

No. 6 White-street, exploded a second time yesterday, and severely injured one of the employes, named VINCENT BOUDON, who was sent to the New-York Hospital.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.—Dr. JOHN F. BOYNTON will give a Christmas stereopticon entertainment, in the great hall of the Cooper Union, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. At that hour the doors will be closed, in order to avoid a disturbance of the lecture by newcomers.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

AN ELEGANT NEW-YEAR'S GIFT.—Among the least expected, but not, probably, the least welcome of the arrivals at Speaker COLFAX's residence in Washington to-day, on the occasion of his first reception since his marriage, will be the elegant New-Year's offering of a few of the New-York friends of the Vice-President elect, which was dispatched from this City yesterday. The offering, which is intended as a New-Year's surprise present to Mr. and Mrs. COLFAX, consists of a superb silver coffee-urn, of entirely novel design and exquisite workmanship. It is in the form of a globe, and holds two gallons. Surmounting the globe, which is of highly-polished silver, is a frosted silver figure of Cupid in a reclining posture, with his left hand on a laurel branch, which is kept ever green and fresh from a watering cup held in the right hand. The construction of the legs supporting the globe, the oblong base for the cup to rest upon, and in fact the whole design and construction of the urn are both novel and beautiful. The whole rests upon an oval-shaped plateau two feet or more in diameter, with an elegantly-chased rim. In the centre of the plateau and also on the front surface of the globe, are the initials C. W., engraved in monogram. The urn was on exhibition for a short time yesterday at No. 3 Maiden-lane, and attracted much attention. It was designed and manufactured by the Gorham Company, Providence.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—A presentation of a first-class piano-forte to OLIVER G. BRADY, Esq., W. M. of St. John's Lodge No. 1, New-York, was made last evening at his residence, No. 56 Bank-street. The gift was presented by P. G. M. ROBERT G. HOLMES, Esq., on behalf of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, New-York, who paid an eloquent tribute to the past services and sterling worth of the recipient, who has been elected for the fourth time W. M. of that Lodge, and who has also served as a D. D. G. M. of the State of New-York, both of which positions he had held with honor to himself and his associates. The memento, he remarked, was but a trivial appreciation of the esteem in which his brothers held him. Mr. BRADY, in reply, said that the costly gift would be prized, not only by himself, but that during his absence with the brethren its dulcet tones would serve somewhat as a substitute for his presence with those who were near and dear to him. The piano, worth \$1,000 in gold, bore the following inscription: "Presented, Jan. 1, 1869, by St. John's Lodge No. 1, New-York, Free and Accepted Masons, to Right Worshipful Brother OLIVER G. BRADY, as a token of respect and esteem, and as a testimonial for his services as Master of said Lodge from December, 1865, to December, 1868."

REPUBLICAN GENERAL COMMITTEE.—In the list of officers and delegates to the Radical Republican General Committee, published on Wednesday, the Ninth District should have been included in two tickets. The following is claimed to be the one regularly elected, as the election was held in the place where the regular meetings are held: For President, George E. Keyser; First Vice-President, Frank D. Karr; Second Vice-President, Thomas H. Coppins; Recording Secretary, Isaac Cokelet; Corresponding Secretary, Daniel A. Anderson; Treasurer, William H. Christie; Delegates to General Committee, Sinclair Tousey, J. Solis Ritterband, H. C. Robinson, James Cummings, John Dargavel, Wm. E. Noble, James Webb, Charles J. Rose, Joseph Forbes, Jacob R. Riley, George Leyland, Andrew J. Conkling, Wm. H. Merrill.

THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.—It is said that the officers and men of the New-York Fire Department are generally disgusted with the innovation about to go into effect in organizing the force in military style, also that Chief Engineer KINGSLAND (whose title will be Col. KINGSLAND under the new *régime*) will probably resign his position on account of the change, and that a large number of the other officers will follow his example.

PROBABLE FATAL AFFRAY.—An altercation occurred yesterday in the liquor saloon of BERNHARDT SCHWARTZ, No. 541 First-avenue, between JAMES SHANLY and WILLIAM MCCUTCHISON, about quois, when the latter drew a knife and stabbed SHANLY in the abdomen, causing a dangerous wound. The wounded man was taken to Bellevue Hospital, and his assailant was arrested.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH BAZAAR.—The bazaar which has been held in the basement of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Twenty-eighth-street, for the past few days, to defray the expenses of the recent alterations of the church, the new altar and the altar pieces, closed yesterday morning. There were sixteen stalls, including the stalls of the Sisters of Charity, the stalls of the Sunday School and those of the Temperance Society. The sum of \$900 was realized. The painting of Donnellybrook Fair was exhibited, and added much to the profits of the bazaar. The contributions were numerous and costly, and the proceeds or the sales nearly cover the debts which Dr. McLEAN, the Pastor, has to discharge.

A CUBAN THIEF AT LARGE.—Information was received yesterday by Inspector DILKS, to the effect that on the 10th of last November, one JOSE, a mulatto, and a native of Cuba, absconded from Havana, taking with him \$10,000 worth of Spanish gold notes on the Banco Espagnol, the property of his mistress, Mme. ROSA A. SCULL. As it is thought that JOSE has arrived in the United States, a sharp lookout for him will be maintained.

THE BOARD OF POLICE.—The Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners held an informal meeting yesterday, and adopted a resolution tendering Mr. President ACTON three months leave of absence, should he determine to retain his present position.

MINOR ITEMS.—A man named SANGER, residing temporarily with Mr. R. REIVERS, in Seventieth-street, near Third-avenue, was found dead in bed yesterday....Mrs. CATHERINE VITZE, a German woman, aged 31, cut her throat yesterday, at No. 96 First-avenue, though she did not inflict a fatal wound. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital....JOHN HIGHLAND, of No. 241 Washington-street, who was bitten by a rabid dog last Summer, was yesterday taken to Bellevue Hospital, suffering from hydrophobia....The sugar-boller used in the confectionery