NATIONAL CAPITAL TOPICS

THE SWAIM COURT-MARTIAL.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The court-martial in the case of Judge Advocate-General Swaim met this morning, the following officers comprising the court: Major-General J. M. Schofield, Brigadier-General H. H. Terry, Brigadier-General Nelson A. Miles, Brigadier-General W. B. Rochester, Paymaster-General; Brigadier-General S. B. Holabird, Quartermaster-General; Brigadier-General Robert Murray, Surgeon-General; Brigadier-General John Newton, Chief of Engineers; Colonel C. H. Smith, 19th Infantry; Colonel G. L. Andrews, 25th Infantry; Colonel J. R. Brooke, 3d Infantry; Colonel L. P. Bradley, 13th Infantry; Colonel R. B. Ayres, 24 Artillery; Colonel H. M. Black, 23d Infantry; with Major Asa B. Gardner as Judge Advocate. General Swaim was accompanied by Judge Shellabarger as one of his counsel, assisted by Jere Wilson and General Charles H. Grosvenor.

General Swaim stated that he appeared before the court not assenting to its jurisdiction, and praying that it dismiss the charges. He stated that the President was not empowered to appoint a court-martial to try charges preferred against him unless such charges were preferred by his commander, and that it appears from the orders convening the court that it was appointed by the President by special order to try charges preferred by Major Scott, and not prepared by General Swaim's commander, Judge Shellabarger addressed the court in support of the motion.

Major Gardner, the Judge Advocate of the Court, replied to Judge Shellabarger. He contended that the power to convene General Courts Martial was inherent in the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States. Judge Shellabarger replied, and the court-room was cleared while the court considered the plea. On the reopening of the doors the Judge Advocate announced that the plea of want of jurisdiction had not been sustained.

At the request of General Swaim the court then took a recess until Monday.

A large number of army officers were present, as were Mr. Bateman, who preferred the original charges against General Swaim; Jeff Chandler, who appeared as counsel for Mr. Bateman; and Major Scott, who was Judge-Advocate of the court of inquiry.

THE CASE OF GENERAL BADEAU.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—General Adam Badeau, formerly Consul-General at London, and more recently Consul-General at Havana, against whom the Government has a claim for about $12,000 on account of notarial fees alleged to have been illegally retained, has applied to the Treasury Department to have the case referred to the Court of Claims for arbitrament. The Secretary of the Treasury has declined the application on the ground that the law relating to the reference of cases to that court by the executive departments refers to claims against the Government, and does not apply to cases where the Government has a claim against an individual. The case is now in the hands of the Solicitor of the Treasury, with instructions from the First Controller to institute proceedings to recover the amount in dispute.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The Naval Advisory Board recommended to the Secretary of the Navy that the Navy be increased by twelve new cruisers, to be provided for in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886. The Secretary directed the chiefs of the Bureaus of Construction and Repair of Ordnance, of steam engineering and of equipment and recruiting to submit estimates of the expenses to be incurred by their respective bureaus in completing these vessels. They have made their reports to the Secretary with estimates as follows: Construction, $4,161,000, engineering, $2,521,000, armament, $2,001,918, and equipment $760,000; total estimated cost, $9,443,918.

Rear Admiral Upshur, commanding the Pacific squadron, in a dispatch to the Navy Department from Callao, Peru, October 21, reports the following disposition of vessels of this squadron: The flagship Hartford, the Shenandoah, Wachusett, Monongahela, and Onward were at anchor at Callao; the Iroquois was cruising in Australian waters and is expected to return to the south American coast about February 15; the Lackawanna was expected from Panama in a few days. The Admiral expected to leave in a flagship about October 31, for Valparaiso, touching at various ports on the coast, and to be in Coquimbo from November 15 until about December 10. The Lackawanna and Shenandoah in a few days would proceed south to visit ports on the coast of Chili, and the Monongahela would sail for Coquimbo on November 15, where she will be stationed as store ship. The Wachusett would remain at Callao for repairs. The Onward was to be sold on November 14. The health of the officers and men of the squadron is reported excellent.

FRAGMENTS OF ARMY NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—First Lieutenant Louis P. Brant, 1st Infantry, has been detailed as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., and will report for duty accordingly. The extension of leave of absence granted 1st Lieutenant Morris C. Wessells, 24th Infantry, in special orders October 30, 1884, has been further extended one month.

General John Newton, Chief of Engineers, has returned from an extended tour of inspection on the Pacific coast. Lieutenant-General Sheridan is at Fortress Monroe. He will leave there on Monday for a trip by sea to Boston, returning by rail to Washington.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Nov. 15, 1884.

THE DECLINE IN SILVER.—In to-day's quotations for silver, standard silver dollars are quoted as worth 84 cents, and trade dollars as worth 85½ cents as bullion. It is believed at the Treasury Department that there will be a further decline and that the value of standard and trade dollars will diminish accordingly.

PENSION PAYMENTS.—It is estimated that the payments from the Treasury during the present month, on account of pensions will amount to nearly $13,000,000.

NO MORE BOND CALLS AT PRESENT.—Secretary McCulloch said recently in reply to an inquiry that he did not deem it expedient to call in any more bonds at present.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.—The President today appointed Otis P. G. Clarke of Rhode Island, to be Commissioner of Pensions, vice Dudley resigned, and Calvin B. Walker, of Indiana, at present second deputy commissioner, to be first deputy commissioner, vice Clarke promoted. He also appointed DeWitt Clinton Wheeler, of New-York, R. B. Langdon, of Minneapolis and Alexander McDonald of New-York a commission to examine and report upon thirty-seven miles of the Northern Pacific Railroad in Washington Territory.

DISCUSSING TRANSITS IN CHAMBERS-ST.

The Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen continued yesterday its hearing in the case of the Chambers Street and Grand Street Ferry Railway project. Several residents of Madison-st. objected to a double track in that street, because of the danger to children. Some property-owners in Chambers-st. objected to a double track railroad, but would favor a single track road to that place. The superintendent of the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroads objected to the use of their tracks in Chambers-st. It was also asserted that travel would be blocked in that thoroughfare. It was shown that 112 cars were run to the Broadway terminus of those roads in Vesey-st. and switched back on a double track covering fifteen feet without serious inconvenience to business, and that 631 cars are similarly switched on the Park place side of Broadway on seventy-five feet of track. There are now 133 cars running to the Grand Street Ferry, and the additional line it was claimed, would not cause serious inconvenience. It was denied also that a single track in Chambers-st. would impede travel. Charles P. Shaw objected to any railway company other than the Cable Company being given permission to construct a railway in Chambers-st. Ex-Alderman Hyatt, speaking for the Chambers Street Railway Company (another enterprise), insisted that a double track railroad would not be an obstruction to travel, and would be a convenience to those crossing the city from river to river. He pledged his company to pay $100,000 for the franchise. William C. Trull, on behalf of the Grand Street Ferry and Chambers Street Railway, showed that a double track would leave eight feet on either side. This was ample room for travel. It would work no injury to the property along the route.

FUN FOR THE MILLION.

Nicholas Shaffer, of Kidder, Peabody & Co., and Jacob Etzel, proprietor of the building at Broad and Pearl sts., where Washington bade farewell to his staff officers, one hundred and one years ago, made a novel wager on the Presidential election, which is to be settled on the afternoon of November 26. Mr. Etzel wagered that if Mr. Blaine should carry New-York State he would parade through the streets down-town and play a hand-organ. Mr. Shaffer acknowledges that he has lost and will play a hand organ through the streets for Mr. Etzel's benefit, as well as to the amusement of the brokers and others in the vicinity of Wall-st. Mr. Shaffer, with a retinue of friends as well as friends of Mr. Etzel, will start from Broadway and Maiden lane, thence to Nassau and to Wall-st., down Wall-st. to the ferry, thence back to the Sub-Treasury building, and down Broad to Pearl-st. A committee of six will precede Mr. Shaffer and his organ, who will receive voluntary subscriptions from the spectators, and give them to the Bartholdi Pedestal Fund.

MISSIONARIES FOR THE CONGO.

On the deck of the steamer Britannic, which sailed yesterday afternoon, a group of missionaries waved farewell to their friends as the vessel steamed from the pier. There were five of them, all young men, under the leadership of John A. Condit. The others were William Quayle, J. Jansen, Frank Gerrish and William B. Pierson. The Twenty-third Street Tabernacle, of which the Rev. A. B. Simpson is pastor, sends this company of missionaries, after having prepared them in its training school. This is the first party which the church has organized. The church is undenominational. The missionaries have all been the outgrowth of its work in the city. Mr. Pierson is the only one of them who is married, and he is a colored man. The missionaries were the centre of attention before the vessel sailed. They received flowers and presents of useful articles from many of the members. The party will remain several weeks in London, and will then start for Cabinda on the north side of the mouth of the Congo River in Africa.

INSURANCE IN THE DRY GOODS DISTRICT.

A recent report by James Harrison, superintendent of surveys to the New-York Board of Fire Underwriters, contains some interesting statistics concerning the rates of premium in the dry goods district. The average rate per $100 of risk in Broadway is 84.5 cents; in Canal-st., 81.7 cents; in Church-st, 82.2 cents; in Chambers-st., 82.5 cents; in Duane-st., 77.2 cents; in Franklin-st., 77.7 cents; in Greene-st., 79.2 cents; in Leonard-st., 71.8 cents; in Lispenard-st., 75.1 cents; in Mercer-st., 82.1 cents; in Murray-st., 80.3 cents; in Reade-st., 85.2 cents; in Thomas-st., 73.1 cents; in Warren-st., 82.7 cents; in White-st., 80.4 cents; in Walker-st., 83.5 cents; in Worth-st., 72.8 cents. The average for the dry goods district as a whole is 81.1 cents.

Mr. Harrison complains that the limits of the dry goods district are not generally understood, and defines them as follows: Beginning at the corner of Broadway and Park-place, running thence westerly along the northerly side of Park-place to College-place; thence northerly along the easterly side of College-place, West Broadway and South Fifth-ave. to Bleecker-st.; thence easterly along the southerly side of Bleecker to Crosby-st.; thence southerly along the westerly side of Crosby-st. to Howard-st.; thence easterly along the southerly side of Howard to Elm-st.; thence southerly along the westerly side of Elm to Reade-st.; thence easterly along the southerly side of Reade to Centre-st.; thence southerly along the westerly side of Centre to Chambers-st.; thence westerly along the northerly side of Chambers-st. to Broadway; thence southerly on the westerly side of Broadway to the point of beginning. Within these limits there are 1,371 warehouses.

"BECKY" JONES HAPPY IN JAIL.

SHE SAYS SHE WILL NOT BE RELEASED.

BUT A LAWYER SEEKS HER RELEASE ON A PETITION SAID TO BE HERS—A VISIT TO HER.

"Becky" Jones was sent to Ludlow Street Jail on the 19th of last May by Surrogate Rollins because she had declined to answer certain questions which were put to her as a witness in the contest over the will of Louis C. Hamersley. She had been in the employ of the Hamersley family and claimed that she knew facts which might be highly valuable in connection with the will contest. She refused to reveal anything on the ground that if Mr. Hamersley were alive he would say, "Becky, keep still"; and to keep still she determined. When Surrogate Rollins determined that he would have to send her to jail she declared that she would remain there "until the Resurrection Day" before she would answer any questions in reference to the Hamersley family. Yesterday William H. Shepard obtained a writ of certiorari from Justice Barrett in the Supreme Court, Chambers, for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of the imprisonment of Miss Jones. The writ returnable a week from to-morrow. In her petition "Becky" says the cause of her imprisonment is her alleged contumacious and unlawful refusal to answer certain alleged legal and proper interrogatories propounded to her as a witness. Her lawyer has advised her that her imprisonment is illegal, in that the Surrogate has exceeded his jurisdiction in issuing the mandate for her imprisonment, that the time for which she could legally be detained for the offence alleged has expired, that the alleged contempt is not specially or plainly charged in the mandate, nor are the particular circumstances of the alleged offence or the facts constituting the offence set forth, that the facts showing that the Surrogate had jurisdiction are not set forth in the mandate, that it was issued in a case not allowed by law, and that the mandate was not authorized by a judgment, decree or order of a court, or by any provision of law.

WHAT "BECKY" SAYS FOR HERSELF.

When a TRIBUNE reporter called at the jail to learn what "Becky" thought of the prospect of being released, the keeper said there was no use in trying to see her and went away, to return shortly and slap the reporter on the back, with "By George! you've done it." He then led the visitor through the dining-room of the prison and pointed to a door at one corner, on the south side of the prison. The door was ajar. The first thing seen was a picture of a Hamersley on the wall over a bureau, and the picture of another Hamersley above that one. The top one had an ivy vine twined about the frame. Articles of bric-a-brac were here and there; on the bureau were pincushions, and various little conveniences which every woman must have about her. Some flowers were growing in the window. The bed with its dainty white counterpane stood in the further end of the little room and sitting in the corner at the foot was Miss "Becky." Her cheery smile lighted up the somewhat darkened room—it would not do to call it a cell—as she rose and bowed her visitor to a seat. The sun that peeped for a few minutes a day into her window could not have made the place more bright than Miss "Becky's" laugh. She is the picture of good health and good spirits. The wavy locks of her jet black hair were gathered away from her forehead in graceful rolls and done up in a ravishing knot behind her head.

"Miss Jones, I understand that you are likely to be released in a few days and have come ——"

"Released!" and her merry laugh echoed throughout the prison. "Why, I hadn't heard of it. When? I don't believe a word of it. Release me! well, what shall I do?"

"Why, Miss Jones, is it possible you don't wish to get out of this place?"

"Get out? Where could I go? Why must I get out? No, indeed!" [She said these last two words with an inflection which meant a great deal.] "They may release me, but they shan't get me out. I don't know what I should do if they did. Oh, I'm perfectly at home here—don't I look like it? Do I look miserable and lonely and worn with sorrow? Do I? Humph! Think the 've punished me, do they? I guess they're mistaken this time. They'll get to know Becky Jones after awhile, I think."

"Do you mean to say ——?"

"I mean to say that if they release me—which they ain't going to do, now, you may depend on that—if they release me I'm going to get board here for the winter. They're the kindest, best people here you ever saw, wait on me agreeably, don't give me sour butter—and I don't give them any. Just look at me."

[Miss Becky glanced down at her black jersey and spread out her white-flounced black calico dress so that her visitor could not help observing how trim and tidy she looked.] "Am I not quite contented? Look at my little room—little it is, but very comfortable." [The walls were hung with pictures, a rack over Miss Becky's head had a dozen hooks, upon every one of which was a slipper or a shoe—six pairs in all—the toes pointing upward and outward at an angle of 45°. On a wide shelf behind her were books, papers, etc., while several dresses hung on the wall.] "And I tell you if every one had as good a time in jail as I have, why I think everybody would be wanting to come here—they'd have to build heap bigger jails than they have now."

"Your case ——"

"Oh, yes, now just look here," [she produced a subpœna commanding her appearance at court, dated 1884]—now isn't it a mortal shame to do business in that way? Eighteen hundred and four! That's a pretty old paper, and they commanded my presence on that. [Disdainfully.]

"And here's another; now, was there anything that ever beat the like of this?" [The paper referred to was a summons served on her by the Sheriff during the recent trial. It was a blank piece of paper with "Miss Jones," "Miss Becky Jones," "Miss Rebec Jones,' upon the back—nothing else.] "I just want a chance now to show this in court. And I have a statement, too, that I'm going to ask Surrogate Rollins to let me read before him. I'm going to ask him just for one hour—if I ever see him—and I can say a good deal in an hour, don't you think? I think I can say a good deal. And if he doesn't let me have that hour, I'm just going to send for a reporter, quick, short off, and have my statement put right in the paper. They don't know Becky Jones yet."

TO SUCCEED THOMPSON AND LACOMBE.

POLITICIANS TALKING ABOUT WHO WILL FILL THE OFFICES THAT WILL BE VACANT ON DEC. 10.

Although nearly a month will elapse before the terms of office of Hubert O. Thompson, Commissioner of Public Works, and Corporation Counsel Lacombe expire, the politicians are busy talking about their successors. The two terms expire on December 10. The law giving the Mayor the power to appoint the heads of departments does not go into effect until January 1, 1885. Consequently the present Board of Aldermen has the power to confirm or reject whomever the Mayor may nominate for those offices.

It is no secret that the Tammany leaders are anxious to capture the Department of Public Works. There are nearly $3,000,000 yearly placed at the disposal of the head of the department. In addition to this he is a member of the Aqueduct Commission and various bodies under the city government having more or less patronage to dispense. With this great department under its control Tammany Hall would feel somewhat compensated for the loss of the Mayoralty. If Mayor Edson sends in a nominee satisfactory to Tammany Hall there is a strong probability that he will be confirmed. There are eight Tammany members in the Board of Aldermen. It needs five more votes to make a majority. There are eight Republican Aldermen and an equal number of County Democrats. The votes necessary to confirm must of course come from the Republicans. Should Mayor Edson's nominee be rejected or laid on the table the present incumbents would hold over, and Mayor Grace, when he takes office on January 1, will appoint their successors without reference to the Board of Aldermen.

There is no doubt that Alderman Hugh J. Grant, Tammany's candidate for Mayor, will be named by that organization for Commissioner of Public Works if the Mayor will agree to nominate him. Colonel E. T. Wood is a candidate for Corporation Counsel, and Mr. Lacombe is not averse to retaining the place.

The Mayor keeps his own counsel in the matter, and says that it will be time enough to indicate whom he may send in to the Aldermen when the terms of office of the present incumbents have actually expired.

It is believed that Mayor Grace will not reappoint Mr. Thompson, but it is much more likely that he might appoint Fire Commissioner Henry D. Purroy. Mr. Purroy is a warm personal friend of Mr. Grace, did much to procure his nomination for Mayor, and worked hard for his election. It was because of his friendship for Mr. Grace (and to secure the position of Fire Commissioner) that he left Tammany Hall.

HOME NEWS.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The records made in Central Park show that the wind travelled 963 miles last week.

The New-York Mutual Gaslight Company has reduced its rate to $1 75 per thousand feet.

Important changes have been made in the Long Branch trains. The winter time-table may be found in the advertising columns.

The sale of seats for the first appearance of Mrs. Victoria Hulskamp at Steinway Hall, will begin on Tuesday morning.

John Anderson, a sailor on the ship Marie Seidenberg, fell overboard yesterday while the vessel was moored at the foot of East Nineteenth-st. He was drowned.

THE COOPER UNION FREE LECTURES.

On account of repairs to the Cooper Union building, the free lectures in the great hall on Saturday evenings must be omitted for this season to be resumed next year.

DOUBTING HER COACHMAN'S HONESTY.

Mrs. N. Hall, of No. 53 West Fiftieth-st., recently gave her colored coachman $67 to pay her butcher's bill, but he said that he had lost the money. She caused his arrest and Justice Murray held him yesterday in the Yorkville Police Court.

FUNERAL OF JAMES HOFFMAN.

The funeral of James Hoffman, the cashier in the office of the Collector of the Port, was held yesterday at his home, No. 122 East Forty-sixth-st. The Rev. Alfred A. Butler, of the Church of the Epiphany, conducted the services. Many prominent politicians and Custom House employes were present. The burial was at Woodlawn.

THE EARLE GUILD RELIEF.

The Earle Guild, No. 173 Centre-st., has begun its eighth year of work in ministering to the sick and the destitute of our down-town wards. It deserves the hearty sympathy of business men and others, that its work may be sustained during the winter. It has no expenses for rents and salaries, but everything goes directly to the poor and needy.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS.

Nos. 117 and 119 Liberty-st. have been sold by Amos R. Eno, to George H. B. Hill for $97,500. The Bowery Savings Bank has advanced $1,450,000 to the New-York Produce Exchange and has taken as security a mortgage upon the Produce Exchange Building for that amount.

BOUND TO END HER LIFE.

Mrs. Kate Standosher, a German woman, age fifty-five, employed as housekeeper at No. 94 Eldridge-st., went to her room yesterday afternoon and committed suicide. She swallowed a dose of poison, cut the arteries in her wrists and then hanged herself with a piece of clothesline. Her husband died two years ago and she had been melancholy ever since.

THE 22D REGIMENT ARMORY.

Mayor Edson and General Shaler met in the office of the Board of Health yesterday as members of the Armory Board, to receive plans for the 22d Regiment Armory building which is to be erected at Sixty-eighth-st. and the Boulevard. Five sets of plans for the proposed building were sent in by competing architects. They were considered carefully, but it was decided to allow them to be inspected by officers of the regiment before a choice was made.

THE CITY OF SAVANNAH'S PASSENGERS.

The City of Savannah arrived here from Savannah yesterday bringing the passengers of the steamer Nacoochee, which put back on account of fire. The Nacoochee left Savannah on October 11. When off Charleston S. C., the cargo was discovered to be on fire. The steam was turned into the hold and the fire extinguished. The steamer then put back to Tybee and her passengers came to this city by the City of Savannah. The damage was slight.

UNSAFE TO STEAL FROM A WATCHMAN.

While Thomas H. Schultz, watchman at the Bowery Bank, was standing in front of a jewelry store on Friday evening, in the Bowery, John Atkins, age seventeen, of No. 37 Frankfort-st., snatched his gold watch. Schultz cried for help and Officer Brennan chased the thief and was tripped up by some members of the Frankfort-st. gang to which Atkins is attached. After a hot chase Atkins was captured. He was held for trial in $1,000 bail.

PERHAPS HE WISHED TO START IN BUSINESS.

Bernard Hubner, a German waiter, of No. 37 Second-ave., was caught on Friday night in Farley's livery stables, at No. 17 East Twenty-seventh-st., with skeleton keys in his pocket which had been used to open the door. At Jefferson Market Court he was charged with attempting to steal twenty horse-blankets, eighteen driver's lap-robes, fifteen carriage lap-robes, twenty-four carriage whips and twenty livery coats. He was held in $1,500 bail.

ITALIANS GOING SOUTH.

Yesterday's Charleston steamer took 150 Italian laborers, who have been engaged to work in the South Carolina phosphate beds. This is the third gang sent South this month, comprising in all 400 men. They are sturdy fellows and seemed delighted with the chance of evading a cold Northern winter. The negroes who formerly dug out crude phosphate rock for the mills to grind and prepare for fertilizing use, are now in demand for the more congenial work of cotton-picking.

DISINTERESTED ADVICE.

Johan Hoge came to this country on the steamship Ems on her last trip. He had $200, and went to board at a house in Greenwich-st. On Thursday night he came home drunk, and was ejected from his boarding place. He went to Castle Garden, and was put in the hospital. Of his money $193 was left. Dr. Schultze told him he had better give the money to the official at the Garden to keep for him, but he preferred the advice of William Wagner, an inmate of the Garden, and put the money in a slit of his bedding. The next morning Wagner and the money were missing.

FEEDING ON RUSKS.

Dr. George Davis, a son of Chief Justice Davis, of one of the judicial districts of Wales, was sent to Ward's Island yesterday. Dr. Davis came to this country on account of difficulties at home. He has been living for some time in a boarding house in Greenwich-st. On Friday night he came to Castle Garden drunk, and wanted to trade his shoes for money to buy rum. He was taken into the Garden and kept until yesterday, when he was sent to Ward's Island. He refused to go to the island until assured that he would have three drinks a day there. He is twenty-four years old, finely educated, and has an allowance of forty pounds a quarter from his father.

HURT BY A RUNAWAY HORSE.

A horse attached to a butcher cart, belonging to William Springer of No. 56 University-place, took fright in front of Mr. Springer's shop at 8:30 a. m., yesterday and ran to Fourteenth-st., where it dashed against a car of the Broadway line. Benjamin F. Libby, of the Sturtevant House, who was on the car, was struck by the horse and received severe bruises. The other passengers were shaken roughly, but were not injured. No damage was done to the car, but one of the car horses was struck by the cart and hurt badly. Mr. Libby declined assistance offered by the police and went home alone.

BROOKLYN.

Henry Sanger Snow, the corresponding secretary of the Brooklyn Young Republican Club, was yesterday, on motion of S. V. White, admitted to practice as a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, at Washington.

Mayor Low has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation.

Mrs. Catherine Van Buren three years ago sued her husband in the City Court for limited divorce. He met her with a suit for absolute divorce, before the case was tried. Yesterday the case again came into court, before Judge Reynolds, on a motion to punish Van Buren for contempt of court in not paying his wife $96 alimony. The motion was denied with costs, with leave to renew.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

JERSEY CITY.

John J. Frank, a German tramp, without friends in this country, was probably fatally injured by a Philadelphia and Reading Railroad train on Friday at the foot of Johnson-ave. He was removed to the Charity Hospital.

NEWARK.

Mayor Haynes suggested informally yesterday that all the uniformed political organizations of both parties unite in a public demonstration shortly in order to do away with the aspersions caused by the recent elections.

The widow of Christian Courson, who held a policy for $4,000 in the Order of the Red Cross, an insurance assessment organization, states that instead of receiving the full amount she was offered $200, and afterward $400, for which she was asked to give a receipt in full. It is charged that other widows' claims have been paid only in part.

STATEN ISLAND.

William H. Vanderbilt and John H. Starin, it has been learned, visited Staten Island on Tuesday and inspected the water front along the north and east shores. Mr. Starin expects to establish one position ferries on both sides of the Island in the near future. The East Shore Ferry had always been a Vanderbilt ferry until Erastus Wiman took possession of it about two years ago by quietly getting control of a majority of the stock. Captain Jacob H. Vanderbilt, who was then president of the company, retired much chagrined. Mr. Wiman subsequently got possession of the North Shore Ferry by obtaining a grant for the ferry slip at the foot of Whitehall-st.

THE MONEY MARKET.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE, Nov. 15.

THE GENERAL LIST.

Name.	Actual Sales. Op'g	High'st.	Low'st	Final.	Closing prices. Bid.	Ask'd	Shares Sold.
Can Pacific	44¾	44¾	44¾	44¾	43½	44½	5
Can Southern	30¼	30¼	30	30	31	3	300
Cent of N J	41	41	40	40⅛	40⅛	40½	2,400
Cen Pacific	35	35	32⅞	33	32⅞	33	7,057
Ches & Ohio	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼	5	6	150
C & Olst pref	10	10	10	10	9½	10¼	510
C & Alton	130	130	120	130	126	128	35
Chic & N W	87⅞	87⅞	85⅞	86	86	86¼	23,020
Do pref	122½	122½	121	121	122½	12 ¾	625
C M & St P	76⅞	76⅞	74⅞	74⅞	74⅞	74⅞	27,825
C Bur & Q	120¼	120¾	119¼	119⅞	119⅞	11 ⅞	1,350
C R I & Pac	111½	111½	111½	111½	110½	111	128
Del L & W	105¼	105¼	104⅞	105⅞	104⅞	104½	11,300
D & H Canal	86	86	85	86			125
D & Rio G	9½	9½	9½	9½	8⅞	9¼	100
E Ten V & Ga	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4⅞	500
E T, Va & Ga	7¾	7¾	7¾	7¾	7¾	7¾	100
Hous & Texas	33	33	33	33	31	40	25
Ill Cent	117	117	115⅞	115¾	115	116	1,234
I B & W	14½	14½	14½	14½	13	16	100
Lake Shore	68⅞	68⅞	66¼	66¼	66⅞	65	21,200
Long Island	65	65	65	65	63	67	25
Louis & Nash	25⅛	25⅛	24⅛	24⅛	24¼	24⅜	3,850
Manhat Cons	72	72½	71½	71½	71½	71¾	1,000
M & St L	12	12	12	12	11½	12	40
M, K & T	16	16⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15¼	15⅜	1,305
Mo. Pacific	93¼	93¼	93	93	93	93¼	1,400
Mor & Essex	123	123	123	123	122	124½	108
N. Y Cent	88⅞	88⅞	87⅞	87⅞	87⅞	87⅞	21,326
N Y Lake & W	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞	1,520
N Y & N E	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¾	100
N Y & N H	179	179	179	179	178	180	6
N Y O & W	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	1 ⅛	11¾	200
N Y S & W pref	9½	9½	9½	9½	9	10	100
Northern Pac	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞	18¼	18¾	100
North Pac pfd	43¾	43¾	42¾	42½	42¼	42¾	6,375
Ohio & Miss	17½	17½	17½	17⅛	17⅛	17¼	400
Oregon Imp	19	21	19	20	19	21	200
Oregon Trans	13¾	13¾	13	13	13	13½	2,000
Phil & Read	22½	22½	22¼	22½	22¼	22½	200
P P Car Co	110½	110½	109½	110½	109	110	65
Roch & Pitts	3½	3½	3½	3½	3¼	3¾	315
St L & S F	21	21	21	21	20½	21½	200
St P M & M	82	82	82	82	80½	81½	150
Texas & Pac	11⅛	11⅛	10⅞	11	10⅞	11	6,300
Union Pac	53	53	51⅞	51⅞	51⅞	51¾	31,170
Am T & Cable	54½	54½	54½	54½	53¾	55	100
bank & Mer	4	4½	4	4½	2½	5	500
W U Tele rapt	61⅛	61⅛	60¼	60⅛	60½	60⅞	17,835
Am Express	94⅞	94⅞	94⅞	94⅞	94	95	10
US Express	54½	54½	54½	54½	52	55	10
Wells & F Exp	107	107	107	107	107	110	5
Pacific Mail	51⅞	51½	50⅞	50⅞	50⅞	50⅞	3,265
Col Coal	8¾	9	8½	8½	8	9	450

Total sales for the day 201,181

*113¾ seller 60 days.

BONDS AND BANK STOCKS.

Hanover Bank		N Y Lake E & W		U Pacific S F		
10	143	new 2d consol		4,000	113	
At & Pac Inc		115,000	50¾	2,000	113¼	
8,000	15½	35,000	50⅞	Utah so'n extn 1st		
Bur C R & N 1st		61,000	50½	2,000	90	
6,000	103½	40,000	50¾	Winona & St P 1st		
5,000	103½	1,000	51	5,000	107½	
C Ohio & S W mtg		5,000	50⅞	1,000	107¼	
5,000	66¾	5,000	50½	Wab St L & Pac		
2,000	66⅞	25,000	50⅞	Chi div		
C B & Q deb 5s		N Y W S & Buff 1st		11,000	69	
25,000	91½	1,000	41	5,000	69½	
Cleveland & Toledo		35,000	40¾	Chicago and		
S F		5,000	40⅞	N W 25 yr deb 5s		
1,000	104	10,000	40⅞	10,000	93	
Cen Pac Gold Bnds		10,000	40½	Del & Hudson 1st		
5,000	109	15,000	40¼	Penn div con		
2,000	109½	60,000	40⅛	7,000	130¼	
Del & Hud reg '91		10,000	40	2,000	130¾	
1,000	116	24,000	39⅞	E T V & Ga Inc		
E T V & Ga 5s		36,000	39¾	136,000	12½	
8,000	54¾	45,000	39⅝	H & Tex Cent 1st		
8,000	54½	60,000	39½	Main Line		
10,000	54	15,000	39¾	1,000	110	
Ft Wth & Den 1st		20,000	39¾	4,000	110½	
5,000	61	N W 25 yr deb 5s		N Y & N E 1st 7s		
5,000	61	2,000	92½	2,000	103	
Keok & Des M 1st		6,000	92½	N Y Cent 1st 6s		
1,000	103	N J Cent conv		1,000	101¾	
500 amt	100	Assented		N Y Cent 1st reg		
Kan Pac 1st con		5,000	98	10,000	120⅝	
1,000	89	2,000	99	N Orleans Pac 1st		
2,000	89⅛	Oregon Short L 6s		4,000	53	
L'v'le & Nashville		9,000	86¾	St L & San Fr 2d		
con		1,000	86⅞	Class B		
1,000	113¼	16,000	87	5,000	98	
Laf Bloom & Mun		Oregon Ry & N 1st		St L & Iron M 5s		
1st		3,000	108½	5,000	94	
2,000	80	Ren & Sar 1st		Tol & Wabash 2d		
L N A & C 1st		Coupon		5,000	91	
1,000	92	1,000	132½	Atlan & Pac W 1st		
1,000	91	Rich and Dan 1st		2,000	75	
Met Elevated 1st		6s		Canada South'n 1st		
1,000	107⅞	1,000	92	Guaranteed		
1,000	107¾	St L V & T H 1st		9,000	96½	
Min & St Louis		4,000	118	C R I & Pac 6's 1917		
1st		St L & Iron M 2d		coup	125	
2,000	120	10,000	101	2,000	125	
Mich Cen 5's 1902		Texas Pacific 1st		Nahv C & S L 1st		
2,000	101¾	R Grande div		1,000	116¼	
Mil & St P 1st		11,000	59	N Pac 1st coupon		
Ch & P W div		21,000	49	1,000	112½	
5,000	93¾	Texas & N O 1st		Rome Wat'n & Og		
5,000	93¾	10,000	91½	ex 5		
Mich Southern S F		Sabine div		2,000	68	
1,000	101½	1,000	82	Syracuse, Bingh'n		
Mo Pac 1st consol		U P Land Grant		& N Y 1st		
1,000	90	2,000	106½	2,000	123	
N Y Lake E & W		Union Pacific 1st		West'n Pac Bonds		
New 2d Consol		3,000	110¾	5,000	104	
15,000	51¼					

SATURDAY, Nov. 15—P. M.

The stock market to-day, measured by the amount of recorded transactions, was just one half as active as it was yesterday; 201,181 shares to-day against 405,720 shares yesterday. Yet to-day's business generally lost more than yesterday's gains in figures. The same seven stocks as yesterday made up the bulk of the dealings: Union Pacific 31,100 shares, with a decline of 1¼ per cent; St. Paul 27,800 shares, with a decline of 1⅝ per cent; Northwestern 23,000 shares, with a decline of 1½; Central and Hudson 21,200 shares, with a decline of 1¾ per c