

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

VIOLENT EXPLOSION IN A MAN-HOLE.

A leaky gas-main at Fulton and Nassau-sts. and what resulted from it. An explosion of gas occurred yesterday at 10:30 a. m. at Fulton and Nassau-sts. At that point there is a man-hole built by the American Steam Heating Company. It is a brick, has a cover of heavy iron and is about 10 feet deep. It is situated in the rear of the Mutual Gaslight Company early in the morning a search for a leak which has caused considerable trouble. At 7 o'clock the gas was taken from the man-hole, into which the gas had penetrated through the boxes including in their search steam company. Two hours later an employee of the steam company ordered the gas-men to replace the man-hole in the mean time a crowd, and subsequently, in violation of their foreman's orders, held a piece of burning rope near the gas-main. Immediately there was an explosion in the man-hole, which was attended by a scorching iron frame and cap high into the air, scattered paving blocks and granite in all directions, shook the adjoining buildings to their foundations, and caused a number of persons who were passing, the iron frame was shattered by the fall, and a piece of the granite crossing, five inches thick and eight feet long, was broken in two. Timothy Sullivan, of No. 405 East Twenty-ninth-st., who applied the torch, was thrown back and a piece of iron pipe of Becker and Hahn, importers of precious stones, of No. 26 John-st., who was crossing the street near the man-hole, was also thrown to the ground. A box containing canes and intaglios, valued by its employers at \$800, was dashed out of his hand, and the gas-men scattered about the scene picked them up, but about 150 were either lost or broken. Schuchner, who is thirty-three years old and lives at No. 68 Grand-st., was taken to the hospital. The gas of his injuries was not known. John Hess, of No. 327 Orchard-st., who was driving past in a cart, was also struck by the flying stones, and Louis B. Hahn, a member of the firm of Becker and Hahn, was slightly hurt. The employees of both companies disclaimed the responsibility for the accident.

SINGING FOR SICK POLICEMEN.

The first of the series of presentations of "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Academy of Music, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the relief of a room for sick and injured policemen in the Habemann Hotel in Fourth-ave., was given yesterday. The first act was warmly applauded, but it was here that the singing of the "Pirates of Penzance" was introduced. The music was given by the company, which was headed by the tenor, Mr. J. H. Hahn, who was singing the part of the tenor. The music was given by the company, which was headed by the tenor, Mr. J. H. Hahn, who was singing the part of the tenor. The music was given by the company, which was headed by the tenor, Mr. J. H. Hahn, who was singing the part of the tenor.

DEFRAUDING INNOCENT MR. FROHMAN.

David Frohman, general manager of the Madison Square Theatre, was handed a note on January 25, requesting that two tickets for admission to the theatre should be given to the writer, who was about to establish a new business. The note was signed "F. Parker." The tickets were given as requested. On January 19, another note, dated at the St. James Hotel, was received from the same person, requesting that two tickets for the same performance be given to the writer. The note was signed "F. Parker." The tickets were given as requested. On January 19, another note, dated at the St. James Hotel, was received from the same person, requesting that two tickets for the same performance be given to the writer. The note was signed "F. Parker." The tickets were given as requested.

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MAJONE TO BE HANGED ON MARCH 9.

Justice Daniels in the Supreme Court yesterday sentenced Tassalio Majone to be hanged on March 9. The defendant was charged with the murder of a woman. The jury found him guilty. The sentence was pronounced by Justice Daniels. The defendant was charged with the murder of a woman. The jury found him guilty. The sentence was pronounced by Justice Daniels.

MRS. LYNCH'S FIGHT FOR HER CHILD.

Mrs. Ellen Lynch went before Justice Power, at the Tombs Police Court yesterday, to recover her child, stolen by her husband. She was charged with the abduction of the child. The judge ordered her to produce the child. She refused to do so. The judge ordered her to produce the child. She refused to do so.

WASTE OF THE CITY WATER.

The water in the Central Park Reservoir was lowered yesterday two and one-half inches. The water was lowered to save water. The water was lowered to save water. The water was lowered to save water.

TWO BLOCKADES ON THE ELEVATED ROAD.

The trains of the Third-Avenue Elevated Railroad were blocked at two different times yesterday. The first blockade was caused by a fire. The second blockade was caused by a fire. The first blockade was caused by a fire. The second blockade was caused by a fire.

HEAVY FAILURE IN THE SWAMP.

M. ARMSTRONG & SON MADE AN ASSIGNMENT—THE LIABILITIES SAID TO BE \$500,000. The "Swamp" was excited yesterday over the announcement of the failure of the old-established house of M. Armstrong & Son, wholesale dealers in leather and findings at No. 9, in the Perry-st. building. The firm, made a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, giving as assets \$200,000. Matthew Armstrong, as trustee for John A. Van Nostrand, \$245,124; trustee for E. Van Winkle, \$83,980; Allan E. Watson, \$1,950; Emma Van Winkle, \$10,000; total, \$341,054. The house was established over forty years ago by the late Matthew Armstrong, who died in 1807. He was the father of the present members. They were heavily interested in the Bronx Wool and Leather Company, in which, it is said, they held a controlling interest. In the annual report in this company dates back to 1873, when the concern was known as the Bucking Wool and Leather Company. In August, 1875, the name was changed to M. Armstrong & Son. The annual report for 1878 was reduced to \$750,000. This company has never paid dividends, and its debts have increased each year until they now amount to \$500,000. The company in November last transferred the factory property on the Bronx to the M. Armstrong & Son, which it obtained a loan for the company, which it was thought could be done easier through an individual than by the corporation. In December, however, the firm transferred the property to the M. Armstrong & Son, which it obtained a loan for the company, which it was thought could be done easier through an individual than by the corporation. In December, however, the firm transferred the property to the M. Armstrong & Son, which it obtained a loan for the company, which it was thought could be done easier through an individual than by the corporation.

THE SPEED OF LOCOMOTIVES.

Professor F. R. Hutton, of the Columbia College School of Mines, delivered his third lecture last night at the college, on the subject of "The Growth of the Locomotive." He traced the history of the locomotive, and elevated the latter part of the lecture to the engine of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In determining the pulling power of an engine, Professor Hutton said, "the great point of consideration is the weight of the engine, and the area of the cylinder, is to keep the driver from slipping. This is secured by increasing the weight on the driving wheels, and so distributing the weight. The greater the weight, the greater the speed, and the smaller the wheels, the greater the strength, is the law. For this reason, the fastest engines have only one pair of driving wheels, and that very large. The Mogul and Consolidation engines, used for coal traffic and heavy grades in Pennsylvania, have small driving wheels and many of them."

JOLLY SKATERS AT CENTRAL PARK.

There was an agreeable change in the weather yesterday. The velocity of the wind had decreased to eleven miles an hour, and came from the north-east. It was cloudy and looked like snow. The skating was very popular. The skating was very popular. The skating was very popular.

COLLISIONS OF TWO TUG BOATS.

The ferry-boat John S. Darcy, of the Cortlandt Street line, ran into two lighters loaded with coal, which were being towed by the tug-boat, which was carrying a live. The tug-boat was carrying a live. The tug-boat was carrying a live.

MR. ESTERBROOK AND THE HOTELS.

NOTICES SENT TO THE OWNERS OF THE EVERETT, CLARENDON, BRIGHTON AND BELMONT. Owners of four hotels yesterday received notices from Inspector Esterbroke, requiring additional information from the buildings in case of fire. The hotels were the Everett House, the Clarendon, the Brighton, and the Belmont. The notices were sent to the owners of the hotels. The notices were sent to the owners of the hotels.

TESTIMONY CLOSED IN THE KENNY CASE.

The taking of testimony in the trial of John Kenny for the murder of John Lennon in Brooklyn was finished yesterday and the summing up by the defense was begun. The testimony was closed. The testimony was closed. The testimony was closed.

LAST HONORS TO PROF. CRITTENDEN.

The funeral of the late Professor Crittenden, for thirty years the head of the Packer Institute, was held yesterday afternoon in the church in Joralemon-st., Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance, including many prominent citizens and the students of the school. The funeral was held in the church in Joralemon-st., Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon.

CONSCIOUS ENOUGH TO CURSE.

In regard to the case of Mary Richter, age forty-one, who was picked up helpless in Carlisle-st., near West-st., on Wednesday night, suffering from injuries sustained by her fall from a building, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that she was conscious enough to curse. The jury returned a verdict that she was conscious enough to curse.

SALLY STORV'S GUILT NOT DECIDED.

Everybody was out of humor yesterday in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, at Paterson, N. J., when the jury in the Sally Storv case failed to agree whether or not that eccentric old person had poisoned her neighbor, Mrs. Fees, at Little Falls, last September, with malice or with criminal intent. The jury, after deliberating all night, were called in by Judge Dixon, who looked unusually solemn; the prosecutor was cross; the lawyers for the defense were savage; and the foreman of the jury repeated his assurance of the evening before, that there was no chance of the jury coming to an agreement. Some of the evidence was read and the Court laid down the law, especially with regard to manslaughter. Ex-Judge Barlow, for the defense, thought that the verdict of manslaughter was suggested by the evidence. He formulated a plea, and intimated as much. He formulated something which he wanted Judge Dixon to charge, and when the Court did not do so, he intimated that he would not be bound by the verdict. The jury came in again about 11 p. m., and the foreman reported that they had agreed. The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter. The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter.

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