WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

Washington, January 4.

SENATOR PRITCHARD'S FUTURE.—The insistence of officeseekers has driven some worthy men from public life. It is known here that the impossibility of gratifying so many conflicting claims for office has caused Senator Pritchard to decide to resign five years of his term and take refuge on the Federal bench. For some time it has been understood that Judge Robert P. Dick, of the District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, would resign his seat, and it has been long suspected that Senator Pritchard desired to escape the importunities of officeseeking friends by securing the vacancy thus created. The chief trouble in the way appears to be the risk that through some possible political change the Legislature to be elected this fall, which will have the choice of his successor, the Governor's right to appoint extending only until the Legislature convenes in January, 1899, may not be Republican, or rather, as parties are aligned in North Carolina, Republican-Populist. It is believed that Governor Russell would find no difficulty in appointing for the interregnum a Senator who would give satisfaction to the party. Of the President's personal inclination to appoint Senator Pritchard, while regretting his withdrawal from the Senate, there can be no doubt; for the Senator has long been one of the closest friends Major McKinley has had in the South. The political consideration is therefore the only one that could make him reluctant to grant the desired favor. North Carolina is a State which it is desirable to have represented in the Senate by a friend of the protective system. The field there is inviting. Mr. Pritchard is not only a protectionist of a decided stamp, but he is a straight-out Republican and has always been a member of the party. He is, moreover, a sturdy and upright politician, considerably above the average in intelligence and character. His retirement at this juncture might be a misfortune, and as he is a particular friend of the President the latter naturally desires to retain him in a place where his services to the party are of high and increasing value.

NOT AGAINST THE SUNDAY PAPER.—"Bishop Cranston, of the Methodist Episcopal Church," said an ardent churchgoer of that denomination to a Tribune correspondent to-day, "is one of the most thoughtful preachers in our communion. In fact, for sixteen years he was connected with the Book Concern, and was always considered one of the business men of the Church, not given to exaggeration in the slightest particular. Nevertheless, he is represented in one of the sensational newspapers as preaching a sermon recently in this city levelled against the Sunday morning papers. It was said further by the sensational special correspondent that the President, who attended, must have been greatly displeased at the fulmination. Now, I happen to know something about this matter. I was there myself. In the first place, Bishop Cranston's subject was 'The Creative Power of God.' He said not a word of the Sunday newspaper. The President was, as usual, a close listener. Afterward, in conversation, he showed his appreciation of the sermon by remarking to the Bishop that he, the clergyman, seemed to want just ten minutes more in which to close up all that he felt like saying. 'Yes, Mr. President,' replied the Bishop, 'that is true. I did wish for ten minutes more.' You see now how little foundation there was for the report of the sermon. It was made out of the whole cloth—not a single word of truth in it."

MR. SAYERS AND DENGUE.—"Did you ever have the dengue?" asked Representative Sayers, of Texas, of a Tribune correspondent the other day. Mr. Sayers continued: "I had an attack last summer, and it was not pleasant, although a light one. After I recovered I went to San Antonio and found my colleague, Slayden, suffering with it. I asked him how he felt, and he said he guessed he felt like a friend of his who had an attack. We had a long drouth in some parts of Texas last summer and the country was parched. Slayden's friend went down to the ranch, and when he got back he said to his brother: 'George, I found the ranch all burned up, grass all gone, cattle poor, and hardly any water. But, George, I believe we are going to have a big rain within a day or so.' 'Oh, well,' replied George, 'I feel as though I don't care whether it ever rains again.' No, the dengue is not a pleasant thing to have."

CUBAN SUGAR PRODUCTION.—Consul-General Lee reports to the State Department from Havana that the total product of sugar in the island of Cuba in 1896-'97 was 212,051 tons. The product of the previous year was 225,221 tons, showing a deficiency this year compared with last of 13,170 tons. General Lee adds, however, that it will be remembered that in prosperous times the sugar crop of the island averaged one million tons.

FRANCE NOT TO RAISE COTTONSEED OIL TARIFF.—The United States Consul at Marseilles reports to the State Department that the sub-committee of the Chamber of Deputies at Paris has refused to approve an increase of duty from $1 15 to $5 per hundred kilograms on American cottonseed oil. French soapmakers protested successfully against the change.

SPREAD OF GERMAN COMMERCE.—Walter Schumann, United States Consul at Mainz, writes to the State Department as follows on Germany's navy as an aid to commerce: "For several years great pressure has been brought to bear on the Reichstag, the legislative body of the German Empire, looking to the expenditure of large sums of money for increasing Germany's naval strength. The most important reasons advanced by the advocates of a vast naval increase are based upon the necessity of protecting Germany's foreign commerce and the interests of German merchants and traders settled in foreign countries. That Germany's commerce has greatly increased within the last few years will be seen from the following figures: In 1891 Germany's foreign trade amounted to 6,337,000,000 marks ($1,508,206,000). In 1895 it amounted to 7,448,000,000 marks ($1,772,624,000). It may be claimed that this increase is due to the general increase in the world's commerce, but this does not seem to be the case, for in the time from 1881 to 1895, during which Germany's commerce increased about $245,118,000, England's commerce decreased by about $150,400,000; that of France decreased by about $142,800,000, and that of Russia by about $71,400,000. During the period from 1881 to 1893 Germany's commerce with the United States increased from $81,500,000 to $190,400,000; with Brazil it increased from $3,570,000 to $14,500,000; with the Argentine Republic from $5,806,000 to $30,414,000; with Chili from $2,142,000 to $25,000,000, and with British India from $5,117,000 to $58,800,000. That Germany's foreign commerce has assumed such colossal proportions is due in great measure to the fact that representatives and agents of German merchants and manufacturers are to be found in every quarter of the globe. Wherever there is a market for German goods, there you will find a German representative, ready to show and explain his wares and to transact business. This, coupled with the fact that all such representatives have had an excellent commercial training at home, and, what is worth more than anything else in a foreign country, are able to speak at least two or three different languages, has given to Germany the commercial prestige among nations she enjoys at the present day. Millions of German capital are invested in warehouses and agencies in every country of the world, and it is in order to protect all these vast interests, as well as the German merchant marine, which represents a floating capital of many million dollars, that the advocates of an increased naval force are so persistent in their demand. Germany, owing to her steady and rapid increase in population (125 per 10,000 per annum), is destined to become an important factor in the commerce of the world. She has founded colonies to find not only an additional market for her wares, but also an outlet for her superfluous population. It is also for their protection that an increased naval strength is advocated. As we are on the eve of the convening of the Reichstag, it will be interesting to watch to what extent it will open the pursestrings of the country's exchequer in order to comply with the demands of the advocates of a large naval increase."

FEARS FOR THE COAL KING AND HER CREW.

NO NEWS OF THE LOST BARGE—ONLY A SMALL SUPPLY OF PROVISIONS ON BOARD.

Much anxiety was felt last night for the safety of the barge Coal King, with a crew of four men on board. The Coal King was bound from Boston for Newport News, having discharged a cargo of coal. With a number of other empty barges she was being towed back to Newport News by one of the Luckenbach tugs. On Sunday night, when a snowstorm was raging and the sea was running high, the Coal King slipped her hawser and drifted away, and was soon lost to view in the darkness. As soon as possible the other barges were anchored, and the tug put about and began a search for the lost barge. The tug searched all night, and was finally compelled to abandon the hunt, and go to Newport News for coal.

On Monday the two big ocean tugs the L. Luckenbach and the Edgar F. Luckenbach were dispatched in search of the missing barge. Up to a late hour last night nothing, however, had been heard of either the tugs or the barge at the office of the Luckenbach Towing Company, No. 110 Broad-st., this city. There was only a small supply of provisions on board of the Coal King, and it is feared that the crew will be starved to death if the barge is not soon found. The barge is fitted with masts and a sail, and it is hoped that her crew have been able to keep her afloat despite the stormy weather. The Coal King is owned by the Luckenbach company.

STATEN ISLAND HAPPENINGS.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner at the Hotel Castleton on the evening of January 18.

An entertainment will be given by Franklyn Hart's minstrels to-morrow evening in Sailor's Snug Harbor hall.

Minnie Hensell, thirty years old, was badly burned yesterday afternoon by accidentally setting fire to her apron at a kitchen stove. She lives at No. 5 Madison-ave., Tompkinsville.

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HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

ASTOR—Ex-Congressman Jacob Lefevre, of New-Paltz, N. Y. FIFTH AVENUE—John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy. HOFFMAN—Samuel A. Beasley, of Utica. HOLLAND—A. F. Pillsbury, of Minneapolis. IMPERIAL—Ex-Congressman Tazewell Ellett, of Virginia. MANHATTAN—Congressman Warren B. Hooker, of Fredonia, N. Y. MURRAY HILL—State Railroad Commissioner Ashley W. Cole, of Albany. NETHERLAND—Ex-Congressman Henry G. Burleigh, of Whitehall, N. Y. WALDORF—Adjutant-General C. Whitney Tillinghast, of Albany; W. C. Pullman, of Chicago, and Seymour van Santvoord, of Troy.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Aqueduct Commissioners' meeting.

Auction sale of wool, Wool Exchange, 1:30 p. m.

Lecture by the Rev. Dr. Newland Maynard, Chickering Hall, 3 p. m.

St. Paul's School Alumni, No. 17 West Forty-third-st., 8:30 p. m.

Manuscript Society reception for Alexander Guilmant, evening.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Company D, 7th Regiment, will hold its annual meeting on Friday evening.

The companies engaged in the insurance of plate glass met yesterday and discussed the rate situation.

George Work, the well-known pigeon-shot, has gone to Arizona for his health. He will probably be away until spring.

The Schoolmasters' Association will meet on Saturday, at 10:30 a. m., in the New-York University, Washington Square. Charles B. Gilbert, Superintendent of Schools, Newark, will deliver an address.

The New-York Section of the American Chemical Society will meet on Friday, at 8:15 p. m., in the City College, Twenty-third-st. A number of addresses will be made.

William Dyas, who escaped from the City Hall police station early in the morning of New Year's Day, when he had been arrested for disorderly conduct, was rearrested on Monday night at his home, No. 154 Carroll-st., Brooklyn.

A regular meeting of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Board of Trade will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at No. 26 Fifth-ave., at which important business will be transacted.

RATCLIFFE'S FIRST WIFE.

A STORY THAT SHE IS LIVING IN LONDON—THE ACTOR DENIES IT.

More trouble seems to be in store for E. J. Ratcliffe, the actor, who was recently convicted of beating and kicking his wife. In the course of his trial some questions were asked as to whether he had another wife living than the one who made the charge of cruelty against him, or whether he had ever had another. "The London Daily Mail" now asserts that his former wife is still living in London, and publishes an interview with her.

Her name was Caroline Ravenhill, and it is asserted that she has a certificate to show that she was married to Ratcliffe on August 19, 1883. They had one child. She says that he treated her cruelly and that they separated, but she was prevailed upon by friends to go back to him. He then left her and went to Dublin, where he joined Mary Anderson's company and came thence to America. She has heard from him once or twice since then, but he has not supported her or her child.

Ratcliffe is now in a cell in the Tombs. When asked yesterday about the story of his former marriage, he said: "There is nothing in the story at all. It's absurd. I don't know the source of it. Before I was tried De Lacy had my whole history looked up from the time I was a boy, and if he had found anything out about me he would certainly have had it brought out on the trial, had it been true. There is not one word of truth in it."

District-Attorney Gardiner said yesterday that he would authorize the statement that Ratcliffe might be indicted for perjury in swearing that he had no other wife than the woman he had married here, the daughter of Peter De Lacy. Ratcliffe, in his testimony on trial, swore that he had never married any other than the wife he was on trial for assaulting, and Assistant District-Attorney Lloyd will go before the Grand Jury to-day and present the case. He says that he has a witness in this country who says that Ratcliffe told him that he had a wife in England. The case will also be looked into for De Lacy.

DIRECTOR OF THE PAPAL OBSERVATORY.

FATHER GEORGE M. SEARLE, OF THE PAULISTS, MAY RECEIVE THE APPOINTMENT.

There is a possibility that the Rev. Dr. George M. Searle, of the Paulist order, may leave his missionary work in this city to take charge of the Papal Observatory at Rome. The Rev. Father Deshon, Director-General of the Paulists in this country, a short time ago received a letter from Professor Zahm, formerly of Notre Dame University, and at present assistant in the Congregation of the Holy Cross, in Rome, who said that Father Searle's name had been proposed for the Directorship, and he inclosed a letter from the Acting Director which was favorable to this choice.

Father Searle said yesterday that he had no positive information that the Pope had ratified the choice, but he thought that such would probably be the case, though no official communication had been received.

Father Searle has a reputation in astronomical circles, and has contributed many articles to scientific periodicals. In 1858 he was assistant to Dr. Gould at the Albany Observatory, where he discovered the asteroid Pandora, which is said to have been the first discovery made by search in this country. From 1868 to 1868 he was assistant at Harvard Observatory, and later he was made Director of the observatory at the Catholic University at Washington.

The Papal Observatory is of recent foundation, having been established by the present Pope. Its director was Father Denza, of the Barnabites, who died a short time ago.

SAYS BISCHOFF IS INCURABLY INSANE.

DR. AUSTIN FLINT TESTIFIES AT THE INQUIRY INTO THE LAWYER'S MENTAL CONDITION.

The Sheriff's jury selected to inquire into the sanity of Franklin J. Bischoff resumed the hearing yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Bischoff, the wife of the defendant, was one of the principal witnesses called. She told of her marriage, and said that for several years her husband had treated her cruelly, falling into violent passions and beating her. Mrs. Bischoff said that she visited her husband when he was in Ludlow Street Jail, but he lied to her so much that she lost confidence in him, and ceased to visit him or write to him. She denied that Justice Bischoff, the defendant's brother, who now seeks to have him declared insane, had influenced her in any way.

Dr. Austin Flint, the insanity expert, was the next witness. He testified that he had been present and aided in two examinations of Mr. Bischoff, and that as a result of the examinations he decided that the defendant was insane and suffered from delusions, the principal one being that he was persecuted by his brother. He thought, the doctor said, that Bischoff's nature was such that he might improve and be rational at times, but he would not wholly recover, and if released might, at some future time do some act of violence either to himself or others.

An adjournment was taken until this afternoon.

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THE DOG RECOVERED TOO SOON.

ITS VIGOROUS ATTACK ON AN INTRUDING TERRIER LOSES THE CASE FOR ITS MASTER.

T. Dart Walker, an artist, and Robert C. Powell, sergeant of Battery B, United States Heavy Artillery, were the principals yesterday in an amusing trial before Judge John F. Lambden, of New-Rochelle. A small black and white bulldog, which entertained the spectators by whisking about the courtroom with a bandage tied around its neck, was a silent partner in the entertainment. The dog was silent because, as Mr. Walker told the Court, the soldier had put a bullet through its neck, cutting its vocal chords, so that it could not bark.

Mrs. Walker's maid, Olive Franklin, said that the day before Thanksgiving the sergeant came riding down the avenue on his bicycle, and the dog, Dan, bounded over the fence and rushed after the soldier. The maid said that the dog was playing and did not intend to bite, but that the soldier encouraged him to pursue him while he made several dashing circuits around the block. Then, when Dan drew near to the rear tire the sergeant drew a revolver and shot the dog through the neck.

The soldier told the Court that he thought the dog was going to bite him.

The prosecution attempted to prove that the dog had been maimed for life and to secure the conviction of the soldier for cruelty to animals, but just before the case went to the jury a small terrier got into the courtroom, and the injured Dan suddenly found his voice and went for the intruder with a rush. The pugnacity of his pet lost the case for Mr. Walker. The jury after a short deliberation acquitted Sergeant Powell.

A LITTLE GIRL FATALLY BURNED.

SPARKS FROM A BONFIRE IGNITE HER CLOTHING AND SHE DIES FROM THE INJURIES RECEIVED.

Rene Lake, a five-year-old girl, of Reservoir Hill, Williamsbridge, died yesterday morning at the home of her parents, in Williamsbridge, from the effects of burns received on Monday. Her father, John Lake, is a roundsman of the Wakefield station.

The little girl had been playing on the Bronx with her sled and watching the skaters, and sat down to warm herself at a fire which the boys had kindled. In poking up the bonfire to make it burn better some sparks lit upon Rene's dress, and in a moment it was ablaze. Some men rushed to her aid and, wrapping their coats about her, extinguished the flames. She was severely burned. Her face was blackened and blistered, her golden curls partly burned, and her body a mass of smarting blisters. She was taken to her home, suffering intense pain, and died early yesterday morning.

FIRE AT THE ALTAR DURING MASS.

REMARKABLE CALMNESS SHOWN BY THE CONGREGATION.

While Father Sylvester Dellvaux, of St. Boniface's Roman Catholic Church, at Forty-seventh-st. and Second-ave., was celebrating 7 o'clock mass yesterday, a Christmas tree at the altar caught fire. He and the sexton, Valentine Miller, seized the tree and dragged it into the vestry-room, where the sexton put it out. The church was crowded with people, but none left it during the fire. The congregation showed amazing calmness, and though one or two women screamed there was little excitement. The mass was resumed after the blazing tree had been removed.

CHAMPAGNE IMPORTS FOR LAST YEAR.

Samuel Y. Allaire, of No. 3 South William-st., has compiled the following table of imports of champagne into the United States for 1897:

Importer.	Brand.	Cases.
Frederick de Bary & Co.	G. H. Mumm & Co.'s Extra Dry	72,775
Kessler, Behringer & Co.	Moet & Chandon	30,482
Charles Graef & Co.	Pommery & Greno	20,422
Hartmann & Hubbard	Dry Monopole	12,004
C. F. Schmidt & Peters	Veuve Clicquot	11,368
Roosevelt & Schuyler	Ruinart	10,291
George S. Nicholas	Piper Heidsieck	9,441
A. D. Shaw & Co. / Otis E. Weld & Co.	Louis Roederer	7,069
De Vivier & Co.	Perrier Jouet	5,385
F. O. de Luze & Co.	Irroy & Co.	4,116
Taylor & De Ronge	George Goulet	4,113
J. Bunting	De Lossy Holden & Co.	2,091
S. & A. Van Rensselaer	St. Marceaux	2,065
Boulhellis & Co.	Bouché	2,058
H. La Montagne & Sons	Delbeck & Co.	2,008
A. de Montebello & Co.	Duc de Montebello	1,597
Myles R. Haffenden	Giesler & Co.	1,186
Jules Lassere	Grand Sec	1,028
John Osborn, Son & Co.	Dummy	918
C. H. Arnold	Gold Lack	744
Anthony Oechs	Pol Roger	624
John Osborn & Co.	Charles Heidsieck	516
Renauld & Niederstadt	Krug & Co.	325
George F. Heublein & Bro.	Lemoine	250
	Various other brands	15,916
Total		219,399

REPORT OF THE PILOT COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Pilot Commissioners has submitted its annual report. The report refers to the placing in service of the new pilot-boat New-York, and mentions the drowning of two seamen while a pilot was being taken from the steamship Massachusetts last November. It says that there are 101 pilots in active service. Two died in the last year, and three were not called upon on account of age and disability. The number of vessels piloted inward and outward was 5,467, and the gross amount of pilotage earned was $380,140 29. The number of vessels sunk in the year within the limits of the harbor was 131.

A NEGRO WHIPPED TO DEATH.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 4 (Special).—David Hunter, a negro, died in Clinton, Lauren County, tonight from the effects of a merciless whipping inflicted on him to-day by several white men. Hunter was accused of violating a contract in leaving the farm on which he had worked before the expiration of the specified time. Hunter was run down on a public road, tied and beaten with straps and whips. He lived only six hours.

NO CLUBS OR DANCES FOR CHURCH FOLK.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 4 (Special).—The official board of the St. John's Lutheran Church, of La Porte, Ind., has passed a resolution prohibiting the giving of communion to persons who affiliate with worldly clubs and who attend dances and masquerade balls. The church has one thousand five hundred communicants, and the decree has excited the town.

ARCTIC WEATHER IN THE NORTH WOODS.

Malone, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Thermometers to-day registered 34 degrees below zero at Saranac Lake, 25 below at Mountain View and 20 below in this city.

Boston, Jan. 4.—This was the coldest morning of the season in New-England. The thermometer was 4 degrees above zero in this city, 18 below at Northfield, Vt., 28 below at Lancaster, N. H., and 15 below at Bangor, Me. The mercury fell from twenty to forty degrees during the night in this section.

REVIEW OF THE TWELFTH REGIMENT.

The 12th Regiment, Colonel McC. Butt, will be reviewed by Adjutant-General C. Whitney Tillinghast in its armory, Columbus-ave. and Sixty-second-st., on Friday evening. The State and brigade trophies won by the command at Creedmoor will be formally presented, and the evening's entertainment will close with a dance, to which many officers of the First Brigade have been invited.

GERMANY AND THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

London, Jan. 5.—The Berlin correspondent of "The Daily Chronicle" denies that Germany has any idea of purchasing the Danish West Indies.

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SEGREGATION OF CONSUMPTIVES.

THE HEALTH BOARD PLANNING TO SEND AS MANY AS POSSIBLE TO THE SETON HOSPITAL, IN TREMONT.

The Health Board met yesterday, with President Straus, Dr. William T. Jenkins, Dr. John B. Cosby, Police Commissioner York and Dr. Doty, Health Officer of the Port, present. The Board appointed Dr. Robert A. Black, of No. 106 Johnson-st., Brooklyn, Assistant Sanitary Superintendent for the Borough of Brooklyn, and Dr. George C. Hubbard, of Tottenville, Staten Island, Assistant Sanitary Superintendent for the Borough of Richmond. Each is to receive a salary of $3,500. Alexander L. Kinkead was appointed secretary to President Straus, at a salary of $3,000.

The Board authorized Sanitary Superintendent Roberts to send such cases of consumption as he deemed necessary to the Seton Hospital for Consumptives, in Tremont. After the meeting, Sanitary Superintendent Roberts said that this was the beginning of a movement looking toward the segregation of consumptives. The city will pay $1 a day for each consumptive sent to that institution. The Seton Hospital is splendidly equipped for the care of consumptives.

ON THE BENCH TOGETHER.

JUSTICES DAVENPORT AND WORCESTER BOTH HOLDING COURT IN THE ELEVENTH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT.

Court was held for just seven minutes in the Eleventh Municipal District, Columbus-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st., yesterday. Both Justice Worcester and Justice Davenport were on the bench, the latter contending that he does not go out of office until February 1. Both Justices took their seats together. Judge Davenport was first to leave the private room, and he sat down in the seat reserved for the presiding justice.

The courtroom was crowded as the clerk called out the case of Brown against Wood. Justice Davenport had the papers in his hand and he called for the complainant. There was no response and Justice Worcester said, "This case is adjourned to January 10."

Justice Davenport said too, "I adjourn this case to January 10."

He made the "I" very emphatic. Just then a man stepped out into an aisle and walked to the bar. He said he had a motion to make. He had been served with a summons taken out December 1 and made returnable December 17. He said that Chief Clerk Dumahaut had caused an extension of the time of the paper to "January 4, 1897." He added that he thought the clerk did so to give Justice Davenport something to do on that day.

"I can't come here 'January 4, 1897,' and on the ground of irregularity I ask for the dismissal of the summons."

Both Justices dismissed the summons. The room was filled with shouts of laughter, as the man told his story in an amusing way.

H. O. GOLDSMITH, BROKER, CAUGHT.

HE IS CHARGED WITH SWINDLING A BROOKLYN MAN IN WALL STREET TRANSACTIONS.

Henry O. Goldsmith, who was formerly a broker at No. 52 Broad-st., and for whom the police have been looking for two weeks, was arrested in the basement of the Criminal Courts Building, yesterday afternoon, by Detective Sergeant McNaught, of the District-Attorney's office. Goldsmith had gone to the Criminal Courts Building to ascertain if possible how much bail would be needed if he surrendered. McNaught learned of his presence and placed him under arrest. Recorder Goff, in Part I, General Sessions, fixed bail at $2,000.

Goldsmith was formerly a broker, under the firm name of Hoyt & Co. He is indicted for grand larceny in the first degree. The complainant in the case is Oscar E. Wiessner, of Brooklyn. He alleges that Goldsmith swindled him out of $3,000 by fraudulent Wall Street transactions. The complainant swears that on February 5 last he gave Goldsmith a check for $3,000 on the Nassau National Bank for the purpose of buying stock. He says that altogether Hoyt & Co., and other concerns of a like character, have swindled him out of $5,100.

C. S. FARRINGTON RELEASED.

HIS WIFE'S PLEADINGS SECURE HIS FREEDOM, AND THE ACADEMY DIRECTORS DECLINE TO PROSECUTE.

The persistent pleas and plaintive pleadings of his wife have succeeded at last in the release of Claude S. Farrington, who held a place in connection with the Academy of Design, at Twenty-third-st. and Fourth-ave. Mr. Farrington has been in the Tombs more than six months. From the first Mrs. Farrington has been energetically pleading for her husband, and the sorrow of the wife touched the hearts of the directors of the Academy. Her promise of restoration as soon as her husband should be released and the promise of a reform in her husband were availing.

Mr. Farrington's arrest was the result of a charge of embezzling $4,500 from the Academy. The money was spent in gambling. On motion of the attorney for Farrington, with the assent of Assistant District-Attorney Townsend, Judge McMahon, in Part III of General Sessions, yesterday dismissed the indictment, and he was released. Assistant District-Attorney Townsend said that he could not get any witnesses to testify against Farrington. The complainants thought he had been punished enough.

AN EMBRYOLOGIST'S CLAIM.

DR. SCHENK, OF VIENNA, SAYS HE HAS FOUND HOW TO FIX THE SEX OF OFFSPRING.

London, Jan. 5.—According to the Vienna correspondent of "The Daily Chronicle," Dr. Schenk, professor at the University of Vienna and president of the Embryological Institute, claims that, after twenty years of experiments, he has discovered the secret of exercising an influence over animals and men so as to fix the sex of their offspring.

Dr. Schenk declines to reveal it until he has placed his discovery before the Academy of Sciences, but he says the influence depends upon the nature of the food consumed by the female.

IN EULOGY OF CHARLES DANIELS.

On the opening of the January term of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for this department, yesterday, Presiding Justice Van Brunt delivered a brief address in eulogy of the late Charles Daniels, of Buffalo, who was for many years a Justice of the Supreme Court and often sat in this district.

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HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A.M.—Sandy Hook 5:41 | Gov. Island 6:18 | Hell Gate 8:06
P.M.—Sandy Hook 6:16 | Gov. Island 6:48 | Hell Gate 8:47

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line.
Bovic	Liverpool, Dec 24	White Star
Southwark	Antwerp, Dec 25	Red Star
Lampasas	Galveston, Dec 29	Mallory
El Mar	New-Orleans, Dec 30	Morgan
Bedouin	London, Dec 22	
Pocasset	Gibraltar, Dec 22	Med & N Y SS Co
Teutonic	Liverpool, Jan 29	White Star
Trinidad	Bermuda, Jan 3	Quebec S S Co
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6.		
Karlsruhe	Bremen, Dec 25	N G Lloyd
Patria	Hamburg, Dec 25	Hamb-Amer
Mohican	Swansea, Dec 23	Hogan
Christiana	Hamburg, Dec 22	Hamb-Amer
Venezuela	La Guayra, Dec 31	Red D
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7.		
El Monte	New-Orleans, Jan 2	Morgan
Yucatan	Havana, Jan 3	Ward

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	For.	Line.	Mails close	Vessel sails.
St. Louis	Southampton	American	7:00 a m	10:00 a m
Germanic	Liverpool	White Star	9:00 a m	12:00 m
Comal	Galveston	Mallory		3:00 p m
Concho	Havana	N Y & Cuba	1:00 p m	3:00 p m
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6.				
El Paso	New-Orleans	Morgan	——	3:00 p m
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7.				
Arkadia	Porto Rico	N Y & P R	2:00 p m	4:00 p m
Iroquois	Charleston	Clyde	——	3:00 p m
Rio Grande	Port Royal	Mallory	——	3:00 p m
New-York	San Domingo	Clyde	1:00 p m	3:00 p m

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEW-YORK—TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1898.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Aurania (Br), McKay, Liverpool December 25 and Queenstown 26, with mdse, 42 cabin and 68 steerage passengers to Vernon H Brown & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 4:54 a m.

Steamer Veendam (Dutch), Stenger, Rotterdam December 23 and Boulogne 24, with mdse, 12 cabin and 112 steerage passengers to Holland-America Line. Arrived at the Bar at 10:54 a m.

Steamer Tyr (Nor), Hansen, Barry December 14, in ballast to Bennett, Walsh & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 8:40 a m.

Steamer Britannic (Br), Bolton, Huelva December 11 and Bermuda 30, with sulphur ore to Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company; vessel to Simpson, Spence & Young. Arrived at the Bar at 2 a m.

Steamer Sobralense (Br), Murray, Manaos December 18, Para 23 and Barbados 28, with mdse and 5 cabin passengers to Shipton Green. Arrived at the Bar at 10:30 a m.

Steamer Mexico (Span), Oyarbide, Vera Cruz December 25 and Havana 30, with mdse and 6 passengers to J M Ceballos & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 11 p m, 3d.

Steamer Arkadia (Br), Lloyd, Mayaguez December 23, Ponce 24, and St John 27, with mdse and one cabin passenger to the New-York and Porto Rico Ss Co. Arrived at the Bar at 3 p m.

Steamer Altai (Br), Morris, Savanilla December 21, Carthagena 23, Port Limon 27, and Kingston 30, with mdse and 19 passengers to Pim, Forwood & Kellock. Arrived at the Bar at 8:53 a m.

Steamer Bergen (Nor), Olsen, Pilley's Island December 25, with sulphur ore to order; vessel to Bowring & Archibald. Arrived at the Bar at 7:25 a m.

Steamer Rio Grande, Young, Brunswick, Ga, December 31 and Port Royal January 2, with mdse and passengers to C H Mallory & Co.

Steamer Kansas City, Fisher, Savannah January 1, with mdse and passengers to Ocean Ss Co.

Steamer Yorktown, Dole, Newport News and Norfolk, with mdse and passengers to Old Dominion Ss Co.

Steamer Benefactor, Townsend, Philadelphia, with mdse to Wm P Clyde & Co.

CLEARED.

Steamer Caracas, Woodrich, La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, etc—Boulton, Bliss & Dallett.

Steamer Westernland (Belg), Mills, Antwerp—International Navigation Co.

Steamer Stella (Ger), Kuhlewein, Stettin, Copenhagen, etc—Hamburg-American Line.

Steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse (Ger), Englebart, Bremen, via Southampton—Oelrichs & Co.

Steamer Neustria (Fr), Sagola, Marseille—James W Elwell & Co.

Steamer Hevelius (Belg), Stapledon, Liverpool—Busk & Jevons.

Steamer Wordsworth (Belg), Salter, Pernambuco, Bahia, etc—Busk & Jevons.

Steamer Aral (Br), Nicholas, Dover—Columbia Oil Company, of New-York.

Steamer Croft (Br), Robinson, Leith and Dundee—Simpson, Spence & Young.

Steamer Albano (Ger), Koch, Newport News—Funch, Edye & Co.

Steamer Mangara (Br), Clausen, Dover—Miller, Bull & Knowlton.

Steamer Elisa Marie (Ger), Reimers, Flushing—Gust Heye.

Steamer Allsawald (Br), Brown, Marseilles—J H Winchester & Co.

Steamer St Louis, Randle, Southampton—International Navigation Company.

Steamer Germanic (Br), McKinstry, Liverpool—White Star Line.

Steamer Seminole, Bearse, Charleston and Jacksonville—William P Clyde & Co.

Steamer Herman Winter, Nickerson, Boston—H F Dimock.

Steamer Princess Anne, Hulphers, Newport News and Norfolk—Old Dominion Steamship Company.

Steamer John Englis, Bragg, Portland—Horatio Hall.

Steamer El Sud, Higgins, New-Orleans—J T Van Sickle.

Ship Theodor Fischer (Ger), Von Harten, Newport News—Theodor Ruger & Co.

Bark Madonna Pompei (Ital), Scala, Algiers—John C Seager.

SAILED.

Steamers Anchoria (Br), for Glasgow; Gulf Stream, Philadelphia; Munchen (Ger), Baltimore; Cairo (Br), Copenhagen; Normannia (Ger), Genoa, etc; Caracas, La Guayra, etc; Stella (Ger), Stettin, etc; Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse (Ger), Bremen, via Southampton; Simon Dumois (Nor), Bergen; El Sud, New-Orleans; Princess Anne, Norfolk and Newport News; Irrawaddy, Grenada, etc; Seminole, Charleston and Jacksonville; Georgic (Br), Liverpool.

THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

FOREIGN PORTS.

London, Jan 4—Sailed, steamer America (Br), Pearce, New-York.

Gravesend, Jan 4—Sailed, steamer Michigan (Br), Tubbs, New-York.

Swansea, Jan 4—Sailed, steamer Llandaff City (Br), Hunter, New-York.

Ipswich, Jan 3—Arrived, steamer Sir Garnet Wolseley (Br), Laver, New-York.

Isle of Wight, Jan 3—Passed, steamer North Anglia (Br), Davies, Copenhagen for New-York.

Queenstown, Jan 4—Arrived, steamer Majestic (Br), Smith, New-York for Liverpool (and proceeded).

Lizard, Jan 4—Passed, steamer Edam (Dutch), Bruinsma, New-York for Amsterdam.

Prawle Point, Jan 4—Passed, steamer Maskelyne (Belg), Russell, New-York for Antwerp.

Amsterdam, Jan 2—Arrived, steamer Merriman, Byrne, New-York.

Rotterdam, Jan 2—Arrived, steamer Diamant (Ger), Wischhausen, New-York.

Hamburg, Jan 2—Sailed, steamer Glanton (Br), Hubert, New-York.

Ghent, Jan 1—Sailed, steamer Draco (Br), for New-York.

Pauillac, Jan 4—Arrived, steamer Ingram (Br), Stevenson, New-York for Bordeaux.

Bordeaux, Dec 31—Arrived, steamer South Cambria (Br), Hughes, New-York.

Marseilles, Jan 1—Arrived, steamer Laughton (Br), Hodgson, New-York.

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Algiers, Dec 29—Arrived, steamer Urd (Nor), Hansen, New-York for Aden, Singapore, etc.

Colombo, Jan 3—Arrived, steamer Fernfield (Br), McFee, Shanghai, etc, for New-York.

Para, Jan 1—Arrived, steamer Cearense (Br), Cowen, New-York for Maranham and Ceara.

Rio Janeiro, Jan 1—Sailed, steamer Asiatic Prince (Br), Anderson, New-York.

Pernambuco, Jan 2—Arrived, steamers Castilian Prince (Br), Cheil, New-York for Santos; sailed, Otters (Belg), Tanner (from Rio Janeiro), New-York.

Barbados, Jan 5—Sailed, steamer Hubert (Br), Smith (from New-York), Para and Manaos.

St Lucia, Jan 3—Sailed, steamer Bellona (Br), McLean (from Santos), New-York.

CLOSING PRICES SAN FRANCISCO STOCKS.

	Yesterday.	To-day.		Yesterday.	To-day.
Alta	15	13	Julia	01	—
Alpha Con	07	07	Kentuck Con	06	06
Andes	16	15	Mexican	32	27
Belcher	48	45	Occidental Con	1.20	1.20
Best & Belcher	56	50	Ophir	62	55
Bullion	06	05	Overman	14	13
Caledonia	29	25	Potosi	43	34
Challenge Con	31	29	Savage	25	22
Chollar	40	36	Sierra Nevada	77	73
Confidence		97	Silver Hill	06	05
Con Cal & Va	1.35	1.30	Union Con	23	21
Con Imperial	01	01	Utah Con	11	11
Crown Point	33	28	Yellow Jacket	42	38
Gould & Curry	43	38	Standard	1.65	1.65
Hale & Norcross	1.36	1.30			

THE TRADE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 4 (Special).—Wheat early had a break of 1¾ cents. The close was only ⅛ cent under Monday. The Leiter party supported the market to-day with a good deal of determination, taking at least 1,000,000 bushels for May. The closing rally was most helped by the claim from New-York of fifty loads sold for export. Indeed, New-York to-day had most to do with the early decline, and then contributed most toward the final rally. May opened at 91⅝ cents, sold between 91⅞ and 90¼ cents and closed at 91¼@91⅜ cents. The January was relatively weak, closing 1 cent under May. The cash market showed no strength. Bids even for No. 2 spring, which is a good deal cheaper quality of wheat than the contract, were several cents out of line. There were rumors of a negotiation for a very large sale of the Leiter wheat to France. This was not confirmed. The Leiter party said that it had a good many bids for cash on hand, but that they were out of line. Early it was taken for granted that a line of long wheat was sold for Baker. The statistical announcements were of both sorts. The increase in the world's visible—1,835,000 bushels—a good deal exceeded the expectation. Clearances were liberal—508,000 bushels. Russian stocks were reported as a third less than last year's at this time—about 14,000,000 bushels, against 21,000,000 bushels. Wheat receipts were nearer normal than they have been in a month, seventy-eight cars here, with seventy-five estimated for to-morrow; 405 cars in the Northwest, compared with 149 last year. Paris was the weak market to-day, off equal to about 2 cents a bushel. Liverpool was only ⅛d lower, which was not as much as the American break on Monday. There was a good deal in regard to selling by foreigners as a hedge against Argentine purchases. There was probably some exaggeration about this, although the Continent was a seller here and in New-York. The market was under pit prices most of the session. At night the bulls felt very much encouraged over the export business reported.

Corn early showed a loss of ⅜ cent, it closed at Monday's figures. May opened at 29⅝ cents, sold between 29⅝@29¾ and 29⅜@29½ cents, and closed at 29¾ cents. The early break was with wheat, and so large receipts The closing rally also with wheat, and on a moderate estimate for Wednesday. The inspection was 1,069 cars; the estimate 250 cars. Clearances were 8⅛ lower. Seaboard clearances were 472,000 bushels. Country sold country moderately through receivers and elevator people. The sentiment here is not very bullish. New-York reported 44 loads sold for export.

Oats were particularly weak for January, losing 1 cent and closing at 21 cents. May lost ⅛ cent and then recovered it, closing at 23⅛ cents. Receipts were 579 cars, with 50 estimated for Wednesday. Clearances were 114,000 bushels.

Provisions were weak, pork, lard and ribs losing 10 cents. There was a good deal of liquidation. Receipts were large, 50,000 hogs, at the seven Western points, against 30,000 last year. Prices at the yards were 5 cents lower. The consumptive movement continues enormous, shipments from here for the twenty-four hours being 6,600,000 pounds meat and 5,300,000 pounds lard. The world's stock of lard, 350,000 tierces, increased 13,000 tierces for December.

On the curb, puts on May wheat closed at 90⅝ and 90⅞ cents, calls, 92 cents; puts on and calls on May corn, 29⅝ cents.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The demand in the wool market has been brisk during the last week. The market is yet strong and there is still a large leeway in values before prices get up to the importing bases, under the present duty. Territory wools are now selling at 45@50c, and the prospect is bright for an advance. Fleece wools have met with little attention, but the market holds firm. The sale of Australian wools holds on well and at old prices, buyers being disposed to operate freely. The following are the quotations for leading descriptions:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleece—X and above, 27@28c; XX and above, 29@30c; No 1 combing, 30c; No 2 combing, 29@30c.

Michigan, Wisconsin, etc—X, 23@24c; No 1 Michigan combing, 28@29c; No 1 Illinois combing, 28@29c; Michigan combing, 28@29c; No 2 Illinois combing, 28c; X New-York, New-Hampshire and Vermont, 23@24c; No 2 New-York, New-Hampshire and Vermont, 27c; delaine, Michigan, 27c.

Unwashed, medium—Kentucky and Indiana, one-quarter blood combing, 23@24c; Kentucky and Indiana three-eighths blood combing, 24@25c; Missouri one-quarter blood combing, 22@23c; Missouri three-eighths blood combing, 23@24c; braid combing, 21c; lake and Georgia, 22@23c.

Texas wools—Spring medium (12 months), 16@18c; scoured price, 43@45c; spring fine (12 months), 17@18c; scoured price, 50@52c.

Territory wools—Montana fine medium and fine, 18@19c; scoured price, 48@50c; staple, 52@55c; Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 15@17c; scoured, 48@50c; staple, 52@55c.

Australian, scoured basis—Combing superfine, 70@72c; combing, good, 67@68c; combing, average, 62@65c; Queensland, combing, 65c.