

PURSER GROUT EXPLAINS.

HE DIDN'T MEAN TO SKIP WITH HIS PREVIOUS CHARGE, HE SAYS.

A Little Game of Draw Which He Played in Costa Rica Caused His Detention While His Ship Sailed, and He Was Trying to Rejoice in His Escape.

The poker is not played according to the same methods in Costa Rica as it is here. In this city it is played without the assistance of the police, and there are other differences.

Mr. Grout was arrested at the central American coast, Carazo, yesterday prisoner at the Jefferson Market Police Court and sent to a room, and later to the station.

Mr. Grout, who arrived in New York on the steamer Allegheny, was arrested at the pier before the steamer for New Orleans started.

Mr. Grout was taken to the Jefferson Market Court yesterday, where he was met by Mr. Grout and Mr. Groat, the owner of the steamer Allegheny, which the prisoner was purser.

ONE DEAD, THE OTHER UNCONSCIOUS.

Two Gas Jets Turned On in the Bedroom of the Gerats.

Dennis Gerat and his wife Bridget, 65 and 60 years old respectively, were found in their rooms on the top floor of the building at 67 Nassau street yesterday morning.

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ANOTHER MILLION GIVEN.

BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER TO THE CHICAGO UNIVERSITY.

It Makes \$2,000,000 He Has Given in All to that School. He Has Given Away \$5,000,000 Within Three Years.

Mr. Fred T. Gates called at The Sun office yesterday with the information that Mr. John D. Rockefeller had given another \$1,000,000 to the new Chicago University.

Dr. Harper gave the list of Mr. Rockefeller's benefactions to the university as follows: June 1, 1890, \$1,000,000 in cash; September 1, 1891, \$1,000,000 in cash; June 1, 1892, \$1,000,000 in 5 per cent. gold bonds; and December 1, 1892, \$1,000,000 in 5 per cent. gold bonds.

The total amount of the benefactions to the Chicago school from all sources is only \$2,000,000. The reporter asked if Mr. Rockefeller purchased any stock in his benefactions, such as giving one-tenth of his income.

Mr. Rockefeller said that he had not purchased any stock in his benefactions, but that he had given a large sum of money to the Chicago University for the purpose of establishing a fund for the education of ministers.

LURD GIRLS TO HER ROOMS.

The Grace Charge Against Mrs. Rathskoff of 71 Division Street.

Lillie Brown, 15 years old, of 148 Essex street, made an affidavit in the Essex Market Court yesterday charging Jetta Rathskoff with abduction.

STREET STILL BLOCKED.

The Draw of the Madison Avenue Bridge Stubbornly Declines to be Moved.

A gang of workmen was kept busy on the disabled Madison avenue swing bridge yesterday, but traffic still remains blocked in the neighborhood of the bridge.

A Servant Girl Stabs a Burglar.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Anna Crouse, a domestic servant, was charged yesterday with slaying a burglar with a butcher knife last night.

The Geneva Opera House Burned.

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Why do Housekeepers

Who have once used that best of all shortening and frying material,

Cottlene

Continue to use it to the exclusion of all other cooking fats? That question is easily answered: "Because it is pure, sweet, palatable, wholesome, nutritious, and goes one-third further."

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ALDERMEN STILL TO MARRY FOLKS.

They Resist an Effort to Shear Them of Their Marital Rights.

Alderman Patrick J. O'Brien of the Third District has insisted today to make the last days of his term in the Common Council interesting and is constantly stirring up his fellow members by opposing their pet measures or attacking established institutions.

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