of the house for no cause. Superintendent Jackson sent him to the Emigrant Refuge.

At a meeting of the State Board of Charities held yesterday, it was decided that the first instalment of cases of the chronic insane to be transferred from county poorhouses to the newly-arranged Binghamton asylum, should be selected from the poorhouses in the following counties: Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Greene, Madison, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan, Tioga, Ulster, Warren, Washington and Westchester.

A. Orlando Jackson, lottery dealer, of No. 82 Nassau-st., was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields yesterday. He waived examination and was committed in $1,000 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury. Ciriaca Viadera, representative of M. A. Martinez, of No. 10 Wall-st., also waived examination and was held for the action of the Grand Jury in $1,000 bail. Manning Duffres and James F. Tully, representatives of Bell & Co., No. 1,215 Broadway, were committed in $500 bail.

At a special meeting yesterday of the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange a plan was perfected for the sale of the forty new seats. The Committee on Admissions was authorized to receive sealed proposals to the close of business on Tuesday, November 25, for the admission of the new members. The seats will be awarded to the highest bidders, but no bids less than $10,000, the limit fixed by the amended rules of the Exchange, will be entertained. It is understood that the applications for membership now on file far exceed the number of seats to be filled.

Superintendent Walling was informed by dispatch from San Francisco yesterday that William Burke, also known as Stacey, had been arrested and was held subject to his order. The police of the city have followed Burke patiently for more than two years. On June 12, 1877, Alice Stricklaud, a young woman, was stabbed by her jealous lover in a house in Delancey-st. The murderer, William Burke, escaped. The woman died in ten days. The necessary papers were applied for yesterday by the Superintendent at the District-Attorney's office, and Burke will be brought to this city.

The competitive examination held yesterday at the Custom House for promotion to a vacant clerkship in the Naval Office is said to have been the closest since the adoption of the civil service system. Of the four competitors, three were recently appointed to the service after examinations in which they attained high rank. The examination yesterday lasted from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., and at the close the contest appeared so nearly equal that it was thought the examiners would have a difficult task to select the best man.

The managers of the Produce Exchange are doing their utmost to conciliate the grain trade, and to maintain the record of the Exchange on the cental system. The chairman of the Grain Committee stated at the last "call" yesterday that he had been authorized to instruct the caller to modify the system so far as to substitute common fractions in place of decimals in dealings. The announcement created some dissatisfaction, but a few evinced a willingness to make a trial of the system. Only one sale was made of 4,800 centals (8,000 bushels) of No. 2 red Winter wheat for January at $2 46¼ per cental, equal to $1 47¾ per bushel.

While Mrs. William A. Beach, of No. 1,310 Fifth-ave., was walking out yesterday afternoon with her two children, a young man approached her with hands outstretched as if begging alms. When within reach of the lady the fellow snatched her pocket-book and fled down the avenue. He was arrested about a block distant by Officer McEnroe, of the Twenty-third Precinct, and gave his name as Henry Martenbeck, of East Sixty-third-st., his memory having failed him in regard to the number. In the Harlem Police Court he was held for trial in default of bail. The pocket-book was recovered.

Lewis C. Post, of No. 229 West Fortieth-st., appeared in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday morning against his wife's sister, Mrs. Laura C. Noyes, of No. 228 West Thirty-sixth-st., whom he charged with continually forcing her way into his house and annoying him. He also alleged that on November 9 she had threatened to shoot him. Mrs. Noyes in her defence said that her sister was at the point of death, and wanted to see her, but that Post objected to her visiting the house. She denied threatening to shoot him. Post then said that his wife did not wish to see Mrs. Noyes. Justice Flammer told him to bring a letter from his wife to that effect, and paroled Mrs. Noyes.

Just before the landing of the immigrant passengers at Castle Garden from the steamship Main, from Bremen, yesterday, Adam Geigen called upon Superintendent Jackson and requested that Karl Schuppel, his brother-in-law, be detained, as he had a warrant for his arrest for abandoning his wife. Schuppel was detained, and acknowledged that he had refused to support his wife as long as she was determined to live in Giegen's family, and until she should go with him to Ohio. He said that he went to Germany six weeks ago to obtain an inheritance left to him. As Giegen did not have the warrant with him, Mr. Jackson allowed Schuppel to go on the promise that he would support his wife.

Mrs. Mary Conklin was found dead on Thursday in a room over the stable at No. 255 West Forty-seventh-st., with a child on her breast. It was alleged at the time that her husband Thomas, who cannot be found, had thrown her down a flight of stairs, and thus caused injuries of which she died. A post-mortem examination left no room to doubt that her death was due to the effects of alcohol. The flight of the father left the three children dependent on the charity of the neighborhood. Yesterday Justice Murray committed one, age ten, and another, age two and a half, to the care of the Sisters of St. Dominick, while the other, age eleven, was taken charge of by a friend.

Coroner Ellinger yesterday held the inquest in the case of Mrs. Madill, the woman who was shot by her husband in Oliver-st, on the evening of November 5. The testimony elicited showed that the dead woman and her husband had lived apart for three months. The story of the murder has been told. James Reilly and Charles Mackenna were in Mrs. Madill's room when her husband entered and shot at her, then followed her into the street, whither her visitors had fled, and shot there. She died in the Chambers Street Hospital. The verdict was death by the hand of her husband, and the Coroner committed Madill, who waived examination, to the Tombs without bail.

BROOKLYN.

Mayor Howell has not been at his office for several days, and his clerks say that they do not know where he is. President Ray, of the Board of Aldermen, performed the duties of the Mayor yesterday, signing warrants for $250,000.

Complaint was made to the Board of City Works yesterday that the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company was tearing up a part of its track for the purpose of laying "centre-bearing" rails. The use of such rails has been prohibited by the Common Council.

Michael Riley, age eighty-five, of Steuben-st., applied to Justice Fisher yesterday for a warrant for the arrest of his son John, age fifty, who is alleged to have committed an assault upon his father on Thursday night, at the same time declaring that the old man had lived long enough. The warrant was granted.

Dennis Regan, who is serving a three months' sentence for stealing oysters from an oyster bed in Hempstead Harbor, was taken before Judge Neilson, in the City Court, yesterday, on the ground that the commitment was defective. The Judge dismissed the writ and remanded the prisoner, remarking that the oyster beds should be protected as well as chicken coops.

At the request of the Board of Health, the Board of City Works yesterday ordered the streets and sewer-basins in that part of the city bounded by Flushing, Nostrand, Willoughby and Grand-aves. to be cleaned at once. This is the district in which diphtheria has been especially prevalent during the past few weeks, and it is alleged that the disease was caused by the filthy condition of the streets and sewers.

George Dietrick is a merchant tailor, whose place of business is in Elm-place, near Fulton-st. He has not lived happily with his wife, and some time ago they agreed to separate. Yesterday the husband applied to Justice Walsh for a warrant for the arrest of his wife on a charge of trespass, alleging that she had come into his house and refused to leave it. The Justice refused to issue a warrant, and Dietrick, it is alleged, then took hold of his wife by the shoulders and ejected her; afterward he threw her hat and sealskin sacque out of the window after her. She went at once to Justice Walsh and procured a warrant for her husband's arrest for assault and battery. The case will probably come before the Justice to-day.

JERSEY CITY.

George Geise, of Bull's Ferry, N. J., was arrested yesterday and arraigned before Justice Aldridge, of Jersey City Heights, on a charge of assaulting Mrs. Ellen Green, of Fairview, Bergen County. He was placed under bonds to await an examination.

George Estey, the boy of No. 232 Clerk-st., Jersey City Heights, who had his skull fractured Monday by a stone thrown by an Italian musician, was very low last night. Captain Mulleaney, of the Fourth Police Precinct, went to Newark yesterday to see two Italians who had been arrested on suspicion of being his assilants. They did not prove to be the right persons and they were discharged.

Patrolman George McLaughlin, of the First Police Precinct of Jersey City, met three men at 2 a. m. yesterday at Wayne-st. and Jersey-ave., one of whom carried a large bag. He questioned them and they attacked him, one of them striking him a terrible blow in the face with a large shoe. The fight lasted for some time and the officer was badly cut about the head and hands. Some other officers answered his alarm whistle, but the three men made their escape. The bag contained hams stolen from the store of Martin Kelly, at Warren and Morris-sts.

STATEN ISLAND.

SOUTHFIELD.—William M. Wormerskirch, of Southfield, who was elected Justice of the Sessions, cannot take his seat owing to his not being a justice of the peace at the time of his election as required by law; consequently there will be a vacancy in that office on and after January 1, 1880. Wormerskirch's friends state that they will apply to Governor Robinson for his appointment to the office. If Wormerskirch took his seat under the present circumstances, any person convicted by the court over which he presided as associate justice could raise the objection which would hold good, that the court was not legally constituted.

HUDSON RIVER TOWNS.

SING SING.—While some men were digging a ditch on the property of O. B. Potter a few days ago, they discovered a skeleton of a human being about four feet below the surface. The bones seemed to be those of a man five feet seven or eight inches in height. Around the bones were found scanty remnants of cloth, evidently part of a coat, red in color and trimmed with gold lace. Within a radius of fifty feet from the spot where these bones were discovered six other skeletons have recently been found.

NAVY ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The United States steamer Constellation proceeded to sea on Monday for Europe, taking a crew and officers for the Trenton. She will bring back the Trenton's present detail.

Assistant-Paymaster Reah Frazer is ordered to an examination for promotion.

Carpenter Joseph L. Thatcher is ordered to the training-ship Constitution, and Gunner G. P. Cushman to the Norfolk Navy Yard.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises.....	6:47	Sun sets.....	4:42
Moon sets.....	6:03	Moon south.....	1:28
Clock slow, 15m. 15s		Moon's age, days,	2

HIGH WATER TO-DAY—A. M.

Sandy Hook..	8:25	Gov. Island..	8:52
Hell Gate.....	10:41		

HIGH WATER TO-DAY—P. M.

Sandy Hook..	8:54	Gov. Island..	9:20
Hell Gate.....	11:09		

SUNDAY.

Sun rises.....	6:48	Sun sets.....	4:41
Moon sets.....	7:12	Moon south.....	2:53
Clock slow, 15m. 5s.		Moon's age, days,	3

HIGH WATER SUNDAY—A. M.

Sandy Hook..	9:22	Gov. Island..	9:51
Hell Gate.....	11:40		

HIGH WATER SUNDAY—P. M.

Sandy Hook..	9:51	Gov. Island..	10:21
Hell Gate.....	....		

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

FROM LONDON—BY STEAMSHIP UTOPIA.

Barns, F. A.	Collins, E. H. and family	Lewin, M.
Besen, A.	Folkard, Mrs.	Pierce, I. T.
Aborn, A. H.	McAllen, A. and Drummond, Dr. E.S.	Robinson, I.
Allen, G. and family		Sampson, I.
Soane, I.		Webster, W.
Barclay, Dr. T. S.		

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....NOV. 14.

ARRIVED.

Str Galley of Lorne (Br), Dryden, Shanghai Sept 3, Singapore 15, Port Said Oct 15, and Gibraltar 26, to Geo F Bullow.

Str Morea (Br), Foster, Malaga Oct 28, with fruit to Lawrence, Giles & Co; vessel to John C Seager.

Str Union, Griffin, Aspinwall 7 days, to Pacific Mail Ss Co.

Str Morgan City, Clapp, New-Orleans 9 days, to Rogert & Morgan.

Ship Harmonia (Ger), Reinken, Bremen 48 days, to order.

Ship Mangalore (of Liverpool), Stevens, Greenock 30 days, with iron to order; vessel to C L Wright & Co.

Ship Lake Ontario (Br), Gilmore, Liverpool 32 days, with mdse to order; vessel to Wm Nelson, jr.

Ship Reyding (Nor), Zernichoro, London 23 days, in ballast to Benham, Boyesen, Pickering & Co.

Ship Electra, Clark, of and 5 days from Boston, in ballast to Vernon H Brown & Co.

Bark San Pietro (Ital), Semdal, Bonen 45 days, to master.

Bark Tommassino (Ital), Cafiero, Gloucester 43 days, with salt to order.

Bark Florelia, Craiz, Marseilles 40 days, to Ward & Tower.

Bark Giuseppe Castaghola (Ital), Ferrari, Catania 60 days, with sulphur to order; vessel to Benham, Boyesen & Co.

Bark Gladovia (Br), Knowlton, Liverpool Oct 15, in ballast to order; anchored in Gravesend Bay for orders.

Bark Ezio (Austr), Premuda, London 36 days, with chalk to order; vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Baltic (Nor), Kroger, Dantzic 53 days, with empty barrels to order.

Bark Herald of the Morning (Nor), Eckstein, London 35 days, in ballast to Benham, Boyesen, Pickering & Co.

Bark Bertha (Nor), Gaarn, Rouen 34 days, in ballast to Rockmann, Oericin & Co.

Bark Arctic (Nor), Ulstrup, Landskrona 73 days, in ballast to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Agnes (Ger), Hirdes, Hamburg 51 days, with mdse to Watjen, Toel & Co.

Bark Sofuls (Br), McIntosh, Maracaibo 42 days, in ballast to J W Murchison.

Bark Spartan, Crossley, Amsterdam 36 days, with old iron to Netherland Trading Co; vessel to Vernon H Brown & Co.

Bark Hornet (of Philadelphia), Hopkins, Curacoa 14 days, with coffee and skins to Dallett, Boulton & Co.

Bark Familie-ns Minde (Nor), Johnson, Ipswich 38 days, in ballast to Benham, Boyesen, Pickering & Co.

Bark Maria Christina (Ital), Somme, Lisbon 40 days, in ballast to Benham, Boyesen, Pickering & Co.

Brig Wanderer (Br), Gallihan, Oporto 32 days, in ballast to Hatton, Watson & Co.

Brig William Mason, Adams, Cape Hayti, in ballast to Miller & Houghton.

Brig Fannie B Tucker (of Portland), Tucker, Matanzas 11 days, with sugar to order; vessel to Brett, Son & Co.

Brig Maria C (Ital), Romani, Catania 61 days, with sulphur and rags to order; vessel to Lauro, Storey & Scarpati.

WIND—Sunset—At Sandy Hook, moderate, S; cloudy. At City Island, the same.

CLEARED.

Ships Victoria (Br), Ball, London, Henderson Bros; France (Fr), Robinson, London, F W J Hurst; City of Berlin (Br), Kennedy, Liverpool via Queenstown, John G Dale; Anchoria (Br), Hedderwick, Glasgow, Henderson Bros; Glanis Castle (Br), Gray, London, Henderson Bros; Croft (Br), Dotchin, Brest, Slocovich & Co; Lena (Br), Dunn, Bristol, Eng, W D Morgan; Morro Castle, Reed, Charleston, J W Quintard & Co; Wm Woodward, Young, Baltimore, J S Kreme; Brandan, Howe, Savannah, Geo Yonge; E C Biddle, Wallace, Philadelphia, Wm P Clyde & Co.

Ships Corsica, Henry, London, Snow & Burgess; Theodore H Allen, Call, San Francisco, James W Elwell & Co.

Barks Umberto Primo (Ital), Conziano, Alexandria, Egypt, John O Seager; Joseph Baker, Ryder, Oporto, Miller & Houghton; Adele (Ital), Trapani, Lisbon, Lane, Storey & Scarpati; Netaux (Br), Mitchener, Antwerp, C W Bertaux; President Daae (Nor), Jensen, Cork or Falmouth for orders, C Tobias & Co.

Brigs Mabel (Br), Trafton, Oporto, P I Nevins & Son; Amilcare de Giunaro (Ital), Malta, Benham, Boyesen, Pickering & Co; Pearl, Brightman, Port of Spain, D Trowbridge; Starlight, Allen, Point-a-Pitre, I W & P Armstrong.

Schrs Theophilus, Lake, Jeremie, A Soares & Co; Walter M Young, Thompson, Kingston, etc, Leaycraft & Co; Tannhauser, Kennedy, Galveston, Parsons & Loud; Wm L Burroughs, Smith, Dunkirk, Thos Dunham's Nephew & Co.

FOREIGN PORTS.

LONDON, Nov 14.—Arr str Glenlyon, from New-York; arr at Bristol, str New-York City, from New-York.

Queenstown, Nov 14.—Sailed, str City of Richmond (Br), for New-York.

LONDON, Nov 14.—Sailed 9th inst, B D Metcalf, 11th inst, Don Quixote, Jacob Trumpy, Florence Treat, Parthena, the latter for Hampton Roads; Amaranth (Capt Brauer), 13th inst, Addie H Cann, both for New-York; Light Brigade, Golden Gate, Genoa, Giuseppe Massone, 14th inst, Aurora (Capt Kose), Joan A Harvie, Atlantic (Capt Nielsen), the latter for the Delaware.

Arr 10th inst, Dronning Sophia, at Elsinore, Lyngoer, S N Hansen; 11th inst, St Lawrence, Edwin, 12th inst, Robert Jones, Sunote; 13th inst, Union (Capt Thorsen), Vigilant, Dictator, Noel, Kismet, Stratford, Antoinette, Helga Vihilia, Australia (Capt Andersen), Princeport, Palestine, Felix, 14th inst, Osmo, Washington Dana, Sheliotte, Nenuphar (Capt Cann), W T Harward, Princess Alexandra, Adele and Sabina, the latter at Dover.

[Announcements.]

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