# LOCAL MISCELLANY.

## WITNESSES AGAINST GENERAL CURTIS.

The trial of General N. M. Curtis was continued yesterday before Judge Benedict, in the United States Circuit Court. Albert Daggett, Jacob M. Patterson, jr., De Witt C. Wheeler and other members of the Republican State Committee were either excused or did not answer when their names were called. Isaac Trimble, an employe in the Appraiser's Office, could not produce his commission, but testified that he was appointed by Collector Smyth. Colonel William A. Jones, a Deputy Collector, said that he received a printed circular last fall asking him to subscribe to the funds of the Republican State Committee. When he got ready to give the money, he took a check for $80 to the rooms of the committee, and gave it to E. M. Johnson. The check was offered in evidence by Assistant District-Attorney Fiero, but its reception was opposed on the ground that the check was mutilated. The witness produced his check-book, and showed the stub of the check which he had given to the committee. It was marked, "*Pro bono publico.*"

"What does that mean?" asked Mr. Fiero.

"For the public good," answered the witness.

"Then you think contributing money for the benefit of the Republican party is for the public good?"

"Certainly I do. I usually indicate in the stubs the purpose for which the checks are drawn. So I wrote in this case *pro bono publico.*"

After considerable argument the check was admitted as evidence.

Colonel Charles Treichel, an auditor in the Custom House, testified that he had intended to contribute $100 last fall to the Republican State Committee, but hesitated on account of the law under which this trial is had. He met General Curtis one day in October, and said that he had been intending to contribute to the State Committee if it were not for the law, which he thought would apply to the giver as well as the receiver of such money. The law was examined by General Curtis and the witness; the former said that he had consulted General Woodford, the United States Attorney, and was prepared to run the risk. The witness then gave the check to General Curtis, and it was afterward returned to him through the bank, with the indorsement of General Curtis.

Mr. Fiero replied to some objections made by the counsel for General Curtis, and argued that the money received by the secretaries of the State Committee was really received by General Curtis, as he was the treasurer of the committee and the others were really his agents. Judge Benedict did not consider the evidence of the agency strong enough, and several of the counts of the indictment were abandoned.

Peter Vogelsang, a messenger in the Custom House, testified that he met General Curtis soon after November 1, and gave him $5 to take to the rooms of the State Committee. He had also sent $5 to the Fifth Avenue Hotel for the committee on October 16. He received receipts for the moneys.

Mr. Fiero offered to enter a nolle prosequi to the indictment as far as it referred to the charges against General Curtis of receiving money from Nathan P. Rice, Richard K. Sanford, Charles Crandall, John R. Herrick, Hart E. Esterbrook and John P. Quackenbush, but the counsel for General Curtis objected, saying that they wanted a verdict of acquittal on those counts. Mr. Fiero said that he had sent for the formal proof of the appointment of some of the witnesses, and the case was adjourned till to-day.

## OPPOSED TO GIVING AWAY FRANCHISES.

Mayor Grace a few days ago wrote to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Railroads asking that the city authorities be given a hearing before any action was taken on the general Street Railroad bill, under provisions of which, it is claimed, certain persons will build a surface railroad along Forty-second-st. and the Boulevard, and another along Broadway and Chambers-st. To-day has been appointed for the hearing. Assistant-Corporation-Counsel Dean will appear for the Mayor, Controller and Corporation Counsel. He will oppose the bill on the ground that it practically gives away valuable franchises which should be a source of revenue to the city.

The Mayor said yesterday: "I am opposed to the passage of the bill now before the Railroad Committee for various reasons, but principally because it provides no safeguards against the seizure of valuable franchises, which might be made a source of great revenue to the city, by a few capitalists who are pressing this bill. If the legislators are made fully aware of the condition of things there can be no reasonable excuse for passing the bill. I have received to-day from Theron R. Butler, president of the Sixth Avenue Surface Railroad, a letter, of which the following is an extract: 'If the right to construct, maintain and operate a street railroad in the City of New-York through Forty-second-st., from river to river, with the proper and customary sidings, switches and turn-tables, be granted and secured by the proper authority to me and my associates, with the privilege of charging 5 cents fare, we will pay into the city treasury as consideration therefor the sum of $250,000; and for the like right, similarly secured, to construct, maintain and operate a street railroad in Chambers-st., in said city, from river to river, with like sidings, switches and turn-tables, with the privilege of charging 5 cents fare, we will pay the sum of $250,000, and for the right to construct, maintain and operate a similar railroad through Broadway, in the City of New-York, from the Battery to Fourteenth-st. and around Union Square, with like switches, sidings and turn-tables, and with the privilege of charging 5 cents fare, we will pay into the city treasury as consideration therefor the sum of $750,000. We will execute any instruments which you may think proper in order to make this offer binding on us. Now, in the face of this offer to the city of $1,250,000, would it be proper to give away these franchises?"

## SELLING THE BENNETT PROPERTY.

The real estate owned jointly by James Gordon Bennett and his sister, Mrs. Jeannette Bell, was sold yesterday in the Exchange Salesroom by Bernard Smyth, under the direction of James Matthews, referee. The sale was for the purpose of dividing the proceeds jointly, and was by order of the Supreme Court, at the request of Mr. Bennett, who appeared as plaintiff in the friendly suit. None of the principals were present. Mr. Bennett was represented by his attorney, John Townshend, and Mrs. Bell by Van Winkle, Candler & Jay, attorneys. There was a large attendance, and the bidding was spirited for some of the property, notably the Fort Washington and the Fulton-st. pieces. All the property was bought by Mr. Bennett's representative.

The following were the prices obtained: A plot of ground, comprising thirteen acres and the large family mansion, fronting on the Fort Washington Ridge Road, $130,000; a plot of eight acres, in the rear of the above, and facing the public drive, $48,000; a plot of six acres, to the east of the Hudson River Railroad and facing the Hudson River in the rear and the public drive in front, $15,000; a plot of twelve acres of irregular outline, fronting on the Fort Washington Ridge-road, and opposite a part of the old family mansion plot, $96,000; a plot of eleven acres, lying north of the last, $55,000; the six-story iron building, Nos. 93 to 99 Nassau-st., and fronting on Fulton, Nassau and Ann-sts., $650,000; the three-story and attic brownstone house, No. 423 Fifth-ave., at the corner of Thirty-eighth-st., having a frontage of forty-four feet five inches on Fifth-ave. and 100 feet on Thirty-eighth-st., $220,000; the stable and lot in the rear, No. 1 East Thirty-eighth-st., $45,000; the four-story brownstone house and lot, No. 11 West Thirty-ninth-st., $39,000; the three-story brick house and lot, No. 37 West Twenty-first-st., $30,000. The Washington Heights property brought a total of $377,000, and the other parcels $984,000. The entire sale amounted to $1,361,000.

## FREAK OF AN ELEVATOR.

The passengers in one of the large elevators in use in the Post Office Building were thoroughly frightened shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The elevators formerly in use had a habit of occasionally being disobedient to the machinery; but this is the first time that one of the new ones has shown an erratic disposition. The crowd of lawyers, jurors, witnesses and lookers-on had been dismissed for a recess from the Circuit Court, Criminal Branch, where Judge Benedict was presiding at the trial of General N. M. Curtis. Several of the jurors and lawyers started for the elevator at the northwest corner, used to convey passengers to Broadway. When the elevator was full the door was closed and the rope pulled for the descent. Suddenly the passengers, who were laughing and talking among themselves, were startled by a rapid acceleration of speed, followed after a moment by a stopping of all motion. The elevator had "settled" a few feet, and if it had not been for the safety clamps what remained of the passengers might have been dug up from the cellar. By an ingenious mechanical arrangement these clamps fly out at the least quickening of the speed of the elevator beyond a certain point. They caught on the notches of the posts at each end of the elevator and brought the machine to a sudden stop. Fortunately the elevator had not descended so far but that the passengers were able to climb out of the door, which was quickly opened. When they had regained the floor from which they started they smiled at each other, but with pale faces. Then they walked down the stairs.

## A NEW FRENCH LINE.

The new steamship Dupuy de Lome, the pioneer vessel of the *Compagnie Commerciale de Transports a Vapeur Francais*, arrived here on Friday last. She is an iron vessel with six water-tight bulkheads, 374 feet in length, 40 feet beam, 31 feet depth of hold and 3,378 tons measurement. The second vessel of the new line, the Paris, will sail from Havre for this port on May 31. She will be followed by the Rouen, Bordeaux, Marseilles and Nantes. These vessels are only for steerage passengers, with accommodations for 1,240. They are built under the terms of the French bounty law and the route is from Havre to New-York, thence to New-Orleans and from there to Havre direct.

## ICEBERGS ON THE BANKS.

The long voyage of twenty days of the steamship Galileo, which arrived yesterday from Hull, was due in part to the immense ice-fields which she encountered on the Banks of Newfoundland. Captain Jenkins, of the Galileo, said yesterday that the floes which his vessel encountered were the most extensive that he had ever seen, and that his ship was virtually ice-bound for four days. He saw three steamships and several sailing vessels which were hemmed in by the ice. He passed five icebergs, the largest of which was at least 100 feet high and 300 feet in length.

## ASSERTING THAT SHE WAS POISONED.

Sadie Riede, a servant employed by W. H. Alden, jr., a real estate dealer doing business at Fifth-ave. and Fourteenth-st., and living in One-hundred-and-fortieth-st., between Twelfth-ave. and the Boulevard, late on Sunday night made an ante mortem statement to Coroner Merkle, charging another servant, Bridget Kelly, with attempting to take her life by poison. The statement was as follows:

On Saturday Bridget Kelly came to my room and after asking after my health said that Mr. Alden's family did not care for me. She then persuaded me to take some fluid medicine of hers. I took it, but it did not seem to have any effect; it had a very bad taste. About half an hour after I had tasted the medicine I felt very severe pains and felt very sick. Bridget told me that I had not taken enough of the medicine. She then gave me another dose, which tasted worse than the first. I became worse and almost unconscious; I also vomited a good deal. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day she came to me again and gave me another dose which made me worse and increased my pains. At 8 o'clock the same day Dr. Rodenstein, who had treated me before, came and prescribed for me, and I began to feel a good deal better. He visited me again to-day. About half an hour after he had gone I heard knocks at the window, which was open; my name was called and all at once I saw Bridget standing before my bed. She asked me if I knew what kind of medicine she had given me; I answered no; she then asked me to take another dose, which would make me well. She then put some stuff in the form of a powder in my mouth and gave me some water to drink. I then felt violent pains as before.

The house is owned by Charles J. Dobbins, an elderly man, who in November last let a part of it to the Aldens. Mr. Dobbins and his wife, who is an invalid, and Bridget Kelly, their servant, were to board with the Aldens. For a time all went smoothly, but last Saturday Mr. Alden appeared in the Fifth District Court in Harlem, charged by Mr. Dobbins with threatening his life. The case was adjourned to yesterday, when it was again postponed on account of Sadie Riede's sickness. Bridget Kelly was taken into custody by the Coroner, and was held in $1,000 bail to await the result of Sadie's sickness. Statements made by the counsel of both sides are to the effect that bad blood has existed between the families for some time. Mr. Dobbins's story is that the Aldens have annoyed him and misused his house, and that he had tried to induce them to go elsewhere; but they have refused. Mr. Dobbins says that the Kelly girl has worked for him for several years and is perfectly trustworthy. The Riede girl is said to be an habitual opium eater. She is not in a dangerous condition and will recover. Bridget Kelly asserts that she was at a distant point on both of these occasions when she is charged with giving Sadie Riede the alleged poison.

## IMMIGRANTS WANTED AT RUGBY COLONY.

The Commissioners of Emigration yesterday received from John Boyle, vice-president of the Rugby Colony in Morgan County, Tennessee, a communication which practically admits the failure of the project up to this time. The company owns large tracts of land in the counties of Scott, Morgan and Fentress, in Tennessee. The communication says: "At the outset a good deal of land and many town lots were sold. But for some time the sales have much diminished, and we are desirous of bringing forward our lands more prominently and obtaining settlers on them of a good type. Those who have hitherto joined the colony, at least those from England, have not been practical people who can be looked to for the active, energetic opening of new lands. We think that there are advantages in this country which would well suit many of the immigrants from across the Atlantic, who are accustomed to work hard."

After giving a sketch of the extent and advantages of the colony the communication continues: "Is it in your power to assist the development of our enterprise by sending us 100 or 200 families of Germans this summer? We can place them all on fifty-acre farms and arrange for payments on easy terms, extending over several years, charging interest on the unpaid balances." The subject will be submitted to the Board at its meeting on Thursday.

## OBSTRUCTIONISTS IN BROOKLYN.

After unsuccessful efforts in the Brooklyn Common Council for several weeks to secure consideration of the question of compelling the street-car companies to provide "bobtail" cars with conductors, the committee to which the matter was referred yesterday reported a resolution requiring all railway companies to furnish a conductor for each car. The date for this to go into effect was changed from June 1 to September 1. Several amendments to exempt certain companies were voted down and then the resolution was adopted by a vote of 12 to 11. A motion for reconsideration was made and contrary to expectation, this was carried by a vote of 12 to 11, Mr. Sterling, who had voted for the resolution, favoring its reconsideration. The whole matter was again discussed and numerous amendments were defeated. Finally a vote was reached on the resolution, when 11 of the 25 Aldermen deliberately left their seats and went into the committee-rooms. A call of the house showed the lack of a quorum. The sergeant-at-arms was sent after the absent members, but they refused to return. He was sent again and ordered to report the names of those who refused to come in, Messrs. McCarty, Sterling, Seaman and Kane were named. Mr. Memminger gave notice that he would call the recalcitrant members to the bar of the house at the next meeting.

## CONFRONTED BY TWO WIVES.

David Scott, a watchman, who was recently arrested for bigamy, was taken before Justice Walsh, in Brooklyn, yesterday, and the two women who claim him for a lawful husband appeared against him. Mrs. Scott No. 1, who came to this country from Scotland a few weeks ago in search of her husband, and found him with another wife, testified that her maiden name was Sarah McGavin, and that she was married to the defendant sixteen years ago, lived with him fourteen years, and had five children by him. Her husband came to this country in April, 1880, promising to send for her, but she did not hear from him again, and finally came to find him. They had always lived happily together. Mrs. Scott No. 2 testified that her maiden name was Matilda Brown, and that she was married to Scott on July 8, 1880. She did not know that he was a married man. The defendant waived his right to an examination, and was held for the Grand Jury's action. It is understood that he will claim that it is a case of mistaken identity on the part of his alleged wife No. 1.

## FUNERAL OF MAJOR MORRIS.

Major Richard Lewis Morris, of the Regular Army, who died on May 18 at Fort Assiniboine, Montana, while on his way to join the 18th Regiment of Infantry, was buried yesterday at St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, Stuyvesant-place and Second-ave. The burial service was read by the Rev. Dr. Kylance, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Morgan. The altar was almost hidden by the numerous floral tributes from friends. The pall-bearers were Major Arthur, Colonel Black, Colonel Guenther, Colonel Litchfield, Captain Adgent and Dr. Purley. General Hancock detached from his staff Lieutenant Morton, Colonel Beck and Lieutenant Benobard to represent the officers of the Department of the East. Among the many persons present at the church were Hamilton Fish and Robert Stuyvesant.

## INSANITY CAUSED BY DISASTER.

"We found a creasie man in the Garden, and hat to put him in the sell and tug charge of his property, wich consist of $61 in Cash and a draft of $300, and a Watch & Keyes, &c." Such was the notice sent by the Captain of the Watch at Castle Garden to Superintendent Jackson yesterday. The "creasie" man proved to be John H. Housby, of Chester, England, who is under an hallucination that he is still on board of the steamer Rio Grande, upon which he was a steerage passenger when she was obliged to put into Delaware Breakwater. He was found on the Battery wall shouting: "Last boat, last boat; the ship is burning up." He was turned over to the charge of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction.

## CHARLES H. SMITH ADMITTED TO BAIL.

Special Agent Drummond, of the Secret Service Bureau, was called upon yesterday to identify the man who was arrested in Brooklyn under the name of Charles H. Smythe to answer an indictment for stealing plates from the Government Printing Office at Washington. He could not say that it was Smythe, but did recognize the man as Charles H. Smith, who was a partner of the counterfeiter Brockway. The indictment appeared to be under a wrong name. Mr. Drummond would not express an opinion as to the wisdom of Smith's arrest. He said it was not done at the instance of the Government detectives. Smith was admitted to $5,000 bail by United States Commissioner Benedict, of Brooklyn, to appear for examination to-day.

## PREPARATIONS FOR THE POLICE PARADE.

The Board of Police yesterday received acceptances from Major-General Hancock, Mayor Grace, Postmaster Pearson, and others, of invitations to witness the police parade on Thursday. The Park Commissioners have given the use of the Union Square Cottage as a reviewing stand. There will be about 1,800 policemen in the parade. The men will assemble in the Battery Park at 3 p. m., and will march up Broadway. They will pass in review at 4 p. m. The police inspectors and captains held a meeting yesterday and arranged for a dinner at the Hotel Brunswick after the parade.

## MRS. GLATTSTEIN IMPROVING.

The condition of Mrs. Glattstein, who was assaulted by Mrs. Roemer on the front steps of No. 27 Suffolk-st. on Sunday morning, was slightly improved yesterday. Mrs. Roemer was not arrested, as the doctors do not anticipate a fatal termination to Mrs. Glattstein's injuries.

# HOME NEWS.

## PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—Ex-Senators George S. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, and Lot M. Morrill, of Maine, and Freeman Clarke, of Rochester....*Hotel Brunswick*—Congressman W. A. Wood, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y.....*St. Nicholas Hotel*—Hiram Price, U. S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs.....*Gilsey House*—Ex-Congressman John Hancock, of Texas.....*Windsor Hotel*—Dr. Estes Howe, of Boston.. *St. Denis Hotel*—James G. Berret, of Washington.

## NEW-YORK CITY.

John H. Starin is to give a complimentary excursion to the police force.

Recorder Smyth was examined yesterday by the Grand Jury in relation to the present condition of the Hall of Records.

Unsafe buildings reported yesterday: Nos. 134 Leonard-st., 79 Ridge-st., and at the southeast corner of Jefferson and Columbia-aves.

The St. Cloud Hotel is to be raised one story higher at a cost of $15,000. The necessary plans were filed yesterday.

The members of the Cotton Exchange yesterday adopted a scheme of life insurance similar to that of the Produce Exchange.

HELD IN $2,000 BAIL.

Henry K. Fuller, a collector at Post Office Station A, who was charged with robbing the mails, waived examination yesterday, and was held by Commissioner Shields in $2,000 bail.

FINED FOR ARRESTING A RESPECTABLE WOMAN.

Policeman Braik, of the Twentieth Precinct, was fined thirty days' pay yesterday for arresting a respectable young woman in the street three weeks ago and locking her up on a charge of disorderly conduct.

DEFRAUDING HIS EMPLOYER IN GERMANY.

Deputy Sheriff McGonigle yesterday arrested Adolph Lauber, a newly arrived German, on the charge of having embezzled 2,400 marks from his employer in Germany. The prisoner was committed to the Ludlow Street Jail.

TOO MANY PASSENGERS ON THE SCYTHIA.

Captain Murphy, of the steamer Scythia, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Marshal Bernhard on a charge of carrying 167 passengers in excess of the number allowed by law. He was taken before Commissioner Lyman and admitted to bail in the sum of $4,000.

A NEW DEPARTMENT OF A HOSPITAL.

The new woman's department of the German Hospital will be opened on Saturday at 3 p. m. There will be speeches, and the Liederkranz and Arion Societies will sing. The new building will accommodate sixty patients. It is the gift of Mrs. Oswald Ottendorfer, and cost $70,000.

JEREMIAH HARTIGAN'S CONDITION.

Jeremiah Hartigan, the barkeeper who was stabbed on Sunday in front of his liquor store, No. 206 Chatham-st., by John Coleman, of No. 56 Avenue-A, was said by the physicians at St. Vincent's Hospital last night to be improving, but no definite information could be given as to the probable result of his wound.

JOHN WOODS, THE THIEF, HELD.

John Woods, age fifty, who was arrested on Sunday, with stolen checks, drafts and coupons amounting to $50,400 in his possession, was arraigned before Justice Patterson yesterday at the Tombs, on complaint of George Hoffman, messenger of the Mechanics' National Bank, of No. 33 Wall-st. He was held in default of $5,000 bail.

SEIZED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

Captain Mullen, of the Boston ship Paul Revere, which lately arrived from Havre, brought with him a considerable lot of China ware, several pieces of silk, two dress patterns and other articles not named in the ship's manifest. They were seized by the Customs officers, who valued the collection at $600 or $700.

SELECTED CATTLE TO BE SOLD.

The second annual sale of a selection from the Simpson herd of Jersey cattle will take place to-morrow at the Simpson Homestead, on the Harlem River and Portchester Railroad. The cattle offered will comprise imported and homebred stock. The imported animals were selected especially for this sale by Captain Philip Le Brocq, of the Island of Jersey.

REPORT OF A BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the American and Foreign Bible Society held a meeting yesterday afternoon at No. 116 Nassau-st. The annual report to be presented this morning at the public meeting of the society was read and approved. The anniversaries will begin to-day at 10 a. m. in the First Baptist Church, at Park-ave. and Thirty-ninth-st.

TO VISIT HIS HOME AFTER A LONG ABSENCE.

Among those who will sail for Europe to-morrow on the North German Lloyd steamship Elbe, is David Weil, a prominent member of the Independent Order of the B'nai B'rith. The members of his lodge gave him a reception and banquet last night at the lodge rooms. Mr. Weil in his trip will visit his home, from which he has been absent thirty-three years.

GROCERS FORMING AN ASSOCIATION.

The retail grocers of New-York and Brooklyn are about to form themselves into an association for mutual benefit and protection. A meeting of the Brooklyn grocers will be held in Otten's Hall, Fulton-st., to-morrow, and their brethren of New-York will meet in Beethoven Hall in this city on Thursday. There are said to be 10,000 retail grocers in the two cities.

RUN OVER IN THE STREET.

A car of the Avenue-C line yesterday ran over Oscar Roeker, two years old, and broke both his legs, injuring him dangerously. The boy was carried to his home at No. 103 East Third-st. The driver of the car was arrested. Mrs. Martha Devlin, age seventy, was knocked down by a light wagon in East Thirteenth-st. and injured seriously yesterday. She lived at No. 54 Baxter-st.

NEW-YORK CERTIFICATE EXCHANGE.

At a meeting of the New-York Certificate Exchange yesterday the following officers were chosen: President, Rufus L. Cole; first vice-president, P. G. Weaver; second vice-president, H. D. Olsen; treasurer, W. H. Ludlam; secretary, James Wills, and an Executive Committee of seven. Admission fees were fixed at $10 and annual dues at $5. A meeting of the committee will be held today to fix a date for opening the exchange.

ESCAPING BY A LIQUOR-DEALER'S ARREST.

Officer Townsend, of the Thirty-second Precinct, who is stationed on McComb's Dam Bridge, started on Sunday in pursuit of two young men who had been amusing themselves stoning a man. He chased them into a boat-house, the proprietor of which, Charles Both, was supplying liquor to a crowd of men. Townsend arrested Both, while the young men escaped. In the Harlem Police Court yesterday, Justice Bixby held the prisoner in $100 bail to answer.

REARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF PERJURY.

John Casamitjano and Florentis Babecount, two of the witnesses in the Montells divorce suit, were rearrested yesterday by Detectives Reilly and Von Gerichten on a charge of perjury in the testimony given by them before Judge Larremore in the Supreme Court. They had not appeared in court when their case was set down for trial, and were rearrested on a bench warrant issued by Judge Gildersleeve. Pedro Montells went on the bond of the two men, who gave bail for $2,000 each.

SEEKING A NEW TRIAL FOR M'GLOIN.

The argument for a new trial in the case of Michael E. McGloin, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Louis Hanier in December last, was had yesterday before the General Term of the Supreme Court. McGloin, in company with several accomplices, went in the night to Mr. Hanier's house for the purpose of robbing it. McGloin was stationed at the foot of the stairs to keep watch while the others committed the robbery. Mr. Hanier, hearing a noise, came to the head of the stairs, and as he was about to descend, was shot and killed by McGloin.

COLLISION OF THE ALASKA AND A BRIGANTINE.

The Guion steamship Alaska which arrived here on Sunday, when about 200 miles east of Sandy Hook on Friday night was run into by the brigantine Castalia, from Richmond, Me., for Philadelphia, with a cargo of ice. The bowsprit of the Castalia carried away about 20 feet of the Alaska's starboard rail on the quarter. Captain Murray, of the Alaska, hailed the pilotboat Thomas S. Negus, and requested her to give assistance, if necessary, to the Castalia, which was apparently only slightly damaged. The Negus towed her into Newort harbor yesterday morning.

THE CAUSE OF GUSTAVUS MEYER'S DEATH.

An autopsy was held at the German Hospital yesterday afternoon upon the body of Gustavus Meyer, the German who died there on Sunday. It was found that his death was caused by rheumatism in both knees, anæmia, and general inanition due to starvation. Meyer thought that he could cure all his ailments by halt starving himself, so he refrained from eating solid food, and lived for nearly two weeks on a pound of dried prunes and water. He had about him when he died gold, bank notes and certificates of deposit in a savings bank, amounting to more than $8,000.

DESERTING A WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

Elsie David, a Russian woman, who arrived here on March 28, with her husband and two children, was an applicant to the Commissioners of Emigration yesterday for charity. She stated that her husband was a professional singer, and that he was unsuccessful in obtaining employment in any of the theatres. On Thursday last, while she was in the kitchen, her husband packed up all of his clothing, with two gold rings, a gold bracelet and 1,000 roubles (about $490) belonging to the wife, and took a steamer for Hamburg, leaving her destitute. She cannot account for his conduct as he had always been good to her.

A CONCERT NOT STOPPED BY THE POLICE.

Captain Petty and several officers of the Sixth Precinct entered the Atlantic Garden, at No. 50 Bowery, on Sunday night, when a concert was going on, and arrested Theodore Schmager, the cashier, a nephew of the proprietor, and Matthew Fisher, a bar-tender, for violation of the Excise law; after the owner, Mr. Kraemer, had disappeared. They were arraigned before Justice Patterson yesterday in the Tombs Police Court, and were required to furnish bonds each in $100. After the arrests, business was resumed by the proprietors, who sold weiss beer and soda to their guests.

A THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

An unsigned postal card was received at the Post Office on Sunday directed to President Arthur and threatening him with assassination if he did not recall Mr. Lowell and demand the release of American prisoners in Ireland. As the card was marked "Private" in large letters, the stamping clerk naturally turned it over and read the contents. It was finally taken to the superintendent, who reported to the Postmaster, and the latter sent it to the Postmaster-General. Postmaster Pearson severely blamed the clerk who read the card for making the matter public. No importance is attached to the threat of the anonymous sender of the card.

## BROOKLYN.

A new building for the Newsboys' Home, at No. 61 Poplar-st., is to be put up at a cost of $43,000; $30,000 has been secured.

The Common Council yesterday requested the representatives of the city in Congress to unite their efforts in favor of the erection of a Federal building in Brooklyn.

While the parade of Barnum's circus was passing Mason's furniture store, in Myrtle-ave., yesterday, the office of the store, left unwatched, was robbed of $200 in money and a check for $70.

The stockholders of the Fulton Municipal Gas-light Company voted yesterday to confirm the recent action of the directors in increasing the capital stock of the company from $1,277,000 to $3,000,000.

The funeral of Dr. George Fletcher, who died on Saturday at the age of sixty-six, will take place this afternoon. He was well known in the Eastern District, where he practiced for several years. He was born in England and was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge. He came to this country in 1850.

The Rev. Dr. Rockwell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Stapleton, S. I., is seriously ill at his son's house. About a year ago he had a cancer removed and he never fully recovered from the effects of the operation. Dr. Rockwell took an active part in the trial of Dr. Talmage before the Long Island Synod, and was one of his warmest supporters.

An unknown man committed suicide by jumping into the East River from the ferryboat Alaska, of the Roosevelt Street line, as she lay in the slip at the foot of Broadway, at 9:30 last evening. He sank before assistance could reach him and his body was not recovered. No one noticed him enough to describe his appearance.

Mr. Beecher announced on Sunday night that he had received a dispatch from Germany, stating that John Zundel, organist emeritus of Plymouth Church, was dead. Mr. Zundel was the organist of the church for many years, and he composed several of the tunes in the hymn book compiled by Mr. Beecher. He returned to his native land about three years ago on account of his health.

## JERSEY CITY.

George Main, age sixteen, was arraigned before Justice Stilsing yesterday on suspicion of having been concerned in a robbery on Sunday at Dr. Leckner's house in Jersey-ave. The boy was left in charge of the house during the temporary absence of the family. When they returned clothing and jewelry worth $500 were missing, and the boy professed to know nothing about it. The police suspect him because he was arrested once before for larceny.

## NEWARK.

The shooting of Miss Gussie Hauser, at her home at Canal and Pine-sts. on Saturday night, is stated to have been accidental. The ball entered her body between the third and fourth ribs, but did not perforate any vital organ. It is supposed that the ball, which has not yet been found, has lodged in the back. The girl is not believed to be in danger.

## NEW-JERSEY.

BOONTON.—Thomas Giles, age twenty-three, residing with his parents in Main-st., near Barclay, Paterson, was run over by a train on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, near Boonton, yesterday morning. His legs were cut off above the knees. He was removed to his home in Paterson, where he died in the afternoon.

## WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

KATONAH.—The Improvement Association last summer purchased a statue of a deer and placed it in a small park of the village. On Friday night some one took it down, broke it to pieces and threw them into Cross River, where they were found and dragged out.

## LONG ISLAND.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—A large meeting of the citizens interested in the reduction of the fare on the Thirty-fourth Street Ferry was held last evening at Davren's Hall. Daniel O'Callaghan presided. The report of the committee which visited Albany was read and received with applause. Ex-Assemblyman John Keegan and others made addresses, and a new committee was appointed to go to Albany to-morrow.

## *RESULTS OF CARELESS LEGISLATION.*

The Police Commissioners met yesterday to consider the bill, signed by the Governor last week, which increases the pay of Police Headquarters detectives to $1,600 a year. It was the intention of the persons who secured the passage of the measure through the Legislature to make the detective force stronger by clothing its members with temporary authority over the common patrolmen, and by giving them an increase of pay which should compensate them for extraordinary expenses incurred in their search for criminals. The measure was presented to the Legislature in the form of an amendment to the charter of 1873, which fixed the number of patrolmen in this city at 2,100 at the time, but gave to the Police Commissioners the power to appoint additional patrolmen each year.

The amendment regarding the detectives was tacked on to the old section in such a way as to reenact that portion of it which made the legal number of patrolmen 2,100, notwithstanding that the force has been increased to over 2,400 since 1873. The Police Commissioners thought yesterday that a strict interpretation of the amendment would demand a duction of the present force to 2,100, but that they would be unable to make such a reduction because they had not the power to dismiss patrolmen, who have been legally appointed, except on complaints.

The amendment provides that detectives, not exceeding forty, who shall be called "detective-sergeants," shall have the pay and authority of police-sergeants while they remain members of the "detective force"; but any detective can be reduced to the grade of patrolman, at lower pay, by resolution of the Police Board. It is asserted that it would be in conflict with the Public Burdens bill to place a newly appointed patrolman, who receives $800 a year, on the detective force where his pay would be doubled, yet there is nothing in the amendment which prohibits such action. Another objection to the amendment is found in the fact that no provision is made for the money necessary to pay the extra salaries to detectives. Unless it is specified what fund the money can be drawn from, the Police Board will not be able to pay the detectives. Commissioner Matthews and Chief Clerk Hawley were appointed a committee yesterday to consult with members of the Legislature and endeavor to have a new bill substituted, which shall undo the mischief caused by the amendment.

## *TALK ABOUT DR. BEVAN'S SUCCESSOR.*

Ex-Governor Morgan is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church, at Fifth-ave. and Thirty-seventh-st. A reporter of THE TRIBUNE called at his home last night and learned that the church had not extended a call to any clergyman to succeed the Rev. Dr. Bevan, who recently resigned his pastorate and went to England. "There has been no call," said Mr. Morgan, "pastors are only called in the Presbyterian Church by a vote of the congregation assembled pursuant to a notice from the pulpit. When Dr. Bevan resigned there was a meeting of the congregation, at which a large committee was appointed to select his successor. When that committee is prepared to recommend a pastor notice will be given for a meeting of the congregation, at which time the report and recommendation will be made."

From another source it was learned that the name of the Rev. Dr. A. J. F. Behrends, of Providence, R. I., concerning whom a telegram was published in THE TRIBUNE yesterday, has been under consideration by the church committee, but that no decision has yet been reached. Dr. Behrends preached in the Central Presbyterian Church, in East Fifty-Seventh-st., on Sunday, May 14, and was heard by many members of the Brick Church. He was formerly a Baptist preacher in Cleveland, Ohio, later the pastor of a Reformed Church, and is now settled over a large Congregational Church in Providence. He was called by the Brick Church before Dr. Bevan became its pastor.

Another name said to be considered favorably by many members of the committee is that of the Rev. Dr. Hoyt, of Nashville, Tenn., who was for several years the president of the Gold Exchange in this city. At the beginning of the Rebellion Dr. Hoyt was the pastor of a large church in Louisville, Ky., and he was requested to take an oath that he would refrain from conversing on slavery. He consented to drop it from his sermons, but would not take the required oath, and so he resigned his charge and came to New-York and engaged in business. While he was the president of the Gold Exchange he often preached in the city churches. A few years ago he was called to Louisville, where he has one of the most important churches in the Southern Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

## *THE FOLLOWERS OF CAPTAIN PAYNE.*

CHICAGO, May 22.—In a letter dated April 29 the Secretary of the Interior says that he is informed by H. C. Hamby, of Parsons, Kan., that a settlement is being made in the Oklahoma District by the followers of Captain Payne, and requests the Secretary of War to take steps for their removal. Hamby places the number of these settlers at 1,500. Captain Carroll has made an investigation and finds Hamby's statement to be incorrect. The Oklahoma District has been thoroughly scouted at intervals of ten days in the last three months, and only one party, consisting of six men, was discovered in the district. The men were arrested and sent out of the Indian Territory.

## *DECORATION DAY AT GETTYSBURG.*

GETTYSBURG, Penn., May 22.—Extensive preparations are being made for the proper observance of Decoration Day at this place. The oration will be delivered by Joseph R. Hawley. Ex-Secretary Blaine and other guests will be present and take part in the ceremonies.

## *MR. LOUBAT BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.*

J. F. Loubat appeared before the Grand Jury yesterday to give testimony in regard to the rumored duel between himself and Mr. Turnbull, both members of the Union Club. Mr. Loubat entered the waiting-room for witnesses about half-past eleven o'clock. A jauntily dressed young man accompanied him. The clerk called his name at 12 o'clock, and he went into the Grand Jury room. During the examination his manner was quiet, self-contained and perfectly easy. Before asking any questions Simon Stevens, the foreman, warned the witness that he was not compelled to answer any interrogatories where his answer tended to criminate himself. The foreman then asked him concerning his movements during the last two weeks, the interchange of letters between himself and Mr. Turnbull and his motives in what he had done. Mr. Loubat simply acknowledged that he had had correspondence with Mr. Turnbull about certain expressions used by the latter, and also said that he had started for Richmond, Va., on the 13th inst., and had returned three days later. He characterized his trip as a pleasure trip and refused to say whether or not he expected Mr. Turnbull to follow him or if he had had any intention of meeting him with deadly weapons. He denied that he had sent him any challenge to fight. In reference to most of the foreman's questions Mr. Loubat maintained a good-natured silence. He was finally dismissed. The foreman put the papers in his pocket and said that no action could be taken on the testimony that had been secured.

Mr. Turnbull's testimony on Friday, it was learned, was as barren of results as that of Mr. Loubat. He acknowledged that the circular which was printed in the newspapers was a correct transcript of the one written by him. That was all. The foreman of the Grand Jury is reluctant to let the matter drop where it is. But he finds it difficult to do anything more than has been done, and the investigation will undoubtedly be dropped at this point.

District-Attorney McKeon was asked by a TRIBUNE reporter yesterday concerning the course of the Grand Jury in the matter. He said that the Grand Jury was bound to take action not only when the law was directly violated, but also when they had reason to believe that it would be violated.

"What is the penalty," asked the reporter, "if a man concerned in such an affair persistently refuses to appear before the Grand Jury?"

"I do not know what the penalty is now. I look up those matters when I have to act. But General Watson Webb was arrested under circumstances of that nature and was pardoned out by Governor Seward."

Mr. Loubat's lawyer stated in the District-Attorney's office that the first subpœna summoning him before the Grand Jury was not regarded, because the subpœna appeared to him a bogus one. One of the Grand Jurymen stated to his fellows after Mr. Loubat's examination that Mr. Loubat had instigated the examination on the ground that he wanted his position in the matter made perfectly clear. He was intending to go to Europe shortly, and he did not want his friends to think that anything was unsettled between himself and Mr. Turnbull.

The Committee of Five appointed by the governors of the Union Club to investigate the affair have not reported as yet. It is not believed that either Mr. Loubat or Mr. Turnbull will be expelled from the club. It is the general opinion among the members that the Grand Jury investigation has closed the matter, and everbody is now disposed to turn it into ridicule.

## *MARINE INTELLIGENCE.*

MINIATURE ALMANAC—TO-DAY.

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HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

*Forenoon*—S'dy H'k. —— Gov. Isl'd. 0:24 Hell Gate, 2:13
*Afternoon*—S'y H'k.