regular standing, increasing the membership of the Association to about seventy-five.

The President then stated, in a brief speech, that the Association was not fully organized, and that the plans by which they hoped to accomplish their objects were not yet matured, but that soon, with closed doors, they would act in concert for their best interests.

After a few short addresses on the necessity of united and efficient action, the meeting adjourned.

WORKING WOMEN'S PROTECTIVE UNION.—During the month of August the operations of this Union were as follows: Applications from employers, 108; inquiries for information, 434; situations obtained, 300; new applications for work, 106; reapplications, 844; complaints, 26; collections under complaint, $11; homeless girls aided, 7; number of trades represented, 29.

MEETING OF THE MASTER MASONS.—A meeting of the master masons was held yesterday afternoon at the Trades' Exchange, 21 Liberty street, Mr. Conover in the chair.

Several of the members reported that the strike was virtually at an end; that they had all the men they wanted at ten hours; and that affairs generally viewed from the master mason standpoint, bore a most favorable aspect.

A motion, proposed by Mr. Ross, that they adhere to the original resolution was passed unanimously, when the meeting adjourned.

Agricultural Fairs.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—The Twenty-fourth Annual Fair and Cattle Show of the Westchester County Agricultural and Horticultural Society will commence this morning, on their extensive fair ground in Greenburgh, about a mile and a half from White Plains. The Society are giving nearly twice as much in premiums this year as heretofore, and will endeavor to have this exhibition excel any county fair of the State. The route to the ground will be by the Harlem Railroad to White Plains, where a line of stages have been put on to go to the ground.

QUEENS COUNTY FAIR.—The Queens County Fair, at Mineola, commences to-day, and will be continued through Wednesday and Thursday.

Board of Aldermen.

The Board met at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, President Coman in the chair. A resolution was adopted tendering the hospitalities of the city to Gen. Geo. B. McClellan upon his arrival at this port. A communication was received from Mary N. Townshend, by John Townshend, her attorney, claiming payment in the sum of $2,434. Which has been awarded her by the Commissioners for opening a road or public drive between Fifty-ninth and 155th streets, for damages for land taken for said road on the northwest corner of 155th street and Eleventh avenue. Referred to the Committee on Finance. The Hon. J. M. Barbour, John R. Brady, Charles O'Conner, John Graham and others, sent in a communication asking that the rooms now occupied by the County Clerk may be used and occupied by the Law Institute Library, and a resolution was adopted granting the request. An ordinance was adopted directing the Comptroller to issue $40,000 worth of market stock, the same to bear interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and redeemable May 1, 1887. This amount is to be set apart to the Commissioners of the Market in the Eighteenth Ward. A very large number of ordinances were adopted, to pave certain streets with Belgian pavement. The Board concurred with the Councilmen in directing the publication, in all the corporation papers, of the amended ordinances dividing the City of New York into more convenient election districts. A resolution was adopted to fix the salary of the lighter of the City Hall at $1,000 per annum. The entire members of the Board who were present, being sixteen in number, all voted for this resolution. The Board then adjourned.

The Water street Prayer Meetings.

KIT BURNS'S DOG PIT.

According to announcement, a prayer meeting was opened yesterday noon for the first time in the room of Kit Burns, the keeper of the Water street dog pit. The place was filled with a respectable audience, and the usual exercises were conducted by Mr. Van Meter.

Kit Burns during the hour was back in the pit playing with the bear. With him this meeting is nothing less than a profitable operation, as he receives $175 for the use of his rooms one hour daily for a month. In fact, he opened an exhibition of his own immediately after the meeting, charging 25 cents admission in the hope, probably, that he might get a large audience at the show from the stragglers of the meeting. Whether he will increase his business in this way remains to be seen. The appearance of Burns's rooms is in strange contrast with the objects of a prayer meeting. Around the walls are nailed a score of pictures of prize fighters, sparring matches, and sporting scenes. A large bear runs the length of the room, and in the rear is a pit where dog, rat, and bear fights are exhibited to the lovers of such sport; among whom may be seen sometimes men whose respectable standing in society otherwise would not be questioned.

The usual daily meeting at Allen's was held yesterday under the charge of the Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr.

THE CITY.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Mayor Hoffman was "at home" yesterday in his office, and received a very large number of callers.

UNFORTUNATES.—No less than eleven hundred hands, mostly girls, were thrown out of employment by the fire at Higgins's carpet factory on Saturday.

NIGHT SCHOOLS.—The evening grammar schools were opened last evening, and applications for admission as pupils will be received every evening until the first Monday in October.

FESTIVAL AND TARGET PRACTICE.—Company G, Eighth Regiment N. G. S. N. Y., will hold their annual target practice at Earl's Park, Morrisania, on Wednesday. A special meeting will be held at their armory this evening to make arrangements for the excursion.

AN APPEAL ANSWERED.—The appeal lately published in THE SUN on behalf of Mrs. A——, an aged lady who wished to enter the Old Ladies' Home, has met with a hearty response. One gentleman has given $12 in her behalf, and another offers to supply whatever is needed besides, so that she will probably succeed in her desires.

LABOR WANTED.—The demand for labor still continues unabated. Yesterday's SUN contained no less than two entire columns of advertisements for females and a column and a half for males. These included single demands for as high as fifty and one hundred hands, to balance which there were only seven inquiries for situations.

WOMEN'S PAY.—At an establishment in this city where a number of women are employed, two girls were paid last week $19.55 and $20 for piece work. Their employers say that their female hands are quite equal to men in industry, energy, and perseverance, and fully as valuable workers.

ST. COLUMBA'S PICNIC.—The closing picnic excursion in aid of St. Columba's church, which is under the pastoral charge of the esteemed and venerable Father McAleer and his zealous assistant, the Rev. James Barry, will take place to-morrow (Wednesday) at Lion Park, 110th street and Eighth avenue. In all probability it will be about the last church picnic, as the late Council of Catholic Bishops has issued a pastoral letter, which will shortly be promulgated, condemning picnics, balls, &c.

The "Opening Day" for Gents' styles has arrived. BALDWIN, the Clothier, corner of Broadway and Canal, carries the day. He has all the new prices and stylish goods for fall and winter.—*N. Y. Express.*

MYSTERIOUS DEATH—SUPPOSED BRUTALITY AMONG WOMEN.—In yesterday's SUN we published a notice of the sudden death, on Sunday, of Ann Fagan. The case has since assumed a more serious aspect, for the police now report that persons living in the house assert and believe that the deceased was beaten to death by a number of intoxicated women, Ann Carroll, Mary Cowen, Ann Baker, and Rosa Dohm were arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the affair, and are held to await the action of the Coroner.

NEW JERSEY.

GUNNERS CAUGHT.—About 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon, two Italians, named James Arcetta and John Cuphell, were arrested in the Fourth Ward of Hudson City by Officer Wagner on a charge of shooting small birds in the city limits. The prisoners were taken before Recorder Aldridge and fined $10 each.

A DESERTED HUSBAND ROUGHLY HANDLED.—Yesterday morning a man named Wm. J. Goetze, of New York, went before Justice White and made an affidavit that on Sunday he went to the house of Mr. Bowman, in Hoboken, to find his wife, who had deserted him, when he was attacked by Peter Anderson, Christian Brack, and Andrea Armisien, who knocked him down, jumped upon, kicked, and beat him in a brutal manner, and also robbed him of a silver watch. Goetze alleges that when he went into the house he found Anderson and als (Goetze's) wife occupying the same bed. The accused were arrested, when Anderson was committed, and the other two were held to bail for trial.

THE COURTS.

COURT CALENDARS THIS DAY.—SUPREME COURT, CHAMBERS.—Reserved cases, Nos. 11, 12, 17, 25, 41, 42, Call, 71.

SUPREME COURT, CHAMBERS—BEFORE JUDGE CARDOZO.—THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PILOT COMMISSIONERS.—The People ex rel. John Martin et al. vs. The Board of Commissioners of Pilots. This was a motion for a writ of prohibition against the Board of Pilot Commissioners to restrain them from proceeding to hear and examine a complaint against the relators, who are pilots licensed by the Board, for a breach of its rules and regulations, in having taken more than a pilot, a person not licensed, from several vessels, at different times. Rules 13 and 29 of the bylaws of the Board prohibit the receiving on board of any pilot boat, or the taking from an outward bound vessel, any person not licensed, or whose license had been revoked. This it was claimed they had a right to do under the act of 1858, creating the Board. The relators were summoned to a hearing before the Board next Tuesday, and moved for the writ to prevent such action. It was claimed that the act of 1853, if it conferred such powers upon the Board, was unconstitutional, in that it was an assumption of judicial rights which could not be conferred upon such a tribunal. For the respondents it was argued that the analogy to grand jury of this nature was clearly within the jurisdiction of the subordinate tribunal, and that therefore the Court would not grant the writ. The Court reserved its decision. Mr. Cook for relators, Mr. W. A. Butler for respondents.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—SENTENCES.—Henry Wiley, who about two weeks ago committed a burglary at 31 Bleecker street on Mr. Hessons, where he stole a bottle of brandy, wine and some cigars, pleaded guilty yesterday, and was sentenced to the State Prison for two years and six months. Patrick Murphy and Mary his wife, who were charged with having caused the death of a German woman, named Mary Kouhofer, 32 years of age, during a fight at a disorderly house, at 24 Rose street last June, pleaded guilty of a felonious assault, and were fined $100 each. William Walsh, an old offender, pleaded guilty of burglary, and was sent to the State Prison for two years. Wm. Gilligan, another burglar, who pleaded guilty, was sent to the State Prison for five years. He was born in this city, and is years of age. Matthew Eagleson, a Virginian, 71 years of age, who a week ago was caught in the act of stealing from a money drawer in the counter of a store in Division street, was sentenced to the State Prison for three years. Joseph Christie, a native of Scotland, 28 years of age, was sent to the State Prison for two years and six months for a larceny at the Astor House, in Broadway, on the plea of guilty to the charge of grand larceny. Amelie Fiero, a Belgian, 17 years of age, was sent to the State Prison for two years on his plea of guilty of an attempt at grand larceny. Thomas Hanley, 21 years of age, charged with the larceny of watches and jewelry to the amount of $100, pleaded guilty, and was remanded for sentence until Friday. Patrick Haley, 21 years, who was indicted for having sent a menacing letter to Mr. Wood, was tried and acquitted. Louis Goldmann, charged with a larceny of $40 worth of pocket-knives, in Beekman street, was also acquitted.

KINGS COUNTY COURT OF SESSIONS.—In the Kings County Court of Sessions, yesterday, Henry Fisher, and Mary, his wife, were placed on trial on the charge of committing an assault and battery upon John Lowery, with intent to kill. Lowery, who was well known as a well-to-do citizen of Brooklyn, stated that on the evening of the 5th of July he was passing the barber shop of defendants, in Second street, E. D., when they put their arms around the back door and asked him if he did not want a shave. He replied that he did not, upon this, Fisher cursed him and he was replied by stating that she was no better than his wife. Lowery then left, as he alleged, when he received an attack upon him with razors, inflicting him severely. He acknowledged, on his cross-examination, that he was under the influence of liquor. Dr. Edwin Martin, the surgeon, testified to Lowery's wounds, seventy number. They were incised wounds, and one of them went within an eighth of an inch of severing the carotid artery. The defendants, Fisher and his wife, said he was the aggressor. The husband was therefore sentenced to State Prison for five years.

Martin Grimm, a colored, was sentenced to State Prison for five years on his conviction of attempting to enter the house of Wm. N. Gibson.

Charles Hammond, aged 18 years, pleaded guilty of passing counterfeit money, and was sentenced to State Prison for five years.

Henry Morrissey was convicted on the charge of having, on the 15th of August last, stolen a horse from Thomas Hogan, and was sent to State Prison for five years.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Sales at Stock Exchange and Open Boards.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21, 1868.

STOCK EXCHANGE—2½ P. M.

$1000 U. S. 6s 81 Cp.	110½	100	Mariposa Pf.	11	
10,000 do	110½	200	do	11½	
10,000 U. S. 5-20s Cp.	114½	100	Quicks. Sil.	20½	
5,000 do	114½	100	do	20½	
10,000 U. S. 5-20s Cp.	114½	100	do	20½	
10,000 do	114½	100	do	20½	
10,000 U. S. 5-20s Cp.	114½	100	Pacific Mail	33½	
40,000 do	114½	100	do	33½	
5,000 U. S. 5-20s Cp.	114½	100	do	33½	
10,000 do	114½	100	Boston W. P.	57½	
9,000 do	114½	100	do	57½	
1,500 U. S. 5-20s Cp. '65	114½	100	Wells, Fargo Ex.	56	
40,000 U. S. 5-20s Cp. '65	114½	100	do	56	
5,000 U. S. 5-20s Cp. '65	114½	100	Mer. Union	25½	
11,000 do	114½	100	do	25½	
5,000 do	114½	100	New York Cen.	126½	
2,000 U. S. 10-40s Cp.	109½	100	do	126½	
4,000 do	109½	100	Erie Railway	47	
4,000 do	109½	100	Erie R. Pf.	73	
1,000 do	109½	100	Hudson Riv. R.	113½	
1,000 U. S. 6s of 1862	109½	100	Reading R.	93½	
1,000 do	109½	200	do	93½	
10,000 U. S. 5s 10-40s	109½	100	Mich. S. & N. I.	85½	
5,000 do	109½	100	do	85½	
15,000 Tenn. 6s, new	68½	50	do	85½	
4,000 do	68½	200	Chi. & N. W. Pf.	80	
100 do	68½	100	Clev. & Pitts.	86½	
15,000 do	68½	20	do	86½	
2,000 N. Carolina new	38½	100	Mil. & St. P. Pf.	93½	
21,000 do	38½	100	do	93½	
10,000 N. Car. 6s, old	38½	100	do	93½	
1,000 Erie 1st M.	90	100	Tol., W. & W. Pf.	76½	
2,000 Mich. S. & N. I. 7-3-10 Conv.	98	100	P., F. W. & Chic.	115½	
100 Canton Co.	40	100	Ohio & Miss. R.	29½	
100 do	40½	100	do	29½	

OPEN BOARD—8½ P. M.

100 Wells, Fargo	28½	200	Erie Railway	48½	
200 Mer. Union Ex.	24½	50	Chic. & Alton	151½	
200 Pacific Mail	33½	100	Mariposa Pf.	11½	
100 West. U. Tel.	56½	100	P., F. W. & C.	115½	
100 do	56½	300	Mich. S. & N. I.	85	
500 Mar. Pf.	11½	200	Clev. & Pitts.	86½	
100 do	11½	100	Clev. & Tol.	93½	
1200 Reading R.	93½	100	Chic. R. I. & P.	102½	
200 do	93½	100	Chic. & N. W.	80	
200 do	93½	150	Chic. & N. W. Pf.	80½	

MONDAY, Sept. 21—P. M.—The gold market has been heavy and weak to-day, and the transactions were unusually light. The extreme fluctuations were 144½ and 143½, with closing sales at 3 o'clock at 143½. This downward course may be attributed to the sudden and early adjournment of Congress, the political condition of the country not requiring any immediate legislation. The disbursements of coin interest amounted to $[illegible]. The total clearings at the Gold Exchange Bank were $17,568,000; the gold balances, $1,021,217.35; and the currency balances, $1,570,075.24.

Henry Clews & Co., 32 Wall street, report the leading quotations as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
10 A. M.	144½	144½	1.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
10.30	144½	144½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11	144½	144½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11.30	144½	144½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
12 M.	144½	144½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
12.30 P. M.	144½	144½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1	144½	144½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The money market presents the ease of the past few weeks, and the offerings are in excess of the demand at 3 ⅌ cent. on Government collateral, 4 ⅌ cent. on approved railway collaterals, and exceptional transactions at 5 ⅌ cent. Some of the banks and trust companies who increased their bank rates to 5 ⅌ cent. early last week have not as yet called in their loans negotiated at 4 ⅌ cent. to first-class stock brokerage firms. Discounts are fairly active at 6½ to 7 ⅌ cent.

Foreign exchange is dull and weaker, and though leading drawers are asking 109 for prime 60 days bills, we hear of ⅛ ⅌ cent. concessions. The following are the current rates:

	Sixty Days.	*Three Days.*
Prime bankers' sterling bills on London	108⅝@109	109⅛@109⅜
Good bankers' do	108½@108⅝	109⅛@109⅜
Prime commercial sterling do	—@—	—@—
Paris (bankers)	5.16¼@5.15⅞	5.15⅝@5.15⅜
Antwerp	5.18¾@5.17½	5.16¼@5.15⅞
Swiss	5.18¾@5.17½	5.16¼@5.15⅞
Amsterdam	40⅝@40¾	41 @41⅛
Hamburg	35⅝@36	36 @36⅛
Frankfort	40⅝@40¾	41⅛@41⅜
Bremen	79 @79½	79⅞@80
Prussian thalers	71⅛@71⅜	71⅞@72

Government bonds continue strong, and the market active. The volume of business was large, and leading houses report an increased investment demand especially for the domestic bonds.

Hatch, Foote & Co., 12 Wall street, report the market as follows at 4 P. M.:

	Offered.	Asked.		Offered.	Asked.
Registered, 1881	114½	114¾	Coup. 5-20s, 1865	[illegible]	109¼
Coupon, 1881	114½	114¾	Coup. 5-20s, 1867	109¼	109½
Ten-forties	109¼	109½	Coup. 5-20s, 1868	109¼	109½
Coup. 6s, 1862	114½	114¾	Coup. 10-40s	109¼	109½
Coup. 5-20s, 1862	114½	114¾	Cent. Pacific gold	—	109*
Coup. 5-20s, 1864	114½	114¾	Union Pacific gold	—	109*
Coup. 5-20s, 1865	114½	114¾			

* And interest.

The market for State bonds has been stronger, and the Tennessees have advanced from 69¾, the opening price, to 70¾ for the old issue. North Carolinas and Missouris are firmer at the close. We quote:

Tennessees	70¼@71
Do., new bonds	69½@70
Virginia 6s	50½@51
Do., new bonds	51½@51¾
North Carolina 6s	35 @35½
Do., new bonds	35 @35½
Missouri 6s	93¾@94¼

The Railway share market has been less active, with few features of interest. The rise and fluctuations in Erie and the decline in Pacific Mail attracted chief attention, and for a time the balance of the list was neglected. Erie suddenly advanced from 47¾ to 49, but quickly declined to 47¾, afterward recovering to 48@48¼. The volume of business at the various Boards has been light, as compared with the daily transactions of last week, and the general market has been dull and uninviting. The chief dealings of the day were in Reading, Central, Erie, Pacific Mail, Michigan Southern and the Northwestern stocks. Mariposa preferred further advanced to 11¼. For Chicago and Alton 155 was bid, and 160 asked, New York Central opened at 126¼, and closed at 126½, selling in the interim as low as 126⅛. Reading was strong at 93¾@93⅞. Michigan Southern ranged from 85¾ to 85, closing at 85. Pittsburgh opened at 82¾, and steadily fell off to 87¼ at the close. The Northwestern shares were firm, both the common and preferred closing at 89¾. Rock Island dropped off 1¼ per cent. Fort Wayne was dull at 1[illegible]@[illegible], and Ohio and Mississippi at 29⅛@29¼. Toledo and Wabash sold up to 65¾.

The advance in Pacific Mail steamship stock for the past week, from 103 to 114, was based upon the rumors current in the street that the opposition line were endeavoring to control the coming election by purchase of stocks. These rumors had no foundation in fact, as we stated at the time, but their extensive circulation enabled the bulls to turn a sharp corner on the short interest, which having been accomplished, the stock fell to-day to 109½. The reports of the earnings of the China branch of the Company, with the loss on the business from this port, will make a sorry statement to the stockholders at the election, if indeed an official report is vouchsafed. It is estimated that the losses have been equal to $200,000 monthly, not to speak of the shrinkage referred to in the correspondence which we publish to-day.

The chief feature of the miscellaneous list was the break in Pacific Mail to 108¾. Western Union Telegraph was strong at 34¾. Mariposa Preferred advanced to 11¼.

The following are the comparative prices at the regular morning Board, with those current on Saturday:

	Sat.	Mon.	Adv.	Dec.
U. S. 5-20s coupons, 1862	114½	114¾	¼	
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1864	114½	114¾	¼	
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1865	114½	114¾	¼	
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1867	109½	109¾	¼	
U. S. 5-20 coupons, 1868	109½	109¾	¼	
U. S. 10-40 coupons	109½	109¾	¼	
U. S. 5-20 ⅌	109½	109¾	¼	
New York Central	126½	126½		
Erie	47½	47¾	¼	
Reading	93½	93¾	¼	
Fort Wayne	110	109½		½
Ohio & Miss. certificates	29½	29¼		¼
Pittsburgh	82¾	82¾		
Cleveland and Toledo	92½	92½		
Rock Island	104½	103½		1
Northwestern	90½	90¼		¼
Northwestern preferred	89½	89¾	¼	
Michigan Southern	85¾	85¾		
Toledo and Wabash	64½	65¾	1¼	
Boston River	114	114		
St. Paul	90	90		
St. Paul preferred	93½	93		½
Pacific Mail	110	108¾		1¼
Western Union Telegraph	34¾	34¾		

The following were the bids for city bank shares this day:

Irving	115 @ —	Merchants'	116 @ —
Metropolitan	115 @ —	Mechanics'	170 @ —
East River	140 @ —	Tradesmen's	100 @ —
Shoe & Leather	110 @ —	America	140 @ —
Phenix	105 @ —	Commerce	146 @ 146½
Citizens'	105 @ —	Market	110 @ —
St. Nicholas	110 @ 114	Mechanics' and Traders'	140 @ —
Nassau	130 @ —	Michigan Ex.	77 @ —
Commonwealth	115 @ —	Leather Manufacturers	120 @ —
Astor	300 @ —	Seventh Ward	112 @ —
Manhattan Co.	60 @ —	State of New York	117 @ —
Merchants' Ex.	80 @ —	Commerce	121 @ —
Central National	100 @ —	Broadway	160 @ —
Fourth National	95 @ —	American Ex.	115 @ —
Fifth National	90 @ 101	Commerce	121 @ —
Tenth National	— @ 101		
New York	140 @ —		

At 4.30 P. M., the market was as follows:

Pacific Mail	108¾@109		
Western Union	34 @34¼		
New York Central	126½@126¾		
Erie	48 @48¼		
Reading	93¾@93⅞		
Michigan Southern	85 @85¼		
Michigan Central	115 @115½		
Illinois Central	132 @132½		
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	86 @86½		
Cleveland and Toledo	92½@92¾		
Chicago and Rock Island	102 @102½		
Pittsburgh	87 @87¼		
Fort Wayne	109½@109¾		
Ohio and Mississippi	29 @29¼		
Northwestern	89½@89¾		
Northwestern Preferred	87 @87½		
Rock Island	102 @102½		
Pacific Mail	108¾@109		

To the Editor of The Sun.

SIR: The advance in price of the Pacific Mail stock has excited some remark and surprise. In connection with the advance we are reminded that the Company has recently made sales of a good deal of its real estate. The property at the corner of Sansome and California streets cost, if we remember correctly, $36,000. It has been sold at the same price. The property at Benicia, valued in the report of Mr. McLane, made in February, 1868, at $169,233, has been sold for about $50,000. The cost of this Benicia property was not far from $200,000. Of the property at San Francisco, which cost $569,063.04, and was valued in Mr. McLane's report at $1,323,600.64, the larger part has been sold at one third more than the original cost. To enumerate:

The Benicia property cost $200,000; valued in Mr. McLane's report at $169,233; sold for $50,000.
Sold at nearly $100,000
Loss on the valuation $69,233

Of the property in San Francisco, which cost $569,063.04, a part has been well sold at a rate which would give for the whole $848,700.72. The valuation by the report is $1,323,600.64. Difference between valuation and rate of sales is the trifling sum of $561,304.92. Add the difference above on the Benicia property, and the deduction to be made on this part of real estate between the estimate of the report and the sales made since is $630,537.92. The total estimated value of the real estate in the report is $2,532,866.88. If its real value is in proportion to sales already made, the deduction on these items alone is about $1,240,000.

A review of Mr. McLane's report published last spring in the money article of THE SUN, suggested that the difference between that report's estimate and the actual value of real estate was $1,000,000. We are inclined from these accounts, as well as on general principles, to think our figures rather from the report.

OBSERVER.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

MONDAY, Sept. 21.—FLOUR AND MEAL.—There was a moderate amount of activity in the low grades at from [illegible] to [illegible] per barrel, and the market closes firm, and unchanged, including 2,000 barrels State and Western at [illegible], extra State at $5.75@$6.50, including round hoop Ohio, $6.25@$8, Western and St. Louis trade brands, $8@$12.50, and fancy do. at $12.50@$16, and Southern, $6.50@$15 for common, and $6.50@$14 for shipping extras and family brands. City shipping extras, $6.50@$8.50, do. trade and family brands, $8@$12. Rye flour is dull and nominally unchanged. Corn meal, $[illegible] for city and Western.

COTTON—Quiet, pending a sale by auction; Rio, 19@20c.; Maracaibo, [illegible]c.; sales 81 bags Rio, per steamer, at 19½c., gold, to-day.

SUGAR—Raws very active at further advance; fair refining to good grocery, 10@10½c.; sales 4,000 hhds. at 10@10½c. for Cuba and Porto Rico; 800 bags, at 10½@10¾c. for refined active; best crushed 15½c.; soft white, 14½@15c.

MOLASSES—Good demand and firm; a cargo of muscovado sold at 40@41c.; 109 hhds. do., 43@50c.; 60 hhds. Porto Rico, 65c.

RICE—Quiet. Carolina, 9¼@10½c.; Rangoon, 9@9¼c.

PROVISIONS—Pork was dull and closed at a further decline; sales 1,200 bbls. at $28.75@$29 for mess, $24.25@$24.40 for extra prime, and $25.75@$27 for prime mess; the higher figures for jobbing lots. Beef remains quiet and nominal. Beef hams quiet at $[illegible]@$30. Lard dull and heavy; but without quotable decline; sales 600 pkgs. at 19¾@19¾c. for No. 1 and city, and 19¾@19¾c. for steam and kettle render d. Cut meats unsettled; dry salted and pickled shoulders, 9@9½c.; do. hams, 16@16½c.; smoked shoulders sold at 14½c. Bacon nominal. Cumberland, 16½c. Dressed hogs dull at 11@12½c. Butter steady; Western, Seconds, Prime, 35@35½c.; Orange County, 45@50c.

ASHES—Quiet; pots, 9½c.; pearls, 10c.

TALLOW—Shipping lots, 10@10½c.; retail lots, $12@$13.50 ⅌ 100 lbs.

HOPS—New are in good demand at 15@25c., but prices not very firm.

WHISKEY—Jobbing sales at 35c., in bond, with supply much reduced.

GRAIN—Wheat 2@3c. lower for spring, but closed firm and active. Winter wheats dull; sales 25,000 bushels spring at $1.65 for No. 2, $1.72@$1.75 for mixed, $1.80 for No. 1 and $1.85@$1.90 for white. Corn is a shade firmer; California at $2.05@$2.10, which is lower. Corn was firm, with a good demand; sales of 60,000 bushels, at $1.15@$1.20 for Western mixed, and $1.20@$1.22 for Western yellow. Oats firmer and fairly active; sales at [illegible] for Western, on track. Rye active and nominally; sales 8,000 bushels Western at $1.[illegible]@$1.[illegible], with prime held at $1.35 at the close. Barley dull; sales 2,000 bushels Canada West, at $1.[illegible]. Barley malt, $1.[illegible], at which a small sale was made. Stocks of grain in store show a small increase, as follows: Wheat, 2,[illegible] bushels; corn, 4,[illegible]; oats, [illegible]; rye, 20,[illegible]; barley, [illegible]; malt, 10,[illegible]; dried peas, [illegible].

NAVAL STORES—Spirits turpentine declined under large receipts, and dull; sales 300 bbls. Southern, at [illegible]@[illegible]c. Rosins dull and lower; common, $[illegible]@$[illegible]; fair, $[illegible]@$[illegible]; and finer qualities, $[illegible]@$[illegible]. Tar, $[illegible]@$[illegible] for Newbern and Wilmington. Pitch, $[illegible]@$[illegible].

PETROLEUM—Market generally very firm; Crude oil, $1.[illegible]; refined, 28c. for wild standard white; crude, 15½@16c. in bulk. Naphtha, 14@14½c.

IRON—We notice sales of 150 tons Coltness Scotch pig at auction, $31.50, gold; 1,500 tons No. 2 Crane forge American, $34, currency.

FRUITS—The first arrivals of new crop Malaga fruit were sold to-day; 1,000 bxs. layer raisins, $4.60; 850 bxs. lemons, $4.50 ⅌ box.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool by steam, 28,600 bush. wheat, 7½@[illegible]d., the lower rate for room relet after Chancellor; and small quantities of bacon at 25s., and cheese at 50s. Provisions—Pork, 30s. Lard, 30s. Cotton, 5-16d. Tallow, 25s.

SUGARS—Firmer from scarcity, and nominal at 29 Cuba.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Monday, Sept. 21.—BEEVES—The receipts for the week aggregate 6,758 head, against 5,348 last week, 7,265 for the same week last year, and 7,168 for the corresponding week in 1866. The fresh offerings to-day were 2,[illegible] head—2,[illegible] at Hudson City, 96 at Communipaw, and 5,0[illegible] at One Hundredth street. The market was very slow at about the same figures as on last week Steers ranging from 13½c. to 16c. ⅌ lb. for poor to choice Western steers; and the majority of the cattle were selling at 15c. Among the sales were 60 good Illinois steers, 1[illegible] at 16c., 60 fair to prime do., 1[illegible] cwt., at 15@15½c., 80 fair to choice Indiana, 1[illegible] cwt., at 15@15½c., 100 fine Illinois, 1[illegible] cwt., at 15½c., 100 fine Illinois, 1[illegible] cwt., at 15½c., 43 Missouri cattle, 6[illegible] cwt., at 14@14½c., 4 fine oxen, 1[illegible] cwt., at 16c., 5 cows, 1[illegible] cwt., at 14c., 174 fair do., 1[illegible] cwt., at 14c., 2 fine Kentucky do., 7[illegible] cwt., at 15c., 100 fine Illinois steers, 1[illegible] cwt., at 15½c., and 27 State steers, 1[illegible] cwt., at 15½c.

STOCK CATTLE—Dull at 7@7c. The demand for good cows has been fairly important, and some of the dealers report a fair advance of receipts; but for common to fair cows the demand is very limited. Good cows are worth $[illegible]@$[illegible], and choice, $[illegible]; common to fair are quoted at $[illegible].

CALVES—Receipts, 1,[illegible]. The market for veal calves has been steady and firm throughout the week, and prices are changed, ranging from 8c. to 12½c. ⅌ lb. for common to prime. Grass calves are selling moderately at [illegible] ⅌ head.

SHEEP—Receipts for the week aggregate 27,677 head, against 30,[illegible] last week, 29,[illegible] for the corresponding week in 1867, and 24,[illegible] for the week ending Sept. 16, 1866. The offerings to-day were 1,[illegible] head, the receipts of the week being [illegible]. The market was active for fair to prime, and lambs at 8@9c. Among the sales we note 1,[illegible] Canada lambs, 69 lbs. av., at 8c.; 2,[illegible] do., 68 lbs. av., at 8½c.; 1,[illegible] do., 67 lbs. av., at 8½c.; 2,[illegible] do., 68 lbs. av., at 8½c.; 1,[illegible] do., 67 lbs. av., at 8½c.; 2,[illegible] do., 68 lbs. av., at 8½c.; 1,[illegible] do., 67 lbs. av., at 8½c.; 2,[illegible] do., 68 lbs. av., at 8½c.; 1,[illegible] State do., 68 lbs. av., at 8½c.; 2,[illegible] do., 68 lbs. av., at 8½c.; 1,[illegible] do., 67