

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

The Fenians—The Skating—Two Priests—Curious Trials—Brokers in Trouble—The Collapse of the "Columbian"—A New Total Society—Strong Divorce Case Again, Etc.

New York, January 23. Skating is good again to-day. The snow does not materially interfere with travel.

But little progress has been made during the last few days in the grand tourney of the New York Chess Club—a fact partly to be attributed to the unusual inclemency of the weather, and partly to the indisposition of one or more of the combatants.

Another game, however, was contested on Monday afternoon, in the exciting affair between Captain McKenzie and Mr. Stanley, which, after a little less than three hours' hard fighting, terminated in another "draw." Play between these gentlemen will be resumed this day (Wednesday) at the Club Rooms, University Building, at the usual hour (2 P. M.); the state of the score now being—McKenzie, 2; Stanley, 2; drawn games, 2. According to the terms of the match, a single further success on the part of the Captain will constitute him the victor, while Mr. Stanley has his entire three games tied to win.

Wall street is terribly exercised over the collapse of the Columbian Marine Insurance Company. The directors will be able to tell tomorrow whether they can resume business or not. The company's buildings were thronged yesterday by the stockholders, many of whom, on ascertaining the causes of the alleged failure, proposed to stand an assessment of fifty per cent. in order that business might be resumed by the directors. A meeting of the latter will take place to-day, at which it is expected some satisfactory arrangement may be entered into.

Yesterday morning the United States Marshal Murray acting upon a motion from United States District Attorney Dickinson, proceeded on board the propeller Meteor, a steamer of fourteen hundred tons burden, and seized the vessel. It being chartered by an individual of the name of Gomez, which cleared at our Custom House on Saturday last for Baltimore, but did not sail till yesterday.

A serious affray occurred on board the steamship Manhattan, at pier No. 3 North river, yesterday afternoon, between the firemen and coal passers, and the second mate, Henry Curwin. The latter being hand pressed, drew a revolver, and discharged it at the crowd, the shot taking effect in the head of Michael Haley, a fireman, producing a probably fatal wound. Curwin was arrested, and the wounded man was taken to the City Hospital, where the surgeon gave it as his opinion that Haley could not live through the night.

Evidence was taken yesterday before United States Commissioner Stillwell on behalf of Captain Peabody, of the ship Neptune, who is charged with cruel treatment of seamen on board that vessel. The testimony went to show that many of the crew were inefficient and incapable of working the vessel, and that the captain and crew were brought into port with safety. The case is closed on both sides, and now awaits the Commissioner's decision.

Commissioner Stillwell yesterday heard a case in which a man named George Bruno was charged with having in his possession forged fifty-cent fractional currency, representing seven or eight hundred dollars, some evidence having been taken, the same being admitted.

The ex parte business of the Supreme Court at Chambers has been unusually large during the present month, thus far. Mr. Justice Sutherland, who sits at Chambers this term, finds it impossible, on account of the delay in the work in hand, in time to take up the Chambers Court calendar at the usual period.

This is owing to the vast increase in the number of applications for arrest, warrants, writs of attachment, orders to show cause why injunctions should be granted, etc. This branch of our courts is getting to be so overwhelmed with business of an important nature, as to positively demand the attendance of two Justices at Chambers each month.

CITY INTELLIGENCE

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ARREST OF AN OLD BURGLAR.—John Burns, an old man about sixty years of age, was arrested this morning at an early hour, upon the charge of attempted burglary at L. M. Friedenberg's, Seventh and Callowhill streets, Officer James H. Fish, of the Eighth Police District, who was passing, heard a noise, and stopping, discovered Burns peeping over the fence. The burglar ran, but was pursued and captured. In his flight he dropped a hatchet and jammy. The hatchet had succeeded in knocking a panel out of the back door, when the noise alarmed Mr. Friedenberg, who discharged a pistol on the second-story window. This frightened the burglar, and caused him to jump the fence and run. Burns is charged with committing a burglary at Shilpen street, and was convicted and sentenced to two years' imprisonment for the same. He has been out of the "jug" but a short time.

THAT THERE is a great event forthcoming in our midst is certain. That it will be startling is sure. That it will be epochal is doubtless. That its features will be most risible we may depend. That it will be an able effort, "unf'g'ed." That everybody, who is anybody, (from Philadelphia's "Little Corporal" to the last subscriber) will be there, is almost a reality.

Secure your ticket of admission and be there in time, as all we can say to those who desire to assist at LA COEURE CARNAVAL, Academy of Music, Thursday, January 25, 1896.

SHOOTING AFFAIR.—Daniel and Michael Mooney were arrested yesterday upon the charge of committing a violent assault and battery on shooting John L. Moore, by Alderman Egan on bad terms, and have quarrelled whenever they met. Yesterday afternoon they came together upon Stormy Hill, in the upper part of Richmond, in the Nineteenth Ward. Words ensued, blows followed, and finally Michael Egan was shot in the arm. His wound is quite a serious one, and he was taken to the St. Joseph's Hospital. The Mooneys were arrested and held for a further hearing by Alderman Clouds.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—This morning about 9 o'clock, Frederick Baker, married, aged 25 years, employed at 1325 Chestnut street, the Baltic Cotton Mills, Lehigh and Canal streets, Sixteenth Ward, met with a shocking accident. He missed his footing and fell into a vat of boiling dye stuff, and was so shockingly burned that his recovery is considered impossible. He was conveyed to the hospital.

DEATH OF AN OLD MERCHANT.—William Richardson, among the most eminent of the retired merchants of this city, died this morning in the 74th year of his age. He was for many years identified with the coal interests of Pennsylvania, and enjoyed a high reputation for business energy and integrity.

BOARDING-HOUSE THEFT.—George Phillips, a boarder at the Rising Sun Hotel, at Second and Poplar streets, was arrested yesterday upon the charge of robbing a fellow-boarder who slept in the same room. Phillips was committed by Alderman Toland.

DROWNED.—William Wilson, married, aged 25 years, residing at No. 1315 Fairmount road, fell into the Delaware at Green street wharf, on Tuesday night, and was drowned. The body was recovered, and the Coroner notified to hold an inquest.

CUTTING AFFAIR.—A sailor named Frank Allen got into a dispute with another sailor, at Penn and Lombard streets, during which he stabbed his opponent in the hip. Allen was arrested, and held to answer by Alderman Dougherty.

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