AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

OBJECTING TO SNOW ON TROPICAL FRUIT.

TWO MEN STRUGGLING IN A SUNDAY-SCHOOL ROOM OVER CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

There was a difference of opinion in regard to the decorations for Christmas in the Sunday-school room of the Diamond Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Flatbush on Monday evening between Superintendent McChesney and W. A. Brown, one of the teachers, and they had a struggle, but were parted before either had hurt the other. In decorating the room some oranges were hung on the evergreens, upon which white cotton to represent snow had been placed. Mr. Brown, a young man of twenty-two, thought that the tropical fruit on the background of snow was not sufficiently realistic, and he began to remove some of it when Mr. McChesney objected and called to him to leave the decorations alone.

Young Brown refused and Mr. McChesney seized him by the collar and tried to take the oranges from his pocket. The two men grappled each other, but before a fall had been gained by either they were separated by George Tompkins. The other teachers held up their hands in horror, but the whole matter was smoothed over and the Christmas festival took place last evening.

Mr. McChesney admits that he took hold of Mr. Brown, but says he had provocation. Mr. Brown says that Mr. McChesney had no right to touch him and that he overstepped all bounds in his action. A difference occurred among the members of the church a few years ago at a church meeting and a large number withdrew and founded a new church. The Rev. Fairbanks B. Stockdale is pastor of the Diamond Street Church at the present time.

MISS LEWIS SAYS SHE IS NOT INSANE.

Justice Cullen in the Supreme Court yesterday gave a hearing on the writ of habeas corpus sued out by Clarissa C. Lathrop and Ellen Louise Demorest, of the Lunacy Law Reform League, to test the sanity of Miss Mary E. Lewis, who is an inmate of the Long Island Home, at Amityville, L. I. She was previously at Bloomingdale, the Pennsylvania Asylum and at Morris Plains. Miss Lewis is forty-eight years old and is the daughter of Thomas E. Lewis, of No. 582 Lexington-ave., New-York. She says that she is perfectly sane and that for twenty years she has been kept in various institutions by her sister, Rosetta Lewis, who had conspired to keep her where she could not get any of their father's property.

Dr. John B. Heyen, who signed the commitment, and Dr. Douglass were instructed to examine Miss Lewis and report after recess. Dr. Douglass said that he was unable to decide, as Mrs. Demorest, who was present at the examination, interfered with him. Dr. Heyen thought her insane, but was unable to say that any one symptom observed might not be considered rational. Miss Lewis then told the Court how she had been treated in asylums and of her encounter with her family. Dr. Douglass was recalled and said that, while the woman appeared to be excited, she did not appear to be irrational. Justice Cullen appointed Dr. John C. Shaw, formerly medical superintendent of the Flatbush Asylum, to examine the woman further.

ARRESTING A WOMAN FIREBUG.

Mrs. Margaret Lowery was arraigned before Police Justice Walsh yesterday and held to answer to a charge of arson in the first degree. She lives at No. 85 Gold-st., and while drunk and actuated by a spirit of revenge toward the housekeeper, Mrs. Mary Derby, with whom she had quarrelled, she attempted to set fire to the building late on Wednesday night. The house is a four-story brick tenement, and there were twenty persons in it at the time. According to the confession which Mrs. Lowery made to Fire Marshal Lewis, she took some pieces of an undershirt and poured kerosene on them and then put them against the back door of an unoccupied suite of apartments and set fire to them. Mrs. Derby discovered the blaze and with the aid of another tenant put out the fire. She then had Mrs. Lowery arrested in her rooms. Her clothing smelled of the kerosene. She denied the act when locked up but yesterday she said she was so greatly intoxicated that she hardly knew what she was doing.

SHE CONSIDERED HER ARREST A JOKE.

Mrs. Mary Dower, a young woman living at No. 159 South Third-st., was arraigned before Justice Goetting in the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday on a charge of shop-lifting. She had been detected by Special Officer Haslinger, employed in Henry Battermann's large drygoods store at Broadway and Flushing-ave., placing a toy bank underneath her cloak. At the police station a bearskin cape and an astrachan sack were found in a basket which she carried. She said she had purchased the capes from a man in the street for $2. Mr. Battermann says he thinks the capes came from his stock. Mrs. Dower's husband's family is wealthy and prominently identified in church, social and business circles. Her husband is a stair-builder and for years has conducted a successful business in Greenpoint. Her arrest caused a commotion among her acquaintances. She has three young children. She took her arrest as a joke and gave bail to appear for trial on Monday.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

William Semmelhath was indicted by the Grand Jury yesterday for arson in the second degree in setting fire to his mother's house, in Orange-st.

Andrew Joyce, who was sued for breach of promise of marriage by Mrs. Matilda Partridge, who recovered $800, proposes to appeal the case, and he secured a stay of proceedings pending appeal yesterday.

While a number of workmen were crossing the bridge over the old Bushwick Creek at Driggs-ave. and Lorimer-st. yesterday morning, they saw the body of a man floating in the water, face downward. When the body was taken ashore the face was found to be cut and bruised. The man was identified as John Bradshaw, at one time a prosperous liquor-dealer. Some months ago he found himself without a home and penniless. When last seen, on Wednesday, he was walking on the trestlework of the old Manhattan Beach crossing, and is believed to have fallen from the trestle into the water. The marks are believed to have been caused by the fall. The body was removed to the morgue.

Health Inspectors Enright and Levy reported to Health Commissioner Griffin yesterday that the boy John Macy, of No. 21 Maujer-st., who was said to be suffering from malignant spotted fever, really has typhus fever, and that the disease is not contagious.

The funeral of Michael Nathan, eldest son of Ernst Nathan, Internal Revenue Collector, took place yesterday afternoon at No. 95 Decatur-st. Rabbi Wintner, of Temple Emanu-El, officiated, and the burial was at Cypress Hills.

Mrs. Ann Johnson, who was burned in her apartments at No. 142 Warren-st. on Wednesday night by the explosion of kerosene oil when she was filling a lamp, died yesterday at the Long Island College Hospital from her burns.

John Cottier, County Clerk-elect, tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Education yesterday. Mayor Chapin appointed Curtis T. Hubbs, an ink manufacturer in New-York, who lives at No. 62 Woodbine-st., to succeed Mr. Cottier. Mr. Cottier's resignation will make necessary the election of a new vice-president of the Board, as he held that office.

SIGHTED THE BURNING ABYSSINIA.

The steamship Venetia, which arrived here yesterday from Hamburg, reported that on December 18 she passed the burning steamship Abyssinia, of the Guion Line, in latitude 40 degrees 48 minutes and longitude 44 degrees 14 minutes. The Venetia steamed around the Abyssinia five times, blowing her whistle. The Abyssinia was a mass of raging flame at the time. A sharp lookout was kept for smallboats, but none were seen. It was five hours after the spree, of the North German Lloyd Line, had taken off the passengers of the Abyssinia that the Venetia sighted the burning vessel.

SAYS HIS PICTURES WERE NOT SMUGGLED.

L. de B. Spiridon, the Twenty-second-st. art dealer, from whom six paintings, which were supposed to have been smuggled into this country, were seized by the Custom House officials on Wednesday, was at the Custom House yesterday, protesting that he bought the pictures at an art sale in this city six years ago. The boxes have marked upon them in large letters, "Col. A. Gross," and Colonel Gross is the man from whom the paintings "Lion in Ambush" and "Aux Armes" were seized. Collector Hendricks gave Mr. Spiridon until Monday next to present proof of his legal ownership of the six paintings.

THE VICTORIA J. PEED IN DISTRESS.

The steamer Victoria J. Peed, which sailed from this city yesterday for Antigua, West Indies, put into Stapleton with her machinery disarranged. It is expected that the repairs will be completed to-day, when the steamer will go on to her destination. The Peed was formerly a well-known wrecking steamer, and was recently purchased by the Quebec Steamship Company for service at the West India Islands.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

The following additional amounts are reported by Charles Lanier, general treasurer, No. 17 Nassau-st., on account of the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Collection:

Morton, Bliss & Co., $500; Keppler & Schwarzman, $400; Lewisohn Brothers, Jacob Ruppert, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Benner Brothers, each $50; Asch & Seskel and employes, $30; Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, S. M. Cohen, Charles H. Phillips Chemical Company, each $25; Eben Suyden and employes, $13 50; W. S. Walker, Benjamin Bryer, John H. Caswell, Congregation Bene Salem, King Solomon's Lodge, F. and A. M., estate of Albert Weber, each $10; D. B. & H. M. Lester and employes, $9; Jehuda Lodge, I. O. S. B., and Helen Ellis Cole, each $5; total to date, $4,891 50.

What Skilled Cooks Prefer.

Ask Principals of Cooking Schools,
Lecturers on Domestic Science,
Experts in the Culinary Art,
Why they are *using to-day*

Cleveland's Baking Powder.

They will tell you that it is because Cleveland's is a *pure* cream of tartar powder, made of cream of tartar, soda and flour, nothing else, no ammonia, no alum; it is beyond question perfectly wholesome; it takes less to do the same work; it always gives perfect results in the kitchen.

HOME NEWS.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Christmas observances.
Athletic games, Navy Yard, Brooklyn.
Gaelic football game, Oak Hill Grounds, Yonkers.
Racing at Guttenburg, N. J., 2 p. m.
Lecture by the Rev. M. H. Harris, Temple Israel, 8 p. m.
Socialists' meeting, Clarendon Hall, 8 p. m.
Dr. E. B. Foote's lecture before Manhattan Liberal Club, 8 p. m.
International tug-of-war tournament, Madison Square Garden, 8 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Professor Francis Brown, of Union Theological Seminary, has decided to sail for Europe in a few days to work on his new dictionary. Professor Briggs will take his classes when the new term opens in January.

Passed Assistant Engineers George E. Burd and Henry T. Cleaver have been ordered to report as members of the Board of Inspection at the Navy Yard.

The public schools of this city closed yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The vacation will last until Monday, January 4.

William McGlory was rearrested yesterday on an indictment found against him on Tuesday. He is charged with having threatened violence to F. Krause, a witness against him on the charge of keeping a disorderly house. McGlory's wife gave bail for him in $1,000.

The jurors in Part I of General Sessions yesterday gave to Judge Cowing, Assistant District-Attorney Wauhope Lynn and Clerk Edward Hall bouquets of flowers as tokens of regard.

"A Backward, Forward, Inward, Upward Look," will be the subject of John H. Hunter's address to young men at the East Eighty-sixth-st. branch of the Young Men's Christian Association on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Young men are cordially invited.

Paul and Lloyd Rogers, the two brothers who were arrested on Tuesday night by detectives of the Ninth Precinct for stealing doorknobs, were brought to Jefferson Market Court yesterday. John Crawford, the janitor of No. 257 West Twelfth-st., charged the boys with stealing five doorknobs from his house, and on his complaint the boys were held for trial. Lloyd Rogers on Wednesday made confessions which led to the discovery of a counterfeiters' cave in the cellar of No. 133 Clinton Place.

Canalboat-owners will meet in Kingston Hall, No. 11 South-st., at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening, to take action regarding the rates for use of boats by railroad companies.

The lecture to-morrow evening in the Cooper Union free course will be delivered by Professor Robert Spice, on "The First Law of Motion," with illustrations.

Mayor Grant yesterday refused to license a Chinese theatre at No. 7 Doyers-st., applied for by Ching Foo and his theatrical backer, Wolf by name. The would-be proprietors were unable to satisfy the Mayor that a "fan-tan" game and an opium "joint" would not be run in connection with the theatre.

The three-story house No. 107 Lexington-ave. has been secured as the clubhouse for the members of the new literary society which has been started in connection with St. Stephen's Church, in East Twenty-eighth-st. The Rev. John P. Chidwick has been elected president of the organization. The clubhouse will be opened on Saturday night.

From an advertisement on another page, it seems that the people of Croton-on-Hudson have decided that they need a fire apparatus. All reasonable people fully agree with them. Here is a chance for some town which has outgrown its equipment to get rid of it, to mutual advantage.

Bradley Martin, jr., was among the passengers who arrived on the White Star steamer from Liverpool yesterday.

DR. HALL'S ASSAILANT FOUND INSANE.

HE TELLS A DRAMATIC STORY OF THE IMAGINARY PERSECUTION OF HIM.

A jury in General Sessions yesterday made up its mind in ten minutes that John George Roth, who shot at the Rev. Dr. John Hall, was insane. The first witness in the morning was Charles F. MacLean, president of the Police Board. He said that Roth called on him on October 31 and told him that the police were persecuting him. Mr. MacLean did not think that Roth was sane at the time.

The prisoner was placed on the witness stand next. He said he was forty-seven years old and was born in Mayence, Germany. He came to this country in 1871. It was in 1879 that he learned of the conspiracy against him. He was in a hotel in the Catskills, and found out that his food was being drugged. The conspirators had electrical machines about six inches in diameter around their necks. A string led from each machine to a pocket of the conspirator, who pulled it when he wished to torture Roth. Every time a string was pulled the prisoner felt a burning and itching sensation, he said.

Roth declared further that several thousand dollars had been subscribed for him in Dr. Hall's church, but the money had not reached him. He hadn't intended to kill the minister, but had shot low. He thought he had done perfectly right. The prisoner became excited at times and told a dramatic story of the imaginary wrongs which he had suffered.

Dr. Matthew D. Field, expert in insanity cases, testified that he had examined Roth and was satisfied that he was suffering from chronic delusional insanity, and could never recover from it. Dr. A. Fitch also thought that the prisoner was insane. Neither Assistant District Attorney Bedford nor Ambrose H. Purdy, counsel for Roth, summed up. Judge Martine charged the jury, and it brought in its verdict after being out ten minutes. Judge Martine committed Roth to the State Lunatic Asylum for criminals at Auburn.

CHARGED WITH STEALING COTTON.

Thefts of cotton from bales have been of such frequent occurance of late, and the loss had become so large, that the Cotton Exchange recently offered a reward of $500 for the detection of the thieves. The methods of the men were such that, although men were frequently arrested by the harbor police with bags of cotton in their possession, it was impossible to get a conviction.

John White, a lighterman, of No. 214 West Sixty-fourth-st., on Tuesday last, about 10 o'clock, p. m., called on Henry L. Joyce, the manager of the Manhattan Lighterage and Transportation Company, and told him that while in a barroom in West-st. known as Billy and Dick's, he overheard a conversation between Nels P. Johnson, Henry J. Cornelius, Jack Sanders and an unknown person, who were planning to visit the lighter David J. Anderson, of which Johnson was captain, and abstract a quantity of cotton from the bales. Joyce took White to the patrol boat, at Pier A, and had him repeat the story to the sergeant, who detailed Detectives Wood and Sullivan on the case. When the detectives arrived at the lighter, they saw the men working at the bales. The thieves jumped into a boat and, under the veil of the heavy fog, eluded pursuit. Johnson was arrested yesterday morning in Broad-st., and Cornelius was found in West-st.

When arraigned in the Tombs Police Court, Johnson and Cornelius entered a general denial, and were held in $1,000 each for examination.

NOT FIRE, ONLY WELSH RAREBITS.

One of the passengers on the North-German Lloyd steamship Havel, which arrived here yesterday, said that on December 21 a fire broke out in the steerage. It was quickly put out and no damage was done. At the office of the company yesterday it was denied that there had been any such fire on the Havel, and the story was ascribed to Welsh rarebit taken late at night.

NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

KILLED BY AN UNKNOWN ASSASSIN.

THE BULLET CAME THROUGH A WINDOW WHILE A QUARREL WAS GOING ON.

The criminal authorities of Newark investigated yesterday the circumstances attending the fatal shooting of William H. Dunham, proprietor of a well-known roadhouse at Washington-ave. and William-st., Belleville, about four miles from Newark, shortly before midnight on Wednesday. A number of arrests were made, but nothing was disclosed to show the identity of the assassin. Dunham kept two roadhouses, the other being on the road between Nutley and Passaic. Dunham's wife for several years had charge of this roadhouse, and a hostler named Patrick Phelan worked there. The house had not been successful.

On Wednesday night Dunham sat in the barroom of the Belleville roadhouse with Phelan, "Whaley" Brown, William Kennedy and Frederick Taylor. The party played cards, and Mrs. Dunham was behind the bar. Dunham was of a quarrelsome disposition and was fond of firearms. He was drinking while playing cards, and began to quarrel with his wife about the management of the other house. She contradicted some angry assertions made by him, and he appealed to Phelan. Phelan took the part of the wife in the altercation, and this enraged Dunham. Rising he advanced to Phelan and applied an offensive epithet to him. Blows were exchanged, and then as Dunham was reaching for his revolver the other men seized him and Phelan. The latter was held while Dunham was forced into the kitchen and sat down in a chair.

He promised to remain quiet, and the men turned away from him when suddenly there was the report and flash of a pistol at the window facing the roadway, and Dunham's head sunk upon his breast. The bullet struck him in the back of the head near the ear, and death was almost instantaneous. When Dunham's companions saw that he was shot they ran into the barroom and looked out the door but saw nobody. Phelan was still held by a friend, and Mrs. Dunham was behind the bar. She heard the shot, but did not know that anything serious had occurred.

A messenger was dispatched for Dr. C. H. Winans, of Belleville, who sent word without delay to County Physician Wrightson at Newark, and that official arrived with a Prosecutor's detective about midnight. All the persons present in the house were held under surveillance, and yesterday they were taken to the Prosecutor's office in Newark for examination. There were eight in all, including Mrs. Dunham. Phelan was discharged from custody. No weapon was found on him, and it was proved that he was still struggling in the barroom when the fatal shot was fired from the outside through the kitchen window. The bullet shattered the pane of glass, and the pistol was held so close to the window that the window-casing was blackened with powder.

Dunham had kept the road-house about four years. He was separated from his wife and child nine years ago, and he met a woman named Nettie Aarons, who kept a liquor shop in New-Jersey Railroad-ave., in Newark. The couple began to live together, and it was given out that they were married. The woman died in 1887. Three years ago he was arrested on a charge of bigamy, made by his first wife, and a suit for divorce from this wife was pending when he was killed. The woman who now professes to be Mrs. Dunham is twenty-six years old and of attractive appearance. Dunham was thirty-seven.

JERSEY CITY.

Ex-Judge Douglas applied to Chancellor McGill yesterday for the discharge of Charles J. Peshall from the county jail. He had been detained there since Wednesday on a writ of ne exeat obtained by Cassius H. Read, who feared Mr. Peshall would flee from the State. Mr. Read had brought a suit before the Chancellor asking for an accounting by Peshall concerning the business relations existing between them, and he had also obtained a temporary injunction restraining Mr. Peshall from selling any property until the accounting is made. When the Chancellor heard the testimony he said he was perfectly satisfied that Mr. Peshall had never entertained any intention of leaving the State permanently, and he ordered Mr. Peshall's discharge from custody.

Police Justice O'Donnell committed William Hienken, nineteen years old, to the city prison without bail yesterday. Hienken is detained to explain what he knows about the cause of the death of Adolph Ruff, a German baker, forty-four years old, of No. 315 First-st. Ruff yesterday morning was on a carousal. He went to No. 186 Fifth-st. and rang the door-bell. Nelson Johnson and J. Robinson occupy the house. A little girl was sent by Mrs. Johnson to the grocery store of J. & W. Pellens for help to get rid of the man. John Pellens sent his clerk, William Hienken, to remove Ruff. The clerk went to the house and ordered Ruff away, but he refused to go. A moment later Ruff either fell or was thrown from the stoop down seven stone steps to the pavement. He struck on his head and died before the ambulance arrived.

A letter was received by Superintendent Sayre, of the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad, yesterday, which inclosed a $50 bill. The writer said he had once been a conductor on the railroad, and that during the time thus employed he had "knocked down" considerable change. His conscience troubled him, and for that reason he sent the $50 to Mr. Sayre with the request that it be turned over to the company, and in this way clear his conscience.

PLAINFIELD.

Chancellor McGill yesterday rendered a decision which makes John C. Moore, of Plainfield, the sole heir of all the real and personal property of the late William Moore, his father. The elder Moore was a well-known turfman, and at the time of his death his property was valued at $200,000. By the provisions of his will his son was cut off without a penny, while the whole of the estate was left to a second wife, whom he married but a short time before he died. John Moore contested the will on the ground of undue influence. The case has been in the courts for over a year, and has attracted much attention. There were three trials of the case in different courts, and all have been won by the son. Included in the estate now the property of John C. Moore is a tract of land comprising 93,000 acres in Florida.

KEARNY.

Edward Conway, twenty-five years old, employed in the Marshall Thread Works in Kearny, was loading a large barrow with heavy bales of flax at the factory yesterday, when his foot slipped and one of the bales fell upon him. He died in a few minutes, his neck being broken. Conway was married, and boarded at No. 407 Grant-ave.

OTHER SUBURBAN TOWNS.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WHITE PLAINS.—Sheriff-elect John Duffy has appointed Charles E. Johnson, of Mount Vernon, Clerk; Joseph Acton, of White Plains, Jailer; John C. Verplanck, of White Plains, Deputy Sheriff; William Romer, of White Plains, Counsel; and Howard Pugsley, of Peekskill, Under Sheriff. . . . . A sheriff's jury yesterday gave a verdict for $10,000 damages in favor of Daniel McLean and against John D. Crimmins, the New-York contractor, for the loss of an eye, caused by defective tools while he was at work on Broadway, New-York, last spring.

YORKTOWN.—Henry Peterson, a prominent resident of Yorktown and for the last twenty years postmaster of that place, died yesterday, at the age of sixty-eight years, from softening of the brain. He was prominent locally in the Republican party. The funeral will take place at the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning.

HARRISON.—The executors of the estate of John Roach, the shipbuilder, have sold to Welcom G. Hitchcock, of New-York City, the Major Anderson farm, of 276 acres, on the road from Purchase to White Plains, for the sum of $40,000. A view of Long Island for thirty miles is one of the attractive features of the farm site.

HE WAS A PARTNER OF BUTTNER AND HUGHES.

Patrick A. Campbell, a notary public, of No. 106 East Ninetieth-st., the alleged partner of E. D. Morrow, a loan broker, of No. 173 Broadway, was held in $1,500 bail for trial in the Court of General Sessions by Justice Grady, at the Yorkville Police Court, yesterday, on a charge of larceny preferred by Mrs. Grace Stone, the wife of Samuel W. Stone, a telegraph operator, of No. 979 Eighth-ave.

Mrs. Stone in her affidavit alleged that her husband borrowed $35 from or through Morrow on July 21, and gave as security a mortgage on a portion of the furniture for $48 75. In October Stone paid an instalment on the loan. During the absence of Stone in the early part of this month, a man presented himself at the house, announcing himself as Marshal Morris Nugent. He told Mrs. Stone that he came to seize the furniture, and although she remonstrated he carted all the furniture away. When she saw Campbell, she said that he agreed to let her have her furniture on payment of $28 75. She paid him this money and got his receipt in full. With an order from Campbell for the furniture, she then called at Gallagher's auction rooms, at Forty-ninth-st. and Eighth-ave., and was there informed that before she could regain her goods she must pay $13 charges for selling and buying the furniture back, $15 that the "Marshal" had borrowed and $5 for advertising and $2 for labor.

Campbell was a partner of Buttner and Hughes, the togus divorce lawyers, who are now in prison at Sing Sing.

STAYS EASY TO GET IN BROOKLYN.

JUDGE PRATT DOESN'T BELIEVE IN HOME RULE FOR NEW-YORK COUNTY.

"Abe" Coakley, the bank burglar, is the latest criminal to appeal to Judge Pratt, of Brooklyn, for salvation from the decrees of the courts of this county. Judge Pratt is on the Supreme Court bench, but in several cases recently his court has been used as that of the highest resort by the lawyers of criminals. Judge Pratt has several times reversed the decisions of judges of this county who are nominally of coordinate rank with himself, and convictions of criminals have been nullified. Coakley was recently found guilty of larceny in General Sessions for robbing a man on a Grand-st. car. His lawyer moved before Judge Patterson for a stay of the sentence of seven years' imprisonment, on an application for a writ of error. The motion was denied.

Coakley was sent to Sing Sing yesterday. Charles W. Brooke applied to Judge Pratt for a stay, and, as usual, it was granted. Coakley was already on the way to prison, but Mr. Brooke telegraphed to Sheriff Gorman to have him brought back. As the prisoner was out of New-York County, the Sheriff did not interfere so the thief was placed in the prison.

District-Attorney Nicoll was more than moderately indignant yesterday over the affair. He said: "This is the culmination of a series of interferences with the administration of justice in this county. J. M. D. Fanshawe, who was convicted of arson and sentenced; Dr. McGonegal, who was convicted of manslaughter, and MacCormack, who is under a fifteen-year sentence for manslaughter, walk our streets free men to-day, owing to stays obtained from a judge in another county. I shall try to have the Legislature pass a law providing that a criminal can get a stay only from a Supreme Court judge of the county where the conviction takes place."

A FINE GEOGRAPHICAL EXHIBITION.

IT WILL BE OPENED AT THE ARSENAL IN CENTRAL PARK TO-DAY.

The formal organization of the Department of Geography of the Brooklyn Institute was recorded less than two years ago. In this short time the society has succeeded in carrying on a work of public utility in forming a geographical collection which is one of the finest ones in existence. This becomes a permanent possession of the institute on the condition required by the geographical publishers in different parts of Europe, who have generously contributed in its formation, that it shall be freely exhibited in several cities of this country. An exhibition was given last spring in Brooklyn of about three-fourths of the present collection, which was visited by many thousands of people. So great an interest in the subject was aroused that Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston University and some other institutions gave their influence to secure an exhibition of the collection in Boston, which by the efforts of the Appalachian Club was held in May, when almost the whole of the collection was shown with additions made by the club and from the Harvard Library.

The third exhibition of this collection, with considerable increase, will be opened at 10 a. m. to-day in the Arsenal Building, Central Park, at Fifth-ave. and Sixty-fourth-st., and will continue for six weeks. The holiday season is chosen for the exhibition to enable teachers and other persons connected with educational work in different parts of the country to find an opportunity to study the collection when the schools are not in session. The exhibition is made at the expense of the New-York Teachers' Association, the Museum building by the favor of the Board of Park Commissioners being used without charge. The admission is free to all visitors, and the exhibition will be open on six days in the week from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., with extension of the time on Wednesday and Saturday evenings until 10 o'clock.

The collection includes many beautiful specimens of cartography, issued in different countries, one fine series consisting of ninety maps designed to show the physical geography, the geology, orography, hydrography, topography, the density of population, the industrial development, the ethnology and other features of European geography and civilization. A similar series represents North and South America. One group consists of Scriptural and another of classical maps. Many different purposes of instruction are represented, and means shown for teaching almost every part of geographical science. The library division contains many atlases, text-books on geography, various forms of geographical drawing-books, dictionaries and works of reference on geography, treatises on commercial geography and navigation, books of travel, and even guide-books.

The president of this geographical department of the institute, Cyrus C. Adams, Editor of "Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine," is credited with making the selections giving this collection its great value, as also with the classification and arrangements for the exhibition. The other members of the Executive Committee are J. S. Kemp, the present active representative; Dr. David Cruikshank, Almon G. Merwin, W. T. S. Imlay, Dr. Lewis E. Meeker, Professor Darwin G. Eaton, Charles M. Skinner and John H. Innes. Among others with whose influence the scheme is favored are George William Curtis, ex-Judge Daly, president of the American Geographical Society; Superintendent Draper, Dr. William J. Milne, of the State Normal School at Albany; President Seth Low and Chancellor MacCracken. The exhibition is expected to go next to St. Louis. Afterward it will probably be seen in Washington, aided by the National Geographical Society and the National Museum.

THE KEAN SETTLEMENT FRAUDULENT.

Chicago, Dec. 24 (Special).—The settlement of the Kean failure has been declared fraudulent. Judge Shepard to-day gave his long-expected decision in the matter of appointing a receiver for the estate of the banker S. A. Kean. It will be remembered that recently some of the creditors attacked the action of the managers of the estate in turning over all the assets to Everett M. Warren, who agreed to pay the creditors 35 cents on the dollar. It was claimed that there was fraud in this action, and Judge Shepard so decided this afternoon, when he reversed the proceedings in the County Court and granted the motion for a receiver for the Kean estate. In his decision the Judge bitterly scored the parties who had been instrumental in having the assets turned over to Warren, and he declared that it prepared the way for a gross fraud upon the creditors. This decision undoes everything that was accomplished by the County Court's action in the matter. Edward Filkins was informally selected as receiver.

A MUD BLOCKADE IN IOWA.

Burlington, Dec. 24 (Special).—The worst mud blockade known in the history of the Mississippi Valley has existed for two weeks. Country districts have been virtually isolated from the larger business centres and have lost heavily in sheer inability to market their products. The loss to merchants depending on the country trade, especially in holiday purchases, amounts to fully $15,000 a day in Iowa alone, while $1,000,000 will not cover the loss to shippers, merchants and farmers during the present month.

REPORTS OF TOBACCO FRAUDS DISPROVED.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—An examination has been made of a lot of imported tobacco in the custom-house here. There was a suspicion of fraud, the supposition being that tobacco imported as "filler," at 35 cents a pound duty, was in reality the finer grade known as "wrapper," which bears a duty of $2 a pound. The examination disclosed the fact that the tobacco was what it professed to be, and that there was no fraud.

ROBBERY OF A HOUSE IN FALL RIVER.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.—The home of Mrs. Norman Borden, in Underwood-st., was robbed last evening. About 7:30 o'clock, while the family was in the front part of the house, a thief entered the apartments of Mrs. Borden from the lawn. Jewelry and money were taken, but how much cannot be learned. Mrs. Borden and the police decline to give any information. The value of the stolen property is placed at $2,000.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE ELECTION.

Chicago, Dec. 24 (Special).—The annual election for officers of the Chicago Board of Trade for the ensuing year will take place on January 4. The most important officer to be elected is a president to succeed W. T. Baker, who has held the office for two terms. The policy of the Board as to quotations will undoubtedly be the absorbing question in the election. The issue may not be openly made, but it will, nevertheless, be the controlling factor. On the part of those who desire to maintain the present policy only one name has been mentioned, that of J. G. Steever, the present vice-president. What has come to be known as the Lindblom following, those who demand wide-open quotations, are not idle. They are determined to put a candidate in the field in opposition of Mr. Steever. So far they have offered the nomination to E. W. Baily, D. H. Richardson, N. B. Ream and others, but these have declined.

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UNION LEADERS INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Grand Jury brought in an indictment to-day against Thomas J. Elderkin, Thomas Nelson and Robert Lindblotz, officers and members of the Seamen's Union, for conspiracy. It is alleged that the defendants conspired to keep non-union seamen from shipping on lake vessels, or from performing certain labor at less wages than the scale established by the Seamen's Union.

THE NEWS THAT HE HAD A PENSION KILLED HIM.

Mt. Carmel, Penn., Dec. 24.—Edward Davis, who for years has been applying for a pension for service rendered in the Mexican war, received information to-day that he would get his money. Overcome by the good news, he fell dead.

Announcements.

A FINE THING FOR THE TEETH.

The fragrant SOZODONT has taken a very prominent place among the most approved dentifrices of the day. It is a very popular article for the toilet, highly recommended by all who have used it, as a beautifier and preserver of the teeth, refreshing the mouth, sweetening the breath, and arresting the progress of decay.

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

TO-DAY.

Sun rise, 7:19 | Set, 4:34 | Moon rises, 1:43 a m | Moons age 24

HIGH WATER.

A.M.—Sandy H'k..	3:09	Gov. Isl'd..	3:37	Hell Gate..	5:30
P.M.—Sandy H'k..	3:31	Gov. Isl'd..	3:52	Hell Gate..	5:45

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From	Sailed	Line.
Wisconsin	Liverpool	Dec 12	Guion
Caribbee	St Kitts	Dec 15	Quebec
Nederland	Antwerp	Dec 10	Red Star
Moravia	Hamburg	Dec 11	Hamb-Amer
Obdam	Rotterdam	Dec 11	Neth-Amer
Santiago	Nassau	Dec 21	NY & Cuba

SATURDAY, DEC. 26.

Thingvalla	Christiansand	Dec 12	Thingvalla
Bermuda	St Croix	Dec 19	Quebec
Europe	London	Dec 13	National

SUNDAY, DEC. 27.

Aurania	Liverpool	Dec 10	Cunard
La Champagne	Havre	Dec 19	Fr Trans
Trinidad	Bermuda	Dec 24	Quebec

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	Line.	For	Mails close.	Vessel sails.
Claribel	Atlas	Kingston, &c	1 p m	3 p m

SATURDAY, DEC. 26.

Etruria	Cunard	Liverpool	10:30 a m / 2 p m
Ethiopia	Anchor	Glasgow	12 m / 2 p m
Veendam	Neth-Amer	Rotterdam	12 m / 2 p m
La Gascogne	Fr Trans	Havre	8:30 a m / 12 m
Yucatan	NY & Cuba	Havana	11 a m / 1 p m

TUESDAY, DEC. 29.

Wisconsin	Guion	Liverpool	4 p m
Moravia	Hamb-Amer	Hamburg	7 a m
Havel	NG Lloyd	Bremen via South'pton	11 a m / 2 p m

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK....THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1891.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Nomadic (Br), Clark, Liverpool Dec 12, with mdse and passengers to H Maitland Kersey. Arrived at the Bar at 1.22 a m.

Steamer Siberian (Br), Park, Glasgow Dec 11, with mdse and passengers to Austin Baldwin & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 8.50 a m.

Steamer Lesseps (Nor), Rodseth, Shields Dec 3, in ballast to Benham & Boyesen.

Steamer Venetia (Ger), Kaempff, Hamburg Dec 6, Havre 9, with mdse and passengers to R J Cortis. Arrived at the Bar at 5 a m.

Steamer Marsala (Ger), Maas, Hamburg via Philadelphia, to Funch, Edye & Co.

Steamer Heligoland (Ger), Buchner, Bremen Dec 5, in ballast to Gustav Heye. Arrived at the Bar at 4 a m.

Steamer Waesland (Belg), Grant, Antwerp Dec 13, with mdse and passengers to Peter Wright & Sons. Arrived at the Bar at 12.30 p m.

Steamer Rowena (Br), Tyre, Haytian ports, via Boston, with mdse to Wm P Clyde & Co.

Steamer Mexico (Span), Alemany, Havana 5 days, with mdse and passengers to J M Ceballos & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 1.30 p m.

Steamer Lampasas, Crowell, Galveston, with mdse and passengers to C H Mallory & Co.

Steamer Seneca, Stevens, New-Orleans, with mdse and passengers to S H Seaman.

Steamer Chalmette, Percy, New-Orleans, with mdse to J T Van Sickle.

Steamer Seminole, Platt, Jacksonville and Charleston, with mdse and passengers to Wm P Clyde & Co.

Steamer Kansas City, Kempton, Savannah, with mdse and passengers to R L Walker.

Steamer Old Dominion, Couch, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk, with mdse and passengers to Old Dominion SS Co.

Steamer H M Whitney, Hallett, Boston, with mdse to H F Dimock.

SUNSET—Wind at Sandy Hook, moderate, NE; light rain and foggy.

At City Island—strong, NE; raining and thick.

Arrived yesterday—

Steamer Majestic (Br), Parsell, Liverpool Dec 16, Queenstown 17, with mdse and passengers to H Maitland Kersey. Arrived at the Bar at 8.50 p m.

Steamer Colon, Henderson, Colon 9 days, with mdse and passengers to Pacific Mail SS Co.

Steamer Moruca (Br), Broadfoot