LOCAL MISCELLANY.

INHARMONIOUS DOCK COMMISSIONERS.

MR. VANDERPOEL DECLINES AN EMPTY HONOR—AN ANGRY DISCUSSION ABOUT DUTY AND SHIRKING.

As Dock Commissioner Vanderpoel's term of office has expired, and as he has performed the duties of an individual Commissioner and those of the treasurer of the Board, it was proposed by Commissioners Laimbeer and Voorhis at yesterday's meeting to give him the only other honor that could be conferred upon him, before his successor is confirmed, by electing him president of the Board. Mr. Laimbeer's term having ended. Mr. Vanderpoel declined the honor, upon the ground that his tenure of office would be brief owing to the probability of an early appointment of his successor. Mr. Laimbeer was then elected temporary president. A resolution, authorizing the engineer to proceed with the construction of bulkheads along the North River, and that the material and dredging necessary should "be paid for by the treasurer otherwise than by contract," was offered. Mr. Laimbeer alone voted against the resolution, and declared that it was lost, as it required a unanimous vote. Mr. Voorhis demurred to the decision of Mr. Laimbeer. Mr. Laimbeer said that he wished to put himself on record against doing any more work, excepting by contract, until the present manner of constructing the bulkhead wall had been scientifically tested.

Mr. Voorhis said in part: "The Department is closing up its work so rapidly that there is scarcely any use for the pile drivers and thousands of dollars' worth of other property and machinery of the Department. The fact that the Commissioners sit here and take no action is censurable, and shows great dereliction of duty. It looks as if the will of the Legislature was to be set at defiance. It is owing to the inaction of this Board in providing piers for commerce that a single corporation had to bid $70,000 a year to obtain the pier at Charlton-st."

Mr. Laimbeer—I don't take the same view of it; to continue the building of bulkheads along the water-front, without any hope of streets being cut through to them, is a useless expenditure of money. The idea is simply to keep certain men at work. I don't approve spending the city's money upon work which is not necessary. My duties as Commissioner are as my conscience dictates, rather than to pander to the Legislature. The idea is to put money into the pockets of persons who are bringing all the pressure they can on each of the Commissioners.

Mr. Voorhis—About having no regard for the Legislature, I want to say right here that I don't set myself up against my creator. The Legislature created this Board, and it is our duty to carry out its enactments. I certainly shall not shirk my duty to the public. I have some regard for the contractors, and don't intend to put work upon them by which they'd be likely to suffer heavy losses through injunctions.

Mr. Laimbeer—That'll do to publish; you give yourself away when you make such a statement. When you talk about shirking, don't ask me to get in your company; I don't shirk anything on earth. I have a right to ask that an experiment be made in having the construction of one pier done by contract, and for that reason I vote against the resolution.

Commissioners Voorhis and Vanderpoel then submitted to the ruling of the chair. Mr. Vanderpoel then offered a resolution that such dredging as might be necessary for the construction of piers (new) Nos. 59 and 60, North River, together with the necessary dredging in the slips adjoining, should be done under the direction of the engineer. This was carried, Mr. Laimbeer alone voting against it, for the reason that the work was not necessary and wouldn't be for a year yet.

TOM LEE PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Tom Lee, the wealthy Chinaman, formerly a deputy-sheriff, was yesterday arraigned before Recorder Smyth, in the Court of General Sessions, to plead to two indictments that were found against him on Tuesday. A bench warrant for his arrest was issued as soon as the indictments were found, but Detectives Reilly and Von Gerichten, to whom the warrant was given, did not find Tom Lee at his Mott-st. home. When he learned through the newspapers that an indictment had been found, the ex-deputy-sheriff, accompanied by his counsel, ex-Judge Horace Russell, went at once before the Recorder and surrendered himself. Mr. Russell alluded to the fact that the case against his client had been taken before the Grand Jury without an opportunity having been given for an examination before a Police Justice. He denounced such methods, which, he said, had met with the disapprobation of the judges. He entered a plea of not guilty in behalf of his client to each of the indictments. One of these charges Tom Lee with compounding a felony in taking money from the proprietor of the gambling-house at No. 17 Mott-st., and the other charges him, jointly with Tuck Hop and Lee Sing, with keeping a gambling concern at the same number.

Bail was fixed by the Recorder at $500 on one indictment and $250 on the other, and $750 in money was immediately deposited at the District-Attorney's office as security for the appearance of the defendant for trial. The two Chinamen who are indicted with Tom Lee as keepers of the gambling-house were arrested a few weeks ago and held for trial by Police Justice Smith.

EDISON ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN EUROPE.

The stockholders of the Edison Electric Light Company of Europe, Limited, held a meeting yesterday and elected the following directors: Thomas A. Edison, James H. Bauker, F. W. Foote, R. L. Cutting and S. B. Eaton. A report was read which showed that there were in France 32 plants of the company with 2,680 lights; in Italy, 11 plants with 5,777 lights; in Germany, 28 plants with 3,667 lights; in Holland, 4 plants with 1,648 lights; in Austria, 7 plants with 1,724 lights; in Russia, 14 plants with 2,772 lights; and in Belgium, 12 plants with 1,268 lights. A subordinate company has been formed in Germany, and the interests of the Edison and Siemens lights have been consolidated under the name of the Edison Electric Light Company, of Germany. The capital of the company is 5,000,000 marks. The capital of the General European Company is $2,000,000. The subordinate company recently formed in Italy has a capital of 3,000,000 francs. It was stated that an Edison factory, similar to those in this country, had been established in Italy for manufacturing dynamo lamps, underground conductors, meters and other apparatus for use by the European Company, exclusive of Germany, where the Siemens and Edison companies manufacture apparatus under separate licenses.

A company has just been formed to introduce central station lighting in Paris on a large scale, and a central station similar to the one in Pearl-st. will be built. A central station is also being started in Milan, Italy, where La Scala Opera House is lighted by Edison lamps.

THE BRIDGE OPENING CELEBRATION.

Mayor Low has hired the Brooklyn Academy of Music for the evening of May 24, the day on which the bridge is to be opened. It is proposed that the city give a public reception to President Arthur and Governor Cleveland at that time, as they will be present at the Bridge opening exercises. The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen has appointed a committee in regard to appropriate exercises for the day. The committee has conferred with Mr. Low, who favors a reception and fireworks by the city. Estimates have been made of the cost of fireworks to be displayed on the Brooklyn tower. It is understood that W. M. Evarts has declined to speak at the opening exercises owing to the pressure of other engagements. The Aldermen's Committee will confer with the Bridge Committee in regard to the share which the city of Brooklyn shall take in the exercises, and the committee have voted to ask the Mayor to communicate with President Arthur and Governor Cleveland in regard to their acceptance of a reception by the city of Brooklyn on May 24. It is proposed to make the day a gala one for Brooklyn, and to have a general illumination of public and private dwellings at night, in connection with the fireworks display. The Hancock Legion has decided to have a torchlight procession.

THE CHURCH AND THE LABOR QUESTION.

The annual meeting of the Reformed Church Particular Synod of New-York opened in the Reformed Church, Brighton Heights, Staten Island, on Tuesday. The Synod continued its session yesterday, the Rev. E. C. Sender presiding. In the morning the several committees appointed on Tuesday to consider various matters relating to the affairs of the denomination made their reports. The Rev. Roderick Terry read a paper on "The Relation of the Church to the Labor Question." He alluded to the evils which now exist through the mingling of the sexes in the great manufactories, and said that more attention should be bestowed upon time phase of the labor problem. The Church should see to it that the spiritual interests of the people in manufacturing centres were well cared for. The relations between employers and employed could not be better harmonized than by the cultivation of a Christian spirit. After a communion service the Synod adjourned. The meeting next year will be held in the Dutch Reformed Church, at Fifth-ave. and Twenty-first-st.

SUICIDE OR ACCIDENT.

A woman living on the first floor of the tenement house at No. 416 East Twenty-third-st. heard a sound like that made by a falling sack of grain on the sidewalk at 5 a. m. yesterday. She went out and found the body of Thomas Daly, an ironman, fifty-five years old, who had lived on the third story of the building. Policeman Byrne, of the Eighteenth Precinct, sent the body to the morgue and reported that Daly had fallen from the roof while walking in his sleep. Mrs. Daly thought, however, that her husband had committed suicide. He had been in poor health, and had been unable to get steady employment as a laborer for more than two years. At 11 o'clock on Tuesday night he wife went to bed, leaving him sleeping on a lounge in a front room. When his body was found on the sidewalk the doors leading from his rooms to the hall were locked, but a front window was open and conveniently near to it was a chair. It was said also that Daly had not been known to walk in his sleep.

AWARDS OF THE TAXIDERMY JUDGES.

A large number of people again visited the taxidermy exhibition in Lyric Hall yesterday afternoon and evening. In each of the former years there has been a dead loss to all concerned; but the visitors this year are so much more numerous, and the number of articles sold so much greater, that the society entertains high hopes of fully recouping itself for its outlay in time and money.

A large amount of the interest shown in the collection yesterday was naturally centred in the awards of the judges which had been made over night. These are, for the most part, acknowledged to have been justly and impartially distributed; but the experts are disposed to cavil at one or two decisions. The most notable of these disputed points is the case of the most important prize of all—the silver medal for the best individual specimen shown. The judges have offered this high distinction to "Mungo" an African elephant, stuffed and mounted by W. T. Hornaday, of the National Museum, at Washington; but competent critics are inclined to think that another production from the same hand—a Mexican hairless dog—should have been preferred before it. The elephant is doubtless very fine; but the possibilities of excellence in stuffing an elephant are limited; and, let it be ever so good, it can never offer scope for the skilful work shown in the Mexican dog. A plaster cast of the latter taken from it when dead, is now exhibited by its side, and the public are challenged to find a shadow of fault with the work. As a matter of fact this specimen was especially entrusted to Mr. Hornaday by Professor Baird, of the National Museum, as a test piece to be put forth with his best work, and to show the public what taxidermy could really do. The secret of the excellence of these two pieces is rather curious. It has been the custom hitherto to use almost nothing but tow in stuffing animals and birds; but experts have long been dissatisfied with the material, as it was found virtually impossible to prevent its subsequently swelling and destroying the symmetry of the work. Now each of these animals is lined and padded with clay. By that means an exact, and to all purposes an imperishable, representation is obtained. The Messrs. Ward, of London, England, who are no connection of Mr. Ward, the Rochester naturalist, have for a long time been using some substance in place of tow, of which they have made a mystery, calling it their "secret composition." But as an expert taxidermist yesterday remarked: "If you were to go to them and offer to bet ten to one that their 'secret composition' is clay, I don't think they would take you." The murder, in fact, is out; or, if not, something just as good is.

Another point on which the opinion of the judges has caused a good deal of comment is the award for the finest individual article of ornament or use, which has found a seat upon a horn chair made by T. W. Fraine, of Rochester. This, however, is only a matter of taste, and not a question of critical judgment as is the instance above; and even if it had been taken away from the chair it must still have been given to the same person for one of his screens. On the whole, indeed, the awards have given very general satisfaction, and the little groups of admirers who clustered around the prize objects yesterday abundantly testified to the justice of the decisions.

CALLED WRETCHES IN COURT.

The examination in the case of the seven men charged with perjury in the Harrold suit was continued yesterday in the Essex Market Police Court before Justice Patterson. John A. Walker, one of the accused men, testified that he met Major Harrold on the day of the accident. He was under the influence of drink. He said to the witness that he required some money; it was 5.30 p. m. when they separated. Major Harrold did not say that he had sustained any injury by the elevated railroad accident; he saw him again the following day, when he repeated his request for money, and the witness gave him $40. He said nothing about the accident, although he conversed with him three or four times after the accident. On the cross-examination Walker stated that he could not say when he had ceased to pay his debts, or whether there were judgments now against him for $11,000. Richard A. Jonnson testified that he saw Major Harrold on the day after the accident, and he appeared to be in his usual health, except that his arm was bound up. He had made an affidavit to that effect, but had only received for it so far his car fares. He had got $1 for that purpose several times. He had hoped to get $3 50 a day.

After a recess, Joseph B. Walker, a brother of John A., was called. While he was giving his testimony Mr. Bergen raised some objections to the questions of Mr. Shaffer, who jumped to his feet excitedly and said: "The men are all miserable wretches, paupers picked up out of the gutters to swear away a man's life blood. They are covered all over with corruption; some of them swear that you [addressing the opposing counsel] have forged their affidavits, for no doubt you did. You are all miserable wretches."

Mr. Bergen protested against the language used by Mr. Shaffer, as intended to browbeat the witness, and he denied the accusations made. Justice Patterson restored order, and the hearing of the case was adjourned until Saturday next.

THE POLICE AND THE NEW EXCISE LAW.

Superintendent Walling obtained yesterday a copy of the new Excise law. He said that the natural effect of the statute would be to increase the difficulty of keeping liquor stores closed in the early morning hours. It is unlawful for a liquor dealer to keep his place open between the hours of 1 and 5 a. m. on any day of the week, yet a policeman now cannot arrest a licensed dealer for such an offence without a warrant. To get a warrant the officer must go before a magistrate and make an affidavit; and it is probable, the Superintendent thinks, that many patrolmen will try to save themselves the trouble by shutting their eyes to what is going on. Mr. Walling sent out the following order late yesterday afternoon:

To all: The arrest of licensed liquor dealers for violation of the Excise law, except between the hours of 1 o'clock Sunday morning and 12 o'clock Sunday night, will not be made except warrant is first obtained from a magistrate. Unlicensed liquor dealers may be arrested as heretofore.

THE INSPECTION OF STEAM VESSELS.

The law which requires the Collector to refuse a clearance to foreign passenger steamships which do not hold a certificate from the Special Inspectors was kept in abeyance by orders ofe th Secretary of the Treasury, so far as it related to vessels which only lacked the minor safeguards prescribed by law, until they had been given time for a round trip, so that the repairs might be made in the ports to which they belonged. The time thus allowed has in some cases nearly or entirely expired. The Egypt, which has begun her second trip, was given a certificate on the first examination, and the Flamborough, which has completed her first trip, has supplied all the deficiencies that were found on her first examination. Chairman Barrett, of the Board of Inspectors, said yesterday to a TRIBUNE reporter that he found a general willingness among the owners of vessels to comply with the requirements of the law.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED BY AN EXCHANGE.

The former officers of the New-York Iron and Metal Exchange were re-elected yesterday. The meeting was formal, because the consolidation of the two iron exchanges has been decided upon. Edward P. White, the president of the Board, said in his annual address: "Great progress has been made toward building up a successful exchange that shall be the centre of the metal trades of America. Modes of business have already been simplified through our exertions, and greater uniformity has been established through the regulations which we have adopted. We regret that the time has been too short for the proper grading of pig iron and for the questions which will be met by the new Exchange."

The president considered the obstacles which had been met in founding the Exchange, and extended thanks to his subordinate officers.

"UNITED STATES CHROMOS" FOR SALE.

C. Lester, or E. Lester, of No. 22 New-Church-st., has been put on the Post Office Department black list. Postmaster Pearson having been directed not to deliver any more letters to that address. Assistant Postmaster Gaylor said yesterday that the cause of the action of the Department was that information had been received that circulars were being sent through the mails offering for sale "United States chromos," which were to be obtained by sending to the address given. The circular appeared to refer to counterfeit money, and complaint was made to the Department. At No. 22 New-Church-st. there is on the door of Room No. 6 the sign "W. Scott and Lester," but the door was locked when a TRIBUNE reporter called there in the afternoon.

REGISTER'S OFFICE NOTES.

For a nominal consideration, John W. Miller and wife have transferred the church edifice on the southeast corner of Avenue B and Fifth-st. to the Evangelical Reformed Church. The trustees of the church have mortgaged the property for $45,000.

Property having a frontage of 75 feet on the west side of Greene-st., about 176 feet south of Prince-st., was sold yesterday for $192,000 to Charles A. Hase, by Jonas Belden and wife.

The lease by the Lotos Club of the building at No. 147 Fifth-ave., from Braden Johnson and others, at an annual rental of $12,000, has been recorded.

PROBABLE SUICIDE CAUSED BY REMORSE.

Joseph C. Brown, of No. 171 Dover-st., Brooklyn, was in this city yesterday searching for his younger brother, George E. Brown, who disappeared on Monday after a prolonged debauch. The following letter, written by the missing man on Monday, was given to the police:

DEAR BROTHER: This is the last you will hear from me. I am unable to stop my drink and I am ashamed for what I have done. I am almost crazy, so that when you receive this letter I shall have passed away. I have taken passage for Boston and will drown myself as the vessel. Drink has brought me to this. . . . Good-bye.

GEORGE.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Count de Delva, of Hayti, and Lawrason Riggs, of Baltimore. *Hoffman House*—Ex-Congressman Horace F. Page, of California. *Windsor Hotel*—John V. Farwell, of Chicago. *Union Square Hotel*—Congressman John J. O'Neill, of St. Louis. *Gilsey House*—Pay Inspector A. J. Clark, U. S. N. *Westminster Hotel*—W. Cross Buchanan, of Mexico.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Annual meeting of Chamber of Commerce.
Anniversary celebration of Howard Mission at Academy of Music.
American Institute quarterly meeting at Cooper Union.
Opening Grace Memorial House at No. 96 Fourth-ave.
Civil Service examination at Appraiser's Office.
Stokes will case before Surrogate Rollins.
Bible Society meeting at Bible House.
Boston-New-York baseball game on Polo Grounds.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The workmen on the Brooklyn Bridge use gloves instead of brushes to apply the paint to the wires.

The utility of parasols is made manifest on the Brooklyn Bridge when young ladies pass beneath the painters.

Passage for England has been engaged for the American Rifle Team on June 19, on the Guion steamer Alaska.

The buildings at Nos. 515 and 517 West Thirty-eight-st., and No. 41 Renwick-st. were reported as unsafe yesterday.

At the Yorkville Police Court yesterday three hours were consumed by the opposing counsel in summing up the Ramsden case.

The net funded debt of the city on April 30 was $96,094,331 56, a decrease of $47,617 02 as compared with the debt on January 1.

The new ferry-boat Chicago, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, made its first trip yesterday morning. It is lighted with electricity and handsomely decorated.

Daniel Brady, a laborer, of No. 239 East Forty-fourth-st., was killed by the accidental fall of a derrick at Madison-ave. and Eighty-seventh-st., yesterday.

In the Court of Special Sessions yesterday fifteen liquor-dealers and bar-tenders were fined, in amounts varying from $50 to $5, for violating the Excise law.

Twenty Hungarian gypsies arrived on the steamship Saller from Bremen yesterday. They are provided with stringed instruments, and purpose to drive the itinerant German bands out of the city.

RUN OVER AND KILLED BY A STREET-CAR.

A Grand-st. car ran over and instantly killed Mary Gallagher, age seven, of No. 128 Baxter-st., yesterday afternoon. James Lynch, the driver, was locked up in the Mulberry-st. police station.

THE COLORED SCHOOLS TO BE CLOSED.

The Board of Education discussed at length yesterday the report of the Committee on Colored Schools. Finally it refused to rescind its recent action, closing such schools on September 1.

ASCENSION DAY OBSERVANCES.

To-day is the feast of the Ascension, and services will be held as on Sundays in the Roman Catholic Churches of the city. The feast will also be commemorated in many Protestant Episcopal churches.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

George Brown, age twenty-one, of Huntington, L. I., was crushed to death yesterday, at the foot of East Thirty-ninth-st., while attempting to climb from a tugboat to the pier. His body was sent to the Morgue.

TYPHUS FEVER CASES.

Katie Rooney, six years old, was removed from St. Stephen's Home in East Twenty-eighth-st., on Tuesday evening, suffering from typhus fever. Two other children, Frank and Charles Fritz, were found ill with the same disease at No. 747 Sixth-st. yesterday.

KILLED BY FALLING THROUGH A HATCHWAY.

John Mullins, a porter, fifty years old, employed by the firm of Lapham, Costelle & Co., dealers in hides and leathers at Nos. 26 and 28 Ferry-st., fell through the hatchway there yesterday afternoon and was killed almost instantly.

THE CAUSE OF NATHAN S. MORSE'S DEATH.

Coroner Kennedy held an inquest yesterday afternoon in the case of Nathan S. Morse, business manager of *The Daily News*, who, on April 4, shot himself in the office of *The News* building. The jury found a verdict that he had come to his death by a pistol-shot wound in the head, inflicted by himself while laboring under an attack of acute mania.

A BRAKEMAN LOSES BOTH LEGS.

A freight train of the Hudson River Railroad ran over William Hewson, a brakeman, yesterday at Twelfth-ave. and Sixty-third-st. and cut off both his legs. Hewson had been helping to switch cars in the yard near the grain elevators. He was thirty years old and lived in Jersey City. The police sent him to the Roosevelt Hospital.

A CHILDREN'S EXHIBITION.

The children connected with the Kitchen Garden of the Wilson Mission, in St. Mark's-place, gave an exhibition last evening, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Scudder. By the aid of toys, the children went through all the details of setting tables, making beds, washing clothes, sweeping, etc., with considerable proficiency.

A BODY FOUND IN THE RIVER.

A boatman who was rowing under the pier at the foot of West Twenty-second-st. yesterday found a human body in the water and towed it to the end of the pier. It was that of a man about forty years old, tall and slender, dressed in a black diagonal suit and blue chinchilla overcoat. The police sent it to the Morgue, where it was identified as the body of Franz Sigismund, a bookkeeper of No. 300 Fifth-st., who has been missing since February.

ENCOUNTERING A REVOLVING STORM.

Captain Harkness, of the British bark Fusilier, which arrived yesterday from Port Spain, reported having met a revolving storm of great severity on April 24 between Capes Lookout and Hatteras. The sea broke over the vessel in great masses, the wind lifting the spray and causing a mist as dense as the thickest of fogs. The furious outbursts of wind tore the sails into ribbons, as if they were so much paper. Other slight damage was done to the vessel.

A FULL LIST OF PASSENGERS.

The new steamship Hammonia, of the Hamburg-American Line, which will sail for Hamburg to-day, has a list of 275 cabin passengers. Not only every stateroom, but every berth, and some of the officers' rooms have, been engaged. Among the passengers will be Ludwig Barnay, the actor; Baron and Baroness Waecker Gotke; Captain James Johnson, wife and daughter, of San Francisco; T. N. Dodge, B. S. Searing, Thomas Nast, and W. R. Berghoh.

A NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Rev. W. P. Flannelly, pastor of St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church in East One-hundred-and-fifth-st., filed plans at the Bureau of Buildings yesterday, for a new church edifice to be erected on the south side of One-hundred-and-sixth-st., 100 feet west of Lexington-ave. It will cost $80,000. The walls will be constructed of brick and terra cotta. There will not be much external ornamentation.

DAVIDS'S DEATH NOT A CASE OF SUICIDE.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Kennedy, in the case of George W. Davids, son of Thaddeus Davids, the ink manufacturer, who was found in a dying condition in a room in the Grand Union Hotel on April 4. Edwin Davids, a brother of the deceased man, and other witnesses testified that he was in the habit of using laudanum to get relief from the pains of rheumatic gout. The jury rendered a verdict stating that death had been caused by an overdose of laudanum, and that it was not a case of suicide.

THE FUNERAL OF MRS. ALEXANDRE.

The funeral services of Mrs. J. Henry Alexandre were held yesterday at St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, in East Twenty-eighth-st. The church was so crowded that many were unable to gain admittance. There were a large number of downtown merchants present, besides the officers of the steamships City of Puebla and City of Merida, of Alexandre's Line, in uniform, including Commodore Deaken, Captain Rettig, First Officers Emery and Beauvais, Pursers Jones and Howe, and Chief Engineer Bloxham. The interment was in Greenwood.

INSTALLATION SERVICES OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

George W. Waigrove, Past Grand Commander, assisted by Peter Forester, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, publicly installed the officers-elect of York Commandery, No. 55, at the Masonic Temple last night. Many prominent members of the Masonic fraternity were present. An entertainment of a musical and literary character followed the installation services. These were witnessed by the wives and daughters of the members who had not been initiated into the secrets of the order, and their curiosity was partly satisfied.

DISTRICT TELEGRAPH COMPANIES UNITED.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the District Telegraph Company yesterday afternoon, at No. 187 Broadway, the officers of last year were re-elected as follows: D. H. Bates, president; Thomas Roche, of Boston, vice-president, and R. H. Rochester, secretary and treasurer. A resolution was passed confirming the contract for the sale of the company to the Mutual District Messenger Company of Boston. The effect of this sale is to put the two companies on the same footing, the Mutual Company paying the stockholders of the District Company stock equal in amount to the present stock of the former, their stock being increased for the purpose.

A CASE OF ARSON.

Louisa Brower, who keeps a boarding-house at No. 110 East Twenty-first-st., recently discharged an employe, Wolie Lawrence. On Tuesday, Lawrence visited his old place of employment, and was detected in endeavoring to steal two dresses belonging to the servants. He took refuge in the cellar and Mrs. Brower locked him in. Soon afterward smoke was seen issuing from the cellar, and upon investigation it was found that a quantity of old clothing, rags, etc., had been set on fire. Lawrence was arrested by Officer Baker, of the Eighteenth Precinct, and was held yesterday for examination in the Yorkville Police Court, upon the charges of larceny and arson. The fire was extinguished with little damage.

BROOKLYN.

Deaths last week, 263; marriages, 187; births 183.

A suit has been begun by William A. Sullivan against W. W. Smith, a dentist of No. 449 Myrtle-ave., to recover $10,000 as damages for the breaking of his jaw by the dentist while pulling a tooth.

Francis Burke, an ex-member of the Board of Education, died at his home, No. 515 Manhattan-ave., on Tuesday, at the age of fifty-seven. His business was that of a druggist. Mayor Hunter appointed him a member of the Board of Education, and Mayor Howell reappointed him.

The Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church has called a council of other churches of the denomination to install as pastor the Rev. George F. Pentecost, formerly a Baptist clergyman, who has preached in the church for nearly three years. The council will be held on May 8.

Daniel Cronin and Mrs. Mary Cronin, his wife, were before Justice Naeher yesterday for disturbing the religious services in St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church on Sunday. The complaint made by the Rev. Father McCarthy set forth that Mr. Cronin said "d——d liar" and Mrs. Cronin swore and cursed. The case was adjourned.

JERSEY CITY.

A carriage in which were seated Freeholder Steinbrenner and four women was struck by an Erie Railroad locomotive at the county road crossing at Secaucus on June 23, and completely wrecked. Two of the women were killed and the other two and Freeholder Steinbrenner were so badly injured that they were confined to their homes for several weeks. Julia Eypper, one of the injured women, soon after her recovery instituted a suit for $5,000 damages against the railroad company. It was begun several days ago in the Hudson County Circuit Court, and ended yesterday in a verdict for the plaintiff for $1,500.

NEW JERSEY.

HOBOKEN.—Martin Muller, a young German, employed in Henry Bormann's grocery, at No. 13 Jefferson-st., has been missing since Thursday last. Three weeks ago he received $950 from relatives in Germany and placed it on deposit in a New-York bank. On Wednesday night he told his employer that he intended to purchase the grocery business of Frederick Bantz, at Weehawken, and on Thursday morning he said that he was going to get his money. Since then he has not been seen, and as he has not been at Bantz's place it is feared that he has met with foul play. The police authorities are investigating the case.

PATERSON.—An aged lady, Mrs. Catharine Van Ness, of No. 87 Water-st., out of pity took into her house a few months ago a homeless man, Edward O'Neill, who had once been comfortably situated, but since his wife's death had ruined himself by dissipation. On Tuesday of this week O'Neill opened a trunk in the house, and taking $457 in money, two gold watches, a gold chain and some papers, all belonging to his benefactor, decamped with them. Mrs. Van Ness did not report her loss to the police until O'Neill had had time to get far out of town. Up to last night he had not been found or heard from. William L. Forbes, who was held on a charge of causing the injuries which resulted in William Kimlin's death, has been discharged, the Grand Jury having found no indictment against him.

LONG ISLAND.

SETAUKET.—Henry Gerard, an old resident of the village, left his home on Sunday afternoon to visit a neighbor. Late on Sunday evening he was seen walking along the road near Smithtown Branch. Since then his family have found no trace of him. He is over seventy years of age, and slightly demented, and it is feared that he has wandered into the woods and there perished from exposure.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—Mayor Petry presented a report at a meeting of the Water Board yesterday afternoon, in which he stated that since ex-Mayor De Bevoise had been in the County Jail, he had returned twenty-three water bonds. There are ten bonds of $500 each unaccounted for. A resolution was passed for the appointment of a committee to investigate the entire bond account of the department from its inception. Mr. Gleason was appointed chairman of the committee. Alvan T. Payne was appointed Corporation Counsel yesterday, in place of J. Ralph Burnett, who handed his resignation to Mayor Petry late on Tuesday evening.

STATEN ISLAND.

PORT RICHMOND.—The Rev. J. J. Muir, of the Park Baptist Church, will go to Philadelphia to assume charge of the North Baptist Church there. His congregation has tendered him a farewell reception.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises 4.56, sets 6.58 | Moon rises 2.40 | Moon's age, days 26

HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A.M.—Sandy Hook, 4.15; Gov. Island, 4.37; Hell Gate, 6.26
P.M.—Sandy Hook, 4.40; Gov. Island, 5.12; Hell Gate, 7.02

FOREIGN STEAMERS DUE AT THIS PORT.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From	Line.
G. W. Clyde	Hayti, etc	Clyde's.
Werra	Bremen	N. G. Lloyd.
State of Nevada	Glasgow	State.
Colon	Aspinwall	Pacific Mail.
Westland	Antwerp	Red Star.
Rugia	Hamburg	Hamb-Amer.

FRIDAY, MAY 4.

Republic	Liverpool	White Star.
W. A. Scholten	Rotterdam	Royal Mail.
Oder	Bremen	N. G. Lloyd.

SATURDAY, MAY 5.

England	Liverpool	National.
Dorset	Bristol	Great Western.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.—WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1883.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Archimede (Ital), Viola, Palermo April 15, with mdse and passengers to Phelps Bros & Co.
Steamer Segovia (Br), Hutchinson, Glasgow April 22, with mdse and passengers to Henderson Bros.
Steamer Amerique (Fr), Cantelli, Havre April 21, with mdse and passengers to Louis de Bebian.
Steamer Saller (Ger), Weinand, Bremen April 20 via Southampton 22, with mdse and passengers to Oelrichs & Co.
Steamer Valencia (Br), Hesse, Porto Cabello April 21, Curacoa 28, Laguayra 26, with mdse and passengers to Boulton, Bliss & Dallett.
Steamer City of Alexandria, Timmerman, Vera Cruz April 19, Progreso 25, Havana 29, with mdse and passengers to F Alexandre & Sons.
Steamer Guadalupe, Nickersen, Galveston April 25 via Key West 29, with mdse and passengers to C H Mallory & Co.
Steamer Breakwater, Ross, Lewes, Del, with mdse and passengers to Old Dominion SS Co.
Steamer Franconia, Bennett, Portland, with mdse and passengers to J F Ames.
Steamer Professor Morse, Swain, Newport via New-London, with mdse to order, vessel to Scammell Bros.
Ship Theodore H Rand (of Windsor, NS), Morris, London 28 days, with mdse to order, vessel to Scammell Bros.
Ship Rhine (of Windsor, NS), Bowlby, London 27 days, with chalk and empty barrels to order; vessel to Show & Burgess.
Ship Anni (Ger), Fortmann, London 30 days, with cement and empty barrels to order; vessel to Hermann Koop & Co.
Ship Galatea (Nor), Sorgensen, Bordeaux 43 days, in ballast to master.
Bark Fusilier (Br), Harkness, Port Spain 26 days, with sugar to Leaycraft & Co; vessel to Edward Perry.
Bark Tuck Sing (of St John, NB), Thompson, Cienfuegos 17 days, with sugar to J & G Power.
Bark Scud (of New-Haven), Sawyer, Port Spain 17 days, with sugar to L W & F Armstrong.
Brig Eva (Ital), Mastrolonio, Smyrna Jan 4 via Castellamare Feb 4, with licorice; rest to order; vessel to master.
Brig Dragomir (Austr), Gallovich, Catania 30 days, with mdse to order; vessel to Slocovich & Co.
Brig Vigilant (Swed), Sundberg, Aracaju 38 days, with sugar to order; vessel to master.
Brig Garnet (of New-Haven), Kasten, Port Spain 16 days, with sugar to D Trowbridge & Co.
Brig T E A Pitt (Br), Graham, Bermuda 8 days, with mdse to Lough & van Brunt; vessel to O'Connor & Judd.
Brig Thomas Turrell (of New-Haven), Givan, Point a Pitre 18 days, with sugar to L W & F Armstrong.
Brig Lauro (Swed), Ramberg, Pernambuco 36 days, with sugar to order; vessel to master.

SUNSET—Wind at Sandy Hook, light, E; very hazy. At City Island, light, NE; cloudy.

Arrived yesterday—

Steamer Chalmette, Reed, New-Orleans 6 days, with mdse to Boerel & Morgan.
Steamer Louis Bucki, Mount, Georgetown, with mdse to Evans, Hall & Co.
Bark Henry James (of Glasgow), Lattimore, Calcutta Jan 16, with mdse to W R Cooper & Co.
Brig Ortolan (of Philadelphia), Lippincott, Havana 10 days, with molasses to J de Rivera & Co; vessel to Jas E Ward & Co.
Brig Charles A Sparks, Bradley, Cardenas 12 days, with molasses to Moses Taylor & Co; vessel to Jas E Ward & Co.
Brig Maria W Norwood, Maguire, Cabarien 12 days, with sugar to Show & Burgess.

CLEARED.

Steamer Rosse (Beig), Nexon, Liverpool—Busk & Jevons.
Steamer Ipavonia (Br), McKay, Liverpool via Queenstown—Vernon H Brown & Co.
Steamer Bolivar (Br), Donaldson, Glasgow—Henderson Bros.
Steamer Rhein (Ger), Neymeier, Bremen via Southampton—Oelrichs & Co.
Steamer New-York, Quick, New-Orleans—Bogert & Morgan.
Steamer Chattahoochee, Daggett, Savannah—Henry Yonge, Jr.
Steamer Delaware, Winsett, Charleston—Jas W Quintard & Co.
Steamer Roanoke, Couch, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond—Old Dominion SS Co.
Steamer Manhattan, Stevens, West Point, Va, and Newport News—Old Dominion SS Co.
Steamer Martha Stevens, Chance, Baltimore—J S Kvens.
Steamer Jennie Chaney, Baltimore—J H Winchester & Co.
Ship Lord Canning (Br), Sinclair, Liverpool—Vernon H Brown & Co.
Ship Andrew Jackson, Paine, Boston—Vernon H Brown & Co.
Bark Francesco R (Ital), Califano, Seville, Sp—Andrew J Emmons.
Bark Sant Agnello (Ital), Gargiulo, Barcelona—Tower & Marsden.
Bark Martino Cilento (Ital), Savarese, Alicante, Sp—Seager Bros.
Bark Bonfaze (Nor), Ugland, Arendal for orders—Funch, Edye & Co.
Bark Corinto (Ger), Brummings, Hamburg—Hermann Koop & Co.
Bark Isabel (Br), McClure, Santos Branco via Richmond—Hatton, Watson & Co.
Brig Venus (Ital), Holm, Tremose, Nor—Funch, Edye & Co.
Brig Harriet (Br), Owen, St John, NB—Joel Frye & Co.
Brig Golden Fleece (Br), Sail, St John, NF—Boering & Arenhold.

SAILED.

Steamer Favorita, for Liverpool; Utopia, Avonmouth; Bolivia, Glasgow; Rhein, Bremen; Maas, Rotterdam; Labrador, Havre; Rio Grande, Galveston, New-York, New-Orleans, Charleston, Savannah, Delaware, Charleston; Manhattan, West Point, Va. Ships Tamerlane, for Hamburg; Larnica, London; J B Thomas, San Francisco. Barks Rieka, for Hamburg; Hannah Sutherland, Antwerp; Helen Sands, Havana; Hallie G McFarland, Port Royal; Christina Scriver, Wilmington. Brigs Emma Dean, for Cienfuegos; Sea Bird, Sombe Christi.

RETURNED.

Ship Birnam Wood, for Bremen; Barks Bell, for London; Kristin, Antwerp; Abbie B. Dunkirk; Alfonso, London, reloaded and anchored at Captain's Island, Long Island Sound; Barks Nova Scotia, for Rotterdam, and Noel for Dunkirk, are anchored at Whitestone.

THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

FOREIGN PORTS.

LIVERPOOL, May 2—Arrived, steamers Montreal (Br), Bouchette, from Portland April 20; Plata (Br), Graham, from New-Orleans March 12.
Sailed, steamer Helvetia (Br), Rogers, for New-York.
QUEENSTOWN, May 2—Arrived, steamer Minerva (Br), Burton, from Philadelphia April 18.
MOVILLE, May 2—Arrived, steamer Anchoria (Br), Hoddenwick, from New-York April 21 on her way to Glasgow.
SOUTHAMPTON, May 2—Arrived, steamer Stuttgart (Ger), Reinecke, from Baltimore April 18, for on her way to Bremen.
AVONMOUTH, May 2—Arrived, steamer Italia (Br), Allen, from New-York April 24.
FASTNET, May