LOCAL MISCELLANY.

TRYING TO SAVE A BANK FROM RUIN.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE BROKEN MECHANICS' AND LABORERS' SAVINGS BANK.

The trial of the indicted officers and directors of the Mechanics' and Laborers' Savings Bank on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the depositors was continued yesterday at Jersey City Heights, in the Hudson County General Sessions. Gilbert Collins resumed his opening speech on the part of the defendants, and in his remarks claimed that the defendants did all in their power to save the bank from suspension, and that they acted in the best interests of the depositors.

Receiver Williams was the first witness called by the defence. He testified that most of the mortgages held by the bank at the time he assumed control of its affairs were worth more than their face value. He produced the $20,000 mortgage given by Halliard when the bank effected a settlement, and he agreed to pay the amount of the deficiency in the funds, $67,000. Mr. Williams also testified that the property covered by the bonds and mortgages held by the bank is now worth more than when the bank became bankrupt.

George R. Ewan, a clerk in the office of Henry S. Little, the Clerk of the Court of Chancery, produced the documents filed with Mr. Little by Attorney-General Stockton at the time Receiver Williams was appointed, and they were offered in evidence as the records of the bank's insolvency. Joseph Warren, a prominent real estate dealer of Jersey City, testified that he examined the property which Mr. Halliard mortgaged to the bank for $20,000, and valued it at $125,000. Ex-Judge Garrick, formerly counsel for the bank, testified that when it was found that Halliard was a defaulter to the extent of $65,000 he advised the Executive Committee to effect a settlement with him. The witness was requested to ascertain what had become of the $20,000 United States bond owned by the bank. He questioned Halliard, and the latter told him that it had been used to obtain a loan on the Seacaucus property owned by the bishop, and as soon as the bishop sold the property the bond would be made good to the bank. The witness was consulted by the Executive Committee in reference to the affairs of the bank, and he advised the members to keep the bank open if that course was the best one for the interests of the depositors. At the request of the committee, Mr. Garrick went to see John Winner, who formerly owned the West Side property then owned by Mr. Halliard, and told him that the latter said that the mortgage held by Mr. Winner on the property had been reduced to $30,000. Mr. Winner would only say that "if Mr. Halliard says that, it must be true." The witness asked Bishop Corrigan to purchase the property for $100,000, and told him that Dr. O'Callaghan, Mr. Sheeran and others had offered to advance the money so he would not have to pay anything for ten years. The bishop refused to do this, and said he had become involved to the extent of $100,000 in the purchase of the Seacaucus property which was bought for the church by Mr. Halliard, but which proved to be unsuitable. Mr. Garrick testified on his cross-examination in reference to the settlement made with Mr. Halliard, which has been published.

William Hogencamp, president of the Second National Bank, was placed on the stand to testify that he advised the directors of the savings bank to keep the bank afloat if it would be able to pay off its depositors, but the counsel for the State objected and the Court refused to admit the testimony.

Henry Carroll testified that he was elected treasurer of the bank in 1877, and that he was present when the settlement was made with Mr. Halliard. Dr. O'Callaghan threatened to expose Mr. Halliard to Chancellor Runyon, and Mr. Halliard said he would see the Chancellor, and have all trouble staved off for three years. The bank tried to sell the West Side property to the Catholic Cemetery Association, but Bishop Corrigan refused to buy it. The witness pleaded with the bishop to purchase the property to keep scandal from the Catholic Church, and to save Mr. Halliard, who had been "the pope, cardinal, bishop and priests of the diocese"; but the bishop refused. The witness stated that the defendants, with the exception of Mr. Halliard, had done all they could to save the bank from ruin.

BROOKLYN'S GAS MONOPOLY.

TWO COMPANIES RATIFY THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSOLIDATION—STILL SOME OPPOSITION TO THE SCHEME.

The stockholders' meetings of the Williamsburg Gas Light Company and of the Fulton Municipal Gas Company, of Brooklyn, were held yesterday afternoon to vote for or against the articles of consolidation with the Metropolitan Gas Light Company. The stockholders of the Williamsburg Company met in the office, at Fourth and South Second-sts. Only a few of them were present, most of the voting being done by proxies, which were sent out in the names of Samuel Willets, president, and James Bearns. Many of the holders of stock in this company live in the New-England States. Of the votes cast 13,313 were in favor of ratifying the action of the directors, 1,653 opposed. The capital stock is divided into 20,000 shares. Only a few of the stockholders have examined the terms of agreement for the consolidation. The secretary said that he supposed they were willing to be guided by the judgment of the directors, but those who had examined the paper were almost uniformly opposed to consolidation. "The company," he said, "is not yet bound to go into the consolidation. There is a legal question involved. Our company was organized under the law of 1848, which provides that the stock can only be reduced by a three-fourths vote of all the stock. Now they are trying to reduce it by a two-thirds vote of these stockholders voting at the meeting. There are also other legal points which will be raised before any consolidation is practically completed."

The meeting of the stockholders of the Fulton Municipal Company at the office in Montague-st. at noon yesterday was prolonged and stormy. Among those present were General Jourdan, H. M. Benedict, W. B. Meeker and H. J. Davison. Most of the stock of the company was represented. General Jourdan spoke forcibly in opposition to the consolidation scheme, and was supported by Messrs. Meeker, Schwartzwaelder and Davison. Henry M. Benedict, President of the Company, favored it. Mr. Stearns, the patentee of the naphtha gas process, also supported the agreement, as did all the New-York stockholders present. In the voting the adoption of the articles of agreement was carried by a large majority, said to be nearly four to one, although the exact figures were refused by the tellers. A large number of proxies were cast.

Daniel Chauncey, President of the Mechanics' Bank, is a large stockholder in the People's Company. He said yesterday that he had secured enough votes to keep it out of the consolidation. The ground of this is that the reduction of capital is unfair, and the belief that the company can do better by itself.

If the consolidation is made, the plan is to tear down the present works of at least four of the existing companies. There will be one office of thirteen directors in all. A. W. Benson, now President of the Brooklyn Company, is spoken of for chief officer of the new organization.

The stockholders of the People's Company meet to vote to-morrow on ratifying the action of the directors who stood 7 to 2. The meeting of the stockholders of the Metropolitan, Nassau and Citizens' companies will take place on Saturday, and of the Brooklyn Company on Monday, December 22.

LEGISLATING FOR BROOKLYN.

VETOES BY MAYOR HOWELL—JUSTICE ELLIOTT'S SUCESSOR—THE WATER-WORKS.

Mayor Howell yesterday sent to the Brooklyn Common Council a veto of the resolution for a monument over the unidentified victims of the Brooklyn Theatre fire, at a cost of $1,830. He said that the expenditure of money for such a purpose was inadvisable, and continued: "Hereafter, when the burdens resting upon the living have been in some measure removed, and the condition of the City Treasury warrants such an expenditure, it may be consonant with propriety and an honorable expression of regard for the dead to erect a fitting monument to record our remembrance of an event which occasioned the loss of so many hapless lives. Let us defer this matter for a while and turn our attention to providing things necessary for maintaining the City Government, and for carrying forward the important public enterprises which interest and benefit the living." The Mayor also vetoed the transfer of $10,000 from any available unexpended balances to the account of repairs of streets, declaring that the Common Council had no authority to appropriate or direct the transfer of moneys from one account to another when the appropriation or transfer was in excess of the amount fixed by the Board of Estimate and adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

Justice Charles B. Elliott, who was elected County Clerk in November, submitted his resignation as Justice of the Peace, to take effect December 31. His term does not expire until May 1, 1880. The resignation was accepted, and Alderman Thomas J. Kenna, who was elected as Mr. Elliott's successor, was appointed to fill the vacancy, Aldermen Stewart and Graham, both Republicans, voting in the negative.

The Committee on Water and Drainage presented an elaborate report of its recent visit to the city's water-works, and recommended that the question of constructing a new reservoir at Ridgewood be referred to the same committee next year, in conjunction with the Mayor and the Board of City Works. The report was laid over for discussion at the next meeting. The same committee reported in favor of adopting the Holly system of steam heating, but this matter was laid on the table.

EMIGRANTS FOR LIBERIA.

The bark Monrovia sailed at 10 a. m. yesterday for Liberia, with forty-eight steerage and five cabin passengers. They were sent under the direction of the American Colonization Society. Emigrants are usually sent from the United States in midwinter and midsummer. These sailing yesterday came principally from North Carolina.

SUCCESS OF THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.

The New-York Exchange for Woman's Work, a society organized for the benefit of needy gentlewomen, opened its rooms less than two years ago, at No. 4 East Twentieth-st., with thirty articles for sale at a commission of ten per cent. Mrs. Wm. Y. Choate was made President, and Mrs. Wm. E. Dodge, Mrs. Jacob Wendell, Mrs. H. H. Anderson vice presidents. The receipts for sales have already amounted to over $20,000, $13,412 of which has been paid to consignors, $5,313 for incidental expenses, leaving a balance in the treasury of over $1,000. A very large order business has been done, besides keeping the rooms stocked with a great variety of beautiful articles for house, toilet and personal adornment. Hundreds of women who have seen better days have made it profitable to send the results of their industries to the Exchange without the slightest publicity.

One branch of this business is the sale of home-made cake, preserves and pickles, large orders coming for them even from England. Some rare old laces, historical china, etc., have been consigned also for sale by persons obliged to part with them, a number coming from the Southern States. The whole house, in which the society at present has only three rooms, is rented from May 1, and many new branches of industry are to be opened. The small commission charged would not pay the expenses of the Exchange. This is done from the subscription of $5 a year of each of its members. Mrs. A. T. Stewart made a gift last year of $500. New subscriptions are solicited.

Prettier and more useful gifts cannot be found for the holidays than at the Woman's Exchange.

ADVANTAGES OF EXPOSITORY SERMONS.

At the regular Monday morning meeting of the Baptist ministers in Murray-st., yesterday, the Rev. T. A. K. Gessler, of Elizabeth, acted as moderator, and the morning essay was contributed by the Rev. Dr. J. M. Stifler, of New-Haven. His subject was "Expository Preaching." He said he had found that when he delivered a series of expository sermons an interest in them rapidly developed. He had never failed to quadruple his congregation before the series was ended. He had noticed that they drew the attention of young people, and even of children and sinners. At the same time a stimulus was given to the sale of the Bible.

Dr. Stifler said he had for a long time in his notebook a sermon which he knew would hit squarely many persons in his congregation, and he hesitated slightly about delivering it. He made the parable of the unjust steward the text of an expository address, which exactly suited his purpose and produced the desired effect, while none of his congregation could blame him because he didn't write the parable. He was asked to repeat this sermon twice, and then had to print it. For a preacher to announce that he intended to preach on love, courtship and marriage, would cause the fools to flock to him and make the pious grieve. But he could preach expository sermons on the Epistle to the Corinthians and there would be no objections. When it was not desirable to preach ordinary sermons attacking worldliness and vanity, the preacher said he delivered expository sermons on the Gospel of James that made the rich howl, but placed the responsibility on James.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR POOR CHILDREN.

The Children's Aid Society, No. 19 East Fourth-st., of which the Rev. Charles L. Brace is secretary, has issued its Christmas appeal for poor children. The circular which has been sent out for the information of those desiring to contribute, says:

The Children's Aid Society acts as the guardian to thousands of these poor little ones. It desires to make a happy Christmas for them, if its friends but send the means. Fifty dollars will give three homeless children a Christmas present of a *home* in the country. Fifty dollars will put shoes on fifty barefooted little ones. One hundred dollars will furnish one hundred children with hot dinners for a month. Small gifts will be gratefully received from those who have not means for larger.

Gifts of provisions and clothing may be sent to the central office in Fourth-st., or will be called for if the addresses of persons desiring to contribute such articles are furnished. Contributions of money may be inclosed to either William A. Booth, president, Third National Bank, No. 20 Nassau-st.; George S. Coe, treasurer, American Exchange Bank, No. 126 Broadway, or to Mr. Brace, at No. 19 East Fourth-st. If checks or post office orders are sent, they should be made payable to the order of George S. Coe, the treasurer.

GIFT TO A HARLEM CHURCH.

The Second Baptist Church of Harlem celebrated its eleventh anniversary on Sunday, and a letter was read from John H. Deane, offering to give the church a piece of ground on which to erect a new edifice at One-hundred-and-eleventh-st. and Lexington-ave. The ground is 68 feet on Lexington-ave. by 100 feet in depth on One-hundred-and-eleventh-st., and it cost Mr. Deane recently $15,000. The conditions imposed on the church are that the property be secured to the denomination for church use for all time, by a mortgage to the association at a nominal interest of $1 a year, the mortgage to be foreclosed when the church shall cease to be used as a regular Baptist house of worship. All that the church is asked to do in the matter is to cancel the $6,700 mortgage now resting on its property, and to the amount received from its sale, the building committee, named in Mr. Deane's letter, will see that an amount will be added necessary to put it in possession of the new property.

A NOTORIOUS SHOPLIFTER PARDONED.

Mary Morris, alias "Black Lena," who has been serving a sentence for shoplifting in the Kings County Penitentiary, was pardoned by Governor Robinson a few days ago. She was arrested in April, 1875, together with Catherine Martin, in Journeay & Burnham's store, in Atlantic-ave., Brooklyn. While in the Raymond Street Jail awaiting trial, they succeeding in escaping, with the assistance of confederates on the outside. In the following December they were recaptured in Boston. They were convicted in Brooklyn and sentenced to the Penitentiary for four years and eight months each. On August 21, 1878, a stay of proceedings was obtained in the case of Mary Morris, and she was admitted to bail. It was not expected that she would be heard of soon again; but about four months ago the Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction, and to the surprise of the keepers of the Penitentiary "Black Lena" returned voluntarily to that institution.

A HOME FOR DESTITUTE BOYS.

The corner-stone of the new Home for Destitute Boys, of which Father Drumgoole is the head, was laid privately yesterday morning at Lafayette-place and Great Jones-st., by Vicar-General Quinn. Cardinal McCloskey, on December 8, had blessed the box, which was deposited in a niche prepared for it in the corner-stone. This box is covered with red silk, and has two hearts raised on the cover. In it are portraits of Pope Leo XIII, the Cardinal Archbishop of New-York, Cardinals Manning, Newman and Howard of England, the Archbishop of Baltimore and the different bishops of the United States, with the name, the diocese, and the date of consecration written on the back of each photograph, together with coins, medals and crosses. The concert which was to have been given on Sunday, by Gilmore's band, has been postponed indefinitely.

SUPPRESSION OF NUISANCES.

The Board of Health received a report yesterday relative to the condition of the Fertilizing Works, at No. 81 Greenwich-st., the removal of which was ordered some time ago. Complaint was made and sustained in the report, that the works were yet in full operation despite the decision of the Board. The discontinuance of the business as a nuisance was peremptorily ordered. Complaint of the filthy condition of shanties in West Fifty-third-st., between Ninth and Tenth-aves., was received and ordered to be investigated. During the week 196 cases of measles were reported in this city, 83 of diphtheria, 51 of scarlet fever, 11 of typhoid fever, and 1 of cerebro spinal meningitis.

SUICIDE OF A GRAVEDIGGER.

Thomas Burns, an eccentric old man who lived in a dilapidated hovel in North Bergen Township, Hudson County, N. J., committed suicide Saturday, and was found bleeding to death on the Hackensack plank-road, near the village of New-Durham. He was a gravedigger by occupation, and was supposed to be crazy. On Friday he suffered from an attack of delirium tremens, and at night wandered out across the fields dressed only in his night-shirt. Saturday he was found lying in a pool of blood on the road. His body and limbs were hacked and cut with a grass-cutter which he had found in a field. The poor man died before medical aid could be summoned. He was fifty years of age and unmarried.

STABBED BY AN UNKNOWN MAN.

Daniel McDermott, of No. 19 Albany-st., while in Greenwich-st. early yesterday morning, was stabbed in the side by an unknown man, who made his escape. McDermott's wounds were dressed at the Chambers Street Hospital.

"Does he know anything?" anxiously inquired a friend, bending over the body of the man who had just fallen from the roof of a house. "Don't know, I'm sure," the physician replied. "He never did know anything, but you can't tell what effect the fall may have had upon him until he regains consciousness."

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Metropolitan Hotel—The Hon. Ellis H. Roberts, of Utica ..... *Brevoort House*—Victor Drummond, of the British Legation at Washington, and George F. Hooper of Sonoma, Cal..... *Windsor Hotel*—Attorney-General Augustus Schoonmaker; Henry A. Tilden, of New-Lebanon, N. Y., and Hamilton A. Hill, of Boston..... *St. James Hotel*—Senator E. G. Halbert, of Binghamton, N. Y.; Assemblyman Charles S. Baker, of Rochester; Curtis Guild, of Boston, and William L. Scott, of Erie, Penn..... *Everett House*—United States District Attorney Calvin G. Child, of Connecticut..... *Grand Central Hotel*—General Allan Rutherford of Washington..... *Sturtevant House*—Ex-Comptroller Salmon Sondy, of Oxford, N. Y., and Surgeon Edward Kershner, U. S. N..... *Hotel Brunswick*—State Engineer Horatio Seymour, jr..... *Gilsey House*—Samuel M. Shoemaker, of Baltimore.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The shipcaulkers did not go on strike yesterday as was expected.

Since Saturday, 972 steerage passengers have arrived in this city.

The University Singers, of New-Orleans, will give a concert at Association Hall this evening.

Anchored vessels blockaded the river in front of the Hoboken Ferry yesterday to the annoyance of the passengers and pilots.

As the bark Agnes was passing Quarantine yesterday, she dragged the anchor of the bark Hypatia, and carried away her jibboom.

William Rooney, age twelve years, of No. 351 East Thirtieth-st., and John Coine, age eleven years, of No. 314 First-st., Williamsburgh, were reported to the police yesterday as missing.

F. G. Sihler will lecture this evening on "Plato's Use of Myths" before the American Philological Society, in the chapel of the University of the City of New-York, in Washington-square.

The passengers on the steamship Germanic, which left this port November 22, at their Thanksgiving dinner aboard ship took up a collection of $154 88, which has been given to the Five Points Mission toward making a cherry Christmas for the children.

The Staten Island Railway Ferry will hereafter omit the 8 p. m. trip to and from the Island on week days, and not the 10 p. m. trip from the Battery, as a TRIBUNE reporter was incorrectly informed by an officer of the ferry on Sunday.

The twenty-first anniversary and graduating exercises of Packard's Business College will be held at the college rooms, No. 805 Broadway, to-morrow evening. The occasion is intended as, in some sort, a recognition of the coming of age of the institution.

As the Staten Island ferry-boat Westfield was approaching her slip on the 6 p. m. trip yesterday she ran into one of the Brooklyn Annex ferry-boats. The annex received considerable damage to her side, and the Westfield was injured in the bow and had the rudder-pin carried away.

A little old woman dressed in old-fashioned garments, and evidently crazy, attracted a great deal of attention in the Post Office yesterday noon as she paced back and forth gesticulating violently and talking to herself in a loud voice about a large sum of money and a fancied possible insult.

The health authorities were informed yesterday by telegraph that the schooner C. C. Lane, on the way for New-York from Georgetown, has a small-pox patient aboard. The police on the steamboat Seneca were charged with the duty of looking out for the schooner and preventing his landing.

The Young Men's Democratic Club met last evening at No. 21 West Twenty-fourth-st. Some doubt having arisen as to the legality of the election of Frederic P. Olcott as president, and of other officers, a committee was appointed to investigate the subject and report at a meeting next Monday evening.

An interesting sketch, by William Elliott Griffis, giving the history of a "Bit of Old Satsuma," has been issued in a neat little pamphlet by Messrs. Gilman, Collamore & Co., of Union-square. The pamphlet is handsomely printed and contains fine illustrations of a Japanese pottery and of some pieces of Satsuma ware.

An unknown man, about fifty years old, with sandy hair, turning gray, and dressed in a gray suit, was found sick at Twenty-third-st. and First-ave. yesterday afternoon. A policeman took him to Bellevue Hospital, three blocks away, but before they reached it the stranger died. His body lies in the Morgue awaiting identification.

A man named Studwich, of No. 557 West Fifty-ninth-st., an Austrian, and one of the strikers at the Vanderbilt grain elevators at the foot of West Sixty-fourth-st., was committed at the Yorkville Police Court yesterday to await the result of injuries inflicted by him and another striker on John Baker, one of the men who has taken the strikers' place. Baker has sustained probably fatal injuries about the chest and head, having been brutally kicked.

Coroners-elect J. H. Brady, G. H. Hermann and T. C. Knox met yesterday to organize for work. The Board, after January 1, will consist of these gentlemen and Moritz Ellinger, at present in office. An election of deputies resulted in the following choices: Deputy to Coroner Brady, Dr. M. G. Reefie; Coroner Hermann, Dr. M. W. Waterman; Coroner Knox, Dr. Philip E. Doulin. John T. Toal was chosen clerk to the Board. He has held the office for many years.

The New-York Flower Mission wishes to trim all the charity hospitals of the city for Christmas, and also to send something bright and cheering to several hundred sick poor persons in tenement-houses. The rooms at No. 239 Fourth-ave. will be open on Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20. Gifts of evergreens of all kinds, leaves, grasses, berries, Christmas cards, jellies, and especially fruit will be most acceptable. Any ladies willing to assist in making up decorations will be cordially welcomed at that time.

The principal topic of conversation on the Produce Exchange yesterday was the result of the vote on Saturday in regard to the cental system. The president of the Exchange informed all the Boards of Trade throughout the country of the result of Saturday's vote, and asked them to cooperate with the New-York Exchange in carrying into effect the use of the system. There is much dissatisfaction among the grain dealers, however, because the action of the Exchange on May 21 in adopting the cental system was not rescinded.

W. R. Whitmore, of Wilson & Whitmore; Frederick De Billier, of Weston & De Billier; A. B. Lounsbery, of R. J. Kimball & Co.; Y. Martinez, of Gargiulo & Co.; Walter Bowne, of H. L. Wolcutt & Co.; A. W. Gray, of Gray, Whipple & Co.; C. A. Macy, jr., of Corlies, Macy & Co.; J. F. Hawley, at the office of R. J. Kimball & Co.; James Barnes, at the office of C. C. Ronmage; W. D. Hubbard, at the office of A. H. Brown & Co., and F. E. Trowbridge have become members of the Stock Exchange. Only four new members now remain to be selected to complete the membership, which is limited to 1,100.

The first of a series of institute meetings of the New-York Sunday School Association, to be held in the Broadway Tabernacle during the Winter, took place last night. The topic was "The Helpful Use of Visible Illustration in Teaching." The Rev. A. F. Schauffler furnished suggestive blackboard outlines of the lesson of December 14, "The Heavenly City." Miss Jennie B. Merrill gave an interesting description of her method of teaching the Bible to young children. F. A. Ferris conducted the exercises. Resolutions were adopted that the International Lesson course had been greatly in advance of any previous plan, taking thousands of schools through portions of the Bible before almost unknown and unstudied.

A special matinee of the "Strategists" will be given at the Broadway Opera House to-morrow, in aid of the Provident Dispensary for Working Women. This is to be established at 42 University-place, exclusively for women, girls and children, the fees to be 25 cents for consultation and medicine and 50 cents for instrumental treatment and medicine. The project suggested itself to Ella A. Jenning, M. D., from her experience in a charitable dispensary, where a number of girls came with 25 cents and asked to be allowed to pay that amount regularly each time they called. The dispensary is to be open evenings. The project has the approval of the Rev. Drs. Ormiston, Bevan, Osgood, Crosby, Collyer, McGlynn, Taylor and Potter, also of Henry Bergh, Mrs. Jonathan Sturgis, Mrs. Russell Sage, Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts, Mrs. Fletcher Harper, jr., and many others. The matinee will be under the auspices of Thurlow Weed, as treasurer, and a committee of ladies, consisting of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and others.

BROOKLYN.

The cars of the Bushwick-ave. and Tompkins-ave. lines have been provided with stoves.

The election of an Alderman in the Eighth Ward will take place to-day. The Republican candidate is David S. Arnott, and the Democratic, James Wier, jr. Two independent candidates are also in the field.

City Clerk William G. Bishop was prostrated by a stroke of paralysis on Friday night, and is believed to be in a very critical condition. He was clerk of the city of Williamsburg, and on its consolidation with Brooklyn was appointed City Clerk. He continued to hold the office until 1862, and was again appointed to it in 1868. He is also stenographer of the Supreme Court.

Eight complainants appeared in Justice Courtney's court yesterday against Mrs. Mary White, who was arrested last week for shoplifting. Her husband, George White, was charged with stealing a coat from Paret & Co., clothiers, of Fulton-st. The hearing was adjourned for one week. The five children of the unfortunate couple have been sent to the Jail as vagrants, and will be committed to some charitable institution.

JERSEY CITY.

Thomas Storms, who was arrested while tearing open letters in the Hawthorn Post Office, was sent to jail yesterday by United States Commissioner Muirheid, of Jersey City.

NEW JERSEY.

SUMMIT.—Benjamin S. Dean, the defaulting Township Collector, paid his fine of $500, with costs, and has been released from jail.

ORANGE.—The Western Union Telephone Exchange has completed the connection of Orange with Newark and New-York by telephone.

HACKENSACK.—Congressman Voorhis did not appear in court yesterday. The report that he was in Hackensack last week is denied by members of his family.

MONTAGUE.—A supposed incendiary fire destroyed a barn containing grain and hay and a horse on Friday night. The loss is estimated at $3,000; partially insured.

MORRISTOWN.—George S. Phillips, "January Searle," a well-known literary character who was supposed to be dead for several years, has been discovered, it is stated, in the Morris Plains Lunatic Asylum.

EAST ORANGE.—William McCullough, of East Orange, who was recently reported to the New-York police as "missing," is said to have been seen recently near his mother's house.....At a recent meeting of the West Orange Township Committee, the treasurer presented the following report for November: Receipts, $15,554 25; disbursements, $15,278 25; balance, $276.

LONG ISLAND.

GLENWOOD.—The Methodist church at Glenwood is announced to be sold under the hammer December 29, a mortgage on the edifice having been foreclosed.

ROCKAWAY.—An election for trustees of the Methodist Church at Rockaway was held recently, but the result was not satisfactory, some of the members alleging that fraud had been practiced. Another election took place.

STATEN ISLAND.

STAPLETON.—One of the two large pontoons built by the Coast Wrecking Company at the dock at Stapleton, was launched yesterday with much difficulty.

HUDSON RIVER TOWNS.

WEST CHESTER.—Louis Baxter, a resident of the town of West Chester, was yesterday appointed by the Board of Supervisors, keeper of the Pelham Bridge, at a salary of $250 per year, being $100 less than the amount heretofore paid.

MOUNT KISCO.—About four years ago Mount Kisco, by an almost unanimous vote of the citizens, was made an incorporated village; but many of the residents in the outskirts of the incorporated territory are dissatisfied with the rate of taxation imposed upon them for improvements, and therefore are clamorous for a curtailment of the incorporated limits, so as to leave them outside.

CHARGES OF SUBORNATION OF PERJURY.

An indictment for subornation of perjury was found in 1878, by a Queens County Grand Jury, against John D. S. O'Brien, of Rockville Centre, L. I. He had purchased a dwelling occupied by Jacob Cock and James Brightman, who left it shortly after it passed into O'Brien's possession. On the evening of March 10, 1877, the dwelling was destroyed by fire. There was an insurance of $2,000 in the Glen Cove Company, but there being suspicions that the fire was of incendiary origin, the company employed a detective, whose report was so unfavorable that the company refused to pay the loss, but did pay it finally. Some months after the fire O'Brien caused the arrest of James Brightman on the charge of burning the building, and at the examination before Justice Loser, John Rhodes, who worked for O'Brien, testified that he saw Brightman leave the building shortly before the fire was discovered. On the cross-examination Rhodes broke down, and confessed that he had testified falsely; that O'Brien had promised him if he would swear against Brightman that he would give him a ton of coal and two barrels of flour. John Rayner, who was also in the employ of O'Brien, gave testimony against Brightman, and afterward confessed that it was false. John Clark, an Englishman, testified that O'Brien offered him $10 and two tons of coal to swear that he saw Brightman leave the building shortly before the fire was discovered.

In November 1878, as stated, O'Brien was indicted at the January term 1879. The District-Attorney proposed to try him, but the main witness, John Clark, was missing.

Clark has now returned to this country, and says that O'Brien made him drunk and sent him away on the steamer Egypt. The District-Attorney proposes to try the indictment against O'Brien at this term of the court. In the civil suit brought against him by Brightman for false imprisonment, the jury gave Brightman $700.

TWO YOUNG LADIES DROWNED.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Dec. 15.—Two young ladies, May Williston, a daughter of Judge Williston and Janie Watt, daughter of Mr. C. C. Watt, shipbuilder, while skating on the river Saturday broke through a weak spot in the ice and were drowned. The bodies were recovered.

Boarder, with an air of appetizing interest, "What's this?" Landlord, complacently, "English mutton." Boarder, innocently, "When did it die?" (Trouble, as the "Tourists" say, "Not too much trouble, but just trouble enough.")—[Burlington Hawk Eye.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
TODAY.

Sun rises..... 7:18 | Sun sets..... 4:34 | Clock slow, 4m. 9s.
Moon sets..... 8:23 | Moon south, 3:09 | Moon's age, 1 day, 3 h. 30 m.

HIGH WATER TO-DAY—A. M.

Sandy Hook.. 9:59 | Gov. Island.. 10:33 | Hell Gate..... ....

HIGH WATER TO-DAY—P. M.

Sandy Hook.. 10:25 | Gov. Island.. 11:05 | Hell Gate..... 0:22

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

FROM GLASGOW—BY STEAMSHIP ANCHORIA.

Reiman, J. H.
Arnot, Mr. and Mrs. Alex.
Gallagher, John
Hardie, A.
Wilson, R.
McGeoumae, the Rev. Henry
Flood, Mary A.
McGlashan, Wm.
McGlashan, Mrs. and child
McGlashan, James
Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew
Courtney, Wm.
McGregor, Catherine
Peacock, Alex. B.
Morrison, Sarah
McNell, Jennie
Hubbard, F. and family
Phelps, Wm. P. and family
Budge, Mrs. B. and children
Horn, Jane
Gibson, S.
Gibson, Jane
Irwine, J.
Nixon, Miss
Nixon, Margaret
Meyer, G.
Solomann, B.
Schneider, Wm.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....DEC. 15.

ARRIVED.

Str City of London (Br), Wilson, Liverpool Nov 29, to W H Thompson & Co.
Str Anchoria (Br), Hedderwick, Glasgow Dec 4 and Moville 5, to Henderson Bros.
Str City of Alexandria, Deaken, Vera Cruz Dec 2, Frontera 3, Campeache 4, Progreso 6, and Havana 11, to F Alexander & Sons.
Str General Whitney, Coleman, New-Orleans 8 days, to Bogert & Morgan.
Str Isaac Bell, Gibbs, Norfolk, to Old Dominion SS Co.
Str Glaucus, Bearse, Boston, to H F Dimock.
Ship Magdelene (Ger), Meyer, Bremen 24 days, with mdse to order; vessel to Watjen, Toel & Co.
Bark Trino (of Halifax), Burns, Antwerp 24 days, with old iron to order; vessel to J F Whitney & Co.
Bark Antwerp (of Windsor, N S), Chambers, Antwerp 17 days, with old iron to order; vessel to J F Whitney & Co.
Bark Hypatia (of St John, N B), Marshall, Rotterdam Nov 21, in ballast to J H Winchester & Co.
Bark Passe Partout (Nor), Neuman, Borsteaux 37 days, in ballast to Benham, Boyesen, Pickering & Co.
Bark Serug (Aust), Passinovich, Trieste 72 days, in ballast to Funch, Edye & Co.
Bark Tri Stin (Aust), Paver, Smyrna 78 days, with licorice root to W G Andrews; vessel to master.
Bark Cato (Nor), Wing, Rotterdam Nov 15, in ballast to Rockman, Gerlich & Co.
Bark Clara Bates, Hollis, of and 4 days from Bermuda, in ballast to A E Tucker.
Bark Antonio Sala, Mitchell, Boston, to J E Ward & Co.
Brig Benjamin Carver, Colson, Perth Amboy, N J, to R P Buck & Co.
Schr Wm B Sheppman, Chamberlain, Charleston 9 days, with lumber to order; vessel to Evans, Bird & Co.
Schr Hugh Ross, Miller, Canning, N S, 11 days, with potatoes to C P Woodworth; vessel to P I Nevius & Son.

WIND—Sunset—At Sandy Hook, fresh, W; clear. At City Island, strong, NW; cloudy.

CLEARED.

Strs Nevada (Br), Rigby, Liverpool, Williams & Guion; New-York City (Br), Evans, Bristol, Arkell Tutts & Co; Chas Townsend Hook (Br), Bradley, London, J S Tucker & Co; Daniel Steinman (Br), De Smet, Antwerp, Funch, Edye & Co; Alvo (Br), Williams, Port-au-Prince, Pim, Forwood & Co; Isaac Bell, Gibbs, West Point, Va, Old Dominion SS Co; Gulf Stream, Ingram, Morehead City, N C, Wm P Clyde & Co; Occoneechee, Reynolds, Baltimore, J S Kreme; Franconia, Mangum, Portland, J F Ames.
Ships Odin (Swed), Nielsen, Queenstown, Falmouth or Plymouth for orders, Funch, Edye & Co; New-World, Hammond, London, Grinnell, Minturn & Co.
Barks Eagles (Aust), Lister, Marseilles, Siccovich & Co; Transatlantic (Nor), Jensen, Arendal, Funch, Edye & Co; Evolesta (Nor), Salvesen, Hamburg, C Tobias & Co; Primo (Ital), Dismero, Santander, Sp, C Tobias & Co; Traveller (Br), Morrill, Ciudad Bolivar, Venz, Geo W Gillett; Medford (Br), Patton, Antwerp, C W Bertaux; Agnes (Ger), Hirdez, Bremen, Watjen, Toel & Co; Celide R (Ital), Sopna, Marseilles, Siccovich & Co; Olustee, Nickerson, Boston, Vernon H Brown & Co; Tommasino (Ital), Cabero, Marseilles, Lauro, Storey & Kearpatic; Rosen (Aust), Anderson, Bordeaux, Rockmann, Oerlich & Co; Nina Seconda (Ita), Gennaro, Queenstown or Falmouth for orders, Benham, Boyesen, Pickering & Co.
Brig John T Ives (Br), McKenzie, Cienfuegos, F F Gerhard.
Schs Admiral Wooley, Brooks, Tampico, Mex, J W Wilson & Co; Helen, Mitchell, Ponce, P R, Brett, Son & Co.

DISASTERS.

LONDON, Dec 15.—Bark Invincible (Br), Capt Martorel, from Pensacola October 2 for Marseilles, has been abandoned at sea. The crew has landed at Cadiz.
BOSTON, Dec 15.—Bark Moldean, Capt Berry, from Java for Singapore, in ballast, to load for Boston, is reported to be ashore near Rhio.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LONDON, Dec 15.—Ship Macduff (Br), Capt Johnston, at Queenstown, from Philadelphia November 14, has landed Capt Call and the crew of the American ship Theo H Allen, from Baltimore for San Francisco, which was abandoned at sea November 22, being dismasted and in a sinking condition. The Theo H Allen sailed from Baltimore June 21, and put back to New-York October 9 in distress; repaired and sailed again November 16.
Bark Excelsior, Capt Hansen, from Baltimore for San Sebastian, has put into Falmouth damaged.
Bark Francesco Averono (Ital), Capt Geriola, from New-York October 27 for Queenstown, has put into Fayal leaky. She jettisoned part of her cargo.
Str Liddesdale, from New-Orleans for Reval, has arrived at Shields with her machinery damaged.

FOREIGN PORTS.

LONDON, Dec 15.—Arr strs Bedouin and Mildred, both from Montreal and Quebec, and Rathmore, from Baltimore; arr at Liverpool, strs Albania, from New-York, and Ben Cruachan and Teutonia, both from New-Orleans; arr at Bremen, str Hartville, from Charleston; arr at Gibraltar the 7th inst, str Powhatan, from New-York; arr at Hull, str Lepanto, from Boston; arr at Falmouth, str Lady Lycett, from Norfolk.
LIVERPOOL, Dec 15.—Arr str Palestine, from Boston; arr the 13th inst, str Malta, from New-York.
Sailed the 14th inst, str Massachusetts, for Boston.
QUEENSTOWN, Dec 15.—Sailed the 14th inst, str Germanic, for New-York; was detained from sailing the 13th on account of fog.
GLASGOW, Dec 15.—Arr strs Circassia and State of Nevada, both from New-York; arr 14th inst, str State of Alabama, from New-York.
Sailed from Larne, str State of Pennsylvania for New-York.
LONDON, Dec 15.—Sailed 5th inst, Robert Potter, from Singapore; for New-York; 13th inst, Fanny Atkinson, for Pensacola; W B Herrick, for New-Orleans; Gunare (Capt Adams), for Philadelphia; Edina, Liberias; 14th inst, Hiawatha, River Clyde, Patriot Queen, the latter for Dorey; Freir, the latter from Plymouth for New-York; 15th inst, J E Sutherqreen, for Savannah; Ismacie, Ingleside, last two for Baltimore; Wissinoff, Cornelius Grinnell, Mary Fraser.
Arr 7th inst, Troy, Ulrika; 13th inst, Emma Ives, Anna (Capt Nielsen), Romo, Loch Fergus, Don Enrique, Wawalenell, the latter off Crookhaven; Saldaw, off the Lizard; Amaranth (Capt Torjessen), D H Morris, Whitehall; 14th inst, Adolf, all off Scilly; Kate Carale, at Queenstown, leaky; Northumbria, damaged; Nancy Holt, Eastern Light, Penobscot, S W Merriam, Unkel Brassig, Sockanmerin, Mary Hogarth,