LOCAL MISCELLANY.

RAILWAY FRANCHISES SHOULD BE SOLD.

AN EFFORT TO INDUCE THE ALDERMEN TO DECLARE THEMSELVES.

Alderman O'Connor, at the meeting of the Board yesterday, endeavored to place the Aldermen on record in the matter of selling railroad franchises at public auction. On June 23 he offered a resolution in the Board that all franchises for surface street railroads should be sold at public auction. This motion was referred to the Committee on Railroads, of which Mr. McLaughlin is chairman, and there it has remained. Mr. O'Connor moved yesterday that the resolution be taken from the committee, and added: "In the light of recent developments the members of the Council may now be willing to vote for this resolution."

Mr. Grant said he hoped the resolution would be adopted, and declared that it had been his theory all along, that the franchises should be sold at public auction.

"It would extricate several members from dilemma," said Mr. O'Connor.

Mr. O'Neil said the chairman of the Railroad Committee was sick and therefore absent. It would be uncomplimentary to him to take the resolution out of the hands of the committee.

"I do not value the gentleman's opinion as to what is complimentary and what is not," replied Mr. O'Connor. "I have not been well treated in this matter. I introduced this resolution in good faith. It was referred to the Railroad Committee in order to smother it. It has been kept there just as I expected it would be. I think that by the adoption of this resolution some gentlemen might be relieved from an unpleasant position. I ask to have this resolution taken from the committee, where it was evidently intended it should die, and I insist that the roll be called so that the ayes and nays may be taken."

"There's been a good deal of buncombe here," said Mr. Cleary. "I don't think that a few members should come here and take up our time at every meeting with talk about this matter, and making a little aggrandizement for themselves. Now, I say this thing has been settled once and I don't see no use for to bring it up again."

Mr. Miller said he was a member of the Railroad Committee, and the reason the resolution had not been called up was because the chairman of the committee had not called a meeting.

President Kirk wished to know if Mr. O'Connor had appeared before the Railroad Committee. Mr. O'Connor said he certainly had not. His place to make objections was on the floor of the chamber. Mr. O'Neil finally offered an amendment to Mr. O'Connor's resolution requesting that the Railroad Committee report on the matter at the next meeting of the Board. This was carried.

MONSIGNOR CAPEL IN GOOD HUMOR.

NOT ACQUAINTED WITH "BILLY" FLORENCE—THEATRES—POLITICS.

"Now, what do you want of me, sir?" was the salutation of Monsignor Capel, his eyes twinkling under his bushy brows, as he greeted a TRIBUNE reporter who called at John Mack's house, No. 365 Fifth-ave. The reporter replied that he wished to make a few inquiries about the Monsignor's trip through the West, from which he had just returned.

"You shall not ask me any questions," said the prelate, talking so rapidly that a stenographer would have fled from him in dismay, "but I wish to correct a few stories that are floating around in the newspapers. One is that I met 'Billy'—'Bil'—'Bi'"—

"Florence?"

"Yes, 'Billy' Florence, and that he offered to take me to the theatre. Now I have not yet the honor of 'Billy' Florence's acquaintance, and I have not been to a theatre in four and twenty years. The fact is, I was dining in a hotel at St. Paul, not Chicago, and there was an English company of singers there. One of them came over and spoke to me, saying that they were disputing as to whether I was Capel or not and it ended by their offering me a box at the theatre that night. I refused on account of my habit, as I have stated. Now, I did not say the devil was preached at the theatre. I hold that every man and woman must settle for themselves whether the theatre does them harm or good, because it acts differently with different people. I believe that the theatre can be made an immense power for good. Such it was in the days of the old miracle plays and in such instances as the passion play at Oberam Mergan."

"How about Shakespeare's plays?"

"Oh, I believe in producing good plays, classic works, anything that disseminates good literature and upholds good morals. I do not go to the theatre but I read the criticisms of the plays in order to find out what strikes the popular heart. The stage holds the mirror up to human nature now as much as in days gone by, and if a play does not please people it fails. So I keep track of what the age demands in the drama.

"Now, there's that other story that I had declared my preferences for one of the Presidential candidates. My dear sir, it is not so. I have taken no sides in the contest, though I have learned the difference between Republicans and Democrats. The former are 'ins' and the other 'outs.' I am a guest in this country. It would be extremely inappropriate for me to express any views on your political matters here, and, moreover, I do not meddle in politics at home, unless when some question of morals or education comes up. I never tell any man how to vote and my own parishioners do not know how I vote at home. I cast my individual ballot independently, as every one should."

MANY ATTRACTIONS AT A STATE FAIR.

NEW BUILDINGS AT WAVERLY, N. J., FOR POULTRY AND CATTLE—PATCHWORK.

The twenty-sixth annual fair of the New-Jersey State Agricultural Society opened yesterday on the grounds of the society at Waverly, between Newark and Elizabeth. Since the fair of last year additional buildings have been erected for the cattle and poultry departments and a new bicycle track an eighth of a mile long has been constructed inside the racing track. The cattle display is remarkable. There are herds of short horns, Swiss cattle, Jerseys, Ayrshires, Holsteins, Guernseys and Devons from the best known stock farms of New-Jersey, New-York and Pennsylvania. Among them are the herds of Nathan Robins, of Metuchen, N. J.; D. H. McAlpin, of Littleton, N. J.; James Nelson, of New-Brunswick, N. J.; the Crescent Farm, of F. M. Carryle, at Avendale, N. J.; Lafayette Conover, of Marlboro, N. J.; Charles E. Conover, of Wickatunk, N. J.; William Lindsay, of Elizabeth, N. J.; A. S. Shimer, of Readington, Penn.; H. D. Oliphant, of Orange, N. J.; P. O. Metcee & Sons, of Elizabeth, N. J.; and the Clermont Herd of Edward L. Clarkson, of Tivoli-on-the-Hudson, and a large number of single entries of great merit. The displays of registered swine and sheep and the blooded horses also attracted considerable attention.

There are over six hundred coops of poultry on exhibition, and all sorts of agricultural implements. The household and art departments are filled with goods. The number of women exhibitors is unusually large. The number of "crazy patch-work" quilts, table covers, cushions and piano covers is so large that one wonders if that kind of work is the only pastime of the fair sex of New-Jersey. The fruit and grain department is filled to overflowing with exhibits. Monmouth County, the second richest agricultural county of the country, overbalances nearly all the other twenty counties of the State in this department. The display of carriages and wagons is larger than usual. One of the features of this department is the old family coach of the Mayo family, which was the property of General Winfield Scott from 1812 till his death. It is an old-fashioned English coach with a huge cumbersome body slung on leather straps instead of springs. It has heavy wooden blinds at all the windows and tops which fold up inside the coach. Nearby hangs the heavy French harness which was used with the vehicle. In the household department is a satin quilt containing over 10,000 pieces, which was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Caddock, age sixty-four years, of Newark, N. J. John Quevedo, one of the sailors on the Bear, of the Greely Relief Expedition, has an exhibition a number of relics from the Arctic region, including one of the fur sleeping bags, seal-skin boots and clothing, and two of the Esquimaux dogs. The races of the horses of the three minute class, 2:27 class, and colts foaled in 1881 and named in 1883 will take place to-morrow.

President Arthur and Secretary of State Frelinghuysen have been invited to attend the fair. General Benjamin F. Butler will be present on Thursday afternoon.

ITALIANS RETURNING TO ITALY.

An advertisement appeared yesterday morning for a doctor to go out with an emigrant ship to the Mediterranean. Upon inquiry it has been found that the steamship Bracadale was about to take out a large number of steerage passengers and it was for her that the doctor was wanted. The emigrants are returning to their native land. It is said that nearly as many Italians go from this country to Italy in the course of the year as come over. Gangs of Italian laborers are brought over every year under contract, some for one, some for two and some for three years. As soon as their term of service is completed they go back to Italy. Some of the three years' men take back as much as $1,000. There are also large numbers of Italians constantly returning to Italy who have made small fortunes by dealing in the peanut market, inspecting ash barrels, grinding organs, and kindred occupations.

WALL STREET RUMORS ABOUT BANKS.

There have been frequent rumors in Wall Street since Friday that some prominent bank was financially distressed. The rumors were positive yesterday, and the names of two or three banks were mentioned openly. It was not learned that there was any real foundation for the reports. At the Clearing House Manager Camp said that no member of the Association was in trouble so far as he knew, and at the banks which were spoken of the officers denied that their banks were embarrassed.

President Edwards, of the Bank of the State of New-York, a State institution, said: "There is not the slightest foundation for the rumors affecting this bank. We can call loans enough to pay our entire deposits to-morrow. There are not many banks which can say as much as that. The rumors about this bank are simply ridiculous."

President Murray, of the United States National Bank, the name of which was also mentioned in the street reports, said that the bank was in no difficulty. In regard to the recent failure at Louisville, Ky., by which the bank had been reported to be a heavy sufferer, Mr. Murray said that the loss would not be over $25,000 or $30,000.

TROUBLE IN A COLORED CHURCH.

The Abyssinian Baptist Church, at No. 166 Waverly-place, breaks out periodically with a mild sensation of which THE TRIBUNE is duly informed through the medium of a postal card by some anonymous person who displays a desire to sow discord among the faithful. A postal card was received at THE TRIBUNE office yesterday stating that John Spelman, the son of the pastor, had shaken his cane under the nose of Deacon Harris when the latter on Sunday had attempted to read a notice of a meeting for the election of trustees. The deacon was found at the Old Dominion Steamship pier leisurely loading rolls of leather upon a truck. He denied with a careless sort of indignation that anybody had had the audacity to shake a cane under his nose, and said:

"Yesterday afternoon I read a notice calling upon the people to come together and elect nine trustees who should be qualified voters of the church, on September 22, at 8 p. m. I had asked the pastor's clerk, who is his son-in-law, to read it and he refused. There was no disturbance of any kind in the church. Mr. Spelman, the pastor, referred to it as a preface to his sermon. After church was over he met me and said that he intended to have a meeting of the deacons this evening and wanted me to be present. His son followed me to Sixth-ave. and told me that if I read that notice next Sunday he would 'chuck' me out of the church. I said that I'd read it and that I would like to see him 'chuck' me out. The notice has to be read two weeks before the election. The present board is not a legal corporation under the law. Some of the brethren have taken advice from a lawyer and he told them so. The board has never made a report about the church finances and the increase and decrease in the membership as it is required to do once every three years by its charter or under the present State law. I've seen the deacons and they don't expect to be present at the meeting to-night. The old board of trustees won't meet either—at least two of them won't—and there are only four of them living. What we are trying to do is to reorganize under the new State law, I believe."

The Rev. Mr. Spelman was seen at his home in Grove-st. He said that he didn't want to say anything about the troubles in his church, but was finally induced to say that he "proposed to hold the fort." He said that he had taken advice from an old lawyer, who told him to continue in the course that he had marked out.

THE REV. DR. PARKHURST'S RETURN.

Among the passengers who arrived yesterday by the steamship Arizona was the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church. Dr. Parkhurst and his wife return from a three months' absence in Europe in good health and bronzed by the sun of the Tyrol and Northern Italy.

"We dropped out of the regular line of travel," said he last evening, "'far from the madding crowd.' We heard very little about the cholera and had none of the fright. We saw few tourists and only occasionally an English paper, so that what has been going on in the interval is pretty much a blank to me, and I shall have to go through a course of reading to get up with American politics in the mixed state in which they seem to be. Our trip was purely for rest and recreation, and I wanted to get away as far as possible from routine. I saw the Emperor William, whose party visited where I was staying, and stayed at the same hotel. He looked older and more infirm than when I saw him a few years ago, but he carries his eighty-five years bravely.

"I was impressed by the solidity and dignity of European politics, compared with our own. I am thoroughly American, but I confess that I would like to see more of the European strength, and less of the rattle in our politics. Every party there means something, right or wrong, but aside from the question of fit, with which the Republican party is identified, there seems to be nothing else before the people here that means anything. I begin my church work directly, but do not preach until Sunday after next. There have been no especial changes and the work will be resumed where it was left."

THE CRIPPLED TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Interest on the bonds of the American Rapid Telegraph Company, which is controlled by the Bankers and Merchants' Company, was not paid at maturity yesterday. The amount of the issue is $3,000,000. The default is one of the consequences of the embarrassment of the Bankers and Merchants', and according to the terms of the mortgage a period of six months is allowed before the bondholders can begin foreclosure proceedings. The recent embarrassment of the Bankers and Merchants' Company has developed the fact that nearly the whole amount of the $10,000,000 first mortgage bonds of that company has been issued. It was said at the company's office yesterday that many of the bonds had been used in the payment of construction and other claims recently, and that some of them had been pledged in loans. The company has about one million of the bonds in its treasury, but with this exception the whole amount authorized has been virtually issued.

There was no change yesterday in the relations of the companies recently members of the telegraph pool. President Bates, of the Baltimore and Ohio, said that the business of that company was larger than ever before, and that it had not suffered by withdrawing from the pool.

HOW UNION PRINTERS ARE ASSESSED.

There is some dissatisfaction in the rank and file of Typographical Union No. 6, at the levying of a 20 per cent assessment for the purpose of supporting *The Commercial Advertiser* strike, and to put some money in the treasury. The assessment was levied at the last meeting of the Union and is to be paid in three ten per cent instalments. "This assessment business is getting played out," said a member of the union yesterday. "Since the strike of last year we have had seven or eight assessments. Then there are picnics, balls and excursions, for which we must take tickets, and the Union dues, until I don't see that I'm such a thundering sight better off than I was before the strike for higher wages was made."

"Are you forced to buy tickets for the picnics and excursions?" was asked by the reporter.

"No, we are not exactly forced to buy them, but a fellow doesn't want to look mean when the chairman of the chapel comes around with tickets and kill the rest of the boys take one. Of course you have to take one too. I don't see what in thunder becomes of all the money that we are assessed.

DR. FORDYCE BARKER HOME AGAIN.

Dr. and Mrs. Fordyce Barker came home on the steamship Arizona yesterday. They were met by friends and brought up to the city in a tug. Owing to the cool air and the lack of an overcoat Dr. Barker contracted a severe cold. A TRIBUNE reporter called in the afternoon at his house No. 28 East Thirty-eighth-st.

"Oh, it's nothing serious," said he, alluding to his cold. "I shall soon be all right. I am very well otherwise, and so is Mrs. Barker. I went away simply for rest, and we have spent most of the time travelling through the rural parts of England, which we found very enjoyable and interesting, though I do not suppose my experiences were novel enough to be worth relating. I made a ten days' visit in Paris just to see a patient. As to professional matters I dropped them entirely."

"How is your former patient, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, getting on?"

"Oh, she is not a patient any longer, as she may be considered well. She spent the summer at Schwalbach, and I believe is now travelling free and Paris and homeward. By the way, how is the political fight going on? I have been in out-of-the-way places and have not heard much of politics."

KILLED BY A SHIPMATE AT SEA.

When the Pacific Mail Company's steamship City of Para arrived off Sandy Hook on Sunday afternoon she had on board the dead body of Otto Yerwood, a seaman who was killed in a fight on Saturday with a fellow tar, Christian Hanson, a Dane. The vessel was bound from Aspinwall, and during the greater part of the voyage both men were quite friendly until nearing Hatteras, when the hands were engaged in scrubbing the deck. Some angry remarks passed between Yerwood and Hanson in which the latter said that Yerwood was "a sucker," and was doing the work rapidly so that it might be seen by the chief officers that the other hands were less industrious. Yerwood responded that he might charge Hanson on a similar count when they were engaged painting a mast the previous day. The result was a free fight in which Yerwood fell having missed a blow which he aimed at his opponent. Doctor Sturges discovered that the injured man was suffering from paralysis of the side. This was on Saturday and he died the next evening. Immediately after the fight Yerwood said to Hanson: "You may thank God I fell down." Coroner Martin ordered the removal of the body to the Morgue and Hanson was held at the Tombs to await the autopsy.

TRADE WITH SOUTH AMERICA.

The commission appointed by President Arthur, under an act of the last Congress, for the purpose of extending the commercial relations of the United States with the several nations of Central and South America, held its first meeting at the Gilsey House yesterday. George H. Sharpe, chairman, Solon O. Thacher, and W. E. Curtis, secretary, were present. The instructions to the commission from the Secretary of State were read and a plan of work discussed and decided upon. It was decided to invite merchants engaged in the South American trade to meet the commission at the office of Collector Robertson at the Custom House at noon to-day in order that the commission may learn their views and receive their suggestions as to the best means to promote commerce with the Southern continent. No formal invitations were extended to any one, but all who are interested in the subject are invited to confer with the commission.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Hotel Brunswick—Baron Schaeffer, Austrian Minister at Washington, and Colonel Chaine, of London. ....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*: Senator S. J. R. McMillan, of Minnesota; Judge Theodore Miller, of the New-York Court of Appeals; James C. Clarke, president of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt.....*New York Hotel*—Senator Thomas F. Bayard, Delaware.....*Everett House*—Ricardo Becerra, Colombian Minister at Washington.....*Brevoort House*—Governor Robert M. McLane, of Maryland.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Coney Island Jockey Club races, Sheepshead Bay, 3 p. m.
Examination of H. H. Hadley before Referee Kellogg.
Dr. O'Hare's examination, Tombs Police Court.
Aldermen's Committee on Railways, City Hall.
South American Commission, Collector's Office, Custom House.
Trustees of the College of the City of New-York, 4 p. m.
Funeral of Robert Hoe, Tarrytown, 10:15 a. m.
New-Jersey State Fair, Waverly.
Irish American Blaine and Logan meeting, Brooklyn Rink, 8 p. m.
County Prohibition Convention, Temperance Hall, 8 p. m.
Blaine and Logan meeting, No. 57 West-st., 8 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Fires were lit in some of the stoves on the Elevated Railroad stations yesterday.

The Princeton College class of '79 will meet at 140 Pearl-st. to-day at 4 p. m., to take action on the death of William Earl Dodge.

Charles Dillon, age fourteen, employed at No. 58 White-st., fell through the elevator shaft yesterday and was killed. He lived at Houston and Thompson sts.

While the Essex Market Police Court and Prison are undergoing repairs, the prisoners of the Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh and Thirteenth Precincts will be disposed of at the Tombs.

DANGER FROM PLAYING IN THE STREET.

A runaway horse dashed along Avenue A at Eighteenth-st. yesterday, and ran over Theresa Konengreaser, four years old, of No. 600 East Sixteenth-st., who was playing in the street, and broke her thigh.

DISCHARGE OF BROKER SWEENY.

William H. Sweeny, broker, who failed recently, and was arrested on May 10 on the complaint of James Welsh, another broker, for having passed an alleged worthless check for $400 upon him, was discharged yesterday at the Tombs.

INSANITY CAUSED BY A SISTER'S DEATH.

The police were informed yesterday that John Borbridge, aged twenty, of No. 403 South Third-st., Philadelphia, had disappeared, and was believed to be insane on account of the recent death of his sister. It is believed that he came to this city.

THE AMATEUR ESMERALDA.

The sale of reserved seats for the amateur performance of "Esmeralda," which will be presented at the Lexington Avenue Opera House on September 30, for the benefit of the New-York Orphan Asylum, begins to-day. Seats can be reserved at all the leading hotels in the city.

PLANS FOR AN ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Plans were filed at the Bureau of Buildings yesterday for a large asylum building which is to be erected by the Little Sisters of the Poor on the north side of One-hundred-and-sixth-st., 325 feet west of Ninth-ave. It will have a frontage of 144 feet and will be four stories high. The estimated cost is $75,000.

NOT A GOOD DAY FOR THE GANGS.

William Logan, a member of the "Tombs" gang, who assaulted Policeman Weller on Sunday night, was held in $1,000 bail in the Yorkville Court yesterday. John Andrews, of the "Silver Star" gang was also held for assaulting Policeman Fahey, and Patrick Andrews his brother, was sent to the Island for four months for participating in the assault.

SENTENCED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

Edward C. Ford, the colored man who was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree, in the Court of General Sessions, on Thursday, was sentenced yesterday by Recorder Smyth to fifteen years in the State Prison. He cut John J. Cullen, a laborer, with a razor, on December 30, inflicting a wound on the face, from which Cullen died in the New York Hospital in May.

NO HATS SMASHED AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

The galleries of the Stock Exchange were filled with visitors yesterday afternoon in anticipation of a lively warfare against summer hats. The market was an excitement in itself, however, and brokers with white hats appeared on the floor without danger. The visitors were sorely disappointed, and in a little while the galleries were nearly empty.

NEW-YORK NON-SPORTING DOG SHOW.

The premium lists of the New-York non-sporting dog show are now ready. The show will be held at Madison Square Garden on October 21, 22, 23 and 24. It will be the first show of non-sporting dogs, and promises to be successful. It will be largely supported by breeders and owners of dogs. Several entries have been promised from England. The entries close October 6.

THE CABLE ROAD IN HARLEM.

The cable road which the Third Avenue Railroad Company is building in One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. is advancing slowly on account of the contractor's lack of experience in this kind of work. The first of the three miles of track has been laid, and the engines are ready to be shipped from the place of their manufacture. The road when completed will present many novelties in construction and working.

MOODY SILENCE OF A MURDERER.

Theodore Bang's motive for killing his former employer, Dr. Adolph J. Nockin, is still undiscovered. Yesterday the drug store at Third-ave. and One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st., where the tragedy occurred, was surrounded by a crowd of morbidly curious people. A view of the interior of the store was prevented by the closely drawn shades. Dr. Nockin's funeral will take place this afternoon at his home, No. 187 East One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st. The murderer shows no signs of nervousness. He maintains his moody silence and steadfastly refuses to talk about the crime.

ARRIVAL OF A GERMAN WRESTLER.

Fritz Gommenwein, age thirty-two, was one of the passengers yesterday on the steamer Magdeburg from Amsterdam, who landed at Castle Garden. He is a German wrestler and has come seeking new worlds to conquer. His weight is 263 pounds and he can lift 300 pounds. Recently he won a valuable medal at some athletic games in Germany by holding a 100-pound weight at arms-length with his right hand while on his left thumb he held a ninety-pound weight and wrestled it with a piece of chalk held between his first and second fingers.

POLICEMEN ON EXCURSIONS.

A resolution was ordered at the meeting of the Aldermen yesterday that the Board of Police be directed to instruct the Superintendent of Police to detail two policemen for each excursion leaving this city, and that every owner or captain of a steamboat or barge who shall allow his vessel to depart with an excursion party on board without the protection of two policemen shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine of $100 or imprisonment. A question was raised whether the Board had jurisdiction in cases of this kind, and it was referred to the Law Committee to report at the next meeting.

DISCUSSING RELIGIOUS REVIVALS.

Church revivals was the theme of discussion at the Baptist ministers' conference yesterday. The Rev. M. L'Hommedieu read a paper on this subject, maintaining that revivals were in harmony with the church. One speaker thought that the methods of revivals should be more closely scrutinized; more attention should be given to the spiritual vitality of the church and less to fairs and bazars. It was stated that nine-tenths of church troubles followed upon the heels of revivals, and that some churches are sustained by periodical religious excitements.

ASSEMBLYMAN OLIVER ON HIS CONSTITUENTS.

Timothy Sheehan was arrested in Mulberry-st. on Sunday for intoxication, using profane language, causing a crowd to collect, and rescuing a prisoner. When he was arraigned in court, the officer said that he was a member of the "Why O Gang," and Justice White committed him for six months. Yesterday Assemblyman Oliver applied for his discharge and stated that the imputations on Sheehan's character were false, as he was a respectable young man. Justice White expressed his surprise at Mr. Oliver's application and refused to accede to it. Mr. Oliver indignantly denied the existence of the "Why O" or any other gang in his district, and offered $25 to any person who could find him one of those gangs.

EXPLAINING DEFICIENT PLUMBING.

Thomas Holland, a plumber, of No. 232 West One-hundred-and-thirty-first-st., was held in $500 bail in the Harlem Court yesterday on a charge of not doing the plumbing work according to law in five new houses in One-hundred-and-thirty-second-st. near Eighth-ave. Inspector W. C. Elliot stated that instead of running the ventilating pipes connecting with the closets through the roof and capping them with an iron pipe, as the law directs, he concealed the end of the pipe between the partitions of the rooms and soldered a length of lead pipe on the roof to give it the appearance of having been done properly. The prisoner said that the work must have been done by a workman who was formerly in his employ, in order to get him in trouble.

MADE INSANE BY OVERSTUDY.

Foster Douglass, nine-teen years old, whose father is cashier in Ruppert's brewery at Third-ave. and Ninety-second-st., was taken to Bellevue Hospital, insane, yesterday. He was a student in Packard's Business College and had spent three months in the Catskills. On Saturday he returned to his home at No. 17 East Eighty-first-st., and immediately began to show signs of insanity. He imagined that he was a locomotive engineer. Dr. Macgregor, of No. 153 East Eighty-third-st., the family physician, saw him on Sunday and concluded that the youth was suffering from acute mania from which he might recover under proper treatment. He advised his removal to the hospital. The cause of the young man's insanity was said to be ill health and overstudy.

BROOKLYN.

William B. Davenport, John Williams and Hiram W. Hunt were yesterday sworn in by Justice Pratt in Special Term of the Supreme Court as commissioners to determine whether the Nassau Cable Company shall construct and operate its road in Brooklyn.

Superintendent Martin says that the Bridge receipts are increasing, and will soon reach last fall's average.

George H. Mills, who killed his wife in April, 1883, was yesterday re-sentenced by Judge H. A. Moore and Justices Savage and Sherlock in the Court of Sessions, and the date of his execution was fixed for Friday, November 7. His case will probably go to the Court of Appeals.

Addison L. Davis, employed in the office of *The South Brooklyn News*, a weekly paper, was arrested by Detective Rall yesterday, charged by J. F. Dennaban, the proprietor of *The News*, with collecting between $290 and $300 for advertisements and not paying it over. Justice Walsh held him for examination.

The work of renovating and extending the apartments for the Mayor, in the City Hall, is nearly finished, and the rooms will be ready for use when Mayor Low returns from his vacation. They are handsome, and much larger than the old ones. The Mayor's private office will be richly furnished and the ceiling decorated in floral designs. The entire cost of the alterations is about $2,000.

The Board of Elections for Brooklyn met at the City Hall last evening, to appoint registrars of election and designate polling places for the coming election. There will be 250 polling places, one for each election district, and two registrars are required at each. The days of registry are, Tuesdays, September 30, and October 14, from 7 to 10 a. m., and 3 to 10 p. m.; and Monday, October 20, from 8 to 11 a. m. and 4 to 11 p. m.

Bartholomew McKitty, patrolman of the Third Precinct, Brooklyn, improved his hours off duty yesterday in dalliance with the flowing bowl at Riley's dramshop, No. 2 Richard-st. He soon took offence at two citizens, John Wood and Charles Campbell, whom he encountered near by, and he vigorously clubbed them about their heads. Patrolman Darby, of the Eleventh, seeing the fight, came up, and was also clubbed by McKitty, who was not in uniform. McKitty was arrested.

In the chill dawn of Sunday morning in an unfurnished room at No. 282 Ninth-ave., Brooklyn, Roundsman Doyle and Patrolman Doyle found Anthony McGrath, his wife, mother-in-law, and two children, huddled together, the adults in a drunken sleep. The children were six and three years old, and two others, age fourteen and thirteen, are running in the streets. McGrath was sent to jail for five days for drunkenness, and will then be tried for vagrancy. The children were cared for.

A "suspected butter" case, the first under the new law, came before Justice Walsh, yesterday. Deputy State Dairy Commissioner Edward S. Wilson complained of Edward Duffy, retail grocer, of No. 212 Hudson-ave. Agent James Quinn bought a pound of so-called butter from Duffy on August 19, for 25 cents. Commissioner Wilson had it analyzed. The result gave the following percentages: Water, 9.29; fat, 85.92; curd, 0.91; salts, 3.88; total, 100. The fat contains of insoluble fatty acids, 95.36 per cent, and of soluble fatty acids, 0.56. It contains only a little genuine butter-fat. Duffy pleaded not guilty to the charge, and was held in bail to answer on September 22.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

GIVING AND TAKING THE LIE.

A stormy meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond County Gas-Light Company was held yesterday at Stapleton. The meeting was called to decide whether or not to lease the property and franchise of the company to the Staten Island Gas-Light Company, at a rental of 6, 7 and 8 per cent for three years, successively, and 8 per cent after that on the capital stock of $300,000. The oldest families of Staten Island were represented among those present. Counsellor William M. Mullen represented the small stockholders. As soon as the gathering was called to order, he pronounced the proposed lease as an attempt of a few large stockholders to get possession of the other stock through the lease, and that they intended to pay 6 or 8 per cent interest on 3,000 shares, while drawing 20 per cent interest on them and the other 3,000 shares. An elderly, white-haired man arose and said:

"Whoever says that this is an attempt to freeze out the small stockholders tells a lie and is a liar."

Counsellor Muller jumped up and replied: "I say so. Whoever denies it tells a lie and is a liar."

"Then I say you are a liar," retorted the old man, who shook with rage and excitement.

"And I denounce you as a liar, and will hold you responsible now and elsewhere," replied Mr. Mullen. The two men made a move towards one another, but were restrained.

A resolution to make the lease was carried by a vote of 4,225 shares in favor of, and 1,311 against it. The former number was cast by three men. Mr. Mullen gave notice that he should apply to the courts to enjoin the lease.

UNABLE TO FORGIVE A WIFE TWICE.

Justice Rusch, of Hoboken, N. J., received a letter yesterday from Joseph Brown, of Glen Falls, N. Y., informing him that his wife had disappeared again and he was about to institute proceedings for a divorce. About a month ago Mr. Brown procured a warrant from Justice Rusch for the arrest of Mrs. Brown, who had eloped with Captain Joseph Purse, of the canal-boat E. A. Johnson. Mr. Brown had traced the couple to Hoboken and Mrs. Brown was arrested. She was accompanied to the justice's court by Captain Purse who interceded with her husband to forgive her and promised never to see her again. Mrs. Brown also professed penitence and the appeals and promises of the two so moved the husband that he forgave his wife and took her back home. It now appears that Mrs. Brown's weakness for Purse was too strong for her to resist and she has gone with him again. Mr. Brown is wealthy and is a prominent politician.

JERSEY CITY.

The yacht Alexander Forsyth, of the Jersey City Yacht Club, has challenged the Knight Templar to a race for the challenge cup, now held by the latter. The race will be sailed on Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Reilly, of No. 11 Sussex-st., was arraigned before Judge Stilsing yesterday charged with brutally beating and kicking Mary O'Brien, age three.

Moses Garner, who says that he is a butcher, surrendered himself to Detective Cleis, yesterday, stating that he murdered a man in Chicago two years ago. The police do not believe his story.

NEWARK.

It was reported at Police Headquarters yesterday that a daughter, age seventeen, of Louis Berger had been missing since Sunday.

Application was made before the Chancellor yesterday by a depositor named Squires for the removal of Receiver Wilkinson of the Newark Savings Bank on the ground that he had not made a report of the bank as provided by law.

VARIOUS NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

BLOOMFIELD.—Walter S. Chapman, age thirty-five, was sent to jail by Justice Hagerman on Sunday, for assaulting a young girl.

MONCLAIR.—The town Committee decided not to license more than four hotels in the township and a petition to this effect was sent to the court last week, which disregarded it and granted the license opposed by the citizens.

HOBOKEN.—Councilman Crane having denied the story that he endeavored to procure the distribution of ninety shares of stock of the Hoboken American District Telegraph Company among members of the Common Council at $1 a share, Julius Schlatter and Henry A. Gaede, directors of the company, have prepared a written statement over their signatures, reiterating the statements published in THE TRIBUNE concerning the case. Mayor Cronkhite and Charles F. Karg corroborate, in writing, that the statement made by Messrs. Schlatter and Gaede is absolutely true. The matter will be thoroughly investigated.

STATEN ISLAND.

CLIFTON.—Lillie Onle, the seventeen-year-old girl who eloped last Thursday, with William Van Hovenbrugs, age forty-six, returned home yesterday, with her husband. The pair were married the afternoon they disappeared, at Gravesend, L. I.

ROCKLAND COUNTY.

NYACK.—A savings bank is to be organized by leading citizens of Rockland County. Arthur C. Tucker will soon begin the erection of a $25,000 house at the base of the Hook Mountain. Rockland College, Willistine Hall, Nyack Seminary and Home Institute reopened yesterday.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

PORT CHESTER.—Owen Dougherty's stable and carriages in Pearl-st., were destroyed by fire on Sunday. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

NEW-ROCHELLE.—The two girls who were recently married to the young cadets for fun by Justice William Pinckney, and subsequently began proceedings for divorce in the Supreme Court, have abandoned the idea of separation.....On Sunday considerable excitement was created in consequence of an affray between Chief of Police Mohoy and a prisoner, James Mullins, who seized a large stone and hurled it at the head of the Chief, who used his club upon the head and body of the prisoner, bringing blood, somewhat freely.

ALONG THE SOUND.

BRIDGEPORT.—Mrs. James Abbott, whose husband was sentenced in New-York last week to two years in the State prison for bigamy, said yesterday: "Mr. Abbott was always kind to me, no matter how many women he married. He was weak minded, as I always knew, but more sinned against than sinning. I am ready to take him back....." Argument in the case of Samuel R. Wells, of Easton, charged with robbing and of hiring one Lynch to rob the Rev. Marvin Dudley, will be heard in the Superior Court this morning.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrises, 5.38. Sunsets, 6.03. Moon rises, 2.39. Moon's age, 4s. 27

HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A.M.—Sandy Hook, 5.02; Gov. Island, 5.29; Hell Gate, 7.18
P.M.—Sandy Hook, 5.22; Gov. Island, 5.54; Hell Gate, 7.43

FOREIGN STEAMERS DUE AT THIS PORT.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line.
Canada	London	National
Bothnia	Liverpool	Cunard
Anchoria	Glasgow	Anchor
Galileo	Hull	Wilson
Frisia	Hamburg	Hamb.-Amer
Canada	Havre	French Trans.
Muriel	West Indies	Gulf Ports
Newport	Havana	Ward's

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17.

Egyptian Monarch	London	Monarch
State of Indiana	Glasgow	State
City of Washington	Havana and Mexico	Alexandre,s
Alpin	West Indies	Atlas

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18.

Brooklyn City	Bristol	Bristol City
Hekla	Copenhagen	Thingvalla
Main	Bremen	N. G. Lloyd
Rhynland	Antwerp	Red Star

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....MONDAY, SEPT 15, 1884

ARRIVED.

Steamer Plato (Br), James, Santos Aug 19, Rio Janeiro 23 with mdse and 1 passenger to Bliss & Jevons.

Steamer City of Para, Dexter, Aspinwall 8 days, with mdse and passengers to Pacific Mail Ss Co.

Steamer Aden (Br), Byrne, Port Antonio 11 days, in ballast to Pim, Forwood & Co.

Steamer Louisiana, Gager, New-Orleans 5 days, with mdse and passengers to S H Seaman.

Steamer Franconia, Bennett, Portland, with mdse and passengers to Horatio Hall.

Steamer Glaucus, Bearse, Boston, with mdse and passengers to H F Dimock.

Steamer Jeannie, Coggins, Boston, in ballast to J H Winchester & Co.

Ship Bedford (of Halifax), Congdon, Antwerp 50 days, with asphaltum and empty barrels to order; vessel to J F Whitney & Co.

Ship Komandor Svend Foyn (Nor), Bryde, London 41 days, with cement and empty barrels to order; vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Able (Nor), Haglund, Bordeaux July 29, in ballast to master.

Bark Tiber (Br), Jones, Hamburg 49 days, with mdse to Funch, Edye & Co, vessel to F W Simmons.

Bark Tordenskiold (Nor), Eilertzen, Antwerp 50 days, with cement and empty barrels to order; vessel to C Tobias & Co.

Bark Dido (Swed), Ericsson, Pernambuco 38 days, with sugar to A Lindero; vessel to master.

Bark Amal (Nor), Lunoe, Bahia 31 days, in ballast to Benham & Boyesen.

Bark Cortez (Nor), Hansen, Trinidad June 23 via Falmouth, E, with sugar to order; vessel to Benham & Boyesen.

Bark Noah (Nor), Glerudsen, St Vincent, W I, 16 days, with sugar to Howland & Aspinwall; vessel to master.

Brig Eastern Star (of New-Haven), Rogers, Antigua 12 days, with sugar to H Trowbridge's Sons.

Brig Glenarch (Br), Carlin, Sydney, CB, 10 days, with coal to Bolton & Co; vessel to Hatton, Watson & Co.

Schr Julia Fowler, Jacobs, Port au Prince 12 days, with logwood to order; vessel to master.

Schr Harvester (Br), McLaughlin, St John, NB, 4 days, with lumber to Chase, Talbot & Co; vessel to Scammell Bros.

Schr Bessie Morris, Wheaton, Windsor, NS, 8 days, with plaster to J B King & Co; vessel to C S Coye & Co.

Schr Eva Maud (Br), Macumber, Cow Bay 16 days, with coal to Downing & Archibald; vessel to P I Nevins & Son.

Schr Nellie Clark, Clark, St John, NB,