A COURT FULL OF MUSICIANS.

MME. SCALCHI'S SUIT AGAINST ABBEY.

WHY SHE REFUSED TO SING "LE PROPHETE"—TESTIMONY BY EXPERTS.

A miscellaneous concert occurred in the presence of Judge Ingraham yesterday in the Superior Court. The selections were all solos. The occasion was a benefit performance in honor of Countess Sofia Lotti, known in the musical world as Mme. Scalchi, and of Henry E. Abbey. There was a large attendance. The soloists were Mme. Scalchi, Clara Louise Kellogg, J. H. Maplesson, Max Maretzek, Signor Arditi, and several lesser lights in the realm of music, extending down even to the call boy of the Metropolitan Opera House. Henry E. Abbey appeared by proxy, in the form of an affidavit. The benefit performance was instituted by Mme. Scalchi in her own behalf, in an endeavor to get $1,383 84 which Mr. Abbey refused to pay her because on April 7 last, when Mmes. Nilsson, Sembrich, Fursch-Madi, Lablache and Trebelli were too ill to sing, Mme. Scalchi refused to sing *Fides* in "Le Prophète" at the Metropolitan Opera House. The contralto was engaged to sing for Mr. Abbey at $5,000 a month, but after her refusal to sing in "Le Prophète" he declined to pay her the balance of her salary, the amount now sought. Her case was placed before a highly cultivated and critical jury by Stern & Thompson. Mr. Abbey's cause was championed by Olin & Hives.

After the artists had duly arranged themselves and a way had been opened for the soloists by counsel, Edward S. Kaufman set forth the fact that he had demanded the $1,383 84 from Mr. Abbey, who had flatly refused to have so sharp a trick played on him. James Henry Mapleson, carrying a gold-headed cane and a derby hat, told in stately recitative that he had been an operatic manager for thirty years. He had encountered Mr. Abbey once or twice, but hardly recognized him as an operatic manager of large experience. Mme. Scalchi, he said, was a prima donna contralto. "Le Prophète" was one of the heaviest operas a singer could undertake, and was exceedingly heavy compared with "Carmen" announced for production by Mr. Abbey, with determined on at the last moment.) For *Fides*, the manager went on, Mme. Scalchi had not been allowed sufficient time to prepare; without having eaten for eighteen hours, she might have given a feeble performance of the character. Mr. Mapleson withdrew amid an intense desire for applause.

Mme. Scalchi herself then sang her woes in pure Italian, while an interpreter told her auditors what she said. Her dress was plain and she evidently cared little for stage effect. She related that she had not been paid for the last fifteen days of her season with Mr. Abbey. She had only once in her life refused to sing in opera in her repertory, and that was when Mr. Abbey sought to induce her to sing *Fides* without due notice. She was not given notice until 12:30 p. m. of the day when the opera was to be sung, at the very hour when she was at breakfast. *Fides* was so heavy a rôle that, taken with the rest of her breakfast, she dared not attempt to digest it. She offered to undertake any other opera for Mr. Abbey, but he was obdurate. She went to the Opera House at 1:15 p. m., but Mr. Abbey declined her offers to sing even a part of the opera. Mme. Scalchi insisted that *Fides* as operatic food was heavy and fatiguing and required great dramatic and vocal effect to be made a desirable article of musical consumption.

Signor Arditi, forgetting his baton for the nonce, gave a faithful interpretation of *Fides* as heavy and fatiguing. During interpretation of a question as to the length of time he had been a manager, he proclaimed: "All my life." Miss Kellogg smiled at this, and he added, "forty years." He simply sustained Mme. Scalchi regarding the physical, mental and vocal strain produced by *Fides*.

Miss Kellogg next appeared. Her dress was the most elaborate and striking of all seen during this performance. A fawn-colored silk wrap, embroidered with flowers, which had enveloped her, was laid off as she started for the stand (not music stand), and disclosed a silk under-wrap lined with long white fur and closely fitting around her neck. A blue felt hat adorned her head, to the hat was encircled by a white velvet band, and a blue bird apparently flying downward, was the crowning glory of all. Miss Kellogg was first asked by the audacious counsel how long she had been a prima donna. "A number of years," was her reply, after a moment's thought. Then she sustained the statements previously presented as to the proper interpretation of *Fides*. In Paris "Le Prophète" required from four to four and a half hours for representation; *Fides* was an exacting and fatiguing rôle, unusually high for a contralto voice, and could not well be sung immediately after lower rôles without danger to the voice. As for eating, that was a matter of habit with singers as well as with ordinary mortals. Some ate least before singing; others four hours before. She was asked if one could sing without having had anything to eat, and said: "It is simply impossible." She declared that there were few singers who could take the rôle of *Fides*. She had never sung it, but knew it perfectly.

Max Maretzek sang the same aria and thought that Mme. Scalchi's voice might have broken down entirely had she essayed *Fides*. Polly Brown, a property man, gave a little song, and there Lucien Albites, a tenor of voices, recited that *Fides* was a rôle for a mezzo-soprano voice and was death on a contralto. Louis Hasselberg with wonderful nautable set forth prunes, whiskey, tobacco and milk as subjects of sustenance before singing. The Count Lotti told how he had paid $100 as passage to this land for his wife, himself and a maid.

In the second part of the programme Mr. Hires announced that Mr. Abbey set up a counter claim of $5,000 as damages against Mme. Scalchi; and thereupon Katell Carteroll, apparently sixty-five years old, came forth and said he was the call-boy for Mr. Abbey, and acted the role of *Mercury* in carrying messages between Mr. Abbey and Mme. Scalchi. Theatrical Agent Gillette then rang down the curtain. The rest of the concert will be given to-day, beginning at 10:30 sharp.

THE FISH-WARD PARTITION SUIT.

The proving of claims under which mechanics' liens have been filed against the joint property of James D. Fish and Ferdinand Ward, at Twenty-third-st. and Sixth-ave., was continued yesterday before Referee Hamilton Cole at No. 110 Broadway, in the suit begun by Mr. Fish for the partition of the real estate. William O. Moores, of the firm of Locke & Moores, plumbers, No. 102 East Forty-fifth-st., testified that $1,145 15 was due his firm for work done in the building. John T. Wilson, who superintendended its construction, corroborated his statements. William H. Hurst, of Hurst & Treanor, No. 547 West Forty-fifth-st., testified to the correctness of their claim for $488 34 for bluestone used in the building.

FRAGMENTS OF LEGAL NEWS.

Frederick Fredericks, whose place of business was seized in 1876 as an illicit distillery, brought a suit against Charles R. Coster, then the Internal Revenue Collector, for $10,000 damages, and it has just been tried before Judge Coxe in the United States Circuit Court. The plaintiff declared that he was doing a legitimate business as a manufacturer of vinegar in West Thirty-ninth-st. The attempt to confiscate the property resulted unfavorably to the Government and the plaintiff brought this suit to recover his loss. The jury found a verdict in the plaintiff's favor.

Wyllis Blackstone yesterday in the Court of Common Pleas was given $2,500 by a jury in a suit against the Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Company, for damages to his property at No. 66 Amity-st., caused by the operation of the road.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, Dec. 17.—In the Court of Appeals to-day, the following causes were argued:

No. 865. In the matter of the application of Peter Jacobs for writs of habeas corpus and certiorari to inquire into the cause of his imprisonment. Tenement house cigar case. Argued by Peter B. Olney for appellant, William M. Ivins, A. J. Dittenhoefer and Morris W. Ware for relator, respondent.

No. 382. Ellen Jane Galen, appellant, agt. Isaac Clark, respondent. Argued by Francis Larkin for appellant; William Brown for respondent.

No. 376. The Rector, etc., of Trinity Church, New-York, respondents, agt. Jacob H. Vanderbilt, appellant. Argued by James McNamee for appellant; W. P. Nash for respondents.

No. 395. William Lee respondent, agt. the Troy Citizens' Gas Light Company, appellant. Argued by N. Davenport for appellant; R. A. Parmenter for respondent.

The following is the calendar for to-morrow: Nos. 392, 393, 397, 344, 346, 349, 398 and 317.

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The proceedings of the Supreme Court of the United States to-day were as follows:

No. 75. Samuel Head, plaintiff in error, agt. the Anneheag Manufacturing Company. Argument concluded by C. E. Mitchell for the plaintiff in error.

No. 144. Mary Ellis, appellant, agt. William H. Patterson. Continued.

No. 134. Samuel A. Peugh, appellant, agt. Richard H. Porter, et al. Argued by Stephen V. White, one of the appellees, for himself and the others.

No. 136. The Commissioners of Buncombe County, et al., appellants, agt. Vincent H. Toomey, et al. Argument begun by S. F. Phillips for appellants.

CALENDARS THIS DAY.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18.

SUPREME COURT, CHAMBERS—Before Lawrence, J.—Nos. 20, 29, 25, 27, 29, 34, 38, 43, 51, 56, 57, 59, 100, 104, 109, 112, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 145, 205, 212, 213, 215, 218, 223, 227, 231, 236, 242, 246, 251, 254, 256.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Part I—Van Brunt J.—Nos. 231, 909.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Part II—Beach J.—Nos. 877, 892, 938.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I—Van Vorst J.—Nos. 2847, 2848, 2934, 2874, 2877, 2903, 2188, 2431, 2861, 2862, 2819, 2827, 2216, 2860.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II—Donohue J.—Case on No. 1803. No day calendar.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III—Andrews J.—Case on Sheridan agt. Sheridan Electric Light Company.

SUPREME COURT—Hollins S.—Calendar called 11 at a. m. Nos. 111, 119, 131, 159, 160, 161, 162.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Truax J.—No. 42.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I—Sedgwick C. J.—Nos. 1146, 1411, 1266, 450, 719, 674, 675, 676, 678, 681.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II—Freedman J.—Nos. 1141, 380, 383, 1383, 297, 1612, 1476, 571, 1472, 690, 691, 692, 693.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—PART III—Ingraham J.—Nos. 1725, 1731, 1737, 1741, 1752, 1748, 1749, 1753, 1762, 1766, 1771, 1772, 1775, 1778, 1779.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—Van Hoesen J.—No. 10.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I—Allen J.—Case on Blackstone agt. Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Company. No day calendar.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART II—Larremore J.—Nos. 855, 906, 971, 925, 1069, 1071, 924, 1073, 1075, 1077, 1078, 1080, 1081, 1082.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Adjourned for the term.

CITY COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I—Nehrbas J.—Nos. 2291, 2667, 2073, 61, 1850, 2092, 88, 17, 2048, 2091, 2573, 2574, 2559, 1952, 1984.

CITY COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II—Bookstaver J.—Nos. 2577, 2111, 1911, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121.

CITY COURT—GENERAL TERM—Adjourned for the term.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Opens at 11 a. m.

PART I.—Judge Gildersleeve. Asst. Dist. Atty. Vincent.
James Noble, assault.
Owen Chester, Joseph O. Chester, William Fitzpatrick, assault.
Daniel Magill, assault.
Francis Mouriell, assault.
Fred A. Lerie, forgery.
Frank Stewart, robbery.

PART II.—Recorder Smyth. Asst. Dist. Atty. Fellows.
George Ballard, burglary.
Dennis McCarthy, seduction.
Abraham Hall, grand lar.
Samuel Wilkinson, grand lar.
Louisa Whitaker (2), petty lar.
John Clark, petty lar.
John W. Rutland, house break.

PLEADINGS.

William Sanders, grand lar.
Patrick Nelon, homicide.
James W. McGhee, homicide.
John R. F. Wahner, assault.
Jeremiah Moriarty, assault.
Jeremiah McGlonghlin, robb.
Samuel D. Ellis, forgery.
Edward Murphy, arson.
Frank White (2), arson.

SULLIVAN ESCAPES PRISON.

THE PRIZE-FIGHTERS SET FREE.

DECLARED NOT GUILTY BY A JURY—A BOGUS FARCE BEFORE JUSTICE BARRETT.

John L. Sullivan and Alfred Greenfield were declared by a jury yesterday "not guilty" of the charge of violating the statutes of the State of New-York by engaging in a "contention or fight without arms" at Madison Square Garden on November 18. The Court of Oyer and Terminer was filled with seated spectators at 11 a. m., Justice Barrett allowing no standing witnesses of the trial. As immense throng of would-be spectators was relegated to the corridors of the Court House. Assistant District-Attorney Gove, in the absence of Mr. Olney, represented the people and opened the case. The prisoners were indicted, he said, under Section 458 of the Penal Code.

Superintendent Walling was the first witness. He described the platform and ropes, which limited the pugilists on the occasion in question. A man called Johnson seemed to be master of ceremonies; at least he called "time" and "break." In the second round Greenfield made a feint and then seized Sullivan around the neck. The master of ceremonies called "break," but Greenfield did not "break." He held on. [Laughter.] Then the master of ceremonies rose to the occasion with three stentorian "breaks," and added to Greenfield:

"If you don't break, I'll decide against you."

Then blows followed, blood was seen over Greenfield's eye and the Superintendent ordered Captain Williams to separate the men and arrest them. Cross-examinated by Mr. Howe, Mr. Walling said emphatically that he had never seen a prize-fight. He then examined the gloves and found "only a very little blood" on them. Blood, he admitted, had been known to flow voluntarily from a child's nose, even without the persuasion of a blow. He did not know whether there were any clergymen or physicians present at the contest. Mr. Howe said that he asked these questions to prove the "respectability" of the occasion. Justice Barrett declared this immaterial, and he also refused to allow the counsel to transform Mr. Walling into an expert. The Superintendent had heard that there was a Police Athletic Club. He had witnessed an exhibition of sparring by the police at Madison Square Garden. Peter Mitchell then took Mr. Walling in hand regarding what he had said and done at a liquor-shop after the Sullivan-Greenfield exhibition. The Superintendent admitted having said that he thought Sullivan could "knock out" Greenfield whenever he wanted to.

Police Captain Williams said that there was "considerable hugging" in the second round and Greenfield began it. He saw blood on Greenfield's face. On Mr. Walling's order he stopped the fight. He had been at the head of the Police Athletic Club for eighteen months. He had sparred with Captain Clinchy. Greenfield's "hugging" was about the same thing as wrestling. The blows were of ordinary force in sparring.

Mr. Howe—Have you ever seen a prize-fight?

Captain Williams (emphatically)—No, sir.

Mr. Howe (reproachfully)—Never a real prize-fight?

Captain Williams (sadly)—No, sir.

Inspector Thorne declared that there were three "clinchings" and three "breakings." The portly inspector then illustrated the "clinchings" by throwing his arm tightly around lawyer Howe's neck, and the two for a moment stood there, "the cynosure of neighboring eyes." Then the same question was put to him as to his superior and inferior officer: "Have you ever seen a prize-fight?"

"I never saw a prize-fight," was the prompt answer.

For the defence Police Surgeon Cook recited his knowledge of the cut on Greenfield's face. An attempt was made to use Deputy-Coroner Donnelly as an expert as to whether a blow in a sparring match ever produced death. He was ruled out. Captain Clinchy testified that the Sullivan-Greenfield blows were not "knock-down" arguments. There was much hugging and dodging as a part of the "science" on November 18. There were no indications of passion. Both men were smiling. At this statement everybody in court smiled also.

After recess "Harry" Hill showed how boxing gloves were constructed to make a great deal of noise. He said there was no "wrestling" between Sullivan and Greenfield. He was put under fire on the Marquis of Queensbury rules. "Professor" O'Neill, an employe of the Racquet Club, explained the subject of "points." "Billy" Edwards told all he knew, and Edward Plummer on the ground that he was present at the contest as a "journalist," was excused from saying whether he acted as time-keeper.

Greenfield asserted in provincial English that "I as gits the most points as the honor of being the best man." His injury over the eye was caused by the accidental collision of the eye with Sullivan's head. He, at the contest, entertained only a feeling of "brotherly love" for Sullivan. It was only a friendly contest. He had no intention of fighting. He put his arm around Sullivan's neck so that his opponent could not get a "point" on him.

Sullivan set forth the same stereotyped declaration of "brotherly love" for Greenfield, and said that Captain Williams had cautioned him before the contest to bear in mind Justice Barrett's order against heavy sparring. He was angry at no time at Greenfield, whose eye he hit by chance while "ducking." He might have hit much harder blows had he so desired.

Peter Mitchell summed up the case for the two men, and Mr. Gove for the people. The jury, after being out eight minutes, returned the verdict "not guilty." The men left the court, and were heartily congratulated outside. A motion to dismiss the cases of Fox and Harding for abetting the fight will be made to-morrow.

PASSING ON THE FINAL ESTIMATES.

The Board of Apportionment yesterday began the consideration of estimates. Messrs. Lawton Deane and Smith asked for an appropriation for building a market structure on the present Gansevoort Market ground, to cost $468,000. Commissioner Thompson explained the plans of the proposed building. The matter was laid over. President Kirk asked that $10,000 for contingencies for the Common Council be given instead of $1,000 to which it had been reduced. Mr. Asten said that for the past three years he had voted against granting more than $1,000 for contingencies. If was not necessary to go far back to the time when this contigent fund was abused. Mr. Kirk said that if any distinguished visitors came here the Common Council should have a reception fund to draw from. The question was laid over. Mr. Kirk then asked that the item of $20,000 for clerk hire be increased to $25,000. This was lost by a vote of 3 to 1. The salary of the President of the Board of Aldermen was fixed at $3,000. The total appropriation for the Common Council was $72,250.

The various items of the Tax Department aggregating $1,09,200 were agreed to. The estimates for the Mayor's office, aggregating $30,000 were allowed. The State taxes, aggregating $2,116,361 41, and for school purposes, $1,167,079 63, were passed without comment. The interest on the bonded debt was fixed at $7,090,584 51, and on revenue bonds $350,000, and for redemption of the principal of the City debt $629,847. The Coroners were allowed for all purposes $50,000.

WORK OF THE DOCK BOARD.

A communication was received yesterday by the Dock Board from Governor Cleveland asking for information relative to the services of the Captain of the Port and the Harbor Masters during the year. The Governor wants information for his annual message. Permission was asked by the Astor estate to fill in Cromwell's Creek north of One-hundred and sixty-first-st. Bulkheads and fillings are being made at this point to improve the water facilities. The stream which empties into the Harlem River is affected by the tide as far up as One-hundred-and-seventieth-st., and the Corporation Counsel said that the State had always retained the ownership of the channel. In their discussion of the subject the Dock Commissioners urged that the city would become liable to damages if the creek was filled in at One-hundred-and-sixty-first-st., because the water facilities of property-owners living above that street would be destroyed. It was thought that the channel might be dredged out and a navigable stream formed to be lined with warehouses in the future. The Board refused its permission for the filling. Mr. Wheaton, living on property between Eighty-seventh and Eighty-eighth sts., at the East River, was fined by the Board $250 for dumping dirt into the river. Mr. Wheaton asserts that he was only filling a place which had been recently washed out.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC

Sun rises, 7:18; sets, 4:31. Moon sets, 5:52. Mean time.

HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A.M.—Sandy Hook, 7:33. Gov. Island, 8:20. Hell Gate, 10:28.
P.M.—Sandy Hook, 8:13. Gov. Island, 8:50. Hell Gate, 10:48.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.....WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17, 1884.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Ohio (Br), Bunker, Liverpool Dec 6, with mdse and passengers to W P Hunt & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 4 p m.

Steamer City of Montreal (Br), Retford, Liverpool Dec 2, Queenstown 3, with mdse and passengers to Inman Ss Co. Arrived at the Bar at 11 a m.

Steamer Pomona (Br), Cook, St Ann's Bay 6 days, with fruit to O Wessels & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 8 a m.

Steamer Regulator, Doane, West Point, Va, with mdse to Old Dominion Ss Co.

Steamer Breakwater, Jenney, Lewes, Del, with mdse to Old Dominion Ss Co.

Ship Ariel (Ger), Schwinge, Rotterdam 38 days, with empty barrels to order, vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Ship Kinburn (of Yarmouth, NS), Tucker, Antwerp 42 days, with iron and empty barrels to order; vessel to Boyd & Hincken.

Ship Jarlsburg (Nor), Hoppestad, Antwerp 33 days, with iron wire and empty barrels to order; vessel to Benham & Hobson.

Bark Chattanooga (of New Haven), Burgess, Colombo Aug 7, Point de Galle 31, with mdse to Van Tassel & Chase.

Bark Vessel (Br), Miller, St Vincent, CVI, 26 days, in ballast to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Ingomar (Br), Simpson, Demerara 18 days, with sugar to A W Sheafe.

Bark Ida (Br), Lyons, Alexander St John, PR, 18 days, with fruit to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Ada (Br), Thorbjill, Pensacola 10 days, with deals and lumber to order; vessel to Funch, Edye & Co.

Bark Wm Thomas (Br), Hartley, Ponce 14 days, with mdse to Suter & Pardo; vessel to master & Houghton.

Brig Ella A Wardell, Shaw, Baltimore 3 days, with fruit to Gomez & Pastoriza; vessel to Hill & Blake.

BY SIGNAL.—Wind at Sandy Hook, light, S.S.E., very hazy. At City Island, light S.E., clear.

DEPARTED YESTERDAY.

Steamer Wallington (Br), Davis, West Hartlepool 22 days, in ballast to Scammell Bros. Arrived at the Bar at 9:15 p m.

Steamer City of San Antonio, Wilder, Fernandina 5 days, via Brunswick, Ga, and Port Royal, with mdse and passengers to C H Mallory & Co.

Steamer Eleanora, Bragg, Portland, with mdse and passengers to Horatio Hall.

Steamer Galatia, Hearse, Boston, with mdse and passengers to H P Dimock.

Steamer Wilkesbarre, Oates, Boston.

Bark Northern Chief (Br), Homer, Hamburg 43 days, with salt and empty barrels to order; vessel to Scammell Bros.

Bark Haab (Nor), Wolle, Birkenhead 36 days, with coal to order; vessel to Benham & Boyesen.

☞ Barks Moss Glen (Br), from Antwerp, and Violet (Br), from Havre, which were anchored below, came up to the city this a m.

CLEARED.

Steamer State of Indiana (Br), Ritchie, Glasgow—Austin Baldwin & Co.

Steamer Burgundia (Fr), Dulac, Marseilles, Genoa, etc—Funch, Edye & Co.

Steamer Rhaetia (Ger), Vogelgesang, Hamburg via Plymouth—Kunhardt & Co.

Steamer Heimdal (Dan), Johansen, Antwerp—Funch, Edye & Co.

Steamer Rio Grande, Lewis, Galveston—C H Mallory & Co.

Steamer City of Columbia, Woodhall, Charleston—J W Quintard & Co.

Steamer Wm Woodward, Young, Baltimore—J S Krems.

Steamer Commonwealth, Van Kirk, Philadelphia—John C Roberts.

Steamer Eleanora, Bragg, Portland—Horatio Hall.

Ship Lizzie Ross (Br), Vaughan, London—Snow & Burgess.

Bark Mendota, Nash, Honolulu—W G Cressman & Bros.

Bark Carmela C (Ital), Cafiero, Lisbon—Funca, Edye & Co.

Bark Forsagel (Nor), Pedersen, Oporto—C Tobias & Co.

Bark Dictator (Nor), Tielman, Hamburg—Benham & Boyesen.

Bark Racer (Br), Borland, St Johns, NF—Bowring & Archibald.

Bark America, Armstrong, Bridgetown, Barbadoes—H Trowbridge & Sons.

Brig Albion (Br), Dickson, Santos—Thos Norton.

Brig Mary E Pennell, Mitchell, Fort au Prince—G A Evett, Son & Co.

Brig Lillian (Br), Schive, Demerara—Tate, Muller & Co.

Schr Pilot (Br), Farris, St John, NB—Scammell Bros.

Brig Mary L Dunn, Edgett, Halifax—Scammell Bros.

SAILED.

Steamers Oregon, for Liverpool; Lincoln City, Hull; Ems, Bremen; Canada, Havre; Thorbjill, Progress, Rio Janeiro, Galveston; City of Columbia, Charleston; Commonwealth, Philadelphia.

Ship Shakapere, for Bremen.

Bark America, for Barbadoes.

BELOW.

Ship Hamilton Fish, Gardner, Antwerp Nov 11, to Thomas Dunham's Nephew & Co.

Ship Georg (Ger), Halenbeck, Antwerp Nov 10.

Ship Bremerhaven (Ger), Leunickamp, Antwerp Oct 23.

Bark Undertaker (Br), Stanwood, Liverpool.

THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

FOREIGN PORTS.

LIZARD, Dec 17—Arrived, steamer Denmark (Br), Milligan, from New-York Dec 2.

GLASGOW, Dec 17—Arrived, steamers Bulgarian (Br), Parry, from Boston Dec 6; Nova Scotian (Br), Wylie, from Baltimore Nov 29; Carmona (Br), Hancox, from New-Orleans Nov 30.

17th—Arrived, steamer Trinacria (Br), Mitchell, from New-York Dec 4.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec 17—Arrived, steamer Lord Clive (Br), Urquhart, from Philadelphia Dec 7, on her way to Liverpool (and proceeded).

Sailed, steamer Celtic (Br), Gleadell, from Liverpool hence for New-York.

HAVRE, Dec 17, 3 p m—Passed, steamer Servia (Br), McKay, from New-York Dec 10, on her way to Queenstown and Liverpool. Time of passage, 6 days, 20 hours, 30 minutes.

KINSALE, Dec 17—Passed, steamer Palestine (Br), Whiteway, from Boston Dec 6, on her way to Liverpool.

GLASGOW, Dec 17—Arrived, steamer Alsatia (Br), Donaldson, from New-York Dec 6.

BRISTOL, Dec 17—Arrived, steamers Gladiolus (Br), Sinclair, from Baltimore Nov 30.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec 17—Passed, steamer Rhodora (Br), Gamon, from New-Orleans Nov 29 on her way to Havre.

ISLE OF WIGHT, Dec 17—Passed, steamer Toledo (Br), Winbart, from New-Orleans Nov 29, on her way to Bremen.

HAVRE, Dec 17—Arrived, steamer Rhoslus (Br), Carter, from New-Orleans Nov 24.

GIBRALTAR, Dec 16—Arrived, steamer Germania (Br), Simpson, from New-York Nov 27.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

PORTLAND, Dec 17—Arrived, steamer Parisian (Br), Wylie, Liverpool via Halifax.

BOSTON, Dec 17—Arrived, steamer Durham City (Br), Lund, London.

Cleared, steamers Istrian (Br), Leask, Liverpool; Berkshire, Baltimore; Saxon, Philadelphia; H P Dimock, New-York.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 17—Arrived, steamers Panther, New-Bedford; Ann Ellis, New-York.

Cleared, steamers Abbie, Fall River; Tonawanda, Clark, Jacksonville; Ida, Boston; North Anglia (Br), Mumford, St Jago; Marion, New-York.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Dec 16—Passed, steamer British Crown (Br), for Liverpool.

BALTIMORE, Dec 17—Arrived, steamers Wm Crane, Savannah; Lizzie Lee, New-York.

Cleared, steamers Sarge—ska, Charleston; Martha Stevens, New-York.

WILMINGTON, Dec 17—Arrived, steamer Gulf Stream, Klumb, New-York.

CHARLESTON, Dec 16—Arrived, steamer Delaware, Wilmith, New-York.

SAVANNAH, Dec 17—Arrived, steamers Dessing, Philadelphia; Ida Appold, Baltimore.

Cleared, steamer Cap Finisterre (Br), Bremen.

Sailed, steamers Nassau, Nassau; Ida, Liverpool; Nassau, New-York.

FOREIGN STEAMERS DUE AT THIS PORT

Vessel.	From.	Line.
SUNDAY, DEC. 14.		
Berlin	Liverpool	Cunard
Circassia	Glasgow	Anchor
State of Georgia	Glasgow	State
La Champagne	Havre	French Line
Rhaetia	Hamburg	Hamb Amer
Rugia	Hamburg	Hamb Amer
Schiedam	Amsterdam	North Amer
Alva	West Indies	Atlas
Capulet	Havana and Mexico	Alexander's
FRIDAY, DEC. 19.		
Republic	Liverpool	White Star
Elder	Bremen & Southampton	N. G. Lloyd
Rhynland	Antwerp	Red Star
SATURDAY, DEC. 20		
Dudgate Hill	London	Hill
Donau	Bremen	N. G. Lloyd
Gellert	Hamburg	Hamb. Amer
California	Hamburg	Cart

MINES AND MINING.

SALES AT THE NEW-YORK MINING EXCHANGE.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1884.

Name.	Actual Sales. Open'g.	High'st.	Low'st.	Final.	Shares sold.
Amie	.03	.03	.03	.03	1,400
Belmont	.25	.25	.23	.25	100
Bodie	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	400
Breece	.18	.20	.18	.20	1,000
Con. Pacific	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	100
Eureka Con	.12	.12	.12	.12	100
Father de Smet	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	100
Gould & Curry	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	200
Horn Silver	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	700
Navajo	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	400
Ophir	.73	.73	.73	.73	500
Silver King	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	200
Standard Con	.62	.62	.58	.58	200
Total sales for the day					5,600

* Buyer 15 at 2 2/3. † Seller 10 days. ‡ Buyer 30 at .27.

CLOSING PRICES OF CALIFORNIA STOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17, 1884.

	Yesterday.	To-day.		Yesterday.	To-day.
Alta	.20	.20	Mexican	.70	.70
Belcher	.60	.60	Ophir	2.00	2.00
Best & Belcher	.80	.80	Ophir	.65	.70
Bodie Con	2.00	2.00	Potosi	.90	.95
Chollar	2.50	2.50	Savage	1.25	1.25
Con. Cal. & Virg	.30	.35	Sierra Nevada	.70	.75
Con. Pacific	1.12½	1.12½	Union Con	.65	.65
Crown Point	.80	....	Utah	.55	....
Gould & Curry	1.00	1.12½	Yellow Jacket	1.12½	....
Hale & Norcross	2.75	2.87½			

THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 17.

Less than 6,000,000 barrels were represented in the amount of National Transit certificates which changed hands at the two Petroleum Exchanges to-day, and when that statement is made the dullness of the market will be fully appreciated. The extreme range of prices was covered by 1¼ cents. There is no life to the speculation, save as it is called out by the manipulators of the market, and the ordinary trader is fast losing all respect for the news from the oil fields as an index of the probable course of prices. The Armstrong well No. 3 is about due, and its location in the Thorn Creek pool promises that it will be a good producer. Another well—Fisher No. 4—ought soon to be opened and no surprise would be caused at its yielding plenty of oil. Lappe well No. 1 is another venture which has many chances for being a good producer. These three properties, however, are about the only important wells which are likely to be brought in for some time. Traders are fearful of their possible effect on prices, but the bears, while conscious of the likelihood of their proving good producers, dread to sell the market after the extraordinary support given to prices when the McBride well was opened with a flow of 7,000 barrels a day. When we say that the market opened at 73½ cents, dragged heavily around 73 until the afternoon, when it broke sharply to 72¼ cents and closed unsettled at a slight rally, it will have received all the description it merited.

The range of prices and the total dealings were as follows:

	N. Y. Pet.	Cons. Pet.
Opening	73½	73½
Highest	73½	73½
Lowest	72¼	72¼
Final	72¾	72¾
Sales, barrels	2,268,000	3,242,000
Clearances yesterday	2,158,000	6,075,000

At other places the clearances were: Tut City, 6,011,000; Bradford, 4,010,000; and Pittsburg, 2,910,000 barrels.

To day's gauge of the Thorn Creek pool was 11,000 barrels.

There was no change in refined oil.

BRITISH, FRENCH, ETC.—17.—Funds on dull and steadier. National Transit and Tidewater cons Tuesday: 81 bid, 83 asked. Antwerp, 60 bid, 60 asked. Paris, 70 bid, 70 asked. Pipe Line certificates, 80 bid, 85 asked. Lima, 90 bid, 95 asked. Brussels, 60 bid, 65 asked. Russian Petroleum, 90 bid, 95 asked. Russian Petroleum, 90 bid, 95 asked. Russian Petroleum, 90 bid, 95