MR. PROVOST GETS NO BACKING.

Tributes by Policemen to the Character of the Sunday Loan Exhibition.

Several persons, arrested in consequence of the recent letter of Agent Provost of the Sunday Closing League to Superintendent Walling, were before Justice Duffy, at the Tombs, yesterday. Mr. Provost was present, but was not prepared to present evidence against the accused. He said that his duty had been completed when he called the attention of the police to the cases in question.

The first case called was that of the proprietor of the Globe Museum, 298 Bowery, who had been arrested by Policeman Croker, by direction of his superior officer. Croker testified that he saw pictures of lakes, the Declaration of Independence, three midget boys, and an Australian at the museum on Sunday.

"Are you sure he was an Australian?" inquired Justice Duffy, sternly. "Might he not have been a New Yorker?"

"I think he was an Australian."

"Well, Mr. Provost, what have you to say?" asked Justice Duffy.

"Nothing, sir. I am not the complainant."

"No complaint against you, sir; you may go," said the Justice. The same course was followed with the proprietors of museums, and then the case of the Academy of Design was called.

Capt. Williams—I had Mr. Provost summoned here because of the letter that he wrote. I want to see what evidence he has got to arrest anybody.

Mr. Provost—I have made no complaint.

Capt. Williams—Oh, yes, you did, in your letter to the Superintendent.

Mr. Provost—This is a police matter. I have furnished information to the police.

Justice Duffy—What information? Have you got any evidence?

Mr. Provost—Information and belief.

Justice Duffy—That won't do. We want proof. Have you got any proof?

Mr. Provost—It is a violation of the code.

Justice Duffy—What part of the code? Show me the section that you think is violated.

Mr. Provost—It is the section against Sunday shows, and this exhibition comes within the meaning of a show. It was an entertainment given for money.

Justice Duffy—Well, there is an admission fee charged to a church fair. Would you call that a show?

Mr. Provost—They are for charitable purposes, and I do not think they are open on Sunday.

Justice Duffy—Well, this was an exhibition for a very commendable purpose—a patriotic purpose—to put up a pedestal for the Bartholdi statue of Liberty. Do you want anybody arrested for that?

Mr. Provost—I did not want to have anybody arrested. I merely informed the police that it was against the law.

Justice Duffy—Well, we will see what the officer says. Here is Officer Caulan, who was detailed there. What did you see there?

Policeman Caulan—I saw pictures, works of art, &c.

Justice Duffy—Any plays, any immoral exhibitions, any pictures that were not proper and in good taste, anything disorderly or destructive to public morals?

Policeman Caulan—No, sir; everything was orderly.

Justice Duffy—Any disorderly persons go there?

Policeman Caulan—No, sir; they were the most respectable people I ever saw.

Capt. Williams—The articles on exhibition were the most beautiful you ever saw. They were loaned by some of the best citizens of the city.

Justice Duffy—Any pictures that were immoral?

Capt. Williams—No, sir. It was all perfectly proper and decorous. The finest thing of the kind you ever saw.

Justice Duffy—Anything to cause laughter or merriment?

Capt. Williams—No, sir. It was all for instruction.

Justice Duffy—Well, Mr. Provost, how do you show that this is a violation of law?

Mr. Provost—The code says that it is unlawful to keep open a show, and this is a show, to give such an exhibition for money.

Justice Duffy—Why, they charge an admission fee to go to the Casino or the Grand Opera House concerts.

Capt. Williams—They charge an admission fee to go into the cathedral.

Justice Duffy—Can you show the Court that this is a show, Mr. Provost?

Mr. Provost—I think I have shown it.

Justice Duffy—Have you got any evidence that this place was open?

Mr. Provost—I am not the complainant.

Justice Duffy—I see no case against anybody and cannot issue a warrant. The exhibition seems to me praiseworthy.

TWO MONTHS AFTER THE WEDDING.

Dr. Wood Says his Wife Poisoned Him, Broke his Nose, and Chased Him with a Knife.

Dr. N. N. E. Wood of Sioux City, Ia., has brought suit for a divorce from his wife Matilda, on the ground that she has treated him with great cruelty, and has several times attempted to take his life. Mrs. Wood formerly lived in Jersey City, and was at that time the wife of August Julin, the proprietor of the Philadelphia Hotel. Her husband finally became insane, and was placed in a lunatic asylum. His wife procured a divorce. She afterward met Dr. Wood while he was on a visit to this city, and on the last day of August, 1883, they were married. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Cornelius Brett of the Dutch Reformed Church, at the residence of the bride's parents, 669 Communipaw avenue, in Jersey City. After a reception the bride and groom started for Dr. Wood's home in Sioux City.

The Doctor alleges that disagreements occurred between his wife and himself soon after the marriage. These quarrels, in which he says she was the aggressor, culminated on Nov. 9, when she struck him so violently in the face with her fist as to break his nose. She also chased him around the house with a butcher knife, and threatened to cut his throat. Four days later, he says, she again made an attempt upon his life. She prepared breakfast for his mother and himself. He swears that she mixed arsenic in their coffee. He and his mother drank the coffee, and were almost immediately prostrated by the effects of the poison. They survived, although they have not yet entirely recovered.

The Doctor also alleges that his wife confessed to him that just previous to her wedding she had been intimate with a clergyman who is connected with an old society in this city.

Mrs. Wood has filed a cross bill for divorce against the Doctor.

YOUNG MR. ROBY MISSING.

The Grandson of a Wealthy English Banker Advertised for in America.

The following advertisement appeared in a New York newspaper a few days ago:

JOHN BALDWIN ROBY—Parents inconsolable; money and letters awaiting you at Kessler & Co.'s, 68 Wall st.

"Mr. Roby," said Mr. Kessler yesterday, "is the grandson of one of the wealthiest men in Manchester, England, a banker widely known and honored. Mr. Roby's father is the author of 'Roby's Latin Grammar,' extensively used in England. The young man has unaccountably disappeared, and his grandfather has written to us to do what we can to ascertain his whereabouts, if he should have come to this side of the Atlantic. There is a notion among his relatives that he has come to America.

"Young Mr. Roby," continued Mr. Kessler, "has been living in Manchester, and has been surrounded by everything to make life pleasant. On Dec. 7, last, he left home cheerfully to go to Cambridge University, and nothing has since been learned of his whereabouts. No quarrel or disagreement preceded his departure from Manchester. His sister remembers that he not long ago remarked in her presence that he would like to go to America. He had only £7 in his pocket. His grandfather wrote to us to 'paste posters in the street.' He does not know, probably, that we have other ways of doing things here. We have had Pinkerton's detectives at work for several days, but to no purpose as yet. I will give a liberal reward for the young man's recovery. He is 18 years old. I have telegraphed to Manchester for his photograph."

Close of Hearings About the Aqueduct.

The Aqueduct Commissioners closed yesterday the public hearings on the size and terminus of the proposed aqueduct. Ex-Judge Arnoux made another argument in favor of a large aqueduct. He said that the Commission should keep in mind the fact that the city's demand for water had increased sixfold in forty years. The conduit could be increased in capacity 70 per cent. at an additional expense of 20 per cent.

Mr. Robert L. Darragh said that the internal diameter of the aqueduct should be 18 feet. The cost of building such an aqueduct would be $12 a lineal foot or $63,360 a mile more than the cost of a conduit 15 feet in diameter.

Mr. William H. Welch favored an aqueduct 20 feet in diameter, and a terminus at Croton Lake, and opposed the Quaker Bridge dam.

Congressman O. B. Potter suggested that the Commission should decide that the aqueduct should not be less than a certain size.

Mayor Edson was reelected President and Commissioner William Dowd Vice-President, the law creating the Commission providing that the terms of those offices shall expire on Dec. 31 in every year.

Watching On the Bridge.

Every morning about 8 o'clock an elderly woman goes to the Fifth street bridge, Williamsburgh, and stands there looking down into the creek until the 9 o'clock bell rings. Then she throws small pieces of paper into the stream and goes away.

Sergeant Reardon said yesterday: "We watched the poor woman some time. Grief has unsettled her mind. Some years ago a relative making his way across the meadows from Greenpoint was drowned in the creek and, sticking in the mud, was unable to get out. The tide arose and he was drowned. The woman goes to the bridge to pray, and drops the pieces of paper into the water under the belief that they will indicate the right way to the bridge for any unfortunate who may chance to get into the mud. She resides near Bedford avenue and her family is in good circumstances."

Arrested for Robbing the Mails.

Frank Barr, Jr., who lives at 85 West Eleventh street, was arrested in the Post Office by Post Office Inspector Newcome yesterday morning, on the charge of stealing letters. Barr was a first-class clerk in the railway mail service. His route was on the Erie Railway between Port Jervis and this city. The Post Office has received many complaints in the last three months that money had disappeared from letters coming over this route. The letters in every instance were slit about one inch in one of the ends. Barr was suspected, and, it is alleged, he was seen on Wednesday to open a decoy letter addressed by Inspector Newcome to J. T. Baisley, Warwick, N. Y. The letter contained a ten cent piece, $1, and a counterfeit $5 bill.

Mayor Low and Rapid Transit.

Mayor Low will not act on the resolution of the Board of Aldermen of Brooklyn, granting a franchise to the Kings County Elevated Railway Company, for a few days. He desires a full expression of popular opinion, and also wishes to be satisfied as to the solvency of the company.

A BROADWAY BUS ON A SPREE.

Circling Union Square with a Yelling Driver and Shrieking Passengers.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday night the few pedestrians who were hurrying up town through Union square were startled by shrieks from the interior of a Madison avenue stage which was careering down town on the west side of the square. The driver, a small man with a closely-clipped black moustache, was lashing his horses furiously and howling. A young man evidently very much intoxicated sat with his arms around the driver and added his maudlin yells to the din. The horses were reeking with foam.

As the stage swept down toward Fourteenth street pedestrians stopped in amazement, and hack drivers sprang on their boxes and drove rapidly out of the way. Opposite Fifteenth street the stage driver howled at the driver of one of the Eighteenth street cars to get out of his way. A moment later he whirled around and cut across the front of the car. The car driver got his horse out of the way in time, but the rear wheel of the stage struck the car. The stage went across the street in a direct line for the park. It struck a huge pile of frozen snow and was almost overturned. The passengers who had thus far been unable to force the door open, shouted for help. The driver lashed his horses, and tried to get the wheel free from the bank of snow. Just as he got away the door was half opened, and the passengers scrambled out. Three of them fell heavily, but none was seriously hurt. The stage, with the driver still shouting like a madman, went tearing around Union square. After it had made the circle, and come back to the corner of Fifteenth street and Broadway, the driver was so bewildered that he didn't know where he was going. He was originally bound up town, but had begun his erratic flight when he turned around at Seventeenth street and started down town the first time. When he got back to the west side of the square again he deliberately charged at the horses of a Broadway car going up town. The car driver jammed down the brake and pulled his horses aside just in time, and then leaned down and got the stage horses by the head. Policeman 1,685 rushed up closely followed by another policeman. The stage driver at the sight of the brass buttons became as still as a mouse. The passengers who had escaped from the stage thrust their cards at the policemen and demanded the driver's arrest. Everybody talked at once. A few names were taken by the police, the number of the stage was recorded, and the driver was cautioned. Then he was freed and turned about. As he rumbled up town he turned in his seat and buried a parting yell at the crowd.

SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS.

The Managers of the Produce Exchange Find Against George L. Bullard.

The Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange suspended yesterday for six months Mr. Geo. L. Bullard, formerly a member of the firm of F. B. Howell & Co., grain and provision brokers. On Dec. 14 Mr. Bullard had his firm posted at the Produce Exchange as having failed. Mr. Harry Howell immediately ordered the notice taken down, on the ground that no such announcement had been authorized, and that the firm was able to meet all its engagements. Charges were preferred by F. B. Howell & Co. against Mr. Bullard for having, it was alleged, maliciously sought to injure the standing of the firm, and the Board of Managers tried the case.

Mr. Henry T. Kneeland of the Exchange acted as counsel for the defendant, and urged in his behalf that at the time of the posting the firm owed Decker, Howell & Co., stock brokers, $32,000; that the books were kept in a manner designed to mislead, and the only way in which Mr. Bullard could secure his rights was to take the action that he did. Since then the creditors have telegraph back to Headquarters to have the defective calls interpreted. Much precious time is thereby unavoidably wasted. The cause of vacation of the obstruction of the lines has not yet been discovered.

Wanted—Females.

A NUMBER of operators on ladies' undergarments, to work on premises or at home; samples and references required; experienced hands. SIEGEL BROTHERS, 163 and 165 South 5th av.

A GIRL who has had some experience at a fancy goods store. Address, stating where last employed, wages, &c., TIP PRINTERS, box 173, Sun office.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS.—First-class designers for branching; also good rose and budmakers and learners. GRAPELLE & CO., 14 Bond st.

FEMALE COMPOSITORS wanted; permanent situations; 35 cts. per 1,000. B., box 162, Sun office.

FREE Sewing Machine School, open daily from 9 to 5, at Girls' Lodging House, 27 St. Mark's place, 8th st.

GIRL wanted to wash dishes and make herself useful in restaurant. 115 Av. D.

PAPER BOXES.—Wanted, experienced hands on glue work. H. TAPPAN, 112 Duane st.

WANTED—A smart and intelligent girl to take charge of a label department; one with experience preferred. Apply at S. JACOBY & CO.'S Factory, foot of East 52d st.

WANTED—Protestant girl for general housework; must be accustomed to children, be willing to be taught, and have city references. Apply 99 East 116th st., New York.

WANTED—A few young girls for light business; must be neat. Apply at 359 Broadway, first floor.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply at 157 West 18th st.

YOUNG GIRLS can obtain situations free, lodging and board; salary $1 to $6 cents each, at the Girls' Lodging House, 27 St. Mark's place, one block east of Cooper Institute (under care of Children's Aid Society).

2 GIRLS wanted; cook, washer, ironer, chambermaid, and waitress. Private family; 267 West 54th st.

Wanted—Males.

A AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH Company want well-recommended boys, between 14 and 16 years old. Apply at 8 Dey st.

A TWO-THIRD PRINTER at once; steady work. The Studio Company, 59 Cortlandt st.

A GERMAN cigar maker on mixed work; $9; hand make preferred. WM. BERK, Flushing, L. I.

A JOB COMPOSITOR wanted at THOS. F. EAGAN'S, 158 East 42d st.

A FLOORMAN HORSESHOER wanted. Steady work for a good man at 156 Maiden lane.

BOOKBINDER.—A good job forwarder on very miscellaneous printed work. H. MAINE, 377 Fulton st., Brooklyn, opposite City Hall.

BENCH MOULDERS, bartenders, pastry cooks, oystermen, waiters, kennel man wanted. 733 B'way.

BOY wanted to carry orders in a bakery. WALL, 792 6th av.

BOY in stationery store; age 15; must reside in city; references. 168 Nassau st.

BOY wanted. 58 West 24th st.

CYLINDER PRESSMAN, at Rochester, N. Y. To take charge of one cylinder and three small presses; wages, $14; must be first-class. Address, with reference, C. V., box 194, Sun office.

CONFECTIONER for fine bon bons, &c.; wholesale trade. Address Post Office Box 564.

COMPOSITORS; book work. 221 Fulton st.

GORDON PRESSMAN wanted—Steady job; cream; state wages. Address BARCLAY, box 196 Sun office.

GORDON FEEDER wanted; must make ready. VAN FLEET, 88 and 90 Centre st.

GORDON FEEDERS wanted at 95 William st. E. P. CORY & CO.

JOB COMPOSITOR.—A young man having a knowledge of typesetting to learn taught by JOHN GALNAR, 241 9th av., near 25th st.

JOB COMPOSITOR.—Young man wanted. H. C. RYAN, 19 Walker st.

JOB COMPOSITOR.—Permanent situation to the right man. 24 Liberty st.

MEN WANTED for single rooms; 25c. and 35c. daily. Carleton House, William st., cor. Frankfort.

PRINTING.—Proofreader; also young man at jobbing; state wages and reference. JOBBER, box 188, Sun office.

PRESSMAN wanted who understands running large Universal press. 109 Nassau st.

STRONG BOY in a manufacturing house; state age, salary. BOY, box 176, Sun office.

TRIMMER wanted on pants; only experienced need apply; references required. TRIMMER, box 192, Sun office.

TO Blank Book Binders.—Wanted, a forwarder on half-bound work. R. H. MELLEY, 18 Cortlandt st.

TWO-THIRD job compositor; steady work to good hand. VERNON & SON, 22 Spruce st.

UMBRELLAS.—Wanted, a first-class finisher at BAMBERGER & OPPENHEIMER'S, 382 B way.

WANTED—A first-class mechanic, understanding machinery, to run mouldings, turning lathe, scroll saw, and to work at carpenter bench; steady employment to the right man. Apply or address HENRY A. YOUNG, Keyport, New Jersey.

WANTED—A man about 6 feet high, of good proportions and moderate muscular development, to pose in costume as a model for a sculptor. Apply at 119 West 52d st. on Saturday and Monday next between 1 and 4 P. M.

WANTED—A furnace man to apply our regulators; one who understands all the different kinds of hot-air furnaces and can work at bench; steady job to the right man. NORCROSS REGULATOR CO., 9 Murray st.

WANTED—First-class japanner on tin work to take charge of a shop. Address, with references, MATTHAI, INGRAM & CO., Baltimore, Md.

WANTED—Strictly sober man understanding composition, making ready, and running Gordon presses. 7 Lispenard st.

WANTED—Three first-class sewing machine canvassers. Apply before 11 A. M. at 12 East 14th st.

WANTED—One paper hanger. Come ready for work. F. V. RITTER, Montclair, N. J.

WANTED—Toilet soap presses. Apply to FLORENCE SOAP CO., 747 East 11th st.

WANTED—Copper plate printer and stamper. S. C. BIDDLEY, 87 Fulton st.

WANTED—Men or boys with $1 capital; no risk. Apply 52 Shipping Clerk, 88 John st.

YOUNG MAN, used to driving a butcher or grocery wagon and delivering orders. 428 6th av.

20 COMPOSITORS, non-union, on Evening Times, Troy, N. Y., 38 cents per thousand; steady case to good men. Apply to-day. Room 47, Sweeny's Hotel.

HOTEL BOARD TO BE CHEAPER.

Mr. Henry Clair's Reason for Leading the Way to Lower Rates.

The reduction of the price of board by Mr. Henry Clair, lessee of the Metropolitan Hotel, from $3.50 to $3 a day has disturbed a great many New York hotel keepers. Those who had heard his reasons for lowering his rate are yet more disquieted.

"I felt that the times demanded the reduction," he said yesterday. "With a reduction in the prices of nearly all commodities, the hotels are brought face to face with the necessity of lowering their rates. This is a commercial hotel. Its guests are out-of-town merchants and salesmen. It is to a considerable degree a family house also, for when the men come to town to buy, the ladies often come with them. These merchants are now getting less for their goods than used to be the case and they felt that we ought to lower our price. Of course I cannot speak for other hotels, but I am convinced that prices must be lowered. When this shall be done depends upon when the necessity to do so shall be felt.

"We have not altered our rate at the Metropolitan because there has been any falling off in trade. On the contrary, we are doing as good a business as we ever did. The people seemed to expect the action, and we were ready to meet the demand, that's all. We have not lowered the rate at the house up town (the Park Avenue Hotel), because we felt that the figure there is low enough. Besides, there are other houses so far beyond us in prices that there is no necessity to reduce ours."

MAN AND WIFE LOST.

Both Apply to a Policeman, Unluckily Not at the Same Time.

"I lost mine vife," said an aged German to Policeman Robinson of the Broadway squad yesterday afternoon, at the corner of Cortlandt street. The old man explained that he had stopped for a moment at the corner of Fulton street to look into a shop window. When he turned around his wife was gone. He said that his wife was dressed in black and carried a black hand bag. Then he set off down Broadway to look for her. A citizen, on his way up town, had overheard the old man's story. In front of the Astor House he found an old woman, dressed in black, and carrying a black hand bag. She was dazed to the bustle about her.

"Have you lost your man?" asked the citizen, as an experiment.

"Yah, yah!" cried the old woman. The citizen took her back to Policeman Robinson, who got an interpreter. The old woman said:

"My husband's name is Benedict Schmidt. He is a gardener, living in Sheffield street, Newark. He is 60 years old. We are strangers in this city, and he has the money and tickets."

"Well," said Robinson, "here's a fix now. We've got the woman, but where's the man?"

The woman was taken care of at the Church street station. The husband was not found.

Alderman Burns Rescues a Constituent.

Cornelius Burns, who was chosen to fill the unexpired ten days of Register John Reilly's term in the Board of Aldermen, was at Essex Market yesterday morning to see Justice Gorman. He said: "Thomas Ryan, a constituent of mine, is in the prison on complaint of Fred. C. Schwartz of 168 Avenue A, charged with disorderly conduct. I would like to get him off."

"He was sentenced to the workhouse for two months in default of $300 bail," Justice Gorman said. "I suppose you've $300 worth of property."

Mr. Burns became bondsman, and went off with Ryan.

The Ambulance Telegraph Out of Order.

The wires connecting Chambers Street Hospital with Fire Headquarters are out of order somewhere on the line. Alarms sent from street fire boxes to save time in the summoning of ambulances are often not heard at all at the hospital until repeated many times, and then the doctors have to telegraph back to Headquarters to have the defective calls interpreted. Much precious time is thereby unavoidably wasted. The cause or location of the obstruction of the lines has not yet been discovered.

MRS. MEYER'S SUICIDE

Disheartened by her Husband's Reverses she Jumps into the East River.

Charlee B. Meyer of 219 East Seventy-fifth street, after reading in the newspapers yesterday the description of the dead woman found in the Sound off North Brothers Island, went to the Morgue in Long Island City and identified the body as that of his wife, Matilda Meyer. She disappeared from home at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning. Mr. Meyer was formerly a brewer in Yorkville. Some time ago he got into trouble with the Government, and lost his business and his fortune. This preyed on the mind of Mrs. Meyer, and for several days before her death she was very despondent. Her friends think that after leaving her home she wandered down Seventy-fifth street to the East River and jumped overboard. North Brothers Island is over three miles from Seventy-fifth street. Robert Parker of North Brothers, who found the body in the wake of a flotilla of canal boats, says that it was still warm, and blood was oozing from a wound on the head. Mrs. Meyer was 40 years old, and leaves two sons and two daughters.

As Well Off as he was Before.

Louis Tiemer, a sailor, and Frederick Meyer, a butcher, became confidential over their beer a fortnight ago in a saloon. Tiemer said that he had sailed to many parts of the world, and had left a wife here years ago. He had not lived happily with her. Then Meyer said that he had also separated from his wife. Tiemer and Meyer compared notes and found that they had been married to the same woman, Sophia Otte of 92 Elizabeth street. She was arrested and indicted for bigamy. She was tried yesterday in the General Sessions. Her defence was that Tiemer had been away from her for years. She heard that he died in a foreign hospital, and, believing that he was dead, she married Meyer. The jury acquitted her, and she quitted the court room smiling. Her husbands followed. A moment afterward the court room door opened, and Meyer dashed in, and, stopping before the bar, asked:

"Judge, your Honor, can I ask a question?"

"Certainly," replied Judge Gildersleeve.

"Well, Judge, your Honor," Meyer went on, breathlessly, "I want to know whether I am as well off as I was before I was married."

"I have no doubt that you are," replied Judge Gildersleeve. "You are a free man so far as your wife is concerned."

"All right, Judge," said Meyer, and he hurried out of the court room.

Odd Missiles Collected by a Car Driver.

As car 103 of the Third avenue surface road rolled under the Chatham square station of the elevated, at 4:20 yesterday afternoon, a loud thump on the roof of the car startled the passengers. The driver stopped his horses, got down, picked up an iron bolt nearly a foot long, put it in his pocket, and drove on.

"Makin' a collection of these things," said he to a passenger, "makes everyone curious fine. A little while ago I was able to add an interestin' relic in the shape of a busted cylinder, which flew up and sent the pieces all over me and everybody else in Harlem. Other drivers on the road is also collectin'. They've got bolts and bars and iron nuts and things by the dozen. We're allgoin' down and give 'em to the company one of these days, and say we're much obliged our heads ain't smashed yet."

Miss Coghlan Loses her Watch.

On New Year's eve Miss Rose Coghlan, while stepping into her carriage, which stood awaiting her at the stage door of Wallack's Theatre, dropped her gold watch and chain, which had become loosened from her bodice in some manner. Attached to the chain was a tiny gold pencil. The watch, a jewelry fell noiselessly in the snow at the curb and Miss Coghlan rode home without knowing of her loss. The watch lay unnoticed until early New Year's morning, when the watchman at the theatre saw a colored man stoop down, pick it up, and walk away. The watchman thinks he knows the colored man.

James Means's $3 Shoes.

Many people have noticed in many shoe store windows yellow cards displayed on which were printed the words, "Trade mark, 'James Means's $3 shoe.'" Mr. Means's factory is in Brocton, Mass., and, by his originality in advertising and by the excellence of the shoes he sells, has in a short time built up a large business. On the sole of each shoe is stamped "James Means's $3 shoe." If they prove defective after short service the shoes may be exchanged for new ones. The retail price is the manufacturer's price. At sixteen stores in New York and eight in Brooklyn Mr. Means's shoes are sold.

Mr. Fitzharris Feels Aggrieved.

Maurice Fitzharris was tried before Judge Benedict and a jury in the United States Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, for opening a letter from a female detective to Michael Murphy, in whose liquor store he was employed. It was shown on the trial that the accused was in the habit of opening and replying to Murphy's letters, and he was acquitted. He has sued Murphy for $30,000 damages for false imprisonment.

Rice—Hicks.

A large audience assembled yesterday in Grace Episcopal Church, at Jamaica, to witness the marriage of the Rev. Edwin B. Rice to Miss Zella Caroline Hicks. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Littlejohn. A large number of ministers were present. The bridal couple started for Washington last evening on their wedding tour. When they return a reception will be held at the parsonage.

Unfortunate and in Want.

Alexander Gerner, a Dane, his wife, and three small sons are living in great want in the basement of the unoccupied house at 41 East Twenty-first street. Mr. Gerner was once a teacher in the night schools and a city missionary among sailors. He is now unfitted for work by heart disease. His wife is delicate. The family are almost destitute of food, fuel, and clothing.

Postponing the Caucus Again.

The Board of Aldermen have ascertained that their adjournment sine die was illegal. They will hold another meeting to-morrow. The caucus of the Democratic members of the incoming Board, which was to have been held yesterday, has been again postponed. The County Democrats still refuse to attend a caucus in which Alderman Thomas Shelds is invited to participate.

War Among Brooklyn Gas Companies.

The war between the Fulton Municipal and the Nassau Gas companies of Brooklyn has been renewed more vigorously than ever. The latter company is determined to extend its mains to all parts of the city. The managers say they think the people will sustain it. The general price of gas remains at $2 per 1,000 feet.

Amusements.

A.—A.—A.—

THE MATTHEW ARNOLD LECTURES.

MR. W. WINTER'S CARTE HAS THE HONOR TO ANNOUNCE THE SECOND APPEARANCE IN THIS CITY OF THE DISTINGUISHED POET, CRITIC, AND ESSAYIST, MR.

MATTHEW ARNOLD,

WHO WILL LECTURE IN ASSOCIATION HALL, 4TH AV. AND 23D ST., ON FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 4. SUBJECT:

"EMERSON."

TICKETS, WITH RESERVED SEATS, $1, ON SALE AT BRENTANO'S, 5 UNION SQUARE, BEGINNING MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 31, AT 9 O'CLOCK.
DOORS OPEN AT 7:15; LECTURE AT 8.
CARRIAGES MAY BE ORDERED AT 9:15.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—THE MANAGEMENT BEG TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT MR. ARNOLD WILL BE DISTINCTLY HEARD IN ALL PARTS OF THE HALL.

STAR THEATRE.
Mr. LESTER WALLACK ..... Proprietor and Manager
LAST WEEKS OF THE ENGAGEMENT OF MR. EDWIN BOOTH
THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING,
HAMLET.
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HAMLET.
MATINEE SATURDAY, 5TH, MACBETH.
NEXT WEEK,
Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7th and 8th, RICHELIEU.** Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 9th and 10th, the FOOL'S REVENGE.** Friday evening and matinee Saturday, KING LEAR.** Saturday night, 5th, W. E. SHERIDAN as INGOMAR.
RESERVED SEATS NOW ON SALE.
BROOKS & DICKSON, Directors.
HORACE McVICKER, Manager.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. PATTI.
THIS EVENING, FRIDAY, Jan. 4, CRISPINO E LA COMARE.
Annetta ..... Mme. Adelina Patti
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