LOCAL MISCELLANY.

WOMEN AS SCHOOL OFFICERS.

VACANCIES WHICH THEY MAY FILL ACCORDING TO THE NEW LAW.

The terms of office of seven Commissioners of the Board of Education and eight Inspectors of Schools will expire at the end of the year. The retiring Commissioners are Stephen A. Walker, president of the Board, David Wetmore, Henry P. West, Ferdinand Traud, B. F. Watson, Edward C. Donnelly, and Benjamin F. Manierre; the Inspectors who will go out of office are Dennis Keenan, Dr. A. S. Hunter, W. H. Gray, Henry Allen, Richard A. Cunningham, B. B. Atterbury, P. F. Mangin, and T. H. Faile, jr. All these vacancies will be filled by Mayor Cooper. Since the last appointments were made an act has been passed by the Legislature by which the Mayor has the privilege of appointing women to fill the vacancies. The act reads as follows:

SECTION 1. No person shall be deemed to be ineligible to serve as any school officer or to vote at any school meeting by reason of sex who has the other qualifications required by law.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Several of the Commissioners of the Board of Education recently stated that there was no doubt that the act affected the school system in this city, and that the Mayor had the power to appoint women as Commissioners and Inspectors. Mayor Cooper was asked a few days ago if he intended to avail himself of the privilege, but he replied that he was not in the habit of telling in advance what appointments he would make.

In addition to the above-named school officers, the term of office of one trustee in each of the twenty-four Wards will also expire. These appointments are made by the Committee on Nomination of Trustees, which consists of Commissioners Kelly, Beardslee, Moriarty, West, Wickham, Stone, Watson, Wetmore, and Traud. These Commissioners also have the privilege, according to the new law, of naming women as trustees to fill the vacancies in the different Wards. The nominations of the trustees must be confirmed by the Board of Education. According to the law, therefore, at present, women may receive the appointments to any of the thirty-nine vacancies which will exist at the close of the year in the educational system in this city.

JUMPING FROM THE RAILS.

AN ACCIDENT IN HOBOKEN BY WHICH AN ENGINEER WAS KILLED.

As a heavily loaded coal train on the Morris and Essex Division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad was running into the yard at Hoboken, early yesterday morning, the engine and several of the cars jumped from the rails and ran over the ties. The fireman leaped off and was hurt by being thrown on his head. Peter Cavanaugh, the engineer, remained at his post until he had reversed the lever of the engine, when he too sprang out of the cab. Just as his feet struck the ground, the coal cars fell upon him, crushing him to the ground with great force. The coal was scattered in all directions, and the cars were broken up and crushed. A gang of workmen soon removed the wrecked cars from the body of Cavanaugh, which was badly crushed and disfigured. It was taken to Crane's Morgue, in Washington-st., Hoboken, by order of Coroner Wiggins, who will hold the inquest. The dead engineer lived at Port Morris, N. J. He was highly esteemed by the officers of the railroad company. His family consists of a wife and five small children.

The cause of the accident is not known, as the switch near the scene of the disaster was in its proper position when the train left the rails. It is believed that the train was running at too high a rate of speed around a sharp curve. "It was a strange accident," said the superintendent, "and we cannot say who was responsible for it. It will be thoroughly investigated."

THE HONEY SUPPLY OF THE CITY.

The New-York trade in honey is increasing yearly and the western part of this State furnishes a large supply. White clover honey is considered the best. California furnishes the finest American honey, as it also furnishes a larger quantity than any other part of the world. Large tracts of land are covered with a dense growth of white clover for the bees. A considerable amount of wild honey comes from Virginia. Honey in the original comb is preferred by many persons, as there is a greater certainty of getting it pure than when it is bought already strained. Various substances are introduced into honey to add to its weight or to improve its color. Starch is most commonly employed, but chalk, plaster of Paris, and pipe clay are also used. The presence of such matters may be ascertained by dissolving honey in warm water and letting the mixture stand, when the character of the precipitate may be easily ascertained. Grape sugar and other ingredients are also used, but they can all be detected. There is no doubt that a far larger trade in honey could be done if these adulterations were not so extensively practised.

Last year the best honey was worth from 24 to 25 cents a pound, while the wholesale price this year has ranged from 16 to 20 cents. Several houses had a good export trade in honey last year, and with increased facilities still more may be done.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS FROM WRECKS.

The only additional news received yesterday in this city in relation to the wreck of the steamboat Rhode Island was a dispatch from President Babcock stating that the forward part of the boat had gone to pieces and all the freight forward of the engine room was lost. The after part of the boat still remained intact, and it was thought probable that a considerable portion of the freight on the decks will be saved. The boat would probably be a total loss, but the machinery would be saved. President Babcock is expected to return to the city to-day.

The Dutch bark Samarang, which was sunk by collision with the White Star steamship Germanic Sunday off Sandy Hook, remained on mid-channel bar yesterday, and was lying well over on the port side. The Coast Wrecking Company sent a vessel, pumps, and wrecking material alongside the Samarang yesterday, and will begin the work of raising the vessel this morning. The cargo, consisting of 59,300 bushels of corn, was insured in the Sun and Orient Marine Insurance Companies, and the vessel, valued at about $50,000, is insured in Bremen.

The American ship Charles H. Marshall arrived from Flushing, Belgium, yesterday. On October 29, off Eddystone Light, the chief officer, Maurice M. Gorman, while securing the anchor on the bow, fell overboard and was drowned.

THE ASSAILANT OF SISTER GERTRUDE.

Thomas Stanton, who shot Sister Gertrude Verena, of the St. John Baptist House, Sunday morning, was taken yesterday morning from the Twenty-second Street Station to the Yorkville Police Court. When he was removed from his cell, Stanton preserved his indifferent manner, and conversed freely with the police upon the subject of his crime. He said that he bought his revolver at Leeds, England, expressly to kill witches with. From his statements it appeared that he believed Sister Gertrude to be a Roman Catholic Sister of Charity. He said that witches have repeatedly informed him that the Sisters were following him and speaking ill of him. He got tired of this species of persecution, and made up his mind to put an end to it. He reiterated the statement which he made Sunday that he did not intend to kill Sister Gertrude.

Stanton was arraigned before Justice Bixby, at the Police Court. His manner was quiet and composed. A certificate from Dr. S. E. Morris was presented to the effect that the wounded woman was in no immediate danger. Stanton was committed without bail to await further examination.

Numerous inquiries yesterday made at the St. John Baptist House regarding the injured woman's condition were met with the statement that "Sister Gertrude is doing nicely."

GENERAL WARREN AT FIVE FORKS.

Two witnesses testified before the Warren Court of Inquiry yesterday in regard to General Warren's position on the field at the close of the battle. General Henry C. Bankhead, who was Acjutant-General of the Fifth Corps, said that he was with General Warren a short time before he received his order of relief from General Sheridan. At that time General Warren was at the west side of the Gilliam field. General Warren dispatched the witness to General Sheridan to report the condition of affairs and to get further instructions. General Sheridan, whom he found near Five Forks, told him that he had already sent instructions to General Warren by an aide-de-camp. When the witness again met General Warren, a few moments later, he had been relieved from command.

Controller James W. Wadsworth, who was on General Warren's staff, said that he was sent by General Warren to General Griffin, urging him to quicken his movement. The witness said that when he returned he came by the Ford road, and then went in a direction that took him west of Five Forks. Here he fell in with General Warren.

The court adjourned until 11 a. m. to-day.

CONCEALING CASES OF SMALL-POX.

An alarming outbreak of small-pox was discovered in Brooklyn Sunday, the disease having been concealed for three weeks in a house, No. 56, Flatbush-ave. The family of Frederick Krafts occupies the third floor. It includes six children. October 16, the eldest, Charles, age nineteen, who was employed in this city went home sick. His parents decided that he had the small-pox, but determined to call no physician and conceal the fact in order to escape trouble. But on November 3 a daughter, Minnie, age eleven, was taken sick, and the following day two younger children also. Then a physician was called, who informed the Board of Health of the fact that four persons had the disease. Yesterday morning the youngest child, age four, died. The body was promptly buried and the sick persons were removed in the contagious diseases ambulance to the Small-Pox Hospital in Flatbush. The house was thoroughly fumigated and disinfected, and the occupants will be quarantined. Two other families besides the Krafts occupy the remaining floors. The child which died had not been vaccinated, and the others which suffered most severely had ill-defined marks of vaccination. The health authorities yesterday vaccinated all the children in the neighborhood of the house where the disease appeared.

No new cases of small-pox have been reported at High Bridge since the removal of two cases to Blackwell's Island, a fortnight ago. A physician connected with the Health Department has repeatedly visited the neighborhood recently and vaccinated every person not previously protected against the disease.

The small-pox is prevailing in San Francisco. The Health Department of this city yesterday shipped nearly three hundred points of virus for vaccination to one firm at the Golden Gate.

IMMIGRANTS AT CASTLE GARDEN.

EIGHT STEAMSHIPS LAND 3,039 IMMIGRANTS IN ONE DAY—NEARLY ALL NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED—UNPRECEDENTED IMMIGRATION AND DEPRECIATED FUNDS.

The one thing that struck the visitor at Castle Garden yesterday was the picturesque appearance of the 3,039 immigrants who were landed from the eight steamships which arrived from Europe Sunday night and yesterday. The costumes which they wore made it a very easy matter to distinguish the several nationalities that were represented. There were English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh, German, Dutch, Swedes, Norwegians, Poles, Italians and Russians. The Vandalia, from Hamburg, landed 522; the City of Richmond, from Liverpool, 499; the Arizona, from Liverpool, 477; the Vaderland, from Antwerp, 459; the Castalia, from Gibraltar, 445 (all Italians); the England, from Liverpool, 308; the Scandam, from Rotterdam, 260; and the Alsatia, from London, 69. The total number of immigrants who have arrived thus far this year is above 290,000, and it is estimated by Superintendent Jackson that the immigration this year will exceed that of any previous year in the history of the country. The largest record of immigration was in 1854, when the arrivals were 319,000.

Most of the Germans who arrived yesterday were in families of the laboring classes, and of meagre means. Having reaped the home harvests, and employment being scarce, they now seek agricultural pursuits in the West. They represent the strong, robust people, and with the close-fitting caps and long coats of the man, the short and heavily quilted skirts of the women, reaching to the knees only, and their long leathern boots and wooden shoes and other peculiarities of dress, their appearance was decidedly picturesque and interesting. Mr. Jackson says that persons in want of farm laborers have never had a better opportunity than the present for securing them. The Germans are not demonstrative in meeting their friends, the only greeting being a hearty hand-shaking, and sometimes a solemnly administered kiss on the cheek and an explosive "S."

Most of the Italians who arrived on the Castalia were dirty and untidy. Some of them, however, were dressed nearly—the men in long stockings, velvet knee-breeches, embroidered waistcoats, short cloaks and cone-shaped hats, and the women with bright-striped petticoats, sometimes ornamented with strips of gold or silver lace. The women generally were pretty, and had finely developed, handsome forms. The Italians seemed to have no destination beyond this city.

The English-speaking immigrants were generally clad in the same style of garments, but the peasant costumes of the Russians and the Poles attracted attention, although some of those from the most northern latitudes were dressed in sheepskin trousers and coats.

In the opinion of the Commissioners of Emigration fully 60 per cent of all the immigrants who have arrived this year have been of the most valuable class for the material development of the country. They are generally healthy and able-bodied, and comparatively few have any other purpose than agricultural pursuits. Most of the immigrants have very little means, and it is estimated that on the average 200 are daily given meals at the expense of the immigration fund appropriated by the State. Many are also provided with food for the remainder of their journey. One woman with four children, on her way to Missouri, simply made application for breakfast for her family yesterday, but as she did not have means for support during her journey she was supplied with sufficient food for the purpose. The large immigration has also made the usual annual State appropriation of $150,000 (in previous years it has been $200,000) insufficient to meet the demands for the entire year, and the Commissioners will be obliged to ask for an additional appropriation.

AN INSANE BEGGAR'S HALLUCINATION.

Officer Chapman, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, took before Justice Wandell, at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday a wretchedly clad man, who he had found imploring alms at Madison-ave. and Twenty-eighth-st. The man said that he was the Lord, and that he was begging for his disciples. He had a string of beads and a cross about his neck. Around his waist were nearly six yards of telegraph wire, and in his pockets were four pipes, a knife, several potatoes, pieces of coal, needles, thread, and other articles. While the officer was bringing him to the court the prisoner struck a young man across the face for staring at him, and at Sixth-ave. and Thirteenth-st. he brought down the short cane that he carried upon the head of a man who was talking with a young woman. Justice Wandell committed him to the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, and on the way to the City Prison, the prisoner gave another man, who was talking with a girl on the street, a sharp blow over the head before the officer could prevent him. He declared then the man was the devil talking to an angel. Efforts were made to take away his cane, but he resisted with the fury of a madman, declaring that he would not stir a step without his "staff," as he called it. After much difficulty the lunatic was lodged in a cell in the Tombs.

A CHICAGO EMBEZZLER ARRESTED.

George S. Marsh, a collector and bookkeeper for the firm of Herbert Spencer & Co., doing business at Wabash-ave. and Lake-st., Chicago, fled from that city about ten days ago. His employers ascertained that he had collected bills amounting to over $3,000, and immediately had a description of Marsh sent over the country. This description arrived in New-York Saturday evening, and Sunday night, about 7 o'clock, Detectives Maloney and Rogers arrested Marsh in Union-square. He was arraigned before Justice Morgan, in the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday morning, and the Justice committed him to await the arrival of Officer Haynes, of the Chicago police, who will procure extradition papers.

MR. DOCHARTY'S APPOINTMENTS.

Augustus T. Docharty, Register-elect, was asked yesterday by a reporter of THE TRIBUNE if there was any truth in the rumor that he intended to appoint Coroner Richard Croker as Deputy Register. He replied: "I cannot yet make public my appointments. Of one thing you may be certain, I shall appoint no one Deputy Register who is not capable of running the office in my temporary absence as well as I can do it myself. And all my appointments and my mode of management will be, I am convinced, a credit to myself and satisfactory to the public. I know the office thoroughly, and what the public has a right to expect."

ACCEPTING A FRIENDLY PROPOSITION.

The Board of Directors of the Maritime Association of the Port of New-York held its monthly meeting yesterday. The rules for the delivery and receipt of Southern pine cargoes, published heretofore, were adopted as the rules of the association, and W. H. Van Brunt, S. Gildersleeve, George H. Southard, Isaac Eppinger and W. D. W. Miller were appointed the committee on that trade. It was decided to accept the proposition of the Produce Exchange to furnish accommodations to the association in its new building in Beaver-st., and to remove the Maritime Exchange thither upon the completion of the building.

TROUBLE IN THE TABERNACLE.

Three of the trustees of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, Henry P. Kirkham, James H. Smith and S. H. Frankenberg, have resigned their office. They composed the Nominating Committee, and named B. R. Corwin, H. A. Tucker and J. R. Wilmarth to fill the vacancies in the Board occurring October 31. They claim that the pastor, Mr. Talmage, gave them to understand that he would observe a neutrality in the matter of electing trustees. Mr. Talmage afterward issued a circular to pew-owners, opposing the election of Major Corwin, and on account of this the three trustees named above offer their resignations, saying that they have no desire to serve to the end of their terms.

BURGLARS TAKING THEIR LEISURE.

Burglars broke into the jewelry store of Meyrowitz Brothers at No. 297 Fourth-ave. night before last, and stole goods valued by the proprietors at $1,900. They made their way into the adjoining picture frame store of A. Freyrang by means of false keys, and leisurely broke a hole through the wall into a closet in the opticians' store. The stolen goods were in show cases, and consisted of 109 opera glasses, valued at $1,500, and gold spectacles and eye-glasses worth $400. The thieves broke open the cash drawer, but found only $1.

SENTENCED FOR PENSION FRAUDS.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 8.—Judge Morris has sentenced Dr. Sydney D. Grant, Michael Ward, alias Thomas Callahan, and William Owens, alias William Stafford, for falsely swearing that Owens was entitled to an additional pension. Dr. Grant was sentenced to pay $1,000 fine, and to be imprisoned in the penitentiary for three years. Owens and Ward were each sentenced to pay $1,000 fine, and to be imprisoned in the penitentiary one year.

Said a Democrat, who is a produce dealer, this forenoon: "I notice that apples, since the election of Garfield, are just as wormy as they were before." "And the Democrats are more so," was the quick response.—[Boston Traveller.

An excited old gentleman, upon the receipt of the Republican victories, shouted to a neighbor: "Where's your Democratic party now?" The reply was: "Gone to h—l." A good old Methodist brother quietly remarked: "Home at last."—[Allegheny Mail.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—General W. S. Harney, U. S. A.; David A. Wells, of Norwich, Conn.; the Hon. L. S. Huntington, of Montreal; Senator E. G. Halbert, of Binghamton, N. Y., and Thomas Nickerson, of Boston.....*Grand Central Hotel*—Ex-Governor Andrew G. Curtin, of Pennsylvania.....*Sherbourne House*—Ex-Congressman William Loughridge, of Iowa.....*Brevoort House*—Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia, and Pay Director John S. Guitck, U. S. N.....*Hoffman House*—Insurance Commissioner Julius L. Clarke, of Boston.....*Grand Central Hotel*—Congressman-elect George West, of Ballston, N. Y.....*Gilsey House*—Alfred Gaither, of Cincinnati.....*Windsor Hotel*—Henry G. Parker, of Boston.....*St. Nicholas Hotel*—The Hon. E. B. Morgan, of Aurora, N. Y.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Wide white linen collars are again in favor.

Quinces are unusually fine and cheap this year.

Pigs and elephants are the latest designs in men's scarf-pins.

Many of the walks in Central Park are being repaved with asphalt.

Many bridges in the annexed wards are in a tumble-down condition.

Little girls wear peasant dresses made like those so popular with ladies.

New cloaks have wide collars and cuffs made of plush of the same shade as the cloth.

The work upon the Cardinal's house, in the rear of the cathedral, is rapidly progressing.

The dry docks of the East River have never been in so great demand as during this season.

The question that now agitates the small boy is how many chestnuts he can buy with a penny.

Economy in oil is a disagreeable feature of the commission trains on the New-York Elevated Road.

The proposed introduction of hansom cabs in New York City finds little approval among livery stable keepers.

Magdalena Petersdotter, an immigrant woman, age seventy-three, fell dead yesterday at Castle Garden, five minutes after landing from the City of Richmond.

METHOD OF CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

The principal topic presented at the weekly meeting of the Baptist Ministers' Conference yesterday was a paper by Dr. J. F. Elder on the best plan for securing the largest contributions for church expenses and benevolent objects.

LOTTERY TICKETS TO BE RETURNED.

The Corporation Counsel advised the Police Commissioners, yesterday, that all lottery tickets taken from the firm of Shipsey & Co., some time ago, should be returned with the stipulation that they were not to be used at any drawing.

ADVANCE IN BREADSTUFFS.

The breadstuffs market met with an advance yesterday from various causes. Wheat was a ½cent a bushel higher, with a speculative demand; corn was from 1 to 2 cents higher, with a light supply and a moderate demand; oats were a ½ cent higher, with a steady market.

BIBLE REVISION.

The American Committee of Bible Revision announces that only those editions of the new revision, including the marginal renderings, which are published or approved by the University presses of England will be recognized as the authorized editions.

A BODY IDENTIFIED.

The body found Sunday in the sewer excavation in Fifth-ave., between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth-sts., was identified yesterday as that of Thomas Boyle, who was employed by Howard S. Ingersoll, a manufacturer of rubber stamps, at No. 9 Barclay-st. Boyle solicited orders for rubber stamps, and Thursday afternoon visited the manufactory in Barclay-st. to get some stamps which he had previously ordered.

RESULT OF A STREET BRAWL.

Charles Siecomeyer, age twenty, was committed to the Tombs yesterday, by the Coroner, charged with the murder of Henry Christman on election night. Christman endeavored to prevent the depredations of a band of ruffians who were making a bonfire, and in the scuffle he was struck down with a club. Siecomeyer, who is well known to the police, admits striking him, but claims that he acted in self-defence.

BROOKLYN.

Thirty-seven pigeons, valued at $325, were stolen from a coop in the rear of No. 230 South Third-st. yesterday. They belonged to Caspar Spiess.

The new Grand Jury was impanelled in the Court of Over and Terminer yesterday. The foreman is George M. Olcott, an importer, of No. 38 Grace-court.

On account of the great increase in the deaths from diphtheria in Brooklyn, a resolution was introduced in the meeting of the Board of Aldermen yesterday directing the Board of Health to clean all sewers and streets. It was referred to the Health Committee.

The police are trying to find Mrs. Lillie Glide, of No. 151 Prospect-ave., the wife of Henry J. Glide. She has been married for about three months, and her family relations are said to have been happy. She was last seen on October 11, when she left home to do some shopping.

An effort is making to secure the consent of property-owners in Fulton-st. to the building of the structure for the Kings County Elevated Railway Company, of which Judge Bond is president. The attempt to secure the consent by a commission appointed by the Supreme Court last year was a failure.

A horse and wagon, owned and driven by John Ginsing, of No. 351 Throop-ave., was struck by the locomotive engine of a train of cars on the Long Island Railroad in Atlantic-ave. at the crossing in New-York-ave. yesterday morning. The horse was killed, and the wagon was broken into small fragments. The driver was unhurt. His loss was $600.

A woman claiming to be Mrs. Heiler, wife of William Heiler, of No. 242 Scholes-st., applied to the police yesterday for protection in entering her husband's house. She said that she married Heiler eight years ago and lived with him until four months ago, when she went to Germany on a visit. On her return on Sunday her husband refused her admittance to his house. She desired to get her personal property, and if her husband refused to recognize her to secure maintenance from him.

JERSEY CITY.

A colored man who gave his name as William Edwards, age twenty, and living in this city, was arrested at 4 a. m. in Montgomery-st. by Officer Neibank for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The prisoner offered to give his captor a fine gold watch and chain if he would release him. The offer was refused and the prisoner was taken to the station, where he was searched. In one of the pockets of his coat was a silk handkerchief in which was found a gold watch and chain, three valuable finger rings, a pair of earrings, a pair of bracelets and a necklace. Chief of Police Murphy had the man held on suspicion of robbery.

NEW-JERSEY.

PATERSON.—The annual joint parade of the Police and Fire Departments of Paterson took place yesterday.

HOBOKEN.—Solomon Reynolds, age twelve, of Eighteenth-st., Hoboken, died at 1 a. m. yesterday, in St. Mary's Hospital, of injuries received Saturday afternoon by falling under a train of cars while picking up coal.

NEWARK.

Hilbert Babruth and his wife Mary have been separated for some years. The husband has lived in New-York, and the wife in South Orange-ave. They have a daughter, three years old, named Amelia, who has been in the care of the mother. On Sunday, Babruth, it is stated, drove up to the house of the wife in a buggy. He was accompanied by a man, who engaged the attention of the mother while Babruth seized the child, put her in the buggy and drove off. Mrs. Babruth hastened to Police Headquarters and informed Chief of Police Meldrum of the circumstances. The Chief telegraphed to Jersey City to intercept Babruth, but the latter was not captured.

A reception will be given to Colonel W. H. Gilder and Lieutenant Schwatka, of the Franklin search party, Thursday night, by the press and citizens of Newark.

HUDSON RIVER TOWNS.

PORT CHESTER.—Francis T. Quindlz, alias William L. Baker, who was arrested in Port Chester Friday on a charge of having forged the name of a Mr. Henderson, a butcher of that village, to a check for $56, was yesterday sent to the State Reformatory at Elmira, from which he had only a short time been released on parole. He had been sent to the Reformatory for the commission of a crime in Buffalo. Having violated his parole by the forgery at Port Chester, he will have to serve his full term of service and then be returned to Westchester County to be tried for his last offence.

WHITE PLAINS.—The Supervisors of Westchester County convened in the Court House at White Plains yesterday to hold their regular annual session. David Quackenbush, of East Chester (Dem.), was made chairman, and J. Malcolm Smith (Dem.), clerk.

LONG ISLAND.

JERUSALEM.—An attempt was made Sunday night by unknown persons to burn the dwelling house of John C. Riker, a farmer living at Jerusalem Station, by setting fire to an out-door kitchen, which is attached to the main building. The fire was discovered by the family after it had gained considerable headway. There is no suspicion as to who started the fire. The family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Riker and their four small children, was asleep in the upper part of the house.

STATEN ISLAND.

STAPLETON.—Within the past week numerous robberies have been committed at Stapleton. The latest was perpetrated Saturday night at the Old Ladies' Home, attached to the Seamen's Retreat. The thief, standing on a step ladder, cut a pane of glass from the window of the apartments of Mrs. Edwards, which enabled him to gain an entrance by unfastening and raising the window. The thief in climbing through aroused the old lady, who shouted: "Whose there?" The thief replied: "Jim"—the name of the gardener of the institution. The old lady, being convinced that he was not the gardener, shouted for help, when the thief fled, taking with him $4 50, all the pocket money Mrs. Edwards possessed. The police have a clew to the thief, who, it is said, is one of the "Rocky Hollow gang." This gang is believed to have committed the other robberies.

NEW-BRIGHTON.—Extensive improvements are being made at the Sailors' Snug Harbor, New-Brighton. Two large buildings, each 100 feet deep, erected as an addition to the institution, are nearly completed. The institution has now over 700 inmates. The two new buildings will afford accommodation for 500 more. The improvements will cost nearly $100,000.

HIGH PRICES FOR ICE.

ICE COMING FROM SWEDEN AND NORWAY FOR BREWERIES—HOW THE FAILURE OF THE CROP AFFECTED CERTAIN BUSINESS INTERESTS.

During the last three months several vessels have arrived here from Sweden and Norway with ice, and in most instances the cargoes have been consigned to large breweries. Cargoes which have not been consigned directly have been readily disposed of at from $6 to $7 50 a ton. The ice is from fourteen to eighteen inches in thickness, and is as clear and transparent as glass. The total amount which has arrived from these Scandinavian countries has been nearly 30,000 tons, and it has simply taken the place of other ballast which most of the sailing vessels are obliged to have in the absence of general cargoes; hence it has been considered a good paying freight. The demand for ice in New-York has been much greater than the usual demand for ballast, and some vessels were chartered to bring it here at prices more than double that which is paid for ballast. As the loss by melting during the voyage is not more than fifteen or twenty per cent the profit has been considered satisfactory.

The price of ice during the past season has been from four to five times greater than the price of coal, and while there have been a large number of ordinary consumers who have not felt financially able to indulge in the luxury, the excessive heat more than doubled the consumption among those who could afford it; hence the demand was greater than the supply. The reason that the supply was inadequate was because last winter was a poor one for packing ice; the crop was a failure on the Hudson River and Rockland Lake, and the ice men generally tried their best to take advantage of the occasion, and succeeded; they created a fictitious idea of an absolute famine, and while coal was $5 per ton, ice was $20 per ton to the consumer. The Consumers' Ice Company, composed principally of hotel proprietors, and organized in 1871 for the purpose of cheapening ice to consumers, has furnished ice the year through on contracts at between $8 and $10 per ton.

A person connected prominently with the ice market stated a few days ago that the best customers for ice are brewers, hotels, meat-packers and butchers. The summer trade has now dropped off, the butchers use less than formerly, and so do the packers. One brewery has used between 24,000 and 30,000 tons of ice this season, and as much as 10 per ton has been paid by some of the brewers, although in times when ice is plentiful it can be purchased at the wharf at $1 50 per ton. Butchers and packers have paid as much as $14 per ton, and families have had to pay $1 a hundred pounds. The principal source of supply this year has been at the Kennebec River and other points in Maine, about 1,300,000 tons coming from that State; Lake Champlain furnished about 200,000 tons. The crop on the Hudson River was a failure, but about 240,000 tons were left over from last year; and the Rockland Lake supply was a failure. The cost of ice from the Kennebec River, allowing for packing, freight, handling, etc., is about $2 85 to land at New-York, and it costs about $2 a ton to deliver Hudson River ice on the wharf at New-York.

The high prices of ice have had the most effect among the butchers and meat-packers, and have partly destroyed the meat-exporting trade. But inventors have been stimulated to produce devices for refrigeration by which ice is done away with entirely. As these systems may be kept up at sea indefinitely so long as fuel can be obtained, there need be no serious loss or damage from delays, as in the case of the steamship City of Brussels a few months ago, when she broke her shaft and was obliged to make port under sail, thus delaying her voyage several days. She had on board fresh meat to the total value of $30,000, which had to be thrown overboard after the supply of ice was exhausted. The new refrigerating processes furnish dry air at a temperature of about zero, instead of the damp air from ice, which injures the meat, and the refrigerator compartment is kept at the same temperature throughout the voyage without regard to its length. As the ice-box occupies about one-fourth of the space of the refrigerator, under the new refrigerating system much space is saved, the machinery taking much less room than the ice-box. The compartment can also be used for any other kind of animal food, fruit and other perishable articles.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

TO-DAY

Sun rises..... 6 40 | Sun sets..... 4 48 | Clock slow..15m.58s
Moon sets..... morn | Moot south. 6 29 | Moon's age, days. 7

GOOD WATER TODAY—A. M.

Sandy Hook.. 0 58 | Gov. Island.. 1 31 | Hell Gate..... 3 20

GOOD WATER TODAY—P. M.

Sandy Hook.. 1 26 | Gov. Island.. 1 59 | Hell Gate..... 3 45

FROM LIVERPOOL—BY STEAMSHIP GALLIA.

Allen, Miss E	Gillies, Mr and Mrs	Riley, Bishop
Angulo, L	Godfrey, Mrs	Ritchie, Col H
Ayer, Miss L J	Hartmann, P H	and family
and Mrs	Hartt, J H B	Rogers, Miss
Backus, the Rev	Hays, Mrs R	Rood, Miss
Baremore, Mr	Hills, Mrs	Le Roy, Mrs
Barnes, Mr	Hollins, C D	Rubio, B H
Barnard, Miss	and Mrs	Rumbold, Capt
Barron, C E	Hobson, Webb	and family
and family	and family	Ruiter, A
Baskerville, E C	Hutchinson, C H	and Mrs
and Mrs	Huntington, Hon	Salms, Mrs
De Bolier, F	and family	and family
Bennett, D	Hyson, C	Scott, Miss E
Bernheimer, Miss	Ireland, Miss	Sevingston, DeW
Betts, C W	James, S H	and family
Bloed, Miss	and Mrs	Seebel, Mr
Blagne, Mrs	Jones, Miss	Shaw, Dr
two children	King, Miss	and family
Bonn, W B	King, Miss M	Stomms, Mrs L
two children	Kuhn, A	Sculton, Mrs A
Braccioli, J B	Lebayen, Mme	Schneck, Mrs
and family	Lees, Miss	Southmayd, P A
Breese, S B	Lewis, S S	and Misses
and Mrs	Lopez, Senor	Sauder, W E
Brown, Mrs	Lobi, E C	and family
Bushnell, Mrs	and family	Stern, Max
Byers, Mrs	Lyman, R H H	Stone, Miss
Carmichael, A	and Mrs	Talbot, B M
Caton, N W S	Lynde, E	Tappan, I
Chadwick, Mrs	Marsh, Miss	and family
Chisholm, W	Martin, F L	Taylor, J
and family	Mason, S W	and family
Clapp, D	Maxwell, the Hon	Twombley, Mrs A H
and family	McVicar, M	Tuffs, W H
Colins, G L	Meeker, H E	Varick, Miss
Connely, Mrs	and family	Varick, Miss J C
and family	Merced, Miss J	Vinton, F
Corbett, Miss	Merritt, Mrs	Wall, E B
Cowles, G P	Meyer, Dr	and family
Crabbie, Mrs	Meyer, C	Warren, J K
Crawford, W	Morel, E	and family
Cregg, S W	Murphy, S	Waters, Mrs R M
Cunningham, Miss	and Mrs	and Miss
Darling, A B	Myers, A L	Webster, S
and Mrs	and family	and family
Dexter, Miss	Newcombe, Mrs	Wells, Miss S B
Driscoll, Mrs	and Miss	Weed, S
and child	Neumann, D	and wife
Dudley, Miss	O'Brien, P B	Whitlock, J K
Duncan, S B	O'German-Monk-	Wilcox, F P
Duncan, S	house, A	Winterbotham, J H
Dunham, E R	Paige, J W	and Miss
Dunn, Mr	Parsons, Mrs	Woodhouse, C P
Eascott, Mrs	and family	and family
Eldridge, F W	Perkins, Dr	Wormser, E
Elder, M J	Pierce, J E and Mrs	and wife
and Mrs	Pix, C H	Wyld, F
Endicott, W	Provost, Miss	Zaragoza, Senor R
Eins, A R	Provost, Miss B	Peshman, C R
Forbes, S H	Purvis, Miss	Kahn, A
and family	Randel, H	Gooka, F C
Garniner, G	Rawle, Miss	Richards, S
Gay, Miss	and Miss	d'Orly le Prince
Gibson, Mrs	Ross, Miss	Rhodes, Miss
and Miss	Rhodes, W Jr	Gibb, J

HYDROGRAPHIC REPORT.

HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE, CHIEF DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Nov. 6, 1880.

The following is the report of the United States Hydrographic Office for the week ending Saturday, November 6, 1880:

CHARTS CORRECTED DURING THE WEEK.

No. of Chart 545. Title, Batavia Roads. Correction, buoys in outer Roads.

No. of Chart 22. Title, North Atlantic Ocean, sheet 2. Correction, new light vessel in the Would, England, East Coast.

No. of Chart, 290. Title, North Sea. Sheet 1. Same correction.

No. of Chart, 657b. Title, English Channel. Sheet 2. Same correction.

No. of Chart, 657a. Title English Channel. Sheet 1. Correction, light vessel placed off Barrets Rock, South Coast of Ireland.

No. of Chart, 536b. Title, Irish Channel. Sheet 2. Same correction.

No. of Chart, 741. Title, France, West Coast. Sheet 4. Correction, change in lights at Saint Gilles-sur-Vie.

No. of Chart, 668. Title, Marseilles, etc. Correction, compass buoys placed in Endoume road.

No. of Chart, 53. Title, Straits of Sangar, Japan. Correction, beacons in Harbor of Hakodati.

No. of Chart, 189. Title, Hakodati Harbor, Lasso Id, Japan. Same correction.

No. of Chart, 604. Title, Crozet Islands, South Indian Ocean. Correction, East Island.

No. of Chart, 184a. Title, The Archipelago, north part. Correction, Bank off Platanistas.

No. of Chart, 290. Title, North Sea. Sheet 1. Correction, position of Western Sill buoy.

No. of Chart, 669. Title, Marseille. Correction, new light in National Basin and in Maritime Depot Basin.

No. of Chart, 346. Title, Gulf of Naples, etc. Correction, changing position of light on san Vincenzo Mole.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....NOV. 8, 1880.

ARRIVED.

Str Gallia (Br), Cook, Liverpool Oct 30, via Queenstown 31, with mdse and passengers to Vernon H Brown & Co.

Str Weser (Ger), Wiegand, Bremen Oct 27, with mdse and 337 passengers to Oelrichs & Co.

Str Seraglia (Ger), North, Amoy Sept 7, Singapore 16, Port Said Oct 12, Gibraltar 22, Fayal 27, with tea to A A Low, vessel to Seaver Bros.

Str Nereus, Hearse, Boston, with mdse and passengers to H F Dimock.

Ship Florida, Sparks, Sharpness Oct 20 with salt to order, vessel to James W Elwell & Co.

Ship Dauntless, Chester, Liverpool 18 days, with mdse to order, vessel to J D Fish & Co.

Ship Stamboul (of Pictou), McIntosh, Pillau 35 days, with mineral to order, vessel to Scammell Bros.

Ship S B Welles (of St John, N B), Wright, London 23 days, in ballast to J W Parker & Co.

Bark Jonio (Nor), Bache, Leith 24 days, in ballast to C Tobias & Co.

Bark W K Heard (of Yarmouth, N S), Robbins, Pillau Sept 20, with old iron to order, vessel to James W Elwell & Co.

Bark Queen of the Fleet (Br), Wellnitz, Bremen 32 days, with empty barrels to order, vessel to H I Nevins & Co.

Bark Silas C Hall, Rogerio, Gloucester 38 days, in ballast to Austin Baldwin & Co.

Bark Bessie Parker (of St John, N B), Parker, Dunkirk 19 days, in ballast to J W Parker & Co; anchored at Sandy Hook for orders.

Bark Hermes (Nor), Bolsen, Amsterdam 40 days, in ballast to order.

Brig Kodiak, Peters, Brunswick, Ga, 8 days, with lumber to W D Wheelwright; vessel to F Talbot & Co.

Schr Orie M Remington (of Provincetown), Atkins, Cape Haytien 13 days, with logwood to A G Lindess & Co.

SUNSET—WIND—At Sandy Hook, light, WSW, cloudy and hazy offshore. At City Island, light, W, clear.

CLEARED.

Steamers Wisconsin (Br), Bentley, Liverpool, via Queenstown, Williams & Guion; Olympia (Br), Craig, Glasgow, Henderson Bros; Franconia, Mangum, Portland, J F Ames; Hatteras, Long, West Point, Va, Old Dominion SS Co; City of Augusta, Nickerson, Savannah, Geo Yonge; Edmonia (Br), Walker, Charleston, Charles