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WALL STREET,
SUNDAY, Jan. 25, 1891.

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t—Washington legislation and
prospects of the Western Traffic Association.

Even the most accomplished twangers of the strings find it difficult to vary their performances on an instrument of such narrow compass, and hence the music in the way of gossip, rumor and report is singularly monotonous.

The opening on Monday last was enlivened by New England tumbling off the perch in consequence of the HERALD's exposure of the fraudulent nature of the alleged contract for transforring the control of the road to the New Haven.

Chicago Gas and some other stocks were marked up, however, and the general speculation during the first half of the week continued fairly strong, although irregular and phenomenally dull. Chicago Gas fell all to pieces—lost all the earlier advance and closed on a net decline of half a dozen points. The grangers, too, were sold off pretty sharply on the reduced tonnage and a growing doubt as to whether the new Western Traffic Association will be able to prevent cutting of rates in the face of such a limited amount of traffic for the roads.

The plenitude and ease of money is already an old story. That investors are ready to take securities in which they have confidence and which are not at the mercy of granger Legislatures on one hand or rings of millionnaire manipulators on the other, is shown by the enormous over subscription for the shares of the Thurber-Whyland Company last week. More attention is directed to trading and industrial corporations. The New York Belting and Packing Company is the latest of these offered to the public. Messrs. August Belmont & Co., of this city, and Messrs. Lee, Higginson & Co., of Boston, will to-morrow open books for subscriptions to the first mortgage six per cent debentures and to the common and preference shares of the company. The Messrs. Cheever and their associates have made this an English concern, incorporating it under the companies' acts and propose to "list" the securities not on the New York Stock Exchange, but on the London Exchange.

Trading and industrial shares have been favored and profitable to investors and speculators in London and promised to be quite as popular here until the rascalities of the bubble "trusts" threatened to bring even legally organized and honestly managed industries into disrepute. The looting of the Cotton Oil Trust by its own officials and its ruinous collapse, the almost equally disastrous crash in Sugar Trusts, the absurd over capitalization of the Lead trust and the marking up process to which its stock was subjected at the start all contributed to render industrial securities unpopular.

It would seem impossible, however, that the rascalities perpetrated in connection with these "blind pools" can ever be repeated. The "trust" has been legally and popularly knocked in the head, and as the Stock Exchange lent its aid to them in swindling the people—not to say its own members—it may be trusted now to purge itself of that disgrace by a most rigid scrutiny of the character of every industrial security which seeks to obtain the *cachet* of the Exchange by admission to its regular list. The governors may be trusted to investigate and learn for themselves what actual value—not "book value"—lies behind shares of this kind that seek the privileges of the floor. By exercising proper care in protecting investors and traders to this extent the Exchange will obtain a large class of securities, each of which will bring its own contingent of traders into the street, and all of which will supply a new field for "turns" and commissions at times when railway shares fail to attract the public.

Sales at the Board during the week amounted to 783,839 shares (silver bullion certificates not included), against 1,581,944 for the previous week, and 1,314,041 for that ending January 10. Following is a summary of last week's market, with the closing prices of the previous week for comparison:—

	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	—Last.— Jan.24	Jan.17.
Adams Express...	205	145	143	143	145
Alton & T. H.....	255	29	28¾	28¾	29¼
*Am. Sugar Ref. Co	8,672	60¼	57½	60¼	60
*Am. S. R. Co. pf.	1,095	89	86½	86½	89
Am. Tel. & Cable Co	112	81½	80½	81½	81
*Am. Cotton Oil..	1,100	18¾	17¾	18	18¾
*Am. Cotton Oil pf	325	40	40	40	40
*Am. C. O. tr. r..	2,140	22	19¾	19¾	21½
Am. Express.....	155	118	115	117	114½
Atch., T. & S. Fé.	41,472	30½	29⅞	29⅞	30¾
Atlan. & Pacific..	400	5¾	5½	5½	5⅞
Buff., Roch. & P..	1,675	31½	30¾	30¾	31½
Buff., Roch. & P. pf.	500	75½	75½	75½	75¾
Canada Southern	3,189	51	49½	49⅞	50¼
Canadian Pacific.	610	75¾	75⅛	75⅜	75½
Central Pacific...	10	30½	30½	30½	30
Ches. & Ohio.....	1,828	18¾	17⅞	17⅞	18½
Ches. & O. 1st pf.	600	48¾	46	46½	48
Ches. & O. 2d pf.	700	31¼	30	30	31
Chicago Gas Co..	125,856	47½	39½	39⅝	45
Chic. & N. W.....	4,570	107½	105¼	105¼	107
Chic. & N. W. pf..	236	134	134	134	137½
C., B. & Q.....	27,355	92	88½	88½	91¾
C., M. & St. P.....	80,895	55⅞	52	52	55½
C., M. & St. P. pf.	1,095	110½	110	110	110
C., R. I. & P.....	22,180	71¾	68⅞	68¾	70⅞
C., C., C. & St. L..	3,763	64½	61½	62	64
C., C., C. & St. L. pf	20	96¼	96¼	96¼	96
Clev. & Pitts.....	100	150	150	150	150¼
Colorado Coal....	820	37½	34¾	34¾	37½
Col., H. V. & Tol.	400	27	26½	27	27⅞
Col. & Hock. Coal	100	18¼	18¼	18¼	17¾
Chic. & E. Ill.....	3,022	49½	48	48½	48
Chic. & E. Ill. pf.	300	92	91½	92	91
Commer. Cable..	200	104	104	104	104
Consol. Coal.....	134	25	25	25	—
Consol. Gas Co...	1,510	96	94¼	94¾	95½
Del. & Hudson...	1,290	135	132¾	133	134½
Del., Lack. & W..	18,142	138½	136¾	136¾	138½
Den. & R. G.....	745	19¼	18¾	18¾	19¾
Den. & R. G. pf..	2,795	63¼	60¾	60¾	62⅝
Distillers & C. F. Co	2,090	47½	46¾	46¾	48
E. T., V. & Ga....	323	7¾	7½	7½	7⅞
E. T., V. & G 1st pf	400	64	63	63	64
E. T., V. & G., 2d pf	700	17¾	17½	17½	18
Ed. Gen. El. Co...	1,981	95	90	95	89¾
Evans. & T. H....	50	117	117	117	114⅞
Flint. & P. M. pf.	100	81	81	81	—
G. Bay & Win.....	200	7½	7½	7½	8¼
Gt. Northern pf..	3,885	79	73¾	79	76¾
Iowa Central.....	50	7¼	7¼	7¼	7½
Iowa Central pf...	150	23	23	23	22
Illinois Central..	2,445	101½	97¼	97¼	102
Ill. C. leased l....	22	91¼	91¼	91¼	91¼
Kanawha & Mich.	56	15½	15½	15½	—
Laclede Gas.....	13,121	20½	18¼	18½	18¾
Laclede Gas pf...	1,611	60	55	60	55
L. E. & Western..	750	14¼	14	14	14¾
L. E. & West. pf..	2,425	57½	56¼	56¼	56⅝
Lake Shore.....	3,450	107¾	107	107	107½
Long Island.....	334	87	86½	86½	88
Louis. & Nash....	34,720	78½	72¾	72½	77¾
Lo., E. & St. L. pf	210	65	55	55	57
Lo., St. L. & Tex.	600	17½	17	17½	18
Louis., N. A. & C.	420	25	24	25	24
Manhattan Con..	1,930	101¾	102¾	102¾	102½
Maryland Coal...	200	16	15¼	16	17
Mexican Central.	710	24¼	23	23¾	23½
Michigan Central	415	92½	91	91	92
Mil., L. S. & W....	360	90	88	88	93
Mil., L. S. & W. pf.	135	111	109	110¼	111
Minn. & St. L.....	500	6	6	6	6
Minn. & St. L. pf.	100	12	12	12	12
Missouri Pacific..	15,166	66½	63⅝	63⅝	66¼
Mo., Kan. & T....	625	14	12¾	13	14
Mo., K. & T. pf...	1,081	23	22	22	22
Mobile & Ohio....	213	28½	28	28	28
Morris & Essex..	200	146½	146½	146½	146¾
Nat. Linseed Oil.	750	40½	39½	39½	40
*Nat. Lead Trust	52,365	21	19⅛	19⅛	20¾
Nash., C. & St. L.	100	93	93	93	—
New Cent. Coal..	115	11½	11½	11½	11
N. J. Central.....	1,017	116	112¾	113¾	114½
N. Y. Central.....	1,615	102¼	100¾	101	103
N. Y. & Nor. pf..	200	16	15	15	16¾
N. Y. & N. Eng...	43,561	38¾	36	37⅞	41¼
N. Y. & N. H.....	247	270	270	270	262½
N. Y., C. & St. L..	515	12¾	12⅛	12⅜	13⅛
N. Y., C. & St. L. 1st pf	410	63	62¾	63	63½
N. Y. C. & St. L. 2d pf.	860	28¼	24⅝	25	24¼
N. Y., L. & W.....	399	107¾	107	107¾	107½
N. Y., L. E. & W..	1,915	20½	19¾	19¾	20⅝
N. Y., L. E. & W. pf..	300	51½	51	51	52
N. Y., S. & W.....	920	9	8½	8½	9
N. Y., S. & W. pf..	1,000	33¾	31½	31¾	33½
Norfolk & West..	125	16½	16½	16½	16⅝
Norfolk & W. pf..	1,170	56	55	55	57
North Am. Co....	17,604	17¾	15½	15½	16½
Northern Pacific.	20,367	28¾	26¼	27	27¾
Northern Pac. pf.	42,649	71⅝	69½	69⅞	70⅞
Ohio Southern...	200	16¾	16¼	16¼	16¾
Ontario Mining..	5	44	44	44	43½
Ontario & West..	3,408	16⅝	16⅛	16⅜	16¾
Oregon Imp.....	870	26¼	24	24⅞	25¼
Oregon R. & N....	420	79	75	77½	82
Oregon S. L.....	1,366	22½	21¼	21½	23
Pacific Mail.....	2,765	34⅝	33¼	33½	34⅛
Peo., Dec. & Evan.	830	17½	17	17½	17
Phila. & Reading.	6,832	33½	32½	32½	33½
Pitts. C., C. & St. L.	20	15¼	15¼	15¼	14
P., C., C. & St. L. pf.	270	51½	51	51	54
Pitts. & W. pf....	300	32½	32½	32½	32½
Pitts., Ft. W. & C.	50	149	149	149	150¼
Pull. Pal. Car Co.	1,170	192	187	189¾	191
Quicksilver.....	128	6½	6⅛	6½	6⅞
Rio Grande W....	1,140	29½	29¼	29¼	28½
Rio Grande W. pf.	786	65	64	64½	65¼
Rich. & W. P.	58,537	18⅝	17¾	18	18¼
Rich. & W. P. pf.	1,550	73	71½	72½	73½
R., W. & O.....	107	103	103	103	103
St. L. & S. F. 1st pf.	200	62½	61	61	70
St. P. & Duluth...	415	24¾	24	24½	25
St. P. & Dul. pf...	10	85½	85½	85½	89½
St. P., M. & M....	10	104	104	104	105
Silver bul. ctfs.	1,438,000	106¾	103	105¾	106
South Carolina..	106	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4¼
Southern Pacific.	1,930	24	23¾	23⅝	23¾
*Sugar Ref. Co...	15,055	80	76¼	78¼	79¾
Tenn. C. & Iron..	2,537	37¾	36	36	37½
Tenn. C. & I. pf..	110	83	83	83	86
Tol. & O. C. pf...	100	87	87	87	81¼
Tol., A. A. & N. M.	1,270	19¼	18¼	19	18¾
Texas Pacific.....	4,300	15⅞	15	15	15¾
Union Pacific....	54,065	46	44	44	45⅛
U. P., Den. & Gulf	1,025	23	21⅞	21⅞	23
U. S. Express....	99	70	68	68¼	67
Wabash.....	855	10¼	10	10	10¾
Wabash pf.....	3,640	20⅞	18⅞	18⅞	20¼
Western U. Tel...	6,070	80	78¾	78¾	79
Wheeling & L. E..	3,643	32¼	31	31	32⅛
Wheel. & L. E. pf.	1,716	72	70	70⅛	73⅛
Wisconsin Cent..	1,215	22½	20⅞	20⅞	22½

Total sales of unlisted stocks, 80,752 shares.
*Unlisted.

Business at the New York Stock Exchange for the week compares as follows with that of the corresponding week last year:—

	Jan. 25, 1890.	Jan. 24, 1891.	Differences.	
Stocks (shares)	1,186,486	733,839	Dec.	452,647
Bank stocks...	473	279	Dec.	193
R. R. bonds..	$10,536,860	$6,028,000	Dec.	$4,508,860
State bonds...	523,400	25,000	Dec.	498,400
Gov't bonds...	123,450	57,000	Dec.	66,450
Silv'r b.cer(oz)	—	1,438,000		—
	Unlisted Securities.			
Bonds.....	$28,000	$183,000	Inc.	$155,000
Sug. Refin. Co.	106,578	15,055	Dec.	91,523
Other stocks..	100,781	65,697	Dec.	35,084
Min'g stocks..	7,524	6,300	Dec.	1,224
Pennsylv. Oil.	1,653,000	148,000	Dec.	1,505,000
Ohio Oil.....	—	3,000		—

FINANCIAL.

A.— OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW YORK, Jan. 21, 1891.

The Trustees, in conformity with the charter of the company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st of December, 1890:—

Premiums on Marine Risks from 1st January, 1890, to 31st December, 1890....	$9,829,331 19
Premiums on Policies not marked off 1st January, 1890.....	1,357,821 14
Total Marine Premiums.....	$5,187,152 33
Premiums marked off from 1st January, 1890, to 31st December, 1890.....	$3,792,974 46
Losses paid during the same period.....	$1,423,467 21
Returns of Premiums and Expenses.....	$753,158 86

The Company has the following Assets, viz.:—

United States and State of New York Stock, City, Bank and other Stocks.....	$7,593,315 00
Loans secured by Stocks and otherwise....	2,269,000 00
Real Estate and Claims due the company estimated at.....	1,118,562 11
Premium Notes and Bills Receivable.....	1,345,029 39
Cash in Bank.....	108,428 18
Amount.....	$12,527,334 68

Six per cent interest on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof or their legal representatives on and after Tuesday, the 3d of February next.

The outstanding certificates of the issue of 1886 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof or their legal representatives on and after Tuesday, the 3d of February next, from which date all interest thereon will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment, and cancelled.

A dividend of 40 per cent is declared on the net earned premiums of the company for the year ending 31st December, 1890, for which certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday, the 5th of May next.

By order of the Board.

J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

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WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD STOCK AND BONDS FOR SALE.

A. H. MULLER & SON, Auctioneers, will sell 100 Shares of stock (par value $50), and $7,500 of six per cent 10—40 bonds dated July 1, 1889, convertible into stock when right to increase obtained, at the REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE, 59 Liberty st., New York city, on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4, 1891, at 12:30 P. M. The stock pays 20 per cent dividends. The bonds are issued for the purpose of cabling the road which runs the three principal surface lines in Washington, D. C. A valuable investment. Frank Moss, Executor estate M. G. Lane, deceased, 93 Nassau st., New York city.

S. B. Brague, Attorney Estate, 93 Nassau st., New York.

Dividends.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, JAN. 22, 1891.

The transfer books of the general first mortgage 4 per cent registered bonds of the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago Railway Company will close at the office of the Central Trust Company of New York, MONDAY, January 26, 1891, at 3 P. M., preparatory to the payment of the quarterly interest thereon due February 1, 1891, and will reopen on February 2, 1891, at 10 A. M. E. F. OSBORN, Secretary.

OFFICE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15, 1891.

ONE DOLLAR PER SHARE on the capital stock of this company will be paid on and after February 1, 1891, on presentation and surrender of Dividend Warrant No. 24, at the office of the Southern Pacific company, No. 23 Broad st., New York city.

Transfer books will be closed at two o'clock P. M. January 20 and opened at ten o'clock A. M. February 4.

By order of the Board of Directors.

E. H. MILLER, Jr., Secretary.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, NEW YORK, Jan. 23, 1891.

The coupons of the Denver City Irrigation and Water Company, due February 1, 1891, may be presented to this bank for payment. E. H. PULLEN, Cashier.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

A GENTLEMAN WHO IS RESIDENT OF LONDON, who is about to return, would like to correspond with parties who would like their business represented in England. Address A. PARTRIDGE, 247 West 11th st., city.

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TWELVE PEDLERS FINED.

JUSTICE FORD DECIDES THAT THEY MUST CARRY LICENSE AND BADGE OR RISK ARREST.

Hucksters and other pedlers are allowed on Saturday nights to occupy Ninth avenue, between Thirty-ninth and Forty-second streets, and frequently a man that has a license employs one or more helpers.

The police made a descent on the pedlers on Saturday night and arrested James McKiernan, Jacob Aarons, Peter Spinetti, Benjamin Grazier, Peter Blauser, Maurice Fitzstandish, John Breinhardt, Jacob Goetz, Michael Reader, Samuel Greenburger, Samuel Phillips and Louis Schaeffer.

The men that were arrested either had no licenses or did not have both licenses and badges with them. Justice Ford, in the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday decided that each helper must also have a license, and that pedlers must carry both license and badge or be liable to arrest.

Under this ruling he fined each of the men named $5 and costs.

CAUGHT STEALING SHOES.

Detective Alonclo, of Inspector Byrnes' staff, on the Bowery on Saturday night saw Thomas Rice, a printer, of No. 28 Madison street, stealing a pair of shoes from in front of Herman Barkhowitz's store at No. 379.

He arrested Rice with the shoes in his hand, and in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday Rice was held.

REAL ESTATE STEADY, WITH NOTEWORTHY SALES.

Capitalists and Trustees of Estates Show in a Marked Degree Their Confidence in the Market.

NEW WEST SIDE HOTEL PROJECT.

Men on the Exchange Are Watching the Progress and Prospects of Rapid Transit Plans in the Legislature.

It is a singular fact that some of the novices in the real estate market point to the record of public sales held in a single week as a criterion showing the status of this market.

Nothing is more delusive.

Whether the auction room disposes of $100,000 or $500,000 of property does not at all reflect the actual condition of this market.

During the week, when so many adjournments of bulletined sales were announced, the HERALD gave the reason. Money was to be had at lower rates than before, and those who were "held up" by foreclosure suits instituted six weeks or two months ago have been able to protect themselves by borrowing money at lower rates of interest, and thus have knocked out not only the referees in charge of the suits instituted against them, but also the auctioneers selected by the referees. The foreclosure sales in many instances have been abandoned.

THE MARKET'S INHERENT STRENGTH.

Of course these adjournments lessened the sum total of public sales on the Exchange.

The sales effected at private contracts away from the auction stands, however, revealed a steady and increasing desire for permanent investment, especially by capitalists.

More than this, the determination on the part of trustees, guardians and managers of estates to trust the present investment market is shown by the magnificent properties that are to be offered for sale this week. The HERALD'S Sunday column of auction sales is the very best test of the confidence reposed in New York's realty to-day. Parcels down town and up town, all bringing in good incomes, are safely trusted to the investing public.

THE PURCHASES OF VACANT LOTS.

There is also a continued and steady, though not a rushing accumulation of vacant lots by both investors who will and builders who must improve them. The daily real estate reports in the HERALD during the past week gave ample evidence of this. The additional purchase of the Seventy-first street corner of Central Park West by Jacob Rothschild is only one of the negotiations now proceeding steadily. Of course the erection of a fourteen story hotel along this Eighth avenue front just secured is a prodigious factor in that section.

Yet, though large, it does not stand alone. A well known builder has also secured five lots on the south side of West Sixty-fourth street, east of Tenth avenue, for $50,000 during the past week. Negotiations along the Boulevard have also become exceedingly active of late.

Again, during the week the southeast corner of Fourth and Greene streets was sold for $195,000.

ONE EYE ON ALBANY.

As to the rapid transit question, everybody is in a fog. No transactions based on any of the proposed schemes have as yet been consummated, nor will there be until the fog lifts.

"The Austin Corbin scheme may benefit the suburbs, but does not help us," said a leading west side owner; and that sentiment was reflected in the Harlem rapid transit meeting on Saturday, when one of the speakers declared that "we should consider the requirements of New York proper before thinking of tunnels or bridges to outlying districts."

GOSSIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The public sales bulletined for the current week include certain downtown properties, which cannot fail to make matters exceedingly lively in the public market. The most important of these sales takes place on Thursday. On that day Richard V. Harnett will sell a valuable holding on Wall street, known as No. 65, a five story building on lot 25.11x103.9.

The estate of the deceased pawnbroker, William Simpson, comprising the southeast corner of the Bowery and Broome street, will also be disposed of on the same day.

Property on Washington and West streets, on Third and Park avenues, forming part of the estate of Henry Barteld, will be sold by D. Phœnix Ingraham & Co.

The estate of David R. Briggs, located in New York, Kings and Queens counties, will continue two days. The New York and Queens county parcels will be sold in this city to-morrow, and the Kings county holdings on the Brooklyn Exchange on Wednesday. Jere Johnson, Jr., and J. Thomas Stearns have charge of both of these sales.

Also to-morrow John F. B. Smyth will sell downtown properties on Catharine street; also on East Broadway, near Essex street.

The following equally interesting sales are to be held to-morrow:—By A. H. Muller & Son, Nos. 4, 6, 8 and 10 Burling slip and southwest corner of Water street, also the southeast corner of Rivington and Ludlow streets; by Solomon de Waltearns, the northeast corner of Third avenue and Forty-sixth street, forming part of the estate of Ernest Lieblich; by Smyth & Ryan, on Wednesday, the northeast corner of Varick and Downing streets.

Broker J. Jay Smith has sold at private contract for Joseph L. Ryan the northeast corner of Seventy-eighth street and First avenue, 52x94, for $47,500.

Morris P. Baer & Co. have sold for Mrs. J. Harriman the northeast corner of Sixty-fourth street and Lexington avenue for $19,125; also No. 350 West Twenty-ninth street, 16.8x98.9, for $16,000.

ELOPED WITH HER BOARDER.

JOHN STUMMEL TAKES HIS WIFE'S DESERTION PHILOSOPHICALLY.

John Stummel, a hard working German, who is employed in the ropewalk at Elizabeth, N. J., is in a dilemma over the elopement of his wife with a young German who boarded in his family. Mrs. Stummel is an attractive looking woman, about thirty years of age.

Some time ago her husband thought it would be a good idea to have a few of his fellow workmen board at his house. Among the boarders was a good looking German known as Herman, who spoke little or no English.

Stummel did not know of the intimacy between this man and his wife until he returned home from work one night last week and found his dwelling apartments cold and cheerless. His wife was missing and she had taken also her personal effects in her flight. The good looking boarder was also missing, and Stummel learned that his wife and the boarder had gone away together.

Stummel has since received a letter from his wife in which she says she has gone to Chicago to live there with Herman. She advised him to sell the furniture and try to forget her.

Stummel says that he will not bother himself any more about his wife and will stick to his work in the ropewalk.

VERY SORRY HE ELOPED.

S. B. Nichols, of Cold Spring, and Mrs. Sarah A. Gross, of Huntington, L. I., several months ago eloped, taking with them Mrs. Gross' three children. Nichols left a wife and family. Nothing was heard of them until a few weeks ago, when Nicholas wrote a letter from Denver, Col., to his wife asking her to forgive him and let him return home. Friends subscribed money sufficient to pay his way back, and the repentant husband is now with his family.

Word was received yesterday by one of Mrs. Gross' friends, in Huntington, that she intended to return just as soon as she recovered from an attack of sickness which had forced her to go to a hospital. In her letter she promised to make things lively when she got back.

DOCTORS AND LAWYERS DINE.

The eighth annual dinner of the Society of Medical Jurisprudence was held on Saturday evening at Sherry's. Among those present were General Thomas Ewing, the Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton, Judge McAdam, the president; Dr. Carlos F. McDonald, Surgeon General William A. Hammond, F. Hopkinson Smith and a numerous contingent of lawyers.

General Ewing called attention to the purity and industry of our judges. "That very fact," said he, "makes the failures of justice harder to bear than the law. The delays in the administration of the law make our courts a refuge for scoundrels. Crime flies with the wings of Mercury, but Justice pursues it on a crutch. One of the greatest reforms needed to-day is that reform which will put an end to this scandalous misuse of the strong hand of the law."

Dr. Paxton told an interesting story of his meeting with Guiteau just before the assassination of President Garfield and the antagonism within him which the murderer inspired. He passed Guiteau in the station just before the shooting and the latter half rose to speak to him, but he passed out on the platform without really seeing him.

"If his eye had caught mine," he said, "I believe that Garfield would be alive and well to-day."

Other speeches were made by Drs. Hammond and Spitzka, F. Hopkinson Smith, W. B. Hornblower and others.

WITH A BIG DINNER.

THREE CLASSES AND THE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI WILL JOIN IN A CELEBRATION.

The annual dinner of the Alumni Association of the University of the City of New York, at the Hotel Brunswick, on Thursday evening, will be the occasion or anniversary celebrations by the classes of 1841, 1866 and 1881, respectively.

Rev. Thomas Hastings, D. D.; Seth Low, Dr. Henry M. McCracken, Dr. Alfred M. Loomis, Joseph Auerbach, Frank Le Witt Talmage and President Henry M. Noyes will be among the speakers.

Among other guests who have signified their intention to attend are Charles Butler, William A. Wheelock, Professor Charles B. Brush, John E. Parsons, William S. Opdike, William Allen Butler, Judge Charles M. Van Brunt, Judge George M. Van Hoesen, General Daniel E. Sickles, Senator William D. Edwards, Dr. Howard Crosby, Dr. Israel C. Pearson, Professor I. P. Russell, Henry Seligman, Professor J. J. Stephenson, William F. Havemeyer, Charles S. Webb, George Monroe, John H. Inman, T. Addison Richards, L. B. Skidmore, W. L. Andrews, Dr. Stephen Smith, Robert Schell, Ira W. Steward, J. V. S. Wooley, E. H. Litchfield, H. C. Insley Pardee, Rev. F. Leroy Satterlee, Judge Mayer S. Isaacs, Judge John C. Gray, Moses B. Maclay, William J. Roome, Professor George W. Coakley and Professor Richard H. Bull.

The music will be by the Royal Hungarian Orchestra and the entire affair is under the direction of Mr. A. B. De Freece.

The officers of the alumni association are:—President, Dr. Henry D. Noyes; Vice President, Albert B. Monroe; Register, Dr. Henry M. Baird; Secretary, Lewis C. Whiton, and Treasurer, A. B. De Freece.

TWENTY-EIGHT WATCHES IN PAWN.

BURGOYNE CLAIMED TO BE A REPAIRER AND SECURED MANY TIMEPIECES.

J. C. Burgoyne, a clever confidence man with a new game, has reached the end of his tether and is now in prison awaiting trial.

Burgoyne, who is a Frenchman about forty years old, claimed to be a repairing jeweller with a shop at No. 30 John street. He would call upon people, women usually, and solicit watches to repair at much below the regular rates. Ladies' watches are generally out of repair for some reason or other, and Burgoyne secured many timepieces without giving any security. But he never returned one of them.

Among his victims was Marie Cozel, a French laundress of No. 117 West Thirtieth street, who had given him her gold watch, worth $23, on December 20. She complained to the police a few days ago and on Saturday Detective Cooney, of the First street police station, arrested Burgoyne.

He had twenty-eight pawn tickets, each calling for a watch, in his possession. Two of the pawn tickets, two years old, were for watches pawned in Detroit and Toronto.

Several other complainants appeared when Burgoyne was arraigned yesterday before Justice Ford in the Jefferson Market Police Court. He pleaded guilty to four charges and was held in $300 in each case.

Burgoyne gave as an excuse for his crimes that he had no money and no work and said that he had pawned the watches to buy food and lodging.

RETAIL GROCERS' PROTEST.

THE NAME OF THE MERCANTILE EXCHANGE USED WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

The Retail Grocers' Union, through their president, Mr. H. L. Dreyer, have addressed an open letter to President Snyder, of the Mercantile Exchange, protesting against the use of the name of the Exchange by the Fruit and Vegetable Association. The principal object of the latter organization is said to be the defeat of the ordinance regulating the sale of fruits and vegetables in this city by weight. This ordinance is now pending before the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Callanan, chairman of the retail grocers' committee appointed to investigate the case and a member of the Mercantile Exchange, when seen last evening said:—"The protest of the retailers is now in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Exchange. No action has yet been taken. The Exchange would never think of consenting to the use of its influence to defeat an ordinance looking to some fair standard of weights and measurements. It could not afford to do so. The ordinance would have been a law two years ago if Mayor Hewitt had not vetoed it because it did not include the retailers. The ordinance now pending includes all classes of dealers."

FUNERAL OF DR. RECTOR.

The funeral of the late Dr. Pierson Rector took place from St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon. The church was packed with people, and hundreds crowded the sidewalk. It was a gathering in which rich and poor jostled each other for advantage.

Dr. Rector was popular with both classes. He gladly gave his services to the poor without the slightest hope of being remunerated.

Van Houten Grand Army Post, the Union League Club, of which he was treasurer, the Palma Club, and several other societies of which he was a member were represented. The interment was at Jersey City Cemetery.

Dr. Rector cut his hand while performing an operation to save a poor patient's life. The wound absorbed the poison and death resulted from pyæmia.

EITHER RUM OR RED PEPPER.

Joseph Higgins, a horseshoer, of No. 149 West Thirtieth street, smashed a fifty dollar plate glass window in the restaurant of Edward Pond, at No. 353 Seventh avenue, on Saturday night.

In the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday Higgins testified that somebody in the restaurant threw a box of pepper at him. The pepper blinded him, and in his efforts to escape he fell through the window. The proprietor, however, told Justice Ford that Higgins, who was drunk, smashed the window with a billet of wood because he declined to serve him with food.

Higgins was held in $300 for the Court of Special Sessions.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

The mortality report of the Health Department for New York city during last week is as follows:—

Cause of Death, &c.	Week Ending Jan. 24.	Week Ending Jan. 17.	Average for Past Five Years.
Smallpox.....	0	0	7
Measles.....	33	18	22