LOCAL ITEMS.

Bismore arrived here on Saturday from her Western trip.

Fares on the Long Island Railroad have been reduced 10 per cent.

Five steamers sailed for Europe on Saturday taking out $1,124,701 in specie.

David O. Crawford is the new postmaster at Greenpoint, vice E. Clark.

The Five-cent L. I. Lodge, of F. and A. M., will install its new officers to-night.

No. 85 Chambers street is reported unsafe in consequence of a building examination.

The Consul slide-wheel steamship Perdita is to be reconstructed on the screw principle.

The princess Salm-Salm sailed for Europe on Saturday, to join her husband at Berlin.

Jos Mace arrived here last Friday, to prepare for his great P. R. fossil with O'Gold's wife.

The liquor dealers will mourn the Excise law grievance at the Astor House this sixteenth.

Twenty hundred and ninety-eight persons shook off the mortal coil in this city during the past week.

Rev. H. C. Powers, formerly of Troy, is to be pastor of Grace church, in this city. Salary, $10,000 a year.

John Williams, four years old, fell yesterday from a wind-mill at Leroy Greene street, and was injured internally.

Rev. Wm. Barnes, of Islip, has been called to the Presbyterian pastorate at Sag Harbor, at $1,500 a year and a parsonage.

A fair for the benefit of the Immaculate Conception free schools is now open in the new Schoolhouse, 15th street near Avenue A.

About 5 P. M. yesterday a fire broke out in the clothing store of Jacob Elias, 346½ Bowery. Damage to stock $75; not insured.

The Journeymen Tailors met Saturday evening, at 267 Bowery, took preliminary steps for a reorganization for the spring trade.

Miss Rosanna Little, aged 60 years, was accidentally killed yesterday, by falling down stairs at her residence, No. 301 West street.

Joseph W. Plasty, aged three years, fell from the second story window of No. 37 West 47th street, and sustained severe injuries.

Florence Mehville was shot in the left cheek, yesterday afternoon, by the accidental discharge of a pistol which she was in the act of loading.

The law reporters held a meeting on Saturday, and passed resolutions expressive of sorrow at the death of their late associate, Abraham Cohen.

An international home and home running match, between Teddy Mills, of England, and W. E. Harding, of New York, for £1,000, has been arranged.

The Hebrew Charity Fair in Allemania Hall, West 14th street, has been a great success, and $1,000 will be realized therefrom for the Jewish poor.

The mild weather of Saturday and yesterday indeed greatly to pedestrianism, and the Fulton street high bridge was crowded all day on Saturday.

A man named J. McDonald, while intoxicated, fell overboard from the foot of East 24th street, yesterday, and was rescued from drowning by an officer.

The Free Evangelical Chapel, in 110th street, near 4th avenue, was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God yesterday. The services were well attended.

A barrel of whiskey of the nitro-glycerine stamp exploded on Saturday in the rectifying distillery, 5.9 West 37th street, causing damage to the extent of $500.

The Sabbath school children of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and of the Manor Mission School, 25th street and 9th avenue, had their Christmas festivals on Saturday.

A literary and musical entertainment was given Saturday evening at Cooper Institute by the Rappaport Literary Association in aid of the Jewish Orphan Asylum.

A furniture dealer of 586 Third avenue got into a Third Avenue car, on Saturday, to deposit $5,000 in the Bowery Savings Bank, but some pickpockets stole the money.

Captain Judkins, commander of the Scotia, was arrested and detained at Halifax on Friday, because an outward bound passenger broke his leg on board on the last trip.

Margaret Ellery, aged 75 years, residing at 244 East 49th street accidently fell from a Third avenue car at the corner of 30th street and 3d avenue, and was quite severely bruised.

Yesterday morning a dead infant was found in the cemetery in East 11th street, and also one in the street opposite No 149 West 25th street, both were taken to the morgue.

The Christmas anniversary of the Finnish Colored Sunday School was held on Saturday. There was singing, catechetical examination, distribution of prizes, and general enjoyment.

The Mayor's Clerk is daily receiving communications from country greenhorns, complaining of being swindled by a city lottery paying off the prizes in worthless Sandy Hill Petroleum stock.

The Sunday Dispatch, speaking editorially of the Fenian excursions says with fearful simplicity, "The seed of the martyrs is the blood of the church." Certainly a very ready and bloodless remark.

The Democratic members of the Assembly met in caucus Saturday evening at Masonic Hall, and decided upon running Mr. Wm. Hitchman for Speaker of the Assembly in the next Legislature.

Mr. Benjamin E. Stokes, Superintendent of the Bank W. M. E. Sunday School, was presented with a silver tea service, on Christmas day, valued at $300. The presentation was made by the teachers.

Mr. Dickens is pestered by applications for his autograph. Three secretaries are employed to send the following *printed* answer to applicants:—"To comply with your modest request would not be reasonably possible."

The Board of State officers which is convened the Remington gun for new arms and the Robert's gun for transformation of old arms, has furnished the Governor with a long and exhausting report, not of interest generally.

The premises of Frederick Rehr, at 608 Water street, were set on fire by the explosion of a kerosene lamp last evening. Damage trifling. Mr. Rehr, in attempting to extinguish the flames, was quite severely burned about the arms.

Preliminary steps have been taken already to raise a regiment here for the Pope's Legion. At a meeting held on Saturday, a committee was appointed to confer with the clergy in relation to the project, and to open headquarters for recruiting purposes.

The Journeymen Bakers met Saturday evening and discussed the propriety of striking for higher wages. Co-operation was urged as the best means of bringing the bosses to terms. The society now numbers 400 men and has $2,200 in its treasury.

For the week ending December 26, there were received at the New York Postoffice, 24,995 British, 13,015 German, 15,630 French and 527 Belgian letters. Meantime there were sent to Great Britain 39,730 letters; to Germany, 41,376; to France, 15,192; and to Belgium, 618.

The journeymen shoemakers of this city are making strenuous efforts to raise money for exiled and imprisoned Fenians, their wives and families and the widows and orphans of those who have been executed. At the meeting on Saturday the committee reported progress.

The Valle de Paris sailed Saturday for Europe. The U. S. Marshal had a writ of seizure against the vessel for $1,100 in favor of Adolph Busch, for non-delivery of cargo. The Marshal rolled at noon, when the vessel had been three hours gone, and therefore missed his errand.

The commissioners on the plan of the new post office met Saturday at the Bank of Commerce, and after examining 32 plans they found none worthy of the first or second prizes. Following is, in which they showed another time they propose to choose from them a suitable plan.

A meeting of delegates from temperance organizations was held at Cooper Institute Saturday evening, to take measures for a jubilee celebration of Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, by said organization. A committee was appointed to carry the objects of the meeting into effect.

Marshal Tappan reports the following as the result of the workings of his bureau for the past week: Whole number of licenses granted, 341; pawnbrokers, 119; coaches, 10; express 6; vendors, 204; public carts, 26; drivers, 70; stages, 30; miscellaneous, 7. Fines, $10. Whole amount received, $3,106 75.

At 7.30 P. M. yesterday a fire occurred in the basement of No. 35 Bowery, occupied by S. Olschofska & Co as a hat store. Damage, $200; insurance not ascertained. The building, which is owned by James Gallagher, was damaged to the extent of about $500; insured for $3,000 in Market Insurance Company.

At 6.30 P. M., yesterday, a fire occurred in the basement of No. 157 East 50th street, in apartments occupied by Dr. J. Pohl & Co., as a tin fitting establishment. Damage $75; insured for $2,000 in the Merchants' and Traders' Insurance Company. The building, which belongs to the Pinkney estate, was damaged to the extent of $200; insured. Cause of fire unknown.

The East Side Association met at Yorkville, Saturday evening, to consider their prospects in the extension of Madison avenue to Union square, and the covering of the cutting in Fourth avenue at Yorkville. These proposed improvements will, they think, greatly enhance their property by opening up direct communication from the east side with Broadway.

A soda water fountain in the apothecary establishment corner of First avenue and 8th street, burst yesterday morning, shattering the front window of the establishment, besides doing other slight damage. The report, which described as terrific, was heard for the distance of several blocks, and in the immediate vicinity of the explosion, considerable excitement was created.

An important election is to take place today. The Fenian President Roberts formally resigns his position, and John Mitchel having refused the same, an exciting contest may be the result. Under the late union stipulations both wings are entitled to participate in the election. General O'Neil's name stands most prominently before the Brotherhood at present for the position.

Upon inquiry at the Mayor's office, we learn that, in case of the final passage of the proposed Excise ordinance, the Mayor designs to issue licenses *retro persona* only, in order that the question of the power of the city may be raised in, and decided by the courts, the Corporation Counsel having given an opinion that the power is still vested in city. The Mayor has come to this determination in order that there may be no unnecessary litigation.

There are now in the museum of Bellevue Medical College, and have been for the last 18 months, two bodies in an excellent state of preservation by a new process of embalming. The effect at the time was instantaneous, arresting decay and restoring the bodies to an almost life-like appearance, which they kept for four months. The bodies have recently assumed more the form of skeletons by the contraction of the tissues, but they exhibit no other sign of decay.

Coroner Wildey commenced an inquest on Saturday at 257 Bowery, on the body of Jacob Ladoff, a baker, who was found dead in a cell in the Spring street station on the morning after Christmas. Patrolman J. T. Aitken found him lying on the walk corner of Mott and Pearl streets on Christmas night, and took him to the station house, and as a severe bruise was visible on his head on the right cheek, and was supposed to be the result of a clubbing and exposure. The investigation will be resumed to-day.

Three pickpockets were arrested on a Third avenue car on Saturday, and taken to Jefferson Market, where subsequently one of them, Wm. Hyatt, alias Wm. Dougan, was identified as the murderer of Sheriff Grant, of Saginaw County, Michigan. On the night of the 23d inst., Dougan and a comrade broke open a jail in the interior of some prisoners from a jail in that place, was pursued by the Sheriff, whom he shot and killed. Dougan then came to the city, and was arrested as above. He is now held until a requisition can be obtained from Governor Crapo, of Michigan. His two companions were identified as pickpockets, and held for trial.

Orphans' Home and Asylum.—This institution located in 99th street and Lexington avenue, held its anniversary on Saturday, when a board of managers for the ensuing year was elected. This Home is under the immediate supervision and control of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this city. The annual reports show a very favorable condition of things in the institution. The receipts during the year amounted to $19,[illegible], and the expenditures to $19,[illegible], leaving a balance on hand of $12 45, besides which the treasurer also holds $6,000 worth of U. S. securities at par. The managers still owe $7,000 on the new infirmary building, and $15,[illegible] 32 on the hospital. They have the last named amount to pay off, and for the other they have a promise of $10,000 to be paid on Feb. 5th, 1868. The Society will also receive $2,500 from the Leonard estate, and the balance will have to be collected among the churches or otherwise. Together with the cost of furniture. The number of inmates in the Home at present is forty-five were admitted during the past year and 24 were returned to their friends, and two died. Children are admitted only between the ages of three and eight years, and are never kept in the institution beyond the ages of 12 and 14 years. It is under contemplation by the Society to establish a training school into which the children might immediately enter after leaving the Home, and to thus prepare them for the active duties of life. A sale of fancy articles for the benefit of the Home was held at the Home on Saturday, from which amount $400 were realized.

Funeral of Rev. Isaac R. Steward.—A large congregation gathered yesterday afternoon as the Baptist Mariners' Temple, corner of Oliver and Henry streets, on the occasion of the funeral services of the Rev. Isa R. Steward. Many eminent clergymen were present, among others Revs. J. I. Hodges, D. D., John Dowling, D. D., S. A. Eaton, D. D., E. L. Taylor, D. D., E. D. Hiscox, D. D., Thos. Armitage, D. D. Mr. Steward was born in 1799, in New London, Conn. He was of humble parentage, and a descendant of the famous John Rogers, who suffered martyrdom at Smithfield, England, during the reign of Queen Mary. Until he reached the age of manhood he was engaged in a variety of business pursuits, but in his twenty-first year entered upon a seafaring life, in which he continued at intervals, for seventeen years. In December, 1840, he was baptized and admitted as a member of the First Baptist Church, of Waterford, Conn. In March, 1843, he was ordained to the work of the ministry, upon the active duties of which he immediately entered. He preached for several weeks in his own church and then assumed pastoral charge of two congregations—one at Montville and the other at Waterford—before whom he preached alternately twice a month. During the first year of his ministerial life he did not receive a stated salary, but was dependent upon the irregular contributions of his hearers, which amounted to less than $50. Soon after he received a call from the Second Baptist Church, in Groton, which he accepted. He served there until March, 1849, when he was called by the Baptist Church of New York city, now known as the Mariners' Temple, over which he continued as pastor until January, 1863, when his physical strength failed him and he was compelled to resign his position. Only a few days after this he preached, but in the latter part of December he was smitten down by an attack of hemiplegia, from which he never rally, which proved fatal to him on the morning of the 20th inst. Kind-hearted and of a gentle disposition, he won for himself the esteem of a large circle of friends, many of whom are still living to mourn his loss. His son, Rev. Lansing Stewart, is the pastor of the North Baptist Church at Port Chester, N. Y.

The Bank of the State of New York Messenger Robbery—Three Persons Arrested on Suspicion—One of the Prisoners Attempts to Shoot an Officer.—About 8 o'clock on Saturday evening last, while Sergeant McGivern, of the 17th Precinct, accompanied by Detective Dunlop, were proceeding along Third avenue, and when near the corner of 10th street, they encountered an individual whose appearance answered so completely the description given of one of the parties implicated in the robbery on the morning of the 14th instant, in William street, of the $26,851 61 in checks and drafts, belonging to the Bank of the State of New York, that they made no hesitation in taking the fellow into custody. The prisoner proved to be "Tom" McKewn, an individual of the light fingered fraternity, and well known, so it is said, to the police, as one of the most skillful thieves now operating in this city. While on their way to the station house, and when near First avenue, the prisoner made desperate efforts to escape from his captors, in which, however, he was unsuccessful. While this struggle was in progress, the party was approached by an individual named Edward Goodey, *alias* Edward Moore, also a reputed thief, who attempted to rescue the prisoner by shooting Officer McGivern, at whom Goodey fired one shot, which, fortunately, effected no injury. After firing the shot, Goodey made his escape, while the officers proceeded on their way to the station house without further trouble. Having secured their prisoner, the two officers again left the station, and at about 10¼, while proceeding along Avenue A, near 3d street, they encountered another individual, on whose track they had been for several days, and who also is suspected of being implicated in the above-mentioned robbery. This fellow, known by the name of "John Smith," but whose real name is Washington Goodey, bears an unenviable reputation, besides other exploits, that of being concerned in the robbery of Mr. Higgins' messenger, a few months since, being mentioned. "Smith," of course, was also marched off to lodge to stand his chances of trial for robbery, to which he will seriously be brought in case he is identified by the bank messenger, who will visit his cell to-day. Later on Saturday night the two officers above mentioned succeeded in arresting, in the neighborhood in which they made the first arrest, the individual Goodey, who had attempted to shoot officer McGivern.

COURT REPORTS.

Court Calendars for this Day.—Supreme Court, General Term.—Court meets to close the business of the year. Circuits adjourned for the term. Special term adjourned for the term. Chambers.—Motions will be called. Notes of issue for the first Monday of January, 1868, motion calendar, must be filed on or before Thursday, January 2, 1868, at 3 P. M. All these cases that have a preference in any of the classes must be filed on or before that day; if not so filed they will be placed on the General Calendar.

Superior Court, Trial Term.—Adjourned for the term.

Common Pleas.—Adjourned for the term.

Marine Court, Trial Term.—Nos. 130, 146, 151, 152, 154, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204.

Supreme Court.—The Supervisor's Case.—The People ex rel. Joyce vs. the Board of County Canvassers.—Judge Leonard has issued a peremptory mandamus requiring the Board of County Canvassers to make a full return of the votes cast for Supervisor, but not to certify who is elected, leaving the question of election to be decided by the Courts on the return of all the facts.

Marine Court—What Constitutes Negligence.—Central Plankroute Company vs. Bleecker street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company. The facts in this case are that while plaintiffs' agents were making a place for shipping on the sidewalk before their warehouse in Crosby street, it was run into by a horse and car, attached to one of defendant's cars, which had jumped out of the track, and while being taken back, and on by the conductor, ran upon the sidewalk and caused the injury. When about twenty feet from the place, it was proven that a person cried out to the conductor to stop, but that notwithstanding this he continued to urge on the horse. The Court held that the packing of the plank on the sidewalk was an act of negligence on the part of the plaintiffs, and that they could not therefore recover, and dismissed the complaint with costs.

From the decision of the Court of Appeals given upon appeal by the General Term, U. S. District Court.—In Bankruptcy.—Judge Blatchford, in answer to a question from Register Williams, says that the certificate of the Clerk of the Court that true copies of a notice to creditors to show cause are answered to his the clerk's certificate, and that the original notice was duly mailed to each creditor, is sufficient evidence of what is so stated, and must control the decision of the Register, and all such notices are to be sent by the clerk.

Petitions in Bankruptcy were filed and referred as follows: Petition of John S. Bloomed, referred to Register Wilkinson; of Patrick Purcell and Henry M. Robinson, to Register Finch, and of William Wilson, to Register Davis. All of these petitioners are of this city.

Brooklyn Items.

The police of Brooklyn made a total of 739 arrests during the past week.

Rev. D. W. Bateman has given $1,000 to the Southern Education Fund for Washington College, Va.

A yoyster sneak thief entered Mr. Chas. Eaton's cigar store, 130 Atlantic street, on Saturday evening, and abstracted $41 from the money drawer and escaped.

Mr. Joseph Evans, for many years a compositor on the New York *Leader*, died very suddenly at his residence in Williamsburgh, of disease of the heart, yesterday (Sunday) afternoon.

There were no religious services at the Brooklyn Academy of Music last evening—the Rev. Dr. Vinton, who had been announced to preach, being unable to be present on account of other appointments.

Two pickpockets named Thos. Carey and John Hennessey, who were arrested on Friday evening for picking pockets at the Fulton ferry, were brought before Justice Buckley on Saturday, and committed to jail.

Benny Pretz, injured by a falling building at the corner of Graham Avenue and Frost streets, E. D., on the 11th inst., died from the effects of his injuries on Saturday night last, at his residence, corner of Ellery street and Johnson avenue.

A large temperance meeting was held last evening by the St. Mary's Temperance Society, at their new hall, in Lewis street, E. D. Father J. S. McDonald, of St. Mary's Church, addressed the society, in his usual eloquent and effective style.

Morris Flynn, the driver of a furniture wagon, was brought before Justice Buckley on Saturday, on the charge of running over Mrs. Margaret Marsh, in Hamilton avenue, some time since, whereby she sustained a loss of three fingers, and was otherwise injured. The defendant was fined $50.

Wm. Morgan and George Crane, boys of 12 years, got into a fight on a loaded coal car at the American Hotel, No. 3 Grand street, E. D., yesterday morning, and while playing with it, one of the chambers was accidentally discharged, and the bullet took effect in the mouth of the boy Crane, inflicting a very serious wound.

A number of leading Democrats and office holders met Saturday evening in Montague street, opposite the Academy of Music, to express dissatisfaction with the managers of the Democratic party, and after some discussion a committee of five was appointed to cooperate with the general committee, and to organize a club of 1,000 persons, and to rent a suitable building for the meetings of the party.

Two unfinished skeleton houses, in the Eastern District, which have been propped up by the frost and snow are now with the thaw beginning to topple. As a result of new three-story frame buildings going up at the intersection of 10th and North 1st streets, fell on Saturday, and Mr. McElvey, a bricklayer, at work at the time was severely injured. His fellow workmen escaped. Damage $1,000. An unfinished brick building, corner of South 5th and 11th streets, also fell in Saturday morning, causing a loss of $1,500. No one was injured.

Last evening, about 6½ o'clock, a fire occurred in the Church of Redeemer (Universalist), under the pastoral charge of Rev. J. G. Bartholomew, situated in Greene avenue, near Carlton avenue. It appears that the flame of one of the gas jets communicated with the Christmas decorations, along which the fire spread with such rapidity that it was feared the entire structure would go. By the exertions of the members of No. 10 Hose, the building was saved. The damage caused is estimated at about $100.

About 7 o'clock on Saturday evening last, Mr. Nicholas Holbrook, residing at the corner of First Place and Ninth street, was attacked by two ruffians in the vicinity of 15th street and 5th avenue, Gowanus, who knocked him down an embankment and then robbed him of his pocketbook containing $250. Mr. Holbrook states that the robbers threatened to take his life if he made any outcry. Subsequently Henry Leaton and Thos. Gledhill were arrested on suspicion, but Mr. H. failing to identify them, and no money being found in their possession, they were discharged by Sergeant Temple.

The new German Catholic church of All Saints, Thornton street and Throop avenue, E. D., was yesterday dedicated to divine worship. Rev. Father May, of Trinity church, Montrose avenue, assisted by Fathers A. Arnold and Kammerer, conducted the dedicatory exercises in the presence of a crowded congregation. At the close of the dedicatory exercises, Bishop Loughlin, of Brooklyn, delivered an address, when the multitude was dismissed with a blessing. The edifice is built of brick, and will seat seven hundred persons. The societies connected with Trinity church, Montrose avenue, proceeded to the church in procession, and after the church was dedicated, the choir of the former church furnished the music. No pastor has yet been selected for the new parish.

A meeting was held last evening at the Park Theatre, under the auspices of the Kings County Central Temperance Association. There was a very large assemblage. Dr. G. L. Bennett in the chair. After a few introductory remarks on the evils of intemperance, the President especially alluded to and condemned the very prominent position of drinking saloons on New York Sunday, private houses. Mr. Wm. H. Barnes next addressed the audience, followed by Rev. Henry Blossland, who took as the subject of his remarks the words "Wine and Women," and during the delivery of his discourse referred to the great influence possessed by young ladies for good or evil. He regretted that non-drinkers so many of the young ladies in our society, and pledged himself to use his influence with the young men of his acquaintance to induce them to abstain from the gin shops for many friends. Among men who had made the concern of alcohol their home, he counselled to close on the young women of America, and to induce young men to banish the use of liquor, and to show by their own conduct and advice they were determined to put an end to that most abominable habit of drinking ardent spirits.

New Jersey Items.

Snow falling has been prohibited by the Newark authorities.

The St. Ivies Church, Jersey City Fair has been well patronized.

The Paterson Catholic Orphans' Asylum Fund Fair is in operation.

Vroom & Earnshaw's brewery came near burning down on Saturday.

Wm. H. Meeker's house, Union street, Elizabeth, was slightly injured by fire on Saturday morning.

Mr. B. McDonald has drawn a house and lot, valued at $1,200, in the Elizabeth St. Mary's Church lottery.

It is said that "Mickey Free," the pedestrian, was interrupted by a friend in his 110 hours' walk in Paterson, and in consequence gave up the attempt.

There was a smash up, with nothing hurt but a steam engine and a few coal cars, on the New Jersey Railroad, on Saturday morning, near New Market.

The New Jersey Governor, Ward, and ex-Governor Smith, of New Hampshire, inspected the Newark Soldiers' Home on Saturday, and were pleased.

The unemployed laborers of Paterson, want the City Fathers to start the proposed public improvements that they may get work. Neither "soup" nor the cold keep them idle.

The children in convalescent Lodge of Free Masons, at Paterson, resulted in the choice of Wm. Robertson, W. M., James Peacock, S. W., James Irving as J. W., W. P. Allen as Secretary, and James Gibson as Treasurer.

Early yesterday morning the grocery of Mr. Bignide, corner of Bloomfield and 8th streets, was entered and robbed. The thief was discovered by officer Robinson, in a lot near by, engaged in filing up his pipe. The fellow ran away, followed by the officer, who fired four shots without effect. The property was recovered.

The man who was arrested in Hoboken on Saturday, on suspicion of having stolen a piece of mutton, half a ham, a package of flour, loaf of bread, boots and shoes, hats and some shirts, was yesterday committed to the county jail. He said that he stole to keep his family from starving, and refused to give his name. Subsequently, his wife, Mrs. Henry, of New York, appeared and inquired for her husband. Her appearance betokened poverty. She stated that she earns $3 per week, out of which the rent of $5 per month has to be paid, her husband being out of employment.

How Chromos are Made.

Chromo-lithography is the art of printing pictures from stone, in colors. The most difficult branch of it—which is now generally implied when chromos are spoken of—is the art of reproducing oil paintings. When a chromo is made by a competent hand it presents an exact counterpart of the original painting, with the delicate gradations of tints and shades, and with more of the spirit and tone of a production of the brush and pallet. The materials used are stones and inks, the art of lithography which first led to the discovery of lithography which first led to the discovery of lithographic stone and its properties, is a species of derisione found in Bavaria, and it wrought into flat slabs with finely polished surfaces. The drawing is made on the slab with a sort of colored soap which adheres to the stone, and enters into a chemical combination with it after the application of certain acids and gums. When the drawing is complete the slab is put on the press and covered with a sponge

The oil color (or ink) is then applied with a common printer's roller. Of course, the parts of the slab which contain no drawing being wet, resist the ink; while the drawing itself being oily repels the water but retains the color applied. It is thus that, without a raised surface or incisions—as in common printing, wood cuts and steel engravings—lithography produces printed drawings from a perfectly smooth stone.

In a chromo the first proof is a light ground tint, covering nearly all the surface. It has only a faint, shadowy resemblance to the complete picture. It is in fact rather a shadow than an outline. The next proof from the second stone, contains all the shades of another color. This process is repeated again and again, and sometimes as often as thirty times. We saw one proof that visit to Mr. Prang's establishment, a group of cattle—that had passed through the press twelve times; and it still was far from resembling a spoiled colored photograph than to the charming picture which it subsequently became. The number of impressions, however, does not necessarily indicate the number of colors in a painting, because the colors and tints are greatly multiplied by combination created in the process of printing one over another. In twenty-five impressions, it is sometimes necessary and possible to produce a hundred different shades.

Registering is that part of a pressman's work which consists of so arranging the paper in the press that it shall receive the impression on exactly the same spot of every sheet, in order that the impression, if on thin paper, may not show through. In newspaper work this is of less importance, and often is not attended to with any special care. But in chromo-lithography the difference of a hair's breath would spoil a picture, for it would hopelessly mix up the colors.

After the chromo has passed through the press it is embossed and varnished, and then put up for the market. These last processes are for the purpose of brushing the glossy light, and of softening the hard outlines which the eye is not so free from the stone, which impairs to its resemblance of a painting on canvass.

Mr. Prang began his business in the humblest way, but has rapidly increased his establishment until he now employs forty workmen—nearly all of them artisans of the first class—and is preparing to move into a larger building at Roxbury. Source art has been wonderfully improved of late years, and this fact is very encouraging.

Preservation of Forests.

The subject of preserving and increasing forest trees is attracting attention in France as well as in this country. A petition has been laid before the Imperial Senate, at Paris, praying for the planting of woods over large districts in France. It is even suggested in this petition that the army might be advantageously employed in this work. It would certainly be a better use to make of the large armies of France, and of other European nations, to plant trees instead of destroying them and every other useful kind of vegetation with the tocsin of war. What a paradise might Europe be made if its five millions of fighting men were employed in cultivating instead of devastating the earth! In the meantime, the subject of planting forests for the diversion of the frolic of military and navies! In France the cost of timber trees is noted to all travellers, and it is said that in the northern provinces of that country whole districts have been rendered barren by increasing dryness of climate. It is well demonstrated that, if the proper conditions of climate are to be maintained, and the fertility of the soil preserved, there must be forests to protect and foster. We see it stated that Algeria, which has recently become the capital of France, has established a National History Museum, a society which is not, of course, confined to descriptions of animals and before this society are read papers on other useful subjects, embracing considerations on the soil which may be converted into the desired resources.

The formation of such societies in our own State and Territories might be of practical advantage in the same direction, and particularly in collecting facts respecting the forest growth, which is being diminished in the United States with such reckless haste and waste, and the best processes for growing trees to supply a waste which, esteem expended, will, too, many years hence, make the wood supply for the intermediate period very costly. Our forests are fast disappearing, and the cultivation of such trees can be more cheerfully and profitably than the cutting down of shade trees. They enhance the attractiveness and value of dwellings, especially in the country, investing even a plain edifice or a simple cottage with a picturesque appearance, to be attained by the highest agricultural skill, while, on the other hand, the most palatial residence, without trees, has an air of nakedness and of a fine picture without a frame—unfinished. The hand of wealth can supply their natural adornment, though their growth is a work of time; but the poorest man, who owns a small house and a little piece of ground, may, equally with the richest, plant trees and shrubs around his dwelling, thus adding an embellishment for the surroundings of his habitation which art could never produce, and making home and its associations more attractive to his family, and a thing of beauty, to which the memories of his children will cling through life.—*Daily News.*

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New York, Dec. 30, 1867.

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Dec 24...7 21	4 11	9 17	11 39
Dec 25...7 21	4 12	10 15	Morn.

THE WEATHER, DEC. 30, 1867.—THE WIND

At Sunrise.	At Meridian.	At Sunset.
N. W.	N. W.	N. W.

ARRIVED.

STEAMSHIPS—[illegible] Glasgow, Gazzo, N. [illegible] Liverpool, [illegible] and passengers to [illegible] Bremen, [illegible] and passengers to H. [illegible] Liverpool, [illegible] and passengers to [illegible] Colombia, [illegible] Kingston.

Ship Uncle Sylvester, Wilmington, N. C., [illegible] and pitch pine to Master.

Virginia, [illegible] Norfolk, coal to the O.R.D. [illegible] Co.

Mary, Melanchton, Norfolk, coal to S. L. Mitchell & Co.

Franconia, Sherwood, Portland, mdse and passengers to J. E. Ames.

Ship Ocean Express, Boston, mdse and passengers to W. P. Clyde.

Ship Lucas, Beecher, N. Orleans Dec 8th, cotton and passengers to C. H. Marshall & Co.

Ship Kingsley, Boston.

Sarah Cory, Kilby, Norfolk, [illegible] and passengers to L. M.

Ship Mondamin, Pettigrew, Savannah, mdse and passengers to Lane.

Ship Ocean Rover, Pendleton.

Ship Ocean Queen, Davis, Bell River.

Monsoon, Snowdon, Charleston 68 hours, mdse and passengers to Wheeler & Dimond. 25 miles south of Cape Lookout, were signaled by Br. bark Ida Reed from Hull, bound for Wilmington, N. C., with loss of jibboom—furnished the same.

Alabamet, Kelly, New Bedford, mdse and passengers to Ferguson & Wood.

SHIPS—Gladiator, Cook, of Boston, fm Manilla Aug. 21, mdse to Crosby, Wood & Co. Passed Anjer Nov 30, lat 7 S, long 105 E. Nov. 4, crossed the equator 300 m E, in lat 2 N. 24 m E, long 49 E. Spoke Br ship Milford, fm Madras for London, 21 days out, Dec. 29, lat 31 40, long 28 30. Hand, bark Marion, fm Queenstown, 20 days out.

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BARKS—Sima Rock, Bird, Cornell, Bassin Aug. 23, via Hampton Roads Dec. 25, 110 m off Sandy Hook, lat 40 20, long 71 40, spoke Br bark Sir Jasper, fm Liverpool for Valparaiso, 9 days out, off sd, lat 1 10 N, long 30 45. Br. bark Black Watch, from Liverpool for San Francisco, 27 ds out. Same day, bark Alexandria, from Cardiff for China, 14 days out.

Bark F. Pearson, Alex Moore, Buenos Ayres 41 days, mdse to Grinnell, Minturn & Co. Had fine weather the whole passage.

Brigantine Ida, Bell, Moshion, Buenos Ayres 7th ult, via St. Thomas Dec. 17, ballast to E. Alexander & Sons. Dec. 29th, lat 38 25, lon 70, saw brig Rohr, standing S.

Brig Ann, White, St. Croix Dec. 24, St. Thomas 26th, mdse and passengers to Roche, Bros. & Collier.

Schooner Wellington, Barbadoes 15 days, molasses to H. Trowbridge & Son.

Star of Sea, Anderson, Rockland 21 ult, mdse to James Henry. 6th ult, lat 24 N, lon 45 15, spoke Br steamer Silver, from Glasgow for B. Ayres. Dec. 26, lat 34 N, lon 74 W, spoke brig B. Ingham, for Port au Prince.

Schooner Ellen, Hassman, Buenos Ayres 43 days, ballast and 2 passengers to order. Had 1 death on the passage.

Schooner J. Leighton, Leighton, of Harrington, fm Cuba 24 days, salt to Miller & Houghton. Dec 12th, off St. Domingo, spoke brig Rebecca Ann, fm Rockaway for Portland. The J. L. is bound to Bridgeport.

Harry & Louisa, Potter, Mirasgoane 13 ds, coffee to H. Decker & Co. Sailed in co. brig Isadora, for Boston.

Mariposa, Nash, Neuvitas 10 days, sugar, &c., to Simpson & Clapp. Dec. 24, lat 36, lon 75, spoke brig Merriwa, from Neuvitas for Philadelphia.

Helaides, McIntyre, Bangor, Me., lath to Yates & Read.

Jacob, (Nor.) Anderson, Rio Janeiro 70 days, coffee to Fassin, Molecke & Wendt. Anchored on the bay.

Thomas Jones, Cogill, Havana 16 ds, sugar to Thomson & Hunter.

Ida, (Br.) Simonson, St. Thomas 14 ds, hides to H. A. Winslow & Son.

SCHOONERS—L. Bill, Fly, Beaufort.

Alice, Gray, Great Harbor, Bahamas, 11 ds, salt to A. Abbott.

Wm. H. Lewis, Sawyer, Washington 5 days, H. A. Bonney, Wood, Port Johnson for New Haven.

Rebecca C. Lane, Lane, Port Johnson for Rockland.

S. Anderson, Stockton, Elizabethport.

Florida Pierce, Horsefall, Elizabethport for N. Haven.

Charles Taylor, Elizabethport for Providence.

C. E. Sandford, Leatherbury, for New London.

N. Thomas, Jr., Hudson, Elizabethport for New Haven.

S. Hanna, Brown, Elizabethport for Northport.

Hull, Ayres.

A. L. Cole, Day, Sawyer for Port Johnson.

Emma Smith, Seaford.

J. W. Norton, Hall, Lynn.

Prudence Martin, N. Haven for Philadelphia.

Jos. Ide, Tow, do. do.

Nancy, Meady, Greenport.

G. L. Pierrell, Mashell, Stamford.

Niagara, Norton, Bridgeport.

Mazeppa, Gordon, Oyster Bay.

Sarah E. Smith, Lockwood, Oyster Bay.

Wm. Frank, Nelson, Cove.

Theodore Parker, Little, Glen Cove.

M. L. Barnett, Brown, Essex Island.

Chaddock, Wainright, New Haven.

Yacht Boy, Reeves, do. for Port Johnson.

Isaac Anderson, Doyle, Providence.

H. S. Collins, Hill, New Haven.

Sarah, Wilson, Perth Amboy for Pembroke.

Escort, Phillips, Bridgeport.

Surprise, Howarth, Bridgeport.

A. H. Wilson, Wilkinson, Bangor.

Alice P. Hastings, Higgins, Boston.

Rebecca, Holt, Northport.

Thos. Field, Bangerter, New London.

Eliza Ann, Brown, Boston for Bellmore.

Four Corners, Paddock, Boston.

Hudson, Doyle, New Haven.

J. W. Dow, Higgins, Boston.

Hero of Canton, Condon, Bangor.

Susan Ingersoll, Robbins, Kennebunkport.

Tiger, Davis, Glen Cove.

Lilly, Jones, Carver, Falmouth, Boston.

A. E. Wood, Lord, Portland for Portland, Me.

Hope, Cole, Portland for Portland, Me.

Hannah Ann, Cornwallis, Plaster.

Gem, Schultz, Mystic.

Ann Eliza, Pierce, Boston.

Lillian, Bell, Fredericksburg for James River.

SAILED.

Steamships Caledonia, for Glasgow; Cleopatra, Hamburg; City of Boston, Liverpool; Europa, Liverpool; Ocean Queen, Aspinwall; Ocean Rover, Aspinwall; Ericsson, Charleston; E. C. Knight, Wilmington; J. S. Gough, Savannah; Sun Beam, Savannah; Roanoke, Norfolk; Mariposa, Rio Janeiro; Ocean Queen, Aspinwall; Ocean Rover, Aspinwall; Roanoke, Norfolk; Ericsson, Charleston; Knight, Wilmington; and Montgomery, do; George Cromwell, New Orleans; Wm. P. Clyde, Washington.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Havana, Dec. 26.—Arrived, schs. Geo. Bowdoin, N. York for Boston; Isabel Pierce, Pierce, New Orleans; Prairie Flower, Hall, do; Chas. M. Atwood, Georges River for do; Beal, S. W. Light, Boston for Virginia; J. W. Drake, Georgetown for Boston; steamer Geo. P. Upton, Char