SCRUTINY OF THE STANDARD.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATORS IN TOWN.

THE MEN WHO ARE INVESTIGATING CHARGES AGAINST THE GREAT OIL COMPANY.

There was a strong Pennsylvania atmosphere about Parlor No. 100 of the Leland Hotel, yesterday about 3 p. m. Eight Pennsylvania Legislators, one Pennsylvania railroad president and one Pennsylvania merchant crowded the room. They were Senators John F. Grady and A. J. Herr, of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and Representatives George S. Clark, James L. Graham, Jacob Zeigler, John W. Walker, Thomas McKeynolds and Joseph J. McCrum, the last person named being sergeant-at-arms and the others being members of the committee appointed by the Pennsylvania Legislature in the investigation directed against the Standard Oil Company. Franklin B. Gowen, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, was present, and Mr. Logan, of Logan & Emery, a Philadelphia refining firm hostile to the Standard interest, appeared as a witness. C. H. Burton appeared as assistant counsel of the Reading, and S. C. T. Dodd and M. E. Olmsted were the attorneys for the Standard Company.

A misunderstanding as to the witnesses who were to appear before the committee caused an adjournment without the taking of any testimony till to-morrow at 10 a. m. After counsel had made their explanations and the committee had adjourned, the Pennsylvania Legislators wandered in social groups about the corridors of the hotel. The committee is composed of the most prominent members of the Pennsylvania Legislature. Senator Grady, the chairman, is a little over thirty-five years of age; he is a strong Cameron man from Philadelphia and has served two terms in the State Senate. While not specially noted as a debater, he is a hard-working committeeman and has a large private practice as a lawyer. He has large blue eyes and wears a moustache and side-whiskers of silky brown. "I see my namesake here didn't get into the State Senate," he said, laughingly; "but my disappointment was tempered by the thought that he belonged to the wrong political party."

"Uncle Jake" Zeigler is one of the most prominent Democrats in Pennsylvania. He is better known even than Governor Pattison or Attorney-General Cassidy. His eyes are a bright, keen brown; his large, massive face is smoothly shaven, and a high hat usually crowns his white hair. Mr. Zeigler has been in the Pennsylvania Legislature only twice, but he has for fifty years held prominent legislative office, and his work on parliamentary law is now the recognized authority for legislative proceedings there. "Uncle Jake" has more influence in Democratic State conventions in Philadelphia than any other single Democrat in the State. He is credited with the remark that the extra session which Governor Pattison called to pass an apportionment bill after the previous disagreement was "a d— good hole to get into, but a d— bad one to get out of." Democrats esteem the wisdom of this remark in view of the recent election in the State.

Senator Herr, of Dauphin County, Penn., looks older than he is; his beard is white and pointed, and he wears spectacles. The head of the bar in his part of the State, Mr. Herr is noted as an orator, and his Republican district is expected to send him to Congress at the next election.

Representative Clark, of Philadelphia, is a wealthy lawyer who lives in the suburbs. He wears a drooping iron-gray moustache, but is more agile than most men of his age. He is serving his second term in the Legislature.

The tallest and youngest (as regards legislative experience) of the committee is Representative Walker, a Democratic lawyer from Erie. He wears a slouched hat and has a Western air about him; but he is an earnest worker in committee and when he speaks in the Legislature he is listened to with close attention. Representative Graham, a Republican from Pittsburg, has been in the Legislature several times and was once president of the Senate. His smooth-shaven face, white tie and standing collar suggest the appearance of an old-time statesman. Mr. Graham has a wide reputation for his level-headedness, and is a good speaker. Representative McKeynolds comes from the Bucks County Democratic stronghold, and is one of the most prominent Democrats in Eastern Pennsylvania. Mr. McCrum wears a long sandy beard, without a moustache, and this is his first term in the Legislature.

Important testimony is expected to be obtained from Standard officers to-morrow. The present investigation is the outgrowth of the famous tax suit of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth against the Standard Company, which resulted in merely a nominal judgment against the company. President Gowen, of the Reading, having stated that the Standard had bribed a witness to suppress his testimony, the Pennsylvania Legislature ordered the present investigation. The committee's powers being null outside of the State, they have come to New-York to take the testimony of Standard officers, who have volunteered to give it.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES.

Lieutenant Scannel, of the 9th Regiment, has applied for a court of inquiry to report upon the charges publicly made against him by the officers of the National Rifle Association.

The 69th Regiment will be immediately furnished with the new State service helmet under orders from the Adjutant-General's office.

Captain Leo, of the 71st Regiment, says that, while he appreciates the honor his comrades of the 22d Regiment would confer upon him, he cannot surrender his present command.

The circular letter sent by the Adjutant-General of Indiana, copies of which have been forwarded to the Adjutants-General of the several States, looking to a national encampment at Washington of picked regiments for the purpose of "showing Congress the high degree of efficiency to which our National Guard can be brought," and "to promote a grand national comradeship between all parts of the Nation, breaking down all bitterness or partisan feeling, and bringing us together in a friendship stronger than can be obtained in any other way," is favorably looked upon by the officers of the 1st and 2d Divisions.

At the meeting of the Divisional Board of Examination at the 22d Regiment Armory on Monday evening, Captain D. C. McCarthy, of the 69th Regiment, and Captain H. Lyon, of the 13th Regiment, passed creditably and were complimented by General Ward, the president of the board.

At a meeting of the Board of Officers of the 71st Regiment on Monday evening, Lieutenant Hess was appointed treasurer until a statement is furnished by Captain Jordan as to the condition of his books.

Company A, Captain G. DeKay Townsend, will be inspected at the armory on next Monday evening.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICEMEN.

Charles F. Rillings and Thomas Daly, agents of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, testified at Police Headquarters yesterday that at 1:20 a. m. on Sunday, August 26, they saw Patrolman Thomas Raywood enter the liquor store at No. 120 East Thirteenth-st., and drink liquor. The liquor store, kept by George A. Green, is one of the places mentioned in the recent presentment of the Excise Commissioners by the Grand Jury. It was asserted that the policeman was in uniform. Raywood testified that he never had been inside Green's store, and Green swore that his place was closed before midnight on the night of August 25. His bartender, John Murray, and a waiter employed by him gave similar testimony. Another witness swore that Raywood was half a mile away from Green's store about the time mentioned in the complaint. A lawyer representing the society presented a paper which was said to be a record of Green's conviction for larceny some years ago. Commissioner Mason, who conducted the trial, said that he would refer the testimony to the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Matthews listened to testimony against Policeman Fitzpatrick, of the Tenth Precinct, who was accused of punching Henry Krone in the ribs with a club while Krone was quietly standing in front of the liquor store at No. 1 Bowery. The policeman said that the liquor store was a resort for thieves, although it was licensed. "As soon as you leave here," said Commissioner Matthews, "report that fact to the Excise Commissioners."

TWICE ROBBED WITHIN A MONTH.

Twice within a month unknown thieves have attempted to rob the house of Lorin L. Lombard, broker, at No. 139 West Thirteenth-st. The house is four stories high and has a vine-covered balcony in front. While the family were at dinner in the basement one evening about three weeks ago, the thieves climbed upon the balcony and entered the front rooms on the second floor through the windows. They were frightened before they had proceeded far, and they left the house as they had come, taking only $100 which they found in a bureau drawer. On last Thursday evening they made a second visit to the house, under similar circumstances, and were more successful. They ransacked the bureaus and closets in all the rooms on the second floor of the house, but did not attempt to carry away bulky articles. Jewelry and small ornaments belonging to Mrs. Lombard and her daughter, valued at about $1,000, were stolen, a gold watch set with diamonds and several diamond rings being among the articles. In escaping from the house one of the thieves dropped a small jewel case belonging to Miss Lombard, and it was found afterward in the front yard. It contained a pearl pin, valued highly as an heirloom, and a few rings. Since the second visit of the burglars to the house the police have been set to work searching for them, and it was said yesterday that Mr. Lombard contemplated moving from the house.

NEGROES AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

A conference of the colored Methodist ministers of the city was held at the Zion Publishing House in Bleecker-st., last week, to consider the recent action of the Roman Catholics in establishing a colored Catholic Church at Downing and Bleecker sts., and a meeting of colored people was determined on. The Rev. W. B. Derrick, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Bethel in Sullivan-st., is one of the prime movers in this action. He said yesterday that the meeting would be held probably next week at his church, which is one of the largest colored churches in New-York. He intended to address his congregation on the subject next Sunday morning, he said, and he believed, of most the other colored ministers would do likewise. A series of resolutions has been drawn up by him to be presented to the meeting, which condemn the subtle workings of the Catholic Church as a snare set for the negro, and point to Catholic countries as the only places where slavery is maintained.

OPPOSITION TO CROKER.

BITTER FEELING CONCERNING HIM.

THE MAYOR RELUCTANT TO SEND IN HIS NAME.

There was a geat stir yesterday over the question whether the Mayor will to-day nominate Richard Croker and Daniel O'Reilley for Police Justices, to fill the vacancies caused by the ending of the terms of Bankson T. Morgan and Gershon N. Herrman. The strongest feeling against Croker was shown in political circles and among citizens generally. It was admitted everywhere that the nomination of Croker would be the most unpopular one the Mayor could possibly make, and would cause great indignation all over the city.

In January last P. G. Duffy and Richard Croker were the candidates of Tammany Hall for Police Justice for one of the positions then vacant. The Mayor expressed himself strongly concerning Croker, and, it is understood, declared positively that he would not nominate him. He suggested that Croker might run for some elective office this fall and get a popular indorsement if he could in that way. The Mayor was asked whether, if Croker did this, and was elected, he would treat his name more favorably for a nomination. He replied that it would be more favorably considered. A few weeks ago John Kelly and other friends of Croker went to the Mayor and reminded him of this. They said that Croker would receive the nomination for Alderman in the XVIIIth District and that if elected he would be the candidate of Tammany Hall for Police Justice. It is alleged that the Mayor allowed them to infer that if Croker were elected he would accept this as a popular indorsement and nominate him.

There were indications yesterday that the Mayor regretted this, and was anxious for Tammany Hall to name some other man, but Mr. Kelly has stood by Croker all through, and would not consent to a change. Croker was Mr. Kelly's political lieutenant when he lived in the XVIIIth District, and since Mr. Kelly moved up town Croker has been the leader in his district. The Tammany Aldermen yesterday called on the Mayor, and asked him to nominate Croker. Other Tammany names will be put forward in case the Mayor should decide not to nominate Croker—Henry A. Gumbleton, James J. Slevin, Senator Browning and Charles Welde. There is no question that Croker and O'Reilley will be confirmed by the Aldermen if their names are sent in. No Republican will be named by the Mayor, although one of the outgoing justices, Morgan, is a Republican. It is understood also that a Democrat will succeed Justice Gardner, a Republican, whose term expires on December 31.

THE QUESTION OF RIPARIAN RIGHTS.

HOW THE EAST RIVER FRONT IMPROVEMENT IS DELAYED.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund met yesterday for the purpose of considering the question of acquiring possession of Piers Nos. 12, 13, and 14 East River, and the land fronting them on South-st., 404½ feet in length. The Dock Commissioners have been for some time endeavoring to acquire possession of the water front and piers fronting on South-st., for the purpose of widening South-st. to an average width of 200 feet. It is the purpose of the Dock Commissioners to have a street 200 feet wide from Whitehall to Thirty-fourth-st., with long covered piers. All the Dock Commissioners were present at the meeting, and several of the owners of the piers named. Simon Stevens appeared as counsel for the owners of the pier property and the Corporation Counsel for the city.

Dock Commissioner Voorhis said that the Dock Department was brought to a standstill so far as improving the East River front was concerned until the question of acquiring this property was settled. The owners, after a great deal of discussion, had agreed to sell for a certain figure which the Dock Commissioners deemed reasonable.

Corporation Counsel Andrews said that he had given the question of private ownership of portions of the water front a great deal of consideration during the last ten years. He had also obtained the opinion of James C. Carter on the matter. It was Mr. Mr. Carter's opinion, and he agreed with him, that where the city filled in a water front, widened a street in so doing and constructed piers, private property-owners could not claim compensation. It was a question whether the city ever lost control of its water front and whether private persons could obtain more than a temporary occupancy of the same. He knew that the Court of Appeals had given a different interpretation, or what might be construed as such, in the Langston case. It was possible in case a suit was carried up to the Court of Appeals to decide this matter, that the decision might be adverse to the city. Nevertheless, as the city's legal adviser, he felt bound to give his opinion. It might be well to make a contract with the alleged property-owners to pay them a certain sum, and place the amount in a trust company, subject to the decision of the Court of Appeals.

Mr. Stevens said that this would be satisfactory to his clients. They had agreed to sell for $1,000 per front foot. The property was not paying 6 per cent on this valuation.

After a long discussion it was resolved that the Board adjourn for fifteen days and that in the meantime Mr. Stevens and the Corporation Counsel agree on a form of contract between the property-owners and the city.

THE FORGERS HELD IN $20,000 BAIL.

William E. Brockway, L. R. Martin and Nathan B. Foster, the men recently arrested by the police on charges of forging Morris and Essex and Central Pacific Railroad bonds, were arraigned yesterday before Recorder Smyth, sitting as a committing magistrate. Each of them, as his name was called, said that he had nothing to say at present. They waived examination, and were held to await the action of the Grand Jury. Brockway gave his age as sixty-one years, and his occupation as that of an engraver. Martin said that he was a cattle dealer. Bail was fixed at $20,000 in each case. The affidavits on which the warrants were issued show that the information which led to the arrest of the forgers came in the first instance to Chief Drummond from the Secret Service Bureau at Washington. One of the Western confederates of the forgers revealed their plans, saying that it was purposed to issue a large number of bonds of the Pacific and other railroads. The names of the conspirators were given, and included those of the men who are now under arrest.

After their commitment by Recorder Smyth the three counterfeiters were taken to the Tombs. Warden Finn, to prevent them from communicating with each other, placed them in cells on different tiers.

THE KITCHEN GARDEN NORMAL CLASS.

Miss Huntington's Normal Class in Kitchen Garden began its winter course at the Wilson Industrial School, No. 125 St. Mark's-place, yesterday. Last year there were twenty-five young ladies in the course, some of whom came from Philadelphia and other neighboring cities. Since Miss Huntington conceived the idea in 1876 of applying the kindergarten method to teaching children household work, her system has spread all over this country and Europe. The Ladies' Sanitary Association of London, in which the Princess of Wales and Mrs. Gladstone are active helpers, has made a special class of kitchen garden teaching. The last report of the society devotes three pages to commending the work, its results, and the American lady to whom so many are indebted for its introduction. The young ladies in Miss Huntington's Normal Class receive a course of instruction from her enabling them to teach classes of children. These ladies are generally those who desire to devote spare hours to charitable work among the poor; others make it the work of their lives.

FAVORING A NEW BANKRUPTCY LAW.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade and Transportation yesterday A. B. Miller, of the special Committee on Bankruptcy, reported that it had been determined to hold a National Convention of delegates from the commercial bodies throughout the country at Washington on January 16, to advocate the immediate passage by Congress of a national uniform and equitable bankruptcy law. R. F. Austin offered a resolution which was adopted, requiring of Congress to provide for the redemption or exchange of trade dollars at full value. F. B. Thurber offered a series of resolutions renewing the question of the necessity for a National Board of Railroad Commissioners.

TWO CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM SING SING.

Frank Riley, age thirty, and Paul C. Wilson, age thirty, two convicts employed in the mess-room of the prison at Sing Sing, were taken from their cells by Keeper Jere Clark yesterday morning, to assist in preparing breakfast for the fifteen hundred inmates. They were missed about three hours afterward, and it was discovered that they had effected their escape by sawing the iron bars of one of the windows. After freeing themselves from the barred inclosure, they either scaled the south wall of the prison, or went around it by means of a float lying conveniently near on the river side. Riley has gray eyes and sandy hair, is five feet six and one-half inches high, and weighs 140 pounds. Wilson is five feet two and one-half inches high, weighs 140 pounds and has gray eyes and light brown hair.

MR. WALES SUCCEEDS MR. OLLIFFE.

At the meeting of the Park Commissioners yesterday Mr. Wales was elected president of the Board, to hold office until February 1, and Mr. Crummins was chosen treasurer for the same time. A committee consisting of Mr. Viele and Mr. Olliffe was appointed to revise the police regulations of the Board. Mr. Olliffe, in retiring from the position of presiding officer of the Board, made a short speech, in which he congratulated the commissioners on their reorganization and welcomed his successor in office. He expressed great satisfaction at the harmony and good will which had prevailed in the Board during his administration, and gave a short review of the work that had been accomplished in that time. More work had been done toward improving the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards in the last six months than in any previous period of the same length. He had assumed only such powers, he said in conclusion, as a conscientious discharge of his duties would admit. A vote of thanks was given him by the Board for his fair and impartial conduct as its presiding officer.

A GIFT THAT WAS NOT A GIFT.

Professor Samuel Buel, of the General Theological Seminary, yesterday explained to a TRIBUNE reporter the recent transfer of property to the seminary by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pierrepont, of Brooklyn. "When Mr. Pierrepont was treasurer of the seminary," said Dr. Buel, "he purchased for the institution a lot on the southwest corner of Tenth-ave. and Twenty-first-st. and had the deed made out in his name. The property is transferred now in order to relieve the seminary from embarrassment in the future, as Mr. Pierrepont is not now its treasurer."

"Then the seminary is not benefited by this gift?"

"No; it already owned the property."

THROWING HIMSELF BEFORE A TRAIN.

As a train on the Morris and Essex Railroad was passing the Roseville station at Newark at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a man threw himself in front of the engine. The wheels passed over his neck and decapitated him. The man was John Kellmer, a baker, age forty-five, living at No. 10 Shipman-st., Newark. He came from Germany fifteen years ago and his wife promised to follow him, but although he sent her money at different times she did not come. Last week Kellmer received a letter from her stating that if he would send her $200 she would probably join him. Kellmer got moody and drank a good deal after receiving the letter. Yesterday morning he left a letter at the house saying that it was his intention to throw himself under a train and that his friends would hear of his death in the afternoon. His son, age sixteen, lives in Newark.

A MINING BROKER MISSING.

A dispatch from Stamford, Conn., stated that Robert Fellows, who lives in that town and who has an office as a mining broker at No. 176 Broadway, had been missing for two weeks. Mr. Fellows has been a member of the New-York Mining Exchange for years, but he was never active as a broker and never held any prominent position in the institution. Nothing is known of his movements since Monday two weeks ago, when he was last seen in Cortlandt-st. His friends cannot explain his absence, as he was well-to-do and had no habits that were likely to cause an unexplained absence from his home or business. Richard C. Fellows, a brother of the missing broker, went to Police Headquarters yesterday and left a statement concerning the disappearance.

READING FOR HOSPITALS AND PRISONS.

Gifts of pleasant stories or magazines are most acceptable to the inmates of public institutions. Persons having books or magazines which they are willing to devote to this purpose are requested to send them to No. 79 Fourth-ave., addressed to the Committee on Books and Papers. Books entrusted to this committee are distributed, not only to institutions within the city, but all over the State. Managers of any asylum, home, hospital or prison wishing a contribution of reading matter only have to state their wants to the secretary of this committee and their wishes are complied with as soon as suitable material is available.

PERE HYACINTHE'S SUDDEN ILLNESS.

Pere Hyacinthe was seized with a sudden and altogether unaccountable illness last evening, which will prevent him from delivering his lecture this evening as announced. He shut himself up from even his intimate friends, and Madame Hyacinthe Loyson intimated that it was uncertain whether her husband would lecture at all.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Congressman R. W. Dunham, of Illinois; Hamilton Harris, of Albany, and John W. Candler and Edward Avery, of Massachusetts. .....*Union Square Hotel*—Secretary of State Joseph B. Carr, of Albany.....*Windsor Hotel*—Judge George F. Comstock, of Syracuse.....*Hoffman House*—James A. Gary, of Baltimore.....*Grand Central Hotel*—Joseph A. Nunez, United States Consul at Cardenas, Cuba.....*Hotel Brunswick*—William Bliss, president of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Fouardent-Di Cosola libel suit before Judge Shipman.
Huguenot Society in French Church du Esprit.
New-York Academy of Medicine at No. 12 West Thirty-first-st.
Actors' Fund meeting in Theatre Comique.
Funk will contest in surrogate's Court.
Professor Rees's lecture on standard time in Columbia College.
7th Regiment veterans in armory.
The Rev. J. R. Day's lecture in Forsyth Street M. E. Church.
Master carbuilders, No. 113 Liberty-st.
D. T. Ames before accountants and book-keepers, No. 29 Warren-st.

NEW-YORK CITY.

"Charley Ross found at last—on exhibition here," is a sign conspicuously displayed in one of the Bowery museums.

Paper and rags in broken windows in the New Court House do not improve the appearance of the building.

Policy-shops in Chatham-st. are still open. They are not doing so thriving a business, however, as they did a few months ago.

A big clipper ship, named after ex-Mayor William R. Grace, lies at Pier No. 19, East River. She is to sail for California in a day or two.

A MATE KILLED AT SEA.

While the schooner Benjamin Garlside, bound from Boston to this city, was off Barnegat on Monday night, a block fell from the rigging and instantly killed Allison Y. George, the mate.

ENLARGING A BANK.

The Citizens' Savings Bank, at the Bowery and Canal-st., has been enlarged to twice its former size. The building now has a broad, handsome brownstone front, three stories and a basement.

THE CHANGE OF TIME.

Tiffany & Co. announce that on and after Sunday noon their regulators, including the large clock in front of their building, will indicate the time by the new standard; also all other timepieces regulated under their supervision.

DRAW POKER IN AN ELEVATED TRAIN.

Two young men in the last car of a down-town train on the Sixth-ave. Elevated Railroad yesterday afternoon were playing a lively game of draw-poker, using the seat between them for the table. The few other passengers and the conductor were interested spectators.

A STEAMSHIP RETURNS TO PORT.

The British steamship Dent Helme, which sailed from this port for St. Johns, N. F., on Tuesday, had her condenser cracked while proceeding through Long Island Sound, and returned to this port yesterday for repairs.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DR. SIMS'S FUNERAL.

The body of Dr. J. Marion Sims will be taken from his late home at 9 a. m. Friday. After the funeral service at the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, it will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery for burial.

A NEW BUILDING IN WALL-ST.

Work is now being pushed forward on the second story of the Merchants' National Bank building, in Wall-st., between Nassau and William. The building will extend through from Wall-st. to Pine-st. There will be entrances on either street. It will be eight stories in height.

A MEETING OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY.

The Huguenot Society of America will hold its first public meeting this evening, in the French Church du Saint Esprit, in Twenty-second-st., between Fifth and Sixth aves. Bishop Quintard, of Tennessee, Assistant Bishop Potter, of New-York, Professor Henry M. Baird, and the Rev. Dr. Vermilye will be among the speakers.

SOUVENIRS AT THE INSTITUTE FAIR.

Handsome souvenirs will be presented to every lady visitor to the American Institute Fair to-day who purchases a ticket at the box office. The chrysanthemum show is now at its best, and is enlivened by afternoon and evening concerts by Conterno's 9th Regiment Band.

THE NASSAU BOAT CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

At the sixteenth annual meeting of the Nassau Boat Club, held at the St. Cloud Hotel on Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, William Brookfield; vice president, Walter S. Wilson; secretary and treasurer, Albert E. Colfax; captain, Richard O. Morse.

SWEARING AND THE LAW.

"Why cannot the law suppress profanity?" asked one gentleman of another within a stone's throw of Police Headquarters yesterday. "I cannot answer you," was the response. "Well," continued the first speaker, "I have heard not less than fifty oaths within the last two minutes. This should be stopped.

DRAINAGE IN THE ANNEXED DISTRICT.

The Health and Park Commissioners yesterday had a conference in regard to the proposed draining of the Bungay Creek lands in the annexed district. Residents of the district have been agitating the subject for a long time. General Viele, of the Park Board, and Colonel Prentice, counsel to the Board of Health, were appointed a committee to prepare plans.

ANOTHER INSECURE SCAFFOLD.

A scaffold three stories above the ground, against the wall of an unfinished building in One-hundred-and-fourteenth-st., between Second and Third-aves., broke at 2 p. m. yesterday, and a workman fell from it upon Joseph Judge, a laborer of East One-hundred-and-fifteenth-st., injuring him seriously. The man who fell escaped injury, and left the building without giving his name to the police.

A CLERK CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

Robert Shaw, a merchant of No. 65 Water-st. was a complainant in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday against his managing clerk, Egbert R. Middlebrook, whom he accused of retaining a check for $61, indorsing it and received the amount from Field, Lindley & Co., of No. 17 South-st. The check was issued by Hasford B. Kirk & Co. in favor of Mr. Shaw and was drawn on the Fulton National Bank. Justice Duffy held Middlebrook in $2,000 bail for examination.

THE TROUBLES OF WORKINGMEN.

The cigarbox makers employed by Henry Walter, at Rivington and Attorney sts., were informed yesterday that they could go to work on Monday and that the Union would be recognized. The large manufacturers say they will not, under any circumstances, recognize the Union. The employes of Higgins's carpet manufactory, at Forty-third-st. and Eleventh-ave., left their work yesterday, as they were informed that they must submit to a reduction of wages of ten per cent. They held a meeting at Wendel's Assembly Rooms to organize a strike.

CLOSE OF THE ROBERTSON COLLECTION SALE.

The sale of the Robertson collection of Japanese curios was closed yesterday. A large number of the Daimio swords were withdrawn on account of the low bidding, and few brought more than $30. A fine silver-mounted sword, richly ornamented in relief, sold for $100. The sword-guards brought from $5 to $40, a set of twenty-four pieces selling for $72. A silver bronze vase, two feet in height, curiously carved and inlaid, was purchased for $410; a smaller one of similar workmanship brought $295; and a large antique incense-burner, richly worked in relief, sold for $225.

REAL ESTATE NOTES.

The Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company has borrowed the sum of $1,500,000 upon the railroad stables in Seventh-ave., extending from Fiftieth-st. to Fifty-first-st. Bonds of the denomination of $1,000 each have been issued, and for the better security of the same the company has executed a trust deed of the above property to Robert Buck, cashier of the City Bank. In the Register's office yesterday an assignment of mortgages to President Arthur as guardian of Chester Allen Arthur and Ellen Herndon Arthur was recorded. The consideration expressed is $11,023.

THE HAYDEN LIBRARY AT AUCTION.

The sale of a portion of the miscellaneous library of the late C. B. Hayden, of Virginia, comprising many rare and valuable works, among which are some handsomely illuminated ancient vellum mediæval missals, and a collection of engravings and etchings, was begun yesterday at the Clinton Hall salesrooms by George A. Leavitt & Co. The attendance was not large, but the bidding was spirited. One of the most important sales was Fuerst's concordance of the Old Testament, comprising every Hebrew and Chaldee word, for $14 25. The sale will be continued to-day.

THE COLD AND WIND ON THE BRIDGE.

The wind howled over the great Bridge yesterday, and between the towers it was especially strong; but the police stationed there prevented any accident to pedestrians. When asked how the Bridge guards stood it, one of them said he had been on police duty for nearly twenty years, but the exposure on the Bridge was more severe than in the coldest part of New-York City. It would be hard to get any men to stand the duty this winter unless some protection is provided, such as sentry boxes, where they could retire occasionally.

THE METAL EXCHANGE GRATUITY FUND.

The members of the New-York Metal Exchange met yesterday afternoon to discuss the project of establishing a gratuity fund for the benefit of their families, similar to those in operation in the older exchanges. After some delay in securing a quorum, the plan previously reported by the Law Committee was approved. A resolution, recommending the adoption of the report by the Board of Managers and directing it to take the necessary steps to carry it into practical operation, was passed with only slight opposition. It is understood that the charter and by-laws of the exchange will have to be modified before the plan can be carried out in full.

BROOKLYN.

There were loud calls for stoves from shivering passengers in the street cars yesterday.

Henry Kaehl, of No. 100 Buffalo-ave., was convicted yesterday of selling liquor without a license.

Some ice was seen on the suburban ponds and lakes yesterday, but it was not heavy enough to bear skaters.

The Rev. J. T. Tyler, of Augusta, Ga., has accepted a call to the pulpit of the Church of Christ, in Stirling-place, to succeed the Rev. J. B. Cleaver.

The Rev. Edward Judson, of New-York, has been called to the pastorate of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, to succeed the Rev. H. O. Pentecost, now of New-York.

The police succeeded in capturing several men engaged in stealing sugar from the lighters off Woodruff's stores, at the foot of Joralemon-st., on Tuesday night through a special policeman, who was engaged as a watchman and who watched his fellow watchmen, two of whom were in league with the thieves and were arrested.

Mrs. Margaret O'Reilly, age eighty, formerly a domestic in New-York, who had accumulated about $8,000, was recently sent to the Kings County Insane Asylum by her niece, Mrs. Margaret Nash, and her nephew, John O'Reilly, who desired to get her money. Dr. Shaw recently pronounced the old woman sane, and then Mrs. Nash informed the Commissioners of Charities and Correction that she was a pauper. One of her friends made the fact known that she had $5,000, which the nephew and niece had drawn from her bank and put in the Williamsburg and Kings County Savings Banks. An attachment was secured yesterday, and Sheriff Stegman drew the money, and holds it subject to Mrs. O'Reilly's order.

JERSEY CITY.

The shoe-store of Timothy O'Shea, No. 112 Montgomery-st., was broken into on Tuesday night and robbed of a dozen pairs of shoes. James Powers, a notorious young thief, was found with the shoes in his possession, and yesterday Justice Stilsing committed him to the County Jail on a charge of burglary.

NEWARK.

The Bureau of Associated Charities held its annual meeting last evening at Library Hall. Dr. L. Dennis, the president, made an address explaining the objects of the association. It was reported that forty-seven societies are now members of the Bureau.

LONG ISLAND.

BABYLON.—The Presbytery of Nassau yesterday held a stated meeting at which the Rev. J. C. Hume was ordained and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

WOODBURY.—Henry Elkins, a farm laborer in the employ of John Rewlett, attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging himself to a beam in the barn. He was discovered and cut down in time to save his life.

RIVERHEAD.—Preparations on an extensive scale have been made for the celebration to-day of the bi-centennial of Suffolk County. There will be a parade in the morning and meetings in the afternoon and evening, at which addresses will be made. At the close there will be a display of fireworks.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—The Rev. W. A. Granger, of the Baptist Church, denies in the most explicit terms the statement that on election day he was peddling Petry tickets, or that he denounced Mr. Gleason as a Papist. The only Petry ticket that he had in his possession that day, he says, was the one that he voted, and the false charges could have been prompted only by malice.....The Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday night, P. J. Gleason, the defeated candidate for Mayor, presiding. John McKeon, who was elected Alderman from the Third Ward, was sworn in and Alderman Fitzgerald, the pedestrian, was relieved of his official duties.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WHITE PLAINS.—The Grand Jury yesterday began taking testimony in regard to the management of the Mount Vernon Branch of the New-York Infant Asylum.

MAMARONECK.—A number of wealthy residents of Mamaroneck and Rye Neck are organizing a water supply company. Most of the stock has already been subscribed. The water will be obtained from Hadden Pond, which is fed by never failing springs.

THE BARGES WRECKED IN THE SOUND.

NO TIDINGS RECIVED OF THE FATE OF THE CREWS.

At the office of Haddock & Steele, No. 111 Broadway, owners of the coal barges Dunderberg and Osprey, which were wrecked in Long Island Sound on Monday night, with the coal barge Ida, it was stated that no tidings had been received from the crews, although there was a possibility that they may not have been lost. Mr. Steele said: "The captain of the tug has been criticised because he did not run into New-Haven, but some of the barges drew too much water. Had the tow-lines not parted the boats would have gone to New-London safely enough. The Dunderberg was worth about $10,000, and was insured for $6,000; her cargo was worth about $1,000. The Osprey was worth $6,000, and she was insured for $4,000, while the cargo was worth $2,000. The Ida, owned in Middletown, Conn., had a cargo valued at $2,600; the barge was worth $11,000 and was insured for $8,500."

NEW-LONDON, Nov. 14.—The bottom of the barge Ida, one of the three which broke from tow in the Sound Monday night, was picked up at Pine Island this morning. No bodies have been found.

FIVE DISTRICTS CANVASSED.

The Aldermen canvassed yesterday the votes cast in the Ist, IIId, IVth, VIth, and VIIth Assembly Districts. The IId District, where there is a close contest between William P. Kirk and Thomas P. Walsh for Alderman, was laid over until a decision on certain disputed points has been made by the courts. A protest was received from Thomas Cleary, the Alderman-elect in the Ist District, against counting the votes in the Fourth Election District. He alleges that there were only 202 votes cast, while the total vote for Alderman foots up 252. The matter was referred to the Committee on Protests. The vote as canvassed in the IIIrd District elects John C. Brogan, the Tammany Hall and Irving Hall candidate for the Assembly, by a plurality of eleven votes.

MAYOR LOW'S PLURALITY 1,843.

The official canvass of the Mayoralty vote in Brooklyn was completed yesterday by the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Low's plurality only differs by three from the result given the day after election. The Prohibition candidate, Leigh, received 349 votes. Mr. Low's total vote was 40,934, and Hendrix received 48,091 votes; Low's plurality is 1,843, and his majority over both Hendrix and Leigh is 1,494.

A NEWBURG FISH STORY.

From The Newburg Register.

A Newburg fisherman of some local fame, who was fishing at Little Pond a few days since, made an unprecedented catch. He had thrown his line far out into the pond, and after waiting a moment received a bite which made his eyeballs jingle. He knew there were no sturgeon in the pond, and when the supposed fish struck the hook it fairly paralyzed him. He soon recovered his equilibrium, however, and commenced reeling in the monster of the deep. As the end of the line came near his boat there was a fluttering sound, and to his horror and astonishment there arose from the water and started to fly skyward a monster loon or "hell-diver." Our brave fisherman "played" him in the air for a few moments and then landed him safe in the boat. The fowl probably dove for a fish which at the same time took the fisherman's bait, and together with the fish swallowed the hook.

HOW HE MARRIED TWO WOMEN.

From The Boston Transcript.

"Did you hear of that man down town who married two women in one day?" asked Fogg at the tea table the other evening. "Isn't it awful!" exclaimed the landlady. "Do tell us all about it, Mr. Fogg." "Oh, there isn't much to tell," replied Fogg; "you know him well." "I know him! the villain!" shrieked the landlady. "Don't say that, ma'am," said Fogg, soothingly; "don't say that. It was the Rev. Mr. Textual, your beloved pastor, and he wouldn't like to hear you talk so about him. And, by the by, he married the women to as two likely young fellows as there are in town." The landlady says she never could bear that Fogg.

THE "EAR OF THE HOUSE."

From The Buffalo Express.

Once, when P. T. Barnum was younger than he is now, he dipped into politics and secured a seat in the Connecticut Legislature. His attempts at speech-making were less successful than his essays in the show business had been, and the legislators could not be made to give him any attention whatever. "What do you suppose is the reason," some one asked Mr. E. P. Whipple, the Boston litterateur, "that Mr. Barnum could not obtain the ear of the house?" "Oh, nothing is simpler," was the ready response; "they're afraid that he'll exhibit it in the museum."

"REMEMBER ME."

From The Hartford Post.

One of the very recent agonies is for a young lady to decorate one of the oyster shells she picked up on the beach last summer, by painting on its pearly side a picture of a couple sitting by the sea under a sun umbrella. This she sends to the young gentleman who was the other half of the couple, first tying a blue ribbon bow upon it. The deep, the utter significance of this is: "Remember me. Others may forget." And straightway he proceeds to remember her with a half pound of chocolate creams.

MOURNERS OVER BUTLER'S DEFEAT.

From The Baltimore American.

At least one man mourns Butler's defeat. He is the humorous paragrapher. In rain and in storm, in darkness and in light, when news was scarce and when times were dull, Benjamin Butler was a never-failing victim for the man who deals in caustic brevities. The benign old politician has been the biggest news feature of the year, and paragraphers will mourn his loss as that of a useful friend, furnishing bountiful material for joke and comment.

ATTACHED TO HIS CELL.

From The Auburn News.

Tom Howard, the life convict pardoned at the same time with Jim Sherwood, did not leave the prison with the latter yesterday morning, but waited until afternoon. When the time for his departure drew nigh he seemed to dread going, and lingered until the last possible moment. The place which had been his home for eighteen years seemed to have grown into his affections, and could he have had his choice it is doubtful if he would have left it.

"A Philadelphia scientist can tell, on examining a hair-pin, the color of the owner's hair." And a Philadelphia woman, on examining a hair found on the shoulder of her husband's coat, can tell whether he has lied or not—and she is not a scientist, either.—[Norristown Herald.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises, 6:48; sets, 4:42 | Moon's rise 5:54 | Moon's age, dis. 16

HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A.M.—Sandy Hook, 7:32; Gov. Island, 8:21; Hell Gate, 10:16
P.M.—Sandy Hook, 8:20; Gov. Island, 8:46; Hell Gate, 10:35

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