

NEWS OF THE COURTS IN BRIEF.

—George W. Cram was put on trial in the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday morning. He is charged with the murder of his wife, Rachel. The prisoner is sixty years old. His wife was fifty-four. Before the talesmen were called in for examination, counsel for the defense asked for an adjournment, in order to give time for further preparation. The case went over.

—James W. Murphy yesterday recovered a judgment for \$16,525 against the New-York Elevated Railroad Company, in the Superior Court. He sued for damages to his property, in Pearl Street, near Hanover Square, caused by constructing the road. An allowance of 8 per cent. was also made Mr. Murphy. Thirty days' stay was granted the company.

—The suit brought against William Steinway by Henry W. T. Steinway for an accounting of the transactions between the Steinway Piano Fabrik, in Hamburg, and the firm in New-York, was continued yesterday before Judge Stover, in the Supreme Court. The plaintiff was on the stand all day. The case will go on to-day.

—The inquiry into the competency of Mrs. Johanna Barbara Widmayer, widow of George Widmayer, to manage the large estate left by her husband, was continued in the Supreme Court yesterday. Mrs. Widmayer is eighty-two years old. The hearing was not finished.

—Victor de la Cova, charged with shipping dangerous articles unlawfully to Havana, was taken before Judge Benedict, in the United States Circuit Court, yesterday. He pleaded not guilty, and was remanded for trial next Monday.

—Agnes Skinner was taken before Judge Benedict, in the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, charged with drawing a pension as a widow after having married again. She will be tried during this term of court.