STATEMENT of the GREAT WESTERN (Marine) INSURANCE COMPANY, made for the first fiscal year, ending Dec. 31, 1856.

Gross Premiums received for Marine risks		$2,518,708 89
Premiums marked off and earned	$1,963,931 23	
Interest received on loans and investments	34,090 81	
Total	$1,993,022 04	
Less Return Premiums	193,769 60	
Making net earnings of the Company		$1,804,252 44
Losses adjusted and paid, less salvages	$810,893 75	
Reinsurance and disc't on premiums	33,355 40	
Expenses and commissions of all kinds	82,934 36	
July dividend of Interest paid stockholders	27,504 93	
Total		$1,009,435 94
Net earnings on hand Dec. 31, 1856		$794,836 50
To be distributed as follows:		
Retained to pay losses which may accrue from all disasters heard of to date	$270,000 00	
January dividend of interest to stockholders, 3½ per cent	17,500 00	
		287,500 00
Leaving net profits applicable to dividends		$507,336 50

The same being 32 5-10 per cent on the earned premiums marked off without loss to be divided according to the provisions of the charter; one quarter to the stockholders, payable on and after February 10; and three-quarters to the policy-holders on and after April 1st proximo.

The Directors of the Company have resolved, on the foregoing result, to declare a dividend of TWENTY FIVE PER CENT PROFITS, and THREE AND A HALF PER CENT INTEREST, payable in cash, to the stockholders, and TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT IN SCRIP TO THE POLICY HOLDERS on the amount of their Premiums, terminated without loss payable at the periods above indicated.

The Company have the following Assets:

City Bonds, Bonds and Mortgages and Loans on demand, with interest due thereon	$239,698 59
Premium Notes and Bills Receivable	1,456,575 65
Cash in Bank	101,785 64
Unsettled accounts	71,612 09
Assets December 31, 1856	$1,869,671 37
Subscription for additional Capital:	
First installment paid in Cash the 2d instant	$138,875 00
Second installment payable the 20th instant, in Cash	361,125 00
Total Assets	$2,369,671 37

DOUGLAS ROBINSON, Secretary.
Great Western Insurance Co., Jan. 14, 1857.

TRUSTEES.
W. C. PICKERSGILL, GEORGE GRISWOLD, Jr.,
JOHN L. ASPINWALL, N. CHANDLER,
ROBERT M. OLYPHANT, HENRY F. SPAULDING,
R. CALDWELL, WM. G. LANE,
JOHN ALLEN, ROBERT SPEDDING,
WM. H. GUION, SAMUEL BATES,
ADRIAN ISELIN, J. B. JOHNSTON,
THOS. RICHARDSON, WM. M. EVARTS,
JOHN H. ELLIOTT, F. W. REIMER,
JOHN POTTS BROWN, GEORGE BLISS,
JAMES W. PHILLIPS, JAMES T. SOUTTER,
GEORGE BARNES, G. G. SAMPSON,
A. LACHAISE, JAMES M. BROWN,
CHARLES H. DABNEY, JAMES BENKARD,
WM. LOESCHIGK, FREDERICK C. GEBHARD,
P. P. RODOCANACHI, SAMUEL B. CALDWELL,
T. B. CURTIS, GEO. W. HENNINGS,
E. L. TRENHOLM.
RICHARD LATHERS, President.
JOHN A. PARKER, Vice-President.
JAMES F. COX, 2d Vice-President.
THOS. B. CURTIS, Resident Vice-Pres't, Boston.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK GAS LIGHT COMPANY, January 27, 1857.

AT an election held at this office on the 12th inst. the following named gentlemen were chosen Directors of this Company for the ensuing year:
WILLIAM W. FOX, JOHN W. LIVINGSTON,
JOHN J. PALMER, J. PHILLIPS PHOENIX,
JOSEPH KERNOCHAN, GUY RICHARDS,
NAJAH TAYLOR, EDWARD J. WOOLSEY,
JOSEPH WALKER, JOSEPH SAMPSON,
THOMAS W. PEARSALL, LINDLEY M. HOFFMAN,
WILLIAM A. HADDEN.
At a subsequent meeting of the Board WILLIAM W. FOX was unanimously reelected President, John MOWTON, Manager, and C. L. EVERITT, Secretary.

BANK DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, Jan. 18, 1857.

THE BANK OF COMMERCE OF PUTNAM COUNTY (Carmel) has this day filed in this office a notice of the appointment of THE NEW-YORK EXCHANGE BANK, in the City of New-York, as Agent for the redemption of its Circulating Notes, together with a revocation of the appointment of Kelley, Townsend & Co. as such Agents, agreeably to the act entitled "An act to amend the several acts relating to Incorporated Banks, Banking Associations and Individual Bankers," passed April 17, 1851.
JAMES M. COOK, Superintendent.

OFFICE OF THE GALENA AND CHICAGO U. R. R. Co., CHICAGO, Jan. 8, 1857.

NOTICE to STOCKHOLDERS.—Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of THE GALENA AND CHICAGO UNION RAILROAD COMPANY that the Transfer Books at this Office will be closed on the 25th day of January instant, preparatory to the payment of the February dividend, and reopened on the 2d day of February next.
W. M. LARRABEE, Secretary.

BANK DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, Jan. 3, 1856.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided, that all the CIRCULATING NOTES issued to the CAMDEN BANK (a Banking Association, Camden, Oneida Co.) must be presented at the office of the Superintendent of the Banking Department of the State of New-York, for payment, within TWO YEARS from the date hereof, or the funds deposited for the redemption of the Circulating Notes issued to the said Bank will be given up.
ja6 law2yS M. SCHOONMAKER, Superintendent.

BANK DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, Jan. 16, 1857.

THE MERCHANTS' AND FARMERS' BANK (Ithaca), has this day filed in this office a notice of the appointment of THE MERCANTILE BANK, in the City of New-York, as agent for the redemption of its circulating notes, together with a revocation of the Albany Exchange Bank as such agent, agreeable to the act entitled: "An Act to amend the several acts relating to Incorporated Banks, Banking Associations and Individual Bankers," passed April 17, 1851.
JAMES M. COOK, Superintendent.

GALENA and CHICAGO UNION RAILROAD—The second Mortgage SINKING FUND BONDS of this Company, due in 1875, interest at 7 per cent, payable half yearly in New-York, are for sale by
STRACHAN & SCOTT, No. 51 William-st.

D. W. VAUGHAN & Co., Providence, R. I., BANKERS and BROKERS, are prepared to negotiate Commercial Paper, to make Collections in all parts of the country, to buy and sell STOCKS on COMMISSION, and to act as AGENTS for parties abroad in the transaction of any business.
REFERENCES—Mr. T. D. Bowen, President Blackstone Canal Bank, Providence, R. I.; Mr. D. C. Baker, President Howard Banking Company, Boston; Messrs. G. S. Robbins & Son, New-York; Messrs. John Farnum & Co., Philadelphia.

REMITTANCES to ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND and WALES.
WE ISSUE SIGHT BILLS ON THE
UNION BANK OF LONDON,
NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND,
BELFAST BANKING COMPANY, Ireland,
in sums of £1 upward, at $5 per £.
Address
TAYLOR BROTHERS, Bankers, No. 76 Wall-st., N. Y.

J. T. VANDERHOOF, STOCK COMMISSION BROKER, No. 17 William-st. Loans negotiated.

Sales by Auction.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION.—SALE of VALUABEE PROPERTY on the S. W. corner of WEST BROADWAY and THOMAS-ST.—Messrs. A. J. BLEECKER & Co. will sell at public auction on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 28, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, the following valuable property, viz:
On the S. W. corner West Broadway and Thomas-st., the PREMISES situated on the southwest corner of West Broadway and Thomas-st., being in size 25 feet on both streets, and running 57 feet deep from Thomas-st., with the exception of a strip on West Broadway 15x25, which the owner is willing to dispose of. For maps, &c., apply to the Auctioneers, No. 7 Broad-st. (324)

A. M. MERWIN, Auctioneer.

BY BANGS, BROTHER & Co.—Trade Sale-Rooms, No. 13 Park row.
SIXTY-FIFTH NEW-YORK TRADE SALE,
To be commenced on TUESDAY, March 17, 1857.
BANGS BROTHER & Co. respectfully announce the next regular TRADE SALE of BOOKS, STEREOTYPE PLATES, STATIONERY, PAPERS, &c., and solicit consignments. Particulars for the Catalogue should be furnished immediately.
The regulations will be the same as at last sale.
The Catalogue will go to press early in this month.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE PROPERTY on PARK PLACE—ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at Auction on THURSDAY, Jan. 29, 1857, at 12 o'clock m., at the Merchants' Exchange, by order the TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE, 15 of the choicest Lots in the center of the business part of the City of New-York, varying in size from 25 feet to 29 feet 8 inches front and rear, and from 75 feet to 90 feet deep, situated on the northerly side of Park-place and embracing the entire front from Church-st. to College-place and now in the occupancy of the College. Three quarters of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage for 5 years at 7 per cent per annum, and can be paid off at any time by giving the Trustees 30 days' notice. Possession will be given on or before the 10th day of May next. Maps can be obtained at the office of the auctioneer, No. 38 Wall-st. (2,060)

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' PEREMPTORY SALE of BROADWAY and 56th-st. PROPERTY—ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at Auction on TUESDAY, Jan. 27, 1857, at 12 o'clock m., at the Merchants' Exchange, by order of the undersigned Executors of Catharine Comino, deceased.
BROADWAY—5 Lots commencing on the south-east corner of Broadway and 56th-st.
56TH-STREET—6 Lots on the south side of 56th-st. in the rear of the above.
For Maps and further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, No. 38 Wall-st.
PETER A. HEGEMAN, CORNELIUS WESTERFIELD, } Executors.
(2691)

HENRY H. LEEDS & Co., will sell on SATURDAY, Jan. 24, at 12 o'clock, in front of store No. 23 Nassau-st.
ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE—A Sorrel Horse, 15 hands high, eight years old, sound and kind in all harness; can trot in 3½ minutes.
Also, set Silver Mounted Harness, cost $60 last Spring.
Also, 1 Portland Sleigh, cost $75.
Also, Robes, Blankets, Whips, &c.
Also, a Single Wagon, made by one of the best city makers.
The above will be sold without reserve.

HENRY H. LEEDS & Co. will sell, on SATURDAY, Jan. 24, at 12 o'clock, in front of the store No. 23 Nassau-st., a pair of handsome Bay Carriage HORSES, 16 hands high, 7 and 8 years old, and fast.
Also, a fashionable London-made BAROUCHE, with improvement springs and canopy for Winter use. Also, an elegant set double silver plated HARNESS. The Horses will be sold separately or together, if desired. They can be seen at New-York Hotel Livery Stable, No. 721 Mercer-st., at any time previous to the sale.

CORPORATION SALE of REAL ESTATE—Public notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the authority vested in them by the laws of the State, and the ordinances of the Common Council, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, of the City of New-York, will sell at public auction under the direction of the Comptroller, E. H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of February, 1857, at noon, at the Merchants' Exchange, in the City of New-York, the following Real Estate, viz:

1st. The three-story brick building formerly occupied as an engine house, and the lot, No. 49 Chrystie—that portion of the lot not occupied by the engine house is under lease till May 1st, 1868, at the annual rent of $100, and the property will be sold subject to the lease recorded in book of special leases, page 161, in the Comptroller's office.

2d. Two lots on the west side of the Bowery (as extended), between James street and Roosevelt street.

3d. Six lots, with the buildings thereon, on the southerly side of Chatham street and the westerly side of Pearl street, now known as Nos. 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121 Chatham street, and Nos. 457, 459 and 461 Pearl street.

4th. Three lots, now known as Nos. 451, 453 and 455 Pearl street, will be sold separately, subject to the conditions of the lease of the same recorded in leases of city lots, page 165, in the Comptroller's office, and which will expire on the first day of May, 1859; the purchaser of each of the lots will be entitled to receive $283 33 1-3 per annum of the rent reserved by the lease, after the first day of May next, and will be required to assume the covenants of the lease in regard to the payments for buildings at the expiration of the lease.

5th. The lot on the north-west corner of William and Pearl streets, now known as No. 449 Pearl street and No. 271 William street, subject to conditions of the lease of the same, recorded in leases of city lots, page 172, in the Comptroller's office, and which will expire on the first day of May, 1858; the purchaser of this lot will be entitled to receive the rent reserved in the lease of $562 50-100 per annum after the first day of May next, and will be required to assume the conditions of the lease in regard to the payments for buildings at the expiration of the lease.

6th. The house and lot on north side of 5th street, commencing 80 feet west of the 2d avenue, lot 20 feet front and rear, and 24 feet 7 inches deep on both sides, house 15 feet by 24 feet 9 inches.

7th. The house and lot north side of 12th street, commencing 213 feet west of Avenue C, lot 25 feet front and rear by 103 feet 3 inches deep on both sides, with three-story brick building on the front of the lot, 20 feet wide and 40 feet deep, lately built for an engine house, the rear of the lot is covered by and occupied as a foundry.

8th. Four lots on south side of 52d street, commencing 90 feet west of Lexington avenue.

9th. Thirty-six lots being the southerly half of the block between 74th and 75th streets, and the 3d and 4th avenues.

10th. Thirty-six lots, being the southerly part of the block between 80th and 81st streets, and 3d and 4th avenues.

11th. Twelve lots on 115th street and 117th street, between the 3d and 4th avenues.

Full covenant warrantee deeds will be given.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent of the purchase money, and the auctioneer's fees of $5 per lot, to be paid to the Collector of the City Revenue on the day of sale; fifteen per cent on the first day of May next, when the deeds will be ready for delivery; the remainder of the purchase money (seventy-five per cent) may remain on bond and mortgage at the option of the purchaser, for five years from the first day of May, 1857, with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

Lithographic maps of the property may be had at the Comptroller's office, No. 5 Hall of Records, after the 27th inst.
FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor.
A. C. FLAGG, Comptroller.
JAMES M. SMITH, Jun., Recorder.
A. V. STOUT, Chamberlain.
THOMAS McSPEDON, Ch. Fin. Com. Board Ald.
T. JONES, Jun., Ch. Fin. Com. Board Councilmen.
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.
FINANCE DEPARTMENT, Comptroller's Office, January 20, 1857.

HENRY H. LEEDS & Co. will sell on SATURDAY, Jan. 24, at 11 o'clock, at the Salesroom No. 23 Nassau-st., Executor's Sale of a PRIVATE LIBRARY, containing about 900 VOLUMES of CHOICE, STANDARD and RARE BOOKS, among which will be found the complete works of Shakespeare, Byron, Milton, Moore, Burns, Scott, Cowper, White, Bulwer; also Gibbon's History of Rome, Macauley's England, Ramsay and Prescott's United States, History of the Lives of the Queens of England, Nineveh, Poems of Mrs. Hemans, Hannah More and others. Also a large collection of Religious Works, &c. Also the works of Rousseau, Fontaine, Voltaire, Histoire Russie, Aventures de Telemaque, Histoire de France; and numerous others in French, Spanish and Italian.

RUSSELL W. WESTCOTT, Auctioneer.

SPLENDID HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, rich SILVER WARE, &c., at AUCTION, on MONDAY, Jan. 26, at No. 152 West 21st-st., commencing at 10½ o'clock.—This sale will be positive, without regard to weather, and is worthy the special attention of housekeepers, as combining a rare and valuable assortment of elegant rosewood furniture and house furnishing articles, being the entire splendid arrangements of the above first-class house, catalogues of which will be ready on the morning of sale. Furniture consists in part of splendid rosewood Pianoforte, with pearl keys, used but two months, with every modern improvement; rosewood parlor furniture en suite, in brocatelle and medallion tapestry; Center and Pier Tables, with marble tops; two rich carved Etageres, with marble tops and plated doors; superb Carpets—Rugs to match; Consoles in buhl work; rosewood Secretary; French Escritoir; rich Oval and Pier Mirrors; Chandeliers, splendid Marble Vases and Ornaments; Clock runs one year; Oil Paintings, Bronzes, &c.; Lace Curtains, Shades; Chambers splendidly furnished in rosewood Bureaus, Washstands, Bedsteads, Commodes, &c., all of the best description, made to order, with superb Mattresses, Beds, &c., to fit; Wardrobes, Suites in hair cloth and velvet, Turkish Chairs, Sofas, Lounges, Tete-a-Tetes, Rockers, French Cottage and mahogany Chairs, with an elegant variety of other Chamber Parlor and Basement Furniture; rich China of every description, Silver Ware, Cut Glass, Ruby and Bohemian Ware, Extension Dining and Tea Tables, Oilcloths, Carpets, Stoves, Mirrors, &c. No postponement.

SALE of VALUABLE PROPERTY.—E. H. LUDLOW & Co., will sell at auction on TUESDAY, the 27th of January, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, the valuable HOUSES and LOTS situated Nos. 118, 120 and 122 28th-st., near 3d-av., 4 stories and basements. The buildings cover nearly the entire ground. These Houses are all connected together, and are well located, and suited for any description of manufacturing purposes, or can be easily altered into dwellings. For further particulars, and Map of Property, apply on the premises or at the office of the Auctioneers, No. 14 Pine-st.
N. B.—Steam Engine and Boiler, and other Machinery on the Premises, will be sold at Private Sale.

TUNIS MORRELL, Auctioneer.—Extensive invoice of fashionable Gold Jewelry, Silver Ware, &c., will be sold THIS DAY, commencing at 10½ o'clock, at No. 79 Nassau-st. Dealers and others will be fully satisfied with the style and quality; also the freeness of the sale. Also, Furniture, Piano Fortes, Paintings, Mirrors, Cigars, &c., equal to any Broadway stores (free for this day's sale). 2d hand Carpets.

Building Materials.

ENCAUSTIC TILES—For Vestibules, Halls, Hearths, Dining-rooms, Conservatories, &c. GARNKIRK CHIMNEY-TOPS, DRAIN-PIPES, &c. For sale by MILLER & COATES, No. 279 Pearl-st., N.Y.

Ocean Steamers, &c.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—NEW-YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO STEAMSHIP LINE, VIA SAN JUAN DEL NORTE AND PANAMA RAILROAD.
PRICES GREATLY REDUCED.
STEERAGE PASSAGE, $75.
The new and splendid steamship TENNESSEE, Capt. E. L. Tinklepaugh (1,200 tons burden), will sail for ASPINWALL via SAN JUAN DE NICARAGUA on MONDAY, Jan. 26, 1857, at 5 o'clock p. m., to connect with the steamer ORIZABA, on the Pacific, for SAN FRANCISCO.
Fifty pounds of baggage allowed each passenger. Ten cents per pound on excess.
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO,
(including Isthmus Transit.)

First Cabin	$175
Second Cabin	125
Steerage	75

For Freight or Passage apply only to
CHARLES MORGAN & SONS, No. 2 Bowling Green, N. Y.

FOR CHARLESTON and FLORIDA—UNITED STATES MAIL LINE.—The new, magnificent and fast going steamship NASHVILLE, T. D. Ewen, commander, will leave Pier No. 4, N. R., on SATURDAY, Jan. 24 at 3 o'clock p. m., precisely. For Freight apply on board, where all bills of lading will be signed; and for Passage at the office of SPOFFORD, TILESTON & Co., No. 29 Broadway. The splendid steamship MARION, W. J. Foster, commander, will succeed and leave on SATURDAY, Jan. 31. The favorite steamer CAROLINA makes regular trips to FERNANDINA, the various landings on the St. Johns River, Florida, connecting with the steamers from New-York, and leaving Charleston every TUESDAY. Through tickets to Jacksonville $31; to Pilatka $33.

THE LIVERPOOL and PHILADELPHIA STEAMSHIP COMPANY intend dispatching their splendid and powerful Steamships as follows:
Shippers and Importers are hereby respectfully informed that in future the fortnightly sailings of this Company's Vessels will take place alternately from New-York and Philadelphia. Under this arrangement the dates of sailing will be as follows:

FROM NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

KANGAROO, from Philadelphia	January 15.
CITY OF WASHINGTON, from New York	January 28.
CITY OF MANCHESTER, from Philadelphia	February 12.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, for New-York	December 31.
CITY OF MANCHESTER, for Philadelphia	January 14.
CITY OF BALTIMORE, for New York	January 28.

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK OR PHILADELPHIA:
Saloon—$90, $65 and $55, according to State-room.
A limited number of Third-class Passengers will be taken from Philadelphia and Liverpool and found in Provision.

From New-York or Philadelphia	$30
From Liverpool	$40

These ships are constructed with improved water tight compartments, and each vessel carries an experienced Surgeon.
Parties wishing to bring out their friends can obtain tickets of passage and drafts on Liverpool in sums of £1 and upward. For freight or passage, apply at the Office Company, No. 177 Broadway, New-York.
JOHN G. DALE, No. 17 Walnut st., Philadelphia.

FOR LIVERPOOL.—Steamship EMEU, E. Moodie, commander. This new and powerful steamer will sail from the British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Dock, at Jersey City, on SATURDAY the 24th inst.
Passage money for first-class passengers only, for whom there are excellent accommodations, $80, including provisions and Steward's fee, but without wines or liquors, which can be obtained on board.
Freight taken at reasonable rates. Apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

FOR ANTWERP via SOUTHAMPTON.—The new iron Screw Steamship CONSTITUTION, E. Poggio, Commander, will positively depart for the above ports, carrying the United States Mail for Southampton and Bremen intended for the steamer Hermann on SATURDAY, Jan. 24, at 12 m., from pier No. 44, North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.

In First Cabin	$75
In Second Cabin	50
In Third Cabin	30

No Freight taken after Thursday, Jan. 22, and no Bills of Lading signed or parcels received on the day of sailing.
All letters intended for the usual Bremen and Southampton Mail must pass through the Post-Office. Passengers are requested to be on board at 11 o'clock a. m.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations for cabin and steerage passengers, apply to
AUGUST BELMONT, No. 7 Hanover st.

Steamboats and Railroads.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—The GREAT CENTRAL ROUTE, connecting the Atlantic cities with Western, North-western and South-western States, by a continuous Railway direct. This Road also connects at Pittsburgh with daily line of Steamers to all ports in the Western Rivers, and at Cleveland and Sandusky with steamers to all ports on the North-western Lakes; making the most direct, cheapest and reliable route by which FREIGHT can be forwarded to and from the Great West.

RATES BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA and PITTSBURGH:

FIRST CLASS.—Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps, Books, Dry Goods (in boxes, bales and trunks), Drugs (in boxes and bales), Feathers, Furs, &c.	90 cents ₱ 100 lb.
SECOND CLASS.—Domestic Sheeting, Shirting and Ticking (in original bales), Drugs (in casks), Hardware, Leather (in rolls or boxes), Wool and Sheep Pelts Eastward, &c.	75 cents ₱ 100 lb.
THIRD CLASS.—Anvils, Steel, Chains (in casks), Hemp, Bacon and Pork, Salted (loose or in sacks), Tobacco, manufactured (except Cigars or cut, &c.	65 cents ₱ 100 lb.
FOURTH CLASS.—Coffee, Fish, Bacon, Beef and Pork (in casks or boxes, Eastward), Lard and Lard Oil, Nails, Soda Ash, German Clay, Tar, Pitch, Rosin, &c.	55 cents ₱ 100 lb.

FLOUR.—$1 ₱ bbl. until further notice.
GRAIN.—50 cents ₱ 100 lb until further notice.
COTTON.—$2 ₱ bale, not exceeding 500 lb weight, until further notice.
In shipping Goods from any point east of Philadelphia, be particular to mark the package "Via Pennsylvania Railroad." All Goods consigned to the Agents of this Road at Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, will be forwarded without detention.
FREIGHT AGENTS.—Harris, Wormley & Co., Memphis, Tenn.; R. F. Sass & Co., St. Louis; J. S. Mitchell & Son, Evansville, Ind.; Dumesnil, Bell & Co., and Carter & Jewett, Louisville, Ky.; R. C. Meldrum, Madison, Ind.; Spriggman & Brown, and Irwin & Co., Cincinnati; N. W. Graham & Co., Zanesville, Ohio; Leech & Co., No. 54 Kilby-st., Boston; Leech & Co., No. 2 Astor House, New-York, No. 1 William-st., and No. 8 Battery-place, New-York; E. J. Sneeder, Philadelphia; Magraw & Koons, Baltimore; Geo. C. Franciscus, Pittsburgh.
H. H. HOUSTON, General Freight Agent, Philadelphia.
H. J. LOMBAERT, Superintendent, Altoona, Pa.
January 5, 1857.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—THE GREAT CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD ROUTE.
FROM NEW-YORK TO CINCINNATI IN 30 HOURS.
FROM NEW-YORK TO CHICAGO IN 36 HOURS.
FROM NEW-YORK TO ST. LOUIS IN 46 HOURS.
The Shortest, Best, and consequently the Cheapest Route from New-York to all points in the West.
The Pennsylvania Railroad connects at Pittsburgh with railroads to and from St. Louis, Mo.; Alton, Galena and Chicago, Ill.; Frankfort, Lexington and Louisville, Ky.; Terre Haute, Madison, Lafayette and Indianapolis, Ind.; Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, Bellefontaine, Sandusky, Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, Zanesville, Massillon and Wooster, Ohio; also, with the steam-packet boats from and to New-Orleans, St. Louis, Louisville and Cincinnati.
Through Tickets can be had at any of the above-mentioned places in the West. (See handbills in the hotels of this city.)
Passengers will find this the shortest, most expeditious and comfortable route between the East and West.
Through Tickets or further information may be had at the office of the
PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, No. 2 ASTOR HOUSE, BROADWAY.
J. L. ELLIOTT, Agent Pennsylvania Railroad Co.
New-York, Jan. 5, 1857.

Medical.

ALL PERSONS wishing to become acquainted with old Dr. BOYD'S NEW MODE of curing Dropsy, swelling of the feet and legs, swelling of the abdomen, of the chest, face and stomach, difficulty of breathing, disturbed sleep, bloated appearance, irregularities of the kidneys or urine, paleness, weakness, general debility or wasting away, may address P. O. BOYD, M. D., Station B, New-York. One Shilling, only, toward paying the expense of this notice and return postage, will be required.

ROMAN EYE BALSAM.—This celebrated remedy for weak and inflamed Eyes, was constantly used, with signal success, by a distinguished Oculist during a long professional career, and may be confidently relied upon as the very best salve that can be used. In cases where the Eyelids are inflamed it acts almost like magic in relieving all irritation, and usually effects a complete cure after a few applications.
Prepared and sold by A. B. & D. SANDS, Druggists, No. 100 Fulton-st., New-York.

Legal Notices.

AT a SURROGATE'S COURT, held in and for the County of New-York, at the Surrogate's Office, in the City of New-York, on the seventh day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. Present, ALEXANDER W. BRADFORD, Surrogate.—In the matter of the accounting of STEPHEN R. HARRIS, Administrator of LEWIS M. HANKINSON, Deceased. On reading and filing the petition of JOSEPH C. TALBOT, the Guardian of LAURA M. HANKINSON, an infant legatee of said deceased. It is ordered that said STEPHEN R. HARRIS, Administrator with the will annexed of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said LEWIS M. HANKINSON, deceased, personally be and appear before the Surrogate of the County of New-York, at his Office in the City of New-York, on the 11th day of February next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and render an account of his proceedings as such Administrator, and show cause why he should not be superseded.
n8 law3mSat A. W. BRADFORD, Surrogate.

AT a SURROGATE'S COURT, held in and for the County of New-York, at the Surrogate's Office, in the City of New-York, on the seventh day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.—Present, ALEXANDER W. BRADFORD, Surrogate.—In the matter of the accounting of STEPHEN R. HARRIS guardian of LAURA M. HANKINSON, an infant.—On reading and filing the petition of JOSEPH C. TALBOT, the next friend of the said LAURA M. HANKINSON, it is ordered that said STEPHEN R. HARRIS, guardian of the person and estate of the said LAURA M. HANKINSON, personally be and appear before the Surrogate of the County of New-York, at his office in the City of New-York, on the eleventh day of February next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and render an account of his proceedings as such guardian and show cause why he should not be superseded. A. W. BRADFORD, Surrogate.
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IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ABRAHAM DAY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his residence, No. 3 Hammond-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 18th day of February next.—Dated New-York, the 15th day of August, 1856.
au16 law6mS ELIAS A. DAY, Executor.

IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against CHARLES E. QUINCY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at the office of Woodbury & Churchill, esqs., No. 18 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the thirteenth day of May next.—Dated New-York, the 12th day of November, 1856.
n29 law6mS WILLIAM GOODENOW, Administrator.

IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MARIA McGREGOR, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his office No. 22 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the sixth day of April next.—Dated New-York, the 3d day of October, 1856.
WM. H. MEEKS, Attorney for Executor.
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IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JAMES LEISTER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his office, No. 175 Lewis-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the seventh day of March next.—Dated New-York, the 5th day of September, 1856.
ANDREW MILLS, Administrator.
s6 law6mS ELIZA J. LEISTER, Administratrix.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT—City and County of New-York.—SMITH D. BELLOWS against CAROLINE THOMPSON.—Summons for Relief.—(Com. not ser.)—To the above Defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall, in said City, on the eleventh day of November, 1856, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, in Piermont, County of Rockland, and State of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated November 1, 1856. ANDREW FALLON, Plaintiff's Attorney, Piermont, N. Y.
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SALE BY ORDER of the SURROGATE.—SURROGATE'S COURT, County of New-York.—In the matter of the application to mortgage, lease or sell the REAL ESTATE of PATRICK CALLAHAN, deceased. By virtue and in pursuance of an order made in the above matter on the twelfth day of December, 1856, the subscriber, Administrator, &c., of PATRICK CALLAHAN, deceased, and a disinterested Freeholder, appointed by the Surrogate of the County of New-York, pursuant to statute, to make the sale hereinafter mentioned, will sell at public auction, at the Merchants' Exchange, in the city of New-York, on TUESDAY, the 10th day of February, 1857, at twelve o'clock at noon of that day, the following described LAND and PREMISES, belonging to the estate of said PATRICK CALLAHAN, deceased, viz: All that certain piece or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situate, lying and being in the Eleventh Ward of the City of New-York and bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the south side of Fourth street, at a point distant seventy-five feet from the south-westerly corner formed by the intersection of Lewis-street with Fourth-street; thence running southerly and parallel with Lewis-street seventy feet nine inches; thence westerly and at right angles with Lewis street twenty-five feet, or thereabout; thence northerly and parallel with Lewis-street seventy-three feet six inches; and thence easterly along the southerly line of Fourth-street twenty-five feet to the place of beginning, be the said several dimensions more or less; being the same premises conveyed to said PATRICK CALLAHAN by Abraham Lent and George C. Mulford and their wives, by deed, recorded in the Register's Office, in Liber 654, page 5. The improvements are a three-story BRICK DWELLING-HOUSE, with high Basement, known as No. 702 Fourth-street.—Dated New-York, December 27th, 1856.
DENIS McCARTHY,
A disinterested Freeholder and Administrator, &c., of Patrick Callahan, deceased.
For further particulars inquire of JAMES W. WHITE, No. 51 Liberty-st., New-York. d27 law6wSat

SUPREME COURT—CITY and COUNTY of NEW-YORK.—WILLIAM J. HOPPIN and ROBERT S. HONE, Trustees of LOUISA H. HOPPIN, against DANIEL MARTINE, JOHN V. ONDERDONK, WILLIAM G. BANKS, MARGARET GREEN, executrix of the last will and testament of DAVID GREEN, deceased, HENRY LAWRENCELL and DAVID BANKS—Trial to be had in the City and County of New-York.—Summons for relief.—(Com. not served.) To the defendant, HENRY LAWRENCELL: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall in said city of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office, No. 64 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated, New-York, December 22, 1856. W. J. HOPPIN, Plaintiffs' Attorney.
The complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York on the 22d day of December, 1856. W. J. HOPPIN, Plaintiffs' Att'y.
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NOTICE to CREDITORS.—Pursuant to an order of the County Judge and Acting Surrogate of the County of Monroe, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOSEPH A. SEELEY, late of the town of Sweden, Monroe County, State of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with the vouchers thereof to the undersigned, the Executor of the Will of said deceased, at his office in Brockport, in the County of Monroe, on or before the first day of August, 1857.—Dated, Jan. 12, 1857.
ja17 law6wS HENRY P. NORTON, Executor.

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THE WITCHES OF NEW-YORK....No. III.

MADAME LEANDER LENT,

No. 163 Mulberry street.

Hercules, in his capacity of an amateur scavenger, once attempted the cleaning of the Augean stables, or some such trifle, and his success was trumpeted throughout the neighborhood as a triumph of ingenuity and perseverance. If Hercules would come to Gotham and try his hand at the purgation of Mulberry street, our word for it, he would, in less than a week, knock out his brains with his own club in utter despair. There never yet were swine with stomachs strong enough to feed upon the garbage of its gutters, or with instincts so perverted as to wallow in its filth. Dogs, lean and wild-eyed, the outcasts of the canine world, sometimes, driven by sore stress of hunger, sneak here with drooping tails and shamefaced looks, to search for bones; and then, conscience-smitten, drag them to a distance, and upon some sunny mud-heap, dine in dainty neatness. The very pavement is broken into countless hillocks and ruts like waves, as if, in utter disgust at the place and its associations, the street was trying to roll itself away in stony billows. The shattered wrecks of worn-out drays and carts stand forsaken in the street, keeping each other dismal company, while an occasional shackly wheelbarrow makes the place look as though, after some monstrous fashion, it were a lying-in hospital for poverty-stricken vehicles, and the wheelbarrows were the new-born children, decrepit even in their babyhood. The houses in this pleasant vale have a disheartened, tumble-down look, and give the impression of having been originally built by apprentices out of second-hand material. They lean maliciously over the narrow sidewalks, and keep up a constant threatening of a sudden collapse and a general smash of passers-by. If the houses are not dirtier than the street, it is only because every possible element of filth enters into the latter; if they are not dirtier inside than outside, it is because superlatives have no superlative.

In this, one of the dirtiest streets in this dirty metropolis, directly opposite the English Lutheran Church of St. James, in one of the dirtiest tenant-houses in the street, abideth Madame Leander Lent, the prophetess. Why the mysterious powers didn't select an earthly representative with a more reputable dwelling-place is a mystery to our reporter; but there seems to be an inseparable congeniality between prophetic knowledge and concentrated nastiness, utterly beyond his power of explanation. The Madame advises the public of her business in the terms following:

ASTROLOGY.—Madame LEANDER LENT can be consulted about love, marriage and absent friends; she tells all the events of life at No. 169 Mulberry st., first floor, back room. Ladies 25 cents; gents 50 cents. She causes speedy marriages. Charge extra.

Our reporter, who wanted a speedy marriage and didn't mind the extra charge, went to the street, found the number, and heroically entered the house in the very face of a threatened unclean baptism from the upper windows. His timid knock at the door of the room was answered by a sturdy "come in," from the inside; hat deferentially in hand he modestly entered, and was received by a fat woman with a bust of proportions exceeding those of Mr. Merdle in "Little Dorrit," and who was attired in a dress which may have been clean in the earlier years of its history, though the supposition is exceedingly apocryphal. This lady pointed to a chair and then composedly seated herself and resumed her entomological explorations with a comb, in the hair of a vicious boy of about three years old, the eldest scion of Madame Leander. Our reporter was informed that Madame L. would be disengaged shortly; meantime, he took an observation. Two chairs, an old lounge with its dingy, red cover, fastened on with pins, and a trunk covered with an old bit of carpet, were the accommodations for visitors. A cooking stove, and a suspicious-looking wash-bowl which stood in the corner of the room without a pitcher, were probably for the accommodation of the Madame and the lady with the comb. On the shabby lounge sat a stolid-looking Irish girl, who was waiting her turn to have her fortune told. Having fully comprehended the room and everything in it, our reporter turned his attention to literary pursuits, and thoroughly perused an odd copy of *The New-York Ledger* which lay invitingly on the table.

Visitors kept dropping in, mostly servant-appearing girls, though there were three women attired in silk and laces, who would have appeared respectable had their faces been hidden and their conversation been suppressed. The lady with the comb and the boy presently departed to some unknown region, and soon returned with a reenforcement of chairs and stools. The number of visitors increased, until, beside our reporter, nine were waiting. Among others, there dropped in, in a friendly way, but still with a sharp eye to business, a tall woman, attired in a red dress and a purple bonnet, who is the keeper of a well-known house in Sullivan street, and whose name is not strange to the police. An unrestrained business conversation ensued between her and the lady with the comb, which must have been interesting to the female listeners.

One hour and eleven minutes did our reporter patiently wait before he was admitted to the mysterious conference with the queen of magic. At last, after the man who was at first closeted with her had concluded his inquiries, and the stolid Irish girl had been disposed of, the woman with the suggestive bust beckoned our reporter to follow, and he fearfully entered the sanctum. The room of conjuration was a closet, dark and dirty, and was lighted by one tallow candle, stuck in a Scotch ale bottle. A number of shabby dresses, bony petticoats, and other mysterious articles of women's gear, hung upon the walls; two weak-kneed chairs, a tattered bit of carpet upon about two feet square of the floor, and a little table covered with a greasy oilcloth, composed the furniture of the mystic cell. The cabalistic paraphernalia was limited, there being nothing but a dirty pack of double-headed cards, a small pasteboard box with some scraps of paper in it, and two kinds of powder in little bottles, like hair-oil pots. Madame Lent is a woman of medium hight, about thirty-five years of age, with light-gray eyes, false teeth, a head nearly bald, and hair, what there is of it, of a bright red. Her manner is hurried and confused, and she has a trick of drawing her upper lip disagreeably up under the end of her nose, which labial distortion she doubtless intends for a smile. She was robed in a bright-colored plaid dress, a dirty lace collar, and a coarse woolen shawl over her shoulders. Motioning our reporter to one chair, she instantly seated herself in the other, and, without demanding pay in advance, commenced operations. She handed the cards to be cut, and then laying them out in their piles, uttered the following sentences:

"Your cards run rather mixed up, you have been very much worried in your head, you were born under two planets which means that you have seen a great deal of trouble in your younger days but you are now getting over it and your cards run to better luck, but it is rather mixed up, your cards run to a lady, she is light haired and blue-eyed, but she is jealous of you for sometimes you treat her more kinder and sometimes more harsher and just now she is in trouble and very much mixed up about you. There is a man of black hair and eyes, a dark-*complected* man who pretends to be your friend and is very fair to your face, but you must beware of him for he is your secret enemy and will do you an injury if he can; he is trying to get the lady, but I don't think he'll do it though I don't know for the thing is so much mixed up—he has deceived you and the lady has deceived you, they have both deceived you but now they have got mixed up, and she turns from him with scorn and seems to like you the best—I don't exactly see how it all is for it seems rather mixed up like—you must persevere, you must coax her more, you can coax her to do anything but you can't drive her any more than you can drive that wall—always treat her more kinder and never more harsher and she will soon be yours entirely—beware of the dark completed man, you must not talk so much and be so open in your mind, and above all don't talk so much to the dark completed man for he seems to worry you, and your affairs and his are all mixed up like."

Here our reporter expressed a desire to know something definite and certain about his future wife, whereupon the red-haired prophetess shuffled the cards again with the following result:

"You will have but one more wife. She will be good and true and will not be mixed up with any dark-*completed* man. She will be rich and you will be rich for your business cards run very smooth but your marriage cards do not run very close to you, and you will not be married for six or eight months, you will have three children, you will see your future wife within nine hours, nine days, or nine weeks, do not blame me if it runs into the tens but I tell you it will fall within the nines. Another man is trying to get her away from you he is a light-completed man, he has had some influence over her but she now turns from him with disdain and she will be yours and yours only—things are a little worried and mixed up now but she will be yours and yours only, the light-completed man can't hurt you. I have something that I can give you that will make her love you tender and true, it will force her to do it and she won't have no power to help herself, but you can do with her just what you please, I charge extra for that."

Our reporter signified his desire to try a little of the extra magic. Madame Lent now assumed an air of the most intense gravity, and shook into a very dirty bit of paper a little white powder from one of the pomatum pots, and a corresponding quantity of grayish powder from pot No. 2, and stirred them carefully together with the tip of her finger. When she had mixed them to her liking she folded the diabolical compound in a small paper. Then she prepared another mixture in the same manner, and made a pretense of adding another ingredient from a little pasteboard box, which probably hadn't had anything in it for a month. Folding this also in a paper she presented them both to our interested reporter, with these directions:

"You must shake some of the first powder on your true-love's head, or neck, or arms if you can, but if you can't manage this, put it on her dress—the other powder you must sprinkle about your room when you go to bed to-night—this will draw her to you, and she will love you and you alone and can't help herself; this will surely operate, if it don't come and tell me."

One more cabalistic performance and the hocus-pocus was ended. She desired our reporter to give her the first letter of his true-love's name. He, unabashed by the unexpected demand, with great presence of mind promptly invented a sweetheart on the spot and extemporized a name for her before the question was repeated. Then the mysterious Madame required his own initial, which, being obtained, she wrote the two on slips of paper with some mystic figures appended, in manner following: E., 17.; M., 21. Then she shiveringly whispered:

"You must do as I told you with the powders before eleven o'clock to-night, for between the hours of 11 and 12 I shall boil your name and hers in herbs which will draw her to you, and she can't help herself but will be tender and true, and will be yours and yours only. When she is drawed to you then you must marry her."

Our reporter promised obedience and agreed to give the powders as per prescription before the midnight cookery should commence, paid his dollar (fifty cents for the consultation and a like sum for the love-powders) and made his exit with a comprehensive bow, which included the Madame, the bony petticoats, the beer-bottle and the fast-vanishing remains of the single tallow-candle in one reverential farewell.

Madame Lent receives as many visitors as any other fortune-teller in the city. On the day of the above prediction she told the "fortunes" of fifty-five people, from whom she received eighteen dollars and fifty cents. Her reception-room is generally full of anxious expectants waiting to be served. When our reporter took his departure there were eleven persons waiting. The proportion of male and female visitors is nearly equal, the females being slightly in the majority.

THE STATE PRISONS.

The report of the State-Prison Inspectors shows a decrease at the Auburn Prison during the past year of 25; and at Clinton, in consequence of removal of convicts to Sing Sing, a decrease of 37. Decrease of females at Sing Sing, 21; increase of males, 54. Number of recommitments during year: Auburn, 18; Sing Sing, 12; Clinton, 8. Number of commitments at all the Prisons during the year: First convictions, 616; second do., 57; third do., 10; fourth do., 4. Total, 687. Number of pardons and commutations during the year: At Auburn, 55; Sing Sing, 71; Clinton, 33. Total, 159—including six blacks. Number of punishments during the year: At Auburn, 278; at Sing Sing, 520; at Clinton, 130. Total, 928. Total number of convicts employed on contracts during the year: At Auburn, 574; Sing Sing, 702; Clinton, 181. Total, 1,465. Number of deaths during the year: At Auburn, 6; Sing Sing, 9; Clinton, 4—making an aggregate of 19; being 11 less than last year. The average hours of labor per year were: At Auburn, 10 hours 23 minutes; Sing Sing, 9 hours 17 minutes; Clinton, 10 hours 30 minutes.

The aggregate earnings in all the Prisons during

The fiscal year ending Sept. 30, are	$197,805 13
Stock of Provisions on hand and paid for	6,285 57
Total Earnings for the year	$205,790 59
Earnings for the year 1855	190,225 43
Increase for 1856	$5,565 07
Increase over year 1854	$17,519 22

About $8,000 was lost to the annual earnings by fire at Sing Sing in December, 1855.

Aggregate Cash Expenses for the year	$225,471 61
Expenses for 1855	233,389 94
Decrease in 1856	$7,918 33
Decrease over the year 1854, aside from a heavy indebtedness incurred that year	$44,477 20
Expenses of the three prisons over earnings in 1856	$21,681 11
Expenses over earnings in 1855	$31,576 01
Difference in loss to State in favor of 1856	$10,894 90
Excess of Expenses over Earnings as above	$21,681 11
From which deduct Expenses for building and repairs for which appropriation should be made	$10,744 46
Actual and legitimate loss for 1856	$10,936 65
For the year ending Sept., 1854, the loss to the State in addition to a heavy indebtedness, was	$40,681 29

The Inspectors urge upon the Legislature the propriety of making an annual appropriation for each prison for buildings and repairs. It does not seem to them to be a proper charge to the prisons. They state their inability to remove insane convicts to the Utica Asylum in consequence of the lack of accommodations, and urge some provisions for this class of prisoners. They have at present in the three prisons, 30 convicts who are either idiotic, imbecile or insane. There are now at the Utica Asylum 20 insane convicts—making a total of insane prisoners to be provided for of 50. This is an increase of nine over the number last year.

The Inspectors submit to the Legislature whether the law of 1856 empowering judges to sentence persons between the ages of 16 and 21 to imprisonment in a penitentiary, is not injurious in its operation. They deny that the chances of reformation are greater at a penitentiary than in a prison, and believe the act to fail to carry out the intention of the Legislature. They recommend an amendment of the prison laws that shall give to the agents and wardens the direct power of suspension in all cases for proper causes. Frequent occasions arise when it is essential that they be clothed with such power. They recommend a further amendment in the contract system, so as to make the advertisements for contracts for ten or five years at the option of the contractor, to be embodied in his bid. They believe the longer term will induce contractors to make more advantageous bids.

The new contracts made during the year are: at Sing-Sing, with Charles Kroeter, for the manufacture of cigars. Convicts employed, 50 males at 40 cents per day, and 20 females at 33 cents, for 5 years.

At Auburn, with William C. Barber, for carpet manufacture; convicts employed, 100 at 35 cents per day, for 5 years. With Adam Miller, coopering; convicts employed, 50 at 30 cents a day for the unexpired term of his present contract. With Case, Bronson & Co.; boots and shoes; 15 convicts at 40 cents per day for an unexpired term.

At Clinton, with Haman Lowry; cooperage; convicts employed, 30 to 50 at 51 cents per day for years.

The Inspectors inform the Legislature that probably application will be made to them for the refunding of certain amounts of money paid by boot and shoe contractors under protest, and say there is not the slightest merit in the claim. They recommend increased salaries to guards, chaplains, physicians, and kitchen keepers.

Gas has been introduced into every department of Sing Sing prison, to enable convicts to read in their cells, and the teachers to instruct them during the evenings. In the opinion of the Inspectors, no money can be more profitably expended than that appropriated to prison libraries.

To light the prison with camphene, in 1855, cost $359 31 for six months. To light with gas in 1856, for a similar period cost $373 63.

The general conduct of the convicts has been good, and gives confidence in the present system of prison discipline. The Inspectors recommend a law setting apart in cases of good behavior, a portion of the convict's earnings for the support of his family, or, if he has none, for his own use on discharge.

The prisons are left at the close of the year free from such debts as have been contracted during the present administration, and in a financial condition superior to that they have attained in many years. So confident are the Inspectors that the prisons can maintain themselves, that the retiring Inspector, Mr. Kirkpatrick, offers to take the Auburn and Sing Sing Prisons for a term of years, pay their entire ordinary expenses, submit to the rules and regulations of the Inspectors, fulfill all existing contracts, and pay a small annual sum into the Treasury. The report closes by recommending an appropriation of $300 each to Auburn and Sing Sing, and $200 to Clinton, for books.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23.—The President, JONAS N. PHILLIPS, in the chair.

The Board assembled at 5 o'clock. The first business in order was the second reading of bills. The following are among the

Bills Passed—To fit up Court-room of First District, No. 62 Nassau street.

In favor of confirming assessment list for flagging Twenty-first street, north side, from No. 197 to Eighth avenue.

In favor of fencing vacant lots on the corner of Forty-third street and Ninth avenue.

In favor of confirming assessment list for building a sewer in Second avenue, from Fourth street to near Fifth street.

In favor of confirming assessment list for flagging and curb and guttering in front of Nos. 35 to 39 Vandam street.

In favor of confirming assessment list for flagging Twenty-seventh street, between First and Second avenues.

In favor of confirming assessment list for flagging, &c., No. 39 Macdougal street, and Nos. 2 and 34 Charlton street.

In favor of confirming assessment list for receiving basin, &c., corner of Washington and Gansevoort streets.

In favor of confirming assessment list for flagging west side of Seventh avenue, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets.

In favor of confirming assessment list for flagging Seventeenth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

In favor of regulating, &c., Sixteenth street, from Avenue B to East River.

Petitions.—Of H. Magraff, to be permitted to exhibit in the Chamber of the Board the sheet copper statute of Washington. Granted.

Of Engine Company No. 17, to be refunded moneys expended in introducing Croton water in engine house. Referred.

To remove railing around Bowling Green. To widen Broadway 15 feet on each side. Referred.

For a sewer in Wooster street, from Houston to Bleecker street. Referred.

For the paving and regulating of Fifty-fourth street, from Third to Fourth avenue. Referred.

Resolutions.—To open Twelfth street, from Dry Dock street to East River. Referred.

To widen Battery place 20 feet. Referred.

That the subject of the publication of the revised ordinances be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, for the purpose of having them further revised and amended. Adopted.

That the ordinance for building a new City Hall adopted Dec. 8, 1856, be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences. Referred.

To pay rent of Hose Company No. 5. Referred.

For a horse and wagon for Superintendent of Sidewalks. Referred.

To empower the Inspector of Sidewalks, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, to have ice and snow removed from the sidewalks, and the ice removed from the gutters forthwith, at the expense of delinquents. Referred.

Authorizing the appointment of a committee to report on the subject of opening a communication 50 feet wide from University place through Wooster and Church streets and Trinity place to Greenwich street. Adopted.

A communication was received from the Mayor declining the proposed increase of his salary.

A number of reports of committees were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Streets reported in favor of making a grant of the proposed stage route through Lexington avenue and Irving place. The report was, on motion, laid on the table.

Subsequently a motion was made to take the report from the table.

Mr. BRADY opposed the bill. He said that that was an attempt to force the matter through the Board without due consideration.

Mr. BIRDSALL said he had taken occasion to learn the views of the inhabitants of the Eighteenth Ward on the subject, and there was no doubt but that a person wanted the route established. The indecent haste manifested in attempting to put the bill through the Board evinced a desire to accomplish by a *coup d'état* what could not be secured through the ordinary course of correct legislation. The Committee had met to hear opinions of parties on the proposition; but no publication had been made of the notice that the Committee would meet, unless the publication had been made in some obscure paper, and the result was that there had been but a small representation of parties interested before the Committee. He protested, therefore, against taking up the subject now; it was incompatible with a decent regard to the rights of citizens.

Mr. McCAHILL favored the bill, on the ground that increased competition would redound to the benefit of the omnibus-riding public.

Mr. FRANKLIN opposed the bill.

The motion to take up was carried by a vote of 29 to 13.

Mr. BOOLE moved a suspension of the rules to adopt the bill to-night. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE—Councilmen H. Smith, Van Glahn, Baltsel, Monroe, Banich, Bickford, Clark, Crane, Hughes, O'Donnell, Gilmartin, Warner, Barry, Judson, Crawford, Frazeway, Hemphill, Roehner, Van Tine, Colyer, Miller, Boole, Rhodes, McLoughlin, Doty, McConnell, J. W. Hunt, Kelly, M. Smith, Kettleman, Murray, Mansfield, Reynolds, Odell, B. Reilly, Dunn, Haswell, McCahill and Doherty—40.

NEGATIVE—Councilmen J. Reilly, Avery, Campbell, I. O. Hunt, Sickles, Brady, Chapman, Ottarson, Jones, Mitchell, Schappert, Noyes, Birdsall and Franklin—13.

The adoption of the bill was then moved.

Mr. OTTARSON moved to amend by adding to the resolution a qualifying clause, that nothing in the resolution should be construed to give permission to establish the route above Twenty-third street. Lost.

Mr. FRANKLIN moved to amend the resolution in such a way that it will give permission to run in Lexington avenue as far north as Twenty-third street, at that point to be diverted to one of the other avenues. Lost.

The vote was then taken on the bill on its final passage, as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. H. Smith, Van Glahn, Monroe, Banich, Bickford, Clark, Crane, Hughes, O'Donnell, Gilmartin, Warner, Barry, Judson, Crawford, Frazeway, Avery, Kennard, Roehner, Van Tine, Colyer, Miller, Boole, Rhodes, McLoughlin, Doty, McConnell, J. W. Hunt, Kelly, M. Smith, Murray, Mansfield, Reynolds, Odell, Dunn, Noyes, Haswell, McCahill and Doherty—37.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. J. Reilly, Hemphill, Campbell, I. O. Hunt, Sickles, Brady, Chapman, Ottarson, Mitchell, Schappert, B. Reilly, Birdsall and Franklin—13.

Mr. REYNOLDS moved that all assessment lists now before the Committee of the Whole be taken from the Committee, and that they be now passed.

Mr. BRADY opposed the motion. He could see no reason why a committee should be absolved from attending to its duties.

A MEMBER stated that the object was to pass the bills through, that persons to whom moneys were now due could be paid.

The vote on the motion stood 56 to 9. The President declared it carried.

Messrs. BRADY and HASWELL contended that the decision of the President was not in accordance with the rules of the Board, that to pass bills involving the expenditure of moneys, without action by the Committee of the Whole, required forty votes. Mr. Brady considered it also a piece of wholesale work, wholly unprecedented. As it would be useless, however, to appeal from the decision of the Chair when there was such a disposition manifested by the majority to rush matters through, without regard to rules or order, he should not do so.

The Board then went into Committee of the Whole on the special order, which was the proposed Charter amendments. Mr. Baltsel took the Chair. After considerable effort the Mayor's charter was put through, safe and sound. It was then adopted in the Board, and a committee (without pay) voted to take it to Albany.

The Board then adjourned to the first Monday in February.

FIRES.

FIRE IN HESTER STREET.

Yesterday afternoon, at 3½ o'clock, a fire broke out in the Friends' Meeting-House corner of Hester and Elizabeth streets, but it was soon extinguished by the firemen of the district. The fire originated in a room in the basement, and is supposed to have been caused by the carelessness of the sexton in leaving hot ashes near the wood-work. The building was damaged to the amount of $1,000. Insured for $10,000 in the City Insurance Company.

FIRE IN CHATHAM STREET.

At 5½ o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire occurred in the jewelry store of Eli A. Godfrey, No. 31½ Chatham street, causing about $400 damage to the stock. Insured for $800 in the Irving Insurance Company. The fire extended into the shirt store of Mrs. Sarah Parker, No. 33, damaging the stock to the amount of $300. Insured for $700 in the Astor Insurance Company. The building is owned by Joseph Hart & Son, and damaged to the amount of $200. Insured for $1,500 in the Bowery Insurance Company. The fire is thought to have occurred from an over-heated stove pipe.

FIRE IN BROADWAY.

Last night about 9 o'clock a fire broke out in the building No. 24 Broadway, occupied by Pierson & Co., iron merchants. The building was but slightly damaged; $25 will repair the injury. The fire occurred in the rear cellar, and was occasioned by the carelessness of plumbers who had been at work on the premises during the day.