THE NEW YORK SUN.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOV. 22, 1859.

The Brooklyn Ferries.

THE people of Brooklyn are very justly indignant at the action of the New York Common Council, which is designed to perpetuate in the hands of a few men a monopoly of the most valuable Ferry franchises in the world. They are also indignant that the monopolists should find advocates not only among the New York journals, but in their own *local papers*. The attempt of the interested *parties* to divide and mislead public *opinion will be* unavailing. Their own arguments are conclusive against them.

They say that the traffic on Fulton Ferry has swollen to such an extent that the fare should be high on that ferry so as to drive a portion of the traffic to other ferries. But where is the gain to any body, so long as the present rates are maintained on all the ferries? Admit that it is desirable to divide the traffic, what guarantee have we that the monopolists will reduce the fare on the Catharine street and Hamilton avenue ferries, so as to attract passengers to them? On the contrary, may we not, judging by past experience, conclude that they will give the least accommodation on the least profitable ferries? Their object is to prevent a competition which would compel them to reduce the fares.

The true way to bring about a reduction of fares, and cause a distribution of traffic, is to permit and encourage competition. *This is so* plain a truth that it is almost superfluous to state it; and we pity the simplicity of those who believe that it is better for Brooklyn interests that the present ferry corporation should be protected against all rivalry. If the Union Ferry Company intend to act the part of benefactors to Brooklyn, let them come out with an announcement pledging themselves to return to the old system of one cent fares and yearly commutation tickets. The traffic has largely increased, coal is not dearer now than it was before the fares were raised, and the Company can afford to adopt the old rates. If they do this, we will give them a first rate notice.

A Sorry Objection.

THE *Tribune* which occasionally affects to rise superior to partisan considerations, comments in a bitter vein upon the nominations of Messrs. HAVEMEYER and TILDEN. These nominations are, indeed, most unpalateable to those who care less for an honest administration of our municipal affairs, than for the promotion of personal and party ends. We are surprised, however, that the *Tribune* should put forward as its principal objection to Messrs. HAVEMEYER and TILDEN, that they voted for Mr. BUCHANAN for President. Did our cotemporary expect that Tammany Hall would nominate political opponents? It has frequently called upon Tammany to put good men in nomination, and now, when candidates of unexceptionable character are presented, it objects to them because they are Democrats! Can it be that the Republican leaders are in league with FERNANDO?

Our citizens are determined, however, to disregard all mere partizan appeals. The political wire pullers cannot control their votes, and they will support Mr. HAVEMEYER, not because he was nominated in Tammany, but because he is known to them as honest, capable, and incorruptible. As a staunch old Knickerbocker, as a man who has shown his fitness for the office of Chief Magistrate of the City, he will be sustained heartily and enthusiastically by men of all parties, who desire to save New York from the disgrace of being again ruled over by a political mountebank.

Later from Havana.

The U. S. Mail steamship De Soto, Captain BULLOCK, from New Orleans via Havana, arrived last evening, having left the latter place on the 16th inst. The principal attraction to the Habaneras was the Opera, which, under direction of MAX MARETZEK, was performing to excellent houses. The people were making preparations to receive their new Captain-General. There has been little change in the sugar market. Foreign advices have been favorable, and holders have succeeded in obtaining a small advance. Exchanges falling, and not much demand. London, 1¼@¼ premium; New York, 2d do.; New Orleans, 4a5 do. Freights declining, with little demand.

The Canada's Mails.

Arrival of the Saxonia.

The R. M. Steamship Canada from Liverpool, via. Halifax, reached Boston yesterday morning, and her mails arrived in this city last evening. Her papers are to the 5th inst. They contain very little of interest not previously telegraphed.

The steamship Saxonia from Southampton, left Yarmouth Roads, on the 7th inst., arrived at this port last evening. Her dates however are only to the 5th, as, owing to the heavy gale, she could not communicate with the shore. Her news has been anticipated by the Canada.

The election of members of municipalities at Florence and other places have terminated without any result, almost all the members having abstained from voting. The National Assembly has been convoked for Nov. 7th.

OMAR PACHA, who was lately superceded in the government of Bagdad, is not to return to Constantinople, another place having been fixed for his abode.

Late dates from the coast of Africa state that the American ship Memphis, with 700 slaves, had escaped all the cruisers and put to sea. Twenty-six vessels were expected on the coast for cargoes of slaves for the United States.

Arrival of the North Star.

Earthquake in Copiapa.

The Vanderbilt steamer North Star, arrived at this port yesterday, from Aspinwall. It will be remembered that the North Star left New York on the 9th of October. On the morning (4½) of the 25th, she struck on a reef near Plaza Island, one of the French Keys. The weather being thick the day previous no observation could be taken. The ship remained on the reef six days, about 400 tons of coal having been thrown overboard, and after taking on board the passengers, who had been landed for the purpose of lightening her draft of water, was moved from her rocky bed, and the steamer proceeded to Fortune Island for water. Having taken in a supply of water, Capt. JONES proceeded to Kingston, Jamaica, for an additional supply of fuel and water. From Kingston the North Star proceeded to Aspinwall, and took on such passengers as desired to proceed to this city. Left Aspinwall on the morning of the 11th, touching at Key West on the 16th inst., for coal. Among the passengers in the North Star is THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER, special bearer of dispatches from the United States Minister at Costa Rica.

The sloop-of-war Brooklyn was at Key West. On the morning of the 19th, passed a big War Eagle from Havana for New York, with the loss of fore and maintopmasts.

We are indebted to the purser of the North Star for the following letter from Key West, and for papers from that place to the 15th inst.

Key West, Florida, Nov. 15.—The following vessels are ashore between Cape Florida and Jubiter: Ship Heidelburg, from New Orleans to Havre, with 3 600 bales cotton. Ship Charles Crockett, Captain MUSSEY, from New Orleans to Liverpool, with 3,100 bales cotton, 50 hogsheads tobacco, 31 barrels silver valued at $34 000, and 4,000 staves. Ship Eliza Mallory, of Mystic, from New Orleans for San Blas, Mexico, 3 300 half bales cotton. Brig North, from Galveston to New York, loaded with cotton, came to pieces; cotton strewed along the beach. Bark Mary Coe, from Mobile to New York, 1 100 bales cotton. Another ship ashore further North, name not known.

FROM CHILI—EARTHQUAKE IN COPIAPA.

The Panama *Star* of the 10th inst. contains later intelligence from Chili, the most important items of which relate to a severe shock of an earthquake at 8 A. M. on the 5th October, which was felt throughout the republic, but most severely in the province of Copiapa. The direction of the shock was from Southeast to Northwest, and its duration, it is said, about four minutes, having caused considerable damage in the city of Copiapa and the port of Caldera, overthrowing some buildings and leaving a great many others in a ruinous condition, but fortunately we have not heard of any lives being lost. The Copiapa and Caldera railway has suffered some damage, but its repair will be easy, and not very expensive.

In Caldera the sea retreated several times from the coast, leaving a beach of 150 yards, which caused a panic amongst the inhabitants, who flew affrighted to the neighboring hills; fortunately the sea returned to its place without any violence and did not occasion the least disaster. We have been assured that after the first shock the earth has continued in uncease motion; and, according to the observations made, the number of shocks in the lapse of 18 hours after the first great one has not been less than 116.

Still we have no very great losses to deplore, and the province of Atacama will soon recover with the produce of its mines, which are stated to be in a very rich condition.

Senor MOVOA, ex Intendente of Valparaiso, has been appointed Minister of Finance, in place of Don MANUAL DYRLIZ, resigned some time since.

New and rich mines of copper and silver had been discovered at Tartal, north of Copiapa, and several surveying parties had left to explore them.

The new light house at Punta Corona, in Chili, was to be lighted for the first time on the 1st of November.

El Mercurio, of Valparaiso says:

It is said that an English company has proposed continuing on its own account the works on the Southern railway, obliging itself to finish the line from Rancagua to Talca in a short time, Government, on its part, is to pay the company the cost of constructing the line, by acknowledging in the company's favor a debt payable in 25 years, with the interest of 5 per cent. in England, or 6 per cent. in Santiago. It is said that the same company makes analogous proposals for continuing the railway as far as Conception.

Senator DON FRANCISCO IGNACIO OSSA, who had been imprisoned for political affairs, has been set at liberty. There are several other distinguished persons, amongst them two or three members of Congress, who are still awaiting in prison the decision of government of the respective courts of justice in their case. Some political offenders have had their sentence commuted into ten year's imprisonment or banishment.

New Publications.

LIFE OF VITTORIA COLONNA. *By T. Adolphus Trollloppe. New York*: SHELDON & Co.

This little volume will be read with much interest, the subject being one of the most beautiful and gifted women of Italy. Every family library should have it.

LIFE OF JULIUS CÆSAR. *By Henry G. Liddell, D.D.*, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. New York: SHELDON & Co.

The author has made up the present volume from Dean SIDDELL'S large Roman History, which is deemed the best account of JULIUS CÆSAR ever written. That work, however, has not yet been published in this country. The present volume is worthy a place in every library.

SERMONS BY REV. C. H. SPURGEON. *Sixth Series.* New York: SHELDON & Co.

This volume contains twenty-nine sermons, all of which will be read by the religious community with great interest.

We have received vol. 1 of LOOMIS' Illustrated Character, by CORNELIUS MATHEWS. BROWN, LOOMIS & Co., Publishers, New York. Also the December number of HARPERS.—American Illustrated Family Year Book for 1860. F. GERHARD, publisher.—The Sub-Marine Exploits of J. B. GREEN, the celebrated diver.—The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

Marine Intelligence.

The brig Europa, of Windsor, N. S., from Plymouth, Eng., Sept. 3, reports:

On the 19th of October, while lying to in a heavy N. W. gale, shipped a heavy sea, which stove boat to pieces. Nov. 3, in a heavy gale from E. S. E to N. E., with a heavy sea on, split topsail and mainstaysail, lay to four hours, under bare poles, the vessel nearly foundering, swept deck of water and harness casks, &c., stove bulwarks, and washed battens off fore hatch. Nov 4, opened the last barrel of beef and pork, and broached the last cask of water, put all hands on an allowance of 1½ pints of water per day and 2 biscuits per meal. Nov. 6th, carried away maintopmast. Nov. 14th, while lying too in a very heavy gale from S. W., with a heavy sea, the wind hauled suddenly in a squall to the N. W., lost jibboom, broke topgallantmast short off in the cap, and raised head rail. Nov. 19th, spoke bark E. A. Cochran (since arrived), who very kindly supplied us with provisions.

Advices per Canada from Lisbon to Oct. 26, state that the bark Sabrina, Capt. GALES, from Marseilles, August 22d, for Boston, was abandoned at sea Oct. 16th, in a sinking condition. Her officers and crew were rescued, and brought to Boston by the ship William Jarvis, Capt. BALLARD, from New Orleans.

A PRIVATE dispatch from Baltimore says "the renewed excitement at Charleston and Harper's Ferry arises entirely from the decided precautionary measures adopted by the authorities. Gov. WISE has determined upon maintaining a large force until after the executions, to ensure "law and order."

THE tomb of the infidel HUME is in Edinburgh. It is a circular stone building, and over the irongrated door is inscribed his name, with the dates of his birth and death. He thought no doubt, like VOLTAIRE, that he had given the death blow to Christianity; but the testimony of the tablets in the immediate vicinity of his own goes to prove that he was not able to win over his relatives even to his peculiar ideas. Immediately above his name is a tablet containing an inscription by a DAVID HUME, to his wife, JANE ALDEN, dated 1817, closing with these words: "Behold, I come quickly. Thanks be to God who giveth us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Also, in the interior, there is another tablet sacred to the memory of DAVID HUME, one of the Barons of Exchequer, and his two sons, dated in 1848, the whole surmounted by these encouraging words: "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

The News by Telegraph.

Magnetic Telegraph Offices, No. 43 Wall street, and Astor House, main entrance.

Three Days Later from California.

St. Louis, Nov. 21.—The Overland mail, with San Francisco dates of Oct. 3 st., has reached Jefferson City.

Business at San Francisco was unchanged. The late news from the Atlantic States, advising increased shipments to California, had caused much disappointment in the commercial community.

The business portion of the town of Volcanoville, in Amador Co., was burned on the 29th. The loss was stated at above $50,000.

Advices from Oregon announce the arrival of Gen. SCOTT at Portland on the 21st of October. Gen. HARNEY left Portland soon after Gen. SCOTT arrived, and was supposed that he had taken offence at being superceded in his command.

From Charlestown, Va.

Charlestown, Nov. 21.—Order prevails here now. The excitement of Saturday has subsided, and no suspicious parties have been discovered. Gov. WISE has received letters from intelligent and responsible parties in the north and west, assuring him of the organization of bands for rescue.

It is rumored that Gov. WISE has received a dispatch from Gov. CHASE, of Ohio, informing him that a large body of men—from six hundred to a thousand—are arming for a rescue, under command of JOHN BROWN, Junior, and will undoubtedly start for Charlestown. WISE is said to have replied that if Gov. CHASE allows them to cross the line, he will enter proceedings against him for treason. Also, a dispatch was received on Saturday, from U. S. Marshal JOHNSON, of Ohio, stating that from six hundred to a thousand men were arming for a rescue in that State. JOHN BROWN, Junior, is the reported commander.

The Election.

Albany, Nov. 21.—New York returns, with only Kings County unofficial, makes JONES' majority 1,290, and SKINNER'S, 297.

The Prize-Fighters.

Buffalo, Nov, 21.—Although warrants are issued for the arrest of the principals and seconds in the late prize fight, none of them have been arraigned for examination. MORRISSEY was in town on Saturday, and knowing that a warrant was sued out for him, he engaged the Hon. ELI COOK as his counsel, and then left for New York.

A Fireman Killed.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—SAMUEL KESTLER, an old and esteemed fireman, was run over to-day during an alarm of fire by the Vigilant Steam Engine, and instantly killed.

From Washington.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The War Department to-day countermanded the orders for six companies of troops from Fort Monroe and five from Fort Leavenworth, to proceed to Brownsville, there appearing from latest accounts, no necessity for their proceeding thither. Apart from the object of affording protection to the Rio Grande frontier, the various speculations as to the employment of so large a force are thus dissipated.

Colchester Bank Case.

Hartford, Nov. 21.—Mr. WARREN LELAND was this day before Justice MORGAN, at Colchester, with his counsel and witnesses, prepared to refute the charges brought against him by JONES, the defaulting cashier of the Colchester Bank. JONES, fearing personal injury from the indignation of the people of that place, on account of his proceedings, did not appear, whereupon Mr. LELAND was fully discharged.

The Loss of the Ship Favorite—Fire at Lynn.

Boston, Nov. 21.—Letters state that all on board the ship Favorite, including the pilot, were lost, in the wreck of that vessel on the passage from London to Cardiff, as previously reported.

The Methodist church, on Union street, Lynn, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss, $10,000.

Grain Afloat.

Oswego, Nov. 21.—The amount of grain afloat from the upper lakes for Oswego, up to the latest dates, is 460,000 bushels wheat, 135 000 bushels corn, and 55,000 bushels barley. This does not include the quantity to come from Canada.

Gale on the St. Lawrence.

Montreal, C. E., Nov. 21.—A terrific gale prevailed on the St. Lawrence, below this place, on Saturday night. The ship John Bull went ashore on the lower end of the Island of Orleans. The weather was so thick and rainy that the steamship North American was obliged to anchor off the Pillars from 9½ o'clock on Saturday afternoon till yesterday (Sunday) morning. She passed Father Point soon after one o'clock this morning.

The weather is now clear, with a strong westerly wind. It froze hard here last night.

A Remarkable Statement.

Professor O. M. MITCHEL delivered, Tuesday night, in Philadelphia, one of his splendid astronomical lectures. The following state ment of a remarkable fact is given in a report of the lecture:

He had not long since met, in the city of St Louis, a man of great scientific attainments, who, for forty years, had been engaged in Egypt in deciphering the hieroglyphics of the ancients. This gentleman had stated to him that he had lately unravelled the inscriptions upon the coffin of a mummy now in the London Museum, and that in which, by the aid of previous observations, he had discovered the key to all the astronomical knowledge of the Egyptians. The zodiac, with the exact position of the planets, was delineated on this coffin, and the date to which they pointed was the autumnal equinox in the year 1722, before Christ, or nearly 3600 years ago. Prof. MITCHEL employed his assistants to ascertain the exact positions of the heavenly bodies belonging to our solar system on the equinox of that year, (1722 B. C.) and sent him a correct diagram of them, without having communicated his object in doing so. In compliance with this, the calculations were made, and, to his astonishment, on comparing the result with the statements of his scientific friend, already referred to, it was found that, on the 7th of October, 1722 B. C. the moon and planets had occupied the exact points in the heavens marked upon the coffin in the London Museum.

CITY NEWS.

FIRE IN THOMPSON STREET.—A fire broke out about two o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the basement of the Colored School No. 10, on Thompson street, near Grand street. It originated in a closet under the stairs, and it is supposed a scholar who was dismissed from the school several days since, was the person who caused the fire. The flame was extinguished by the firemen. Damage about $50 and insured. A little colored girl, named PHILIP, was run over by Engine Co. No. 34, in Thompson street, and killed. JAMES J. DEMAREST was arrested on a charge of attempting to raise a fight between some firemen.

POLITICAL.—The Mozart Convention, to nominate a candidate for Corporation Counsel, was held last evening at Mozart Hall. Considerable excitement was manifested among the outsiders, some of whom claimed to be members of the Convention but were debarred from participating in its action, by the requiring by the door keeper of a card of admission, which they were unable to obtain. A row was threatened, and quiet was only restored by the presence of a detachment of 15th Ward police detailed to keep the peace.

The Convention was organized with EDWARD HAMILTON as Chairman, and MESSRS. POLLOCK, FOWLER and TIMPSON as Secretaries. The following gentlemen were then named as candidates for Corporation Counsel: MESSRS. CHAS. O'CONOR, JAMES T. BRADY, CHAS. A. MAY, GEO. GENET, and JAS. J. ROSEVELT. Without nominating, the Convention adjourned to meet at 3 P. M. to-morrow.

The Tammany Councilmanic Conventions were held in the several Councilmanic Districts last evening with the following results; *4th Dist.* met and nominated HENRY BULTEEL, JNO. HALSEY, JOSEPH SHANNON, MORGAN JONES, ANTHONY J. MCCARTY and HENRY LUX. *5th Dist.* met and appointed a Committee to confer with a like Committee from the Mozart Convention in relation to nominations for Councilmen, and adjourned to meet on Friday night. Sixth District met and appointed a Committee to confer with the MOZARTERS, and adjourned to next Friday night. Seventh District met and nominated JOHN MCQUADE, FREDK. TILLMAN, ALEX. B. FREER, Col. J. C. VOSBURGH, THOS. MCCOY, and PHILLIP HENNEVIN.

BRYAN MCCAHILL sends us a note, saying he is not a candidate for Councilman in the Seventh Councilmanic District, and would not accept the nomination if tendered.

The Republican Mayoralty Convention met last evening, and after a long session, unanimously nominated Mr. GEORGE OPDYKE, for Mayor.

AMUSEMENTS.—Not withstanding the rain, the old Bowery Theatre was seldom so crowded as it was last night, to witness the production of the famous BRODERICK *piece de circonstance*. Sketchiest of the most sketchy, nothing but the good acting of Mr. ALLEN, the by-play of a negro and an Irishman, and the catafalque tableau at the end, added to the notoriety of the characters travestied, renders it worthy of remark; there is certainly nothing in the piece that can be deemed in the slightest degree offensive to the most earnest friend of the deceased Senator.

LECTURES.—The great hall of Cooper Institute was filled last evening, notwithstanding the storm, with an audience as large as has attended any of the lectures by Rev. H. M. SCUDDER, the last of which formed the attraction last night. Hitherto his lectures have all been descriptive of East Indian life, habits, works of art, religion, etc, and last evening he spoke of the recent terrible conflict between Great Britain and the natives of India, of its causes and consequences. He regarded it simply as an inevitable result of encroaching Anglo Saxon power gaining a foothold among a people as ardent, imaginative, and superstitious as those of India. It was not brought on by the cruelties of England—no English rulers were ever near so cruel as the native chiefs they displaced—but was merely the outbreak of a national jealousy.

Dr. O. A. BROWNSON delivered a lecture last evening, on the subject of Patriotism, before the Cummings Literary Association, a Catholic literary association of young men most of whom are members of Rev. Dr. Cummings' church. The lecture was delivered in the hall of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, corner of 23d street and Fourth avenue. In consequence of the unpleasant state of the weather, it was not well attended.

A lecture was delivered, last evening, in the new Free Will Baptist church, on 29th street, near Broadway, by Rev. J. G. FEE, of Kentucky, on Kentucky as a field for Home mission efforts. He dwelt at length on the want of religious education in the State, and spoke hopefully of the missionary efforts thus far made.

Rev. W. H. MILBURN lectured, last night, in Dr. DOWLING's church, on Young America. His audience was small.

COLLISION.—The schooners J. Harthorn, hence for Philadelphia, came in contact with schooner Gallego, from Richmond for this port, when off the Highlands on the night of the 19th, the former lost her jib boom and had browsprit damaged and port bow stove in. The latter lost bowsprit and jib boom, with sails and rigging attached. She was taken in tow abreast of the Tavern Houses by steamtug Underwriter, Capt. F. ANTHONY, and towed up to Jersey City.

THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS.—At a meeting of the Board last evening, several petitions were presented, and about ninety new appointments confirmed.

CITY MORTALITY.—The number of deaths in this city, for the week ending the 12th inst. was 417, being an increase of fifteen over the previous week. Of this number 98 were men; 88 women; 126 boys; 113 girls; adults 178; children 239; males 219; females 198; colored persons 6. The principal diseases were:—Apoplexy, 6; cancer, 4; congestion brain, 10; consumption, 61; convulsions infantile, 42; croup, 22; debility adult, 8; do. infantile, 5; diarrhœa, 4; dropsy, 6; do. in head, 10; dysentery, 4; fever scarlet, 26; do. typhoid, 4; do. typhus, 4; heart disease, 14; hooping cough, 5; inflammation of the bowels, 10; do. brain, 14; do lungs, 38; do. throat, 4; marasmus infantile, 16; measles, 4; palsey, 5; scrofula, 4; causes not dependent on climate or reason, 56; violent causes, 17. Of these were aged two years and under 123; 2 to 10, 101; 10 to 20, 15; 20 to 30, 46; 30 to 40, 41; 40 to 50, 35; 50 to 60, 19; 60 to 70, 21; 70 to 80, 10; 80 to 90, 3; 90 to 100, 1; unknown, 1. Natives of the United States, 274; Ireland, 96; Germany, 28; England, 9; British America, 3; Scotland, 2; China, France, Holland, Norway, Prussia, unknown, 1 each. Deaths at the public institutions, 36.

POSTPONED.—The first anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of St. Paul's M. E. Church was advertised for last evening, to come off in the church cor 22d street and Fourth avenue, but was adjourned over until next Monday evening. The Treasurer's report shows an expenditure of $269.21, and a receipt of $372.75, leaving on hand a balance of $3.54. They have now over eighty members, and have established a reading room, library and Sunday School.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.—The forty-sixth anniversary meeting of the association for the relief of respectabled aged indigent females, was held yesterday in the chapel of the Institution, at No. 139 East 20th street. The hall was crowded with ladies, and at a little after twelve o'clock exercises were commenced by Rev. Mr. MONTGOMERY delivering an impressive prayer for faithless widows, etc. The annual report was then read. By it we learn that during the past year three of the inmates of the Asylum have died, thirteen admitted, and the whole number at present under charge is 96. This number fills the house, and many worthy applicants have been turned away. Eighty out door pensioners have been assisted. The expenditures and receipts are equal to each other—$21,855 70 having been received and the same amount expended. Exercises were concluded by an interesting address and prayer by Rev. Dr. MONTGOMERY, and the rooms thrown open to visitors for inspection.

UNION COURSE.—The trotting match for $1,000 a side, between Flora Temple and George M. Patchen, mile heats, best three in five, came off yesterday over the Union Course. The weather was favorable, the track in good condition, but the attendance was not large. The betting commenced in favor of Flora, $100 to $75 and 50, with but few takers.

On the first heat, the horses scored finely and evenly, but on going round the upper turn, Flora broke, and before she recovered, Patchen took the lead, keeping and increasing it until nearly opposite the half-mile pole, when he also broke, giving Flora a chance to come up with him, which she did, on the home stretch, and passed the Judges' stand at least four lengths ahead of Patchen.

Time, 2.28.

At the conclusion of the first heat, the admirers of Flora Temple made offers of $100 to $50, and $25, with no takers. Both the horses started evenly on the second heat. Patchen broke before reaching the first quarter of a mile post, but soon recovered. Flora was now at least half a dozen lengths ahead of her competitor, but before she had reached the ¾ post, Patchen was neck and neck with her, which position was closely kept on the home stretch, Flora coming in ahead by half a length. Time, 2:23.

Bets of $100 to $10 and $20, were now readily taken by the friends of Patchen, and considerable money was staked. It was now getting pretty dusky and objects could scarcely be discerned across the course. On the 3rd heat the horses both got a fair start, Patchen breaking on the upper turn, immediately recovered, Flora making a gap of three lengths, which was closed by Patchen before passing the half mile post. They then kept a neck and neck race until on the home stretch, when within ten rods of the Judges stand Flora, being urged by her driver, broke; as did Patchen, immediately after both horses passing the stand on a run. The excitement now was great. The spectators gathering around the Judges stand vociferously demanded the time made, and the winner. The Judges announced the time made as 2.24, and the winner PATCHEN. The announcement was received with cheers by the Patchen men, while the friends of Flora Temple claimed that it was a dead heat and nothing more.

Bets of $100 to $50 were freely taken on PATCHEN. Daylight being on the wane and the crowd excited, the Judges called the horses quicker than ordinarily, Flora appearing slightly wearied, and Patchen as free and fresh as on the first heat. On the fourth heat six attempts were made for a start, Patchen leading Flora nearly half a dozen lengths every time with the exception of the last. On the seventh score, the horses fairly started. They both came in slowly to the Judges stand, when the Judges announced that on account of the darkness, they decided it to be "no go," and adjourned the race over till this afternoon.

THE WIDENING OF LAURENS STREET.—The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, met yesterday afternoon in the committee room of the Clerk's office, in the City Hall. A large number of persons interested on the proposed widening of Laurens street, from Canal to Fourth street, were present, and made known their opinions on the subject. The majority appeared to be in favor of the project.

The clipper brig Mary A. Forrest, Capt. WM GILLESPIE, that returned to this port a short time since with loss of foremast and sails, has had a new foremast, with yards, rigging, main boom, and gaff, supplied her, and sailed for Bahia Saturday. The M. A. F. has been noted for her great speed and excellent sea qualities, she having made some of the best passages to Rio Janeiro and Bahia on record.

SHIP Rachel, recently ashore on the West Bank, was got off some days since, under the direction of Capt. G MORRIS, Agent of the Boston Underwriters, and brought to this city, by the aid of water casks stowed in the hold. She was taken out of water on the marine railway at Hunter's Point on Friday last, drawing 23 feet of water. It is found that her keel is entirely gone, but she is not supposed to be badly injured beyond that.

SAFETY OF THE CONGRESS.—The U. S. sloop-of-war Congress, from Philadelphia, which was reported lost at sea, shortly after she sailed, arrived at Bahia Oct. 23d, all well.

THE ship Escort, which arrived at this port yesterday, from Liverpool, reports that, on the 31st ult., a sailor, named JOHN GRANNIS, a native of Scotland, while furling the mizzen topsail, in a heavy blow, fell overboard and was lost.

THE CAUSE OF BAD HEALTH will be the subject of a free lecture by Dr. GILBERT, this evening, at the New York Medical College.

THE annual report of the doings of the American Institute for the year 1858, has just been issued, and makes a large volume of over five hundred pages filled with most valuable and interesting information for farmers, mechanics and others.

THE police who headed the BRODERICK funeral procession Sunday, were from the 9th Ward, under the command of drill officer J. C. HELME, instead of being from the 18th Ward, under the command of Sergt. ALDIS.

THE tenth annual ball of Eagle Hook and Ladder Company No. 4, is to be given at the Apollo Rooms this evening. The members of Red Jacket Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, from Albany, are expected to be the guests of No. 4 on the occasion.

Communications, &c.

DECLINATION.—New York, Nov. 21, 1859.—*To the Editor of The Sun:* I perceive that my name is mentioned in your paper as one of four persons, named by the gentlemen forming the Committee at St. Nicholas Hotel, as a proper person to receive in nomination for the office of Mayor of this city. Deeply sensible of the kind feelings manifested towards me, yet I cannot consent to allow my name to go before the public in that connection, as my private affairs require all my attention at the present time; and even if nominated by so respectable and influential a class of my fellow-citizens, I should feel compelled to decline the honor intended to be conferred on me. Will you, therefore, do me the favor to say to your numerous readers that, under no circumstances whatever, could I consent to be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the coming election.

JACOB VANDERPOEL.

Inquests, Accidents, &c.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE STREET.—An inquest was held yesterday at No. 205 West 39th street, upon the body of ELLEN FANNIN, a girl 16 years of age, who, while going home from church on Sunday morning, was seized with a violent fit of coughing in 43d street near 8th Avenue, and bursting a bloodvessel, fell dead in the street. The deceased had been long suffering from disease of the lungs. Verdict in accordance with the above statement.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.—Coroner O'KEEFE held an inquest on Monday upon the body of an unknown man, about 34 years of age, who, while intoxicated on Sunday, fell into the dock foot of Chambers street, and was drowned. The deceased is supposed to have been a German tailor, name unknown. He had dark hair and beard, and was dressed in a black coat with velvet cuffs, grey cloth vest, black pants with side stripe and straps, &c. Verdict "Accidentally drowned."

ASSAULT BY ROWDIES.—EDWARD ADAMS, a play actor, was knocked down on Sunday night in Chatham Square, by some unknown rowdies, and seriously injured. He was taken to the New York Hospital.

CHILD SUFFOCATED.—An inquest was held yesterday, upon the body of an infant daughter of MARY GILLESPIE, an Irish woman, who was accidentally suffocated by being overlaid in bed by its mother. Verdict accordingly.

Police Intelligence, &c.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT SEA.—JACOB SMITH, a sailor, was brought to this port yesterday, injured, being charged with having assaulted, with intent to kill, JAMES DOYLE, a hand on board the ship Lady Suffolk, while that vessel was on her passage from this city to Marseilles. When the Lady Suffolk arrived at Marseilles, the wounded man was placed in the Hospital and SMITH was returned by order of the U. S. Consul to this port for trial.

CHARGE OF BURGLARY.—MARK MAHER, a tailor, was arrested yesterday, charged with breaking into the dwelling house of JACOB ZANDER, No. 134 Walker street, and stealing therefrom a cloak valued at $15. He is also charged with having on the 9th of last August broken into the house No. 47 Pitt street, and stolen therefrom about $30 worth of articles—also with having robbed his late employer, LUDWIG GOST, of No. 33 Avenue A, of a watch and other articles to the value of $41. The accused was taken before Justice OSBORNE and committed.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—MARY SMITH, of 88 Franklin street, made complaint before Justice WELSH, yesterday, charging JOHN KRAPP and EMMA CARUSS, with having robbed her of a gold watch and other jewels valued at $100, while she was lying insensible from the effects, as she alleges, of drugged liquor given her by KRAPP. MARY went to the liquor store, corner of White and Church streets, on Sunday evening, and while there met the accused parties; one of whom gave her a glass of beer. EMMA was arrested and committed to the Tombs.

ALLEGED PASSERS OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY ARRESTED.—Two young men named WM A. MARR and THOMAS DEASEY, were brought before Justice WELSH, yesterday, charged with having passed counterfeit money at different times and places. About $150 in counterfeit money in their possession, and a small quantity of good coin, they were committed to the Tombs.

AN ALLEGED DISORDERLY HOUSE KEEPER ARRESTED.—HERMAN KRAUS, the keeper of an alleged disorderly house, 158 Greenwich street, yesterday was arrested, and taken before Justice Welsh, who held him to bail on three different charges, two for malicious mischief and one for keeping a disorderly house. He was discharged on furnishing bail to the amount of $300 each.

THE ALLEGED ATTEMPTED WIFE POISONING.—The examination of Dr. JOHN F. WILSON, charged with having attempted to kill his wife by administering chloroform, was postponed yesterday in consequence of the non appearance of the prosecuting parties. The prisoner, who has hitherto been kept confined, was discharged on furnishing sureties to the amount of $1,000.

Board of Aldermen.

At the meeting of the Board, last evening, Ald. PECK moved that, as Thursday, the regular meeting day, would be Thanksgiving, this Board appoint Monday for next meeting day. Carried. A petition was received from the Company for the Navigation of Harlem River, relative to the removal of obstructions at High Bridge. Referred. A communication was received from the City Inspector, submitting the bids for the night soil contract, which was laid over.

An invitation was received from Major General SANFORD, requesting the Mayor, Aldermen and Councilmen, to unite with the Governor of the State in receiving the honor of a marching salute from the 1st Division N. Y. S. Militia, in front of the City Hall, on the 25th inst., at 1½ P. M., and immediately after the review to attend the presentation of a standard, by General PAEZ to a troop of the 1st Reg. N. Y. S. M., at same place. Accepted.

A communication was received from the Central Park Commissioners, stating that they had examined a map of the line of grade of 8th ave, from 104th street to 110th street, and 10th street from 5th ave. to 9th avenue, made by GARDNER A. SAGE, City Surveyor, and had approved the grade proposed thereby. Referred to Committee on Roads.

Ald. BOOLE presented a resolution to appropriate $1,500 extra to fit up the Governor's room, City Hall. Referred to Committee on Repairs and Supplies. A report was adopted in favor of purchasing a plot of ground for a tower and fire alarm bell in the 1st and 2d districts.

On motion of Ald. BRADLEY, the report to pay Mr. OSCANYOS, interpreter to Rear Admiral MOHAMMED PACHA, $250, was called up and adopted.

The Board adjourned to Monday.

Board of Councilmen.

The Board held a stated meeting yesterday afternoon. Mr. CORNELL, the President, in the chair.

Resolutions.—The rescind resolutions giving Prof. LOWE the use of Reservoir square for the inflation of the Balloon "City of New York." The paper was amended by extending the time two weeks, and then adopted.

Mr. OTTERSON offered a resolution to appoint a special committee to consider the document relating to abuses in the harbor, and to report what measures are necessary to remedy the evils complained of. Adopted; and the President appointed Messrs. OTTERSON and LAUREMAN as the Committee.

The Committee on steam boilers stated that they would present their report next Monday night.

The Comptroller sent in a statement of expenses paid, and of advances and payments made on trust accounts prior to Dec. 31, 1858, to contractors, for executing street and other improvements, to be reimbursed by assessments to defray the cost of such works; also an approximate estimate of the deficiency existing in the trust fund on Dec. 31, 1858. One thousand copies of the paper were ordered to be printed.

Gen SANFORD sent an invitation to the Mayor and Common Council to unite with the Governor in receiving a marching salute from the 1st Division N. Y. S. M. on Evacuation Day; also to attend the presentation of a standard by Gen. PAEZ to a troop of the First Regiment. Accepted.

The Board concurred to reinstate Engine Co. No. 5, and Hose Co. No. 40; to repair Broadway from 17th to 35th streets, and to confirm abstracts of estimates for roofing the new Tompkins' Market. Adjourned.

LEGAL REPORTS—MONDAY.

Marine Court.

Lord Dundreary's Case—B. A. Sothern vs. Laura Keene.—This is the case brought by the plaintiff against Laura Keene for an alleged breach of contract by which he claims to have lost two month's salary. The case has been adjourned from time to time, but was now finally brought on for trial. The particulars of it were given in *The Sun* several weeks ago, but the following is additional.

The action was brought upon an agreement made by Mr Leutz, as defendant's agent, with the plaintiff, by which Sothern was to receive $65 a week as his salary, for one month's performance in the piece called "The American Cousin." Defendant admitted the engagement, but claimed that the agreement was an conditional one, depending upon the ability of W. H Stevens to play the part of Asa Trenchard. It was alleged that Stevens was incompetent, and therefore the agreement with Sothern was void; and that in the third act there was no such agreement was in force till the day the piece was produced.

The Court ordered the defence to take the affirmative, and the cause progressed, all parole testimony concerning matters anterior to the contract being excluded.

John S. Leutz was the first witness called, (Mr. Lutz is the principal witness in the case, and was the agent of Laura Keene in making the contract.) He testified that he was in the box office at the time of the making of the agreement; after the paper was signed Sothern went on to rehearse the piece, and it was understood that if Stevens could play Asa Trenchard the "American Cousin" would be produced, and Sothern's salary commence, otherwise not. Miss Keene then determined that, as Stevens could not play the part, the play should not go on. Sothern did not think Stevens could play, and said that some one else should be obtained.

In theatrical circles it was the custom not to pay the salary except from the first night of performance of the piece upon which an engagement might be founded; he was the agent of Miss Keene in 1858; Mr. Sothern hired the theatre in May, 18-8, from witness; at that time an arrangement had been made to exchange theatres with Mrs. Bowers, at Philadelphia; the exchange was made. On second week of defendant's stay at Philadelphia, Sothern came on and said that Mrs. Bowers was going to close on Saturday night, and he wanted the theatre the following Monday. All parties consented, and S thern opened the theatre; he agreed to pay $325 for one week's rent, to be paid in advance; Sothern gave two performances; on the Wednesday night, witness came on to obtain the rent, but he was not paid, and Sothern still owed for it. Sothern was paid a salary of $45 per week during last season; he was paid for about 30 weeks, and no proposition was ever made to deduct any of this rent from Sothern's salary.

Laura Keene was next called, and corroborated the statement of the pending witness, as to the contract it ter