

## EDWARD DE LIMA FOUND.

HIS FAMILY NOTIFIED FROM PARIS THAT HE IS SAFE.

On Jan. 5 Edward de Lima, a member of the importing house of D. A. de Lima & Co., 63 William Street, mysteriously vanished from New-York City and for two months and a half his relatives and friends were in total ignorance of his whereabouts. Very recently, however, one of the family received a cable dispatch from a friend in Paris saying, "Edward safe; will write."

The last seen of Mr. de Lima in this city was when he left the Langham at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-second Street, where he lived with his mother, sister, brother, and brother-in-law, on the morning of Jan. 5 about 9 o'clock, when it was supposed he was going to his office. He did not go there, however, and the first theory entertained by his relatives was that he had gone to the Bremen steamer *Trave* to see some friends off, and, while bidding them good-bye, had been carried away. This theory was demolished when the *Trave* reached Southampton, for he was not aboard.

Another explanation was that young de Lima had wandered off in a fit of mental aberration. When he was at Harvard he suffered from nervous complications, and he had taken a South American trip for relief. Rumors to the effect that he had gone abroad with some woman were disbelieved by his friends, for his previous life made it impossible to accept such an explanation.

The cablegram is all that Mr. de Lima's friends have heard of him since his disappearance, but they are confident the letter now on its way will fully explain everything.

## VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

THAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE RAMSEY MURDER TRIAL.

The jury which heard the trial of David H. Ramsey, charged with shooting his wife in May, 1890, after being out all night, returned a verdict of acquittal at 11:30 yesterday morning. The jury on its first ballot had stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal, and not until five minutes of the verdict being returned had the four who favored acquittal succeeded in persuading the other eight to their view.

Lawyer George F. Elliott, whose conduct of the defense was remarkable for its vigor, thanked Judge Martine for his courtesy during the trial, and the Judge, after listening to him, made the following reply:

"I feel bound to say, Mr. Elliott, that you are entitled to be congratulated on the result of the trial. I confess that the evidence led me to expect a different result. I am sorry to be compelled to say that it is exceedingly lamentable that juries are inclined to give great encouragement by their verdicts to this particular class of crimes—common shooting affrays. The natural result is seen on every side of us. Such crimes are growing more numerous daily, and, in my judgment, blame must be placed upon the jurors who refuse to act upon the evidence and who travel outside of it to find excuse for their verdict.

"The jury has become a nursery of such crimes."

After the jury was discharged Judge Martine said that he regarded the verdict as wholly unwarranted.

## LARD INSPECTION.

TWO PROPOSITIONS SUBMITTED TO MEMBERS OF THE TRADE.

The special committee of the lard trade of the Produce Exchange which has been investigating the many complaints against the present system of inspecting and weighing lard has finally agreed upon two propositions which it offers for the consideration of the members of the trade. It asks them to send in expressions of opinion on the subject on or before March 31.

The first proposition for an amendment of the rules provides that a schedule of rates be fixed by the trade, permitting, however, a charge in excess of the schedule when arrangements are made between dealers and inspectors; that certificates of weight shall not be given except for lard actually weighed and inspected at the warehouses or termini of transportation companies, the date of inspection being clearly shown, and that no Inspector shall guarantee weights or quality of lard for any delivery beyond the date of actual weighing and inspection. Provision is made, also, for enforcing the rules and punishing violations of them.

The alternative proposition is for the establishment of a system of official inspection under the direction of an Inspector in Chief, appointed by the Exchange, who shall give a bond of \$25,000 and shall not engage in other business while holding his office.

## TRUCKS ON FIFTH AVENUE.

There are a great many people in New-York who would like to know what has become of Senator Cantor's bill prohibiting trucks and merchandise vans from using Fifth Avenue as a thoroughfare. The bill has been read twice and referred to the Committee on Cities, and it seems to be the intention of the committee to throttle it by not reporting it.

It has been said both at Albany and in New-York that the reason why the bill has been pigeonholed is that this treatment of it has been in accordance with the wishes of those persons who are anxious to ruin Fifth Avenue by building a street railway in it.

## URGED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

District Attorney De Lancey Nicoll went to Albany yesterday to urge before the Legislature his bill for enlarging the Courts of General Sessions, in accordance with his professed opinion of their inadequacy as at present constituted to handle the business before them. He took with him, however, a bill prepared according to the suggestions of Recorder Smyth for the relief of the alleged present over-pressure of work in these courts, providing that Police Justices shall be empowered to try misdemeanors with a jury, if the defendant in such cases demands a jury trial.

## A GOOD MAN FOR SUPERVISOR.

Louis K. Bell, who was nominated for Supervisor of Bedford, Westchester County, is editor of the *Oil, Lint, and Drug Reporter* of this city. Three years ago Mr. Bell was elected Supervisor, being the first Democrat to hold this office in thirty-eight years. He was re-elected the following year by an increased majority. Bedford is the home of ex-Collector Judge Robertson, who is making a personal fight this year. Mr. Bell is a tariff reformer, a Cleveland man, and is in favor of good roads and bridges in the town. He is receiving the support of a large number of the Republican taxpayers.

## MORE OF MR. KEENE'S DEBTS PAID.

Seventeen more judgments against James K. Keene, the Wall Street operator, aggregating \$53,000, were satisfied of record yesterday. They were obtained during the past seven years, the largest being in favor of the following: Atterbury & Tillinghast, \$19,938; François E. Wolfe, \$3,520; J. A. Tschirhart, \$1,814; E. Fibel, \$4,001; Carolin & Cox, \$3,822; M. Shiller, \$2,753; T. H. Banks, \$2,213; Thomas H. P. Farr, \$2,210; S. W. Milbank, \$1,939.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

A special State civil service examination was held yesterday at Cooper Union by W. H. Birdseye of Albany and W. C. Reddy of this city. The examinations were for first assistant and junior assistant physicians in the State hospitals and for janitors in the Eleventh Civil District Court in this city. There were six candidates for the former places and twenty-four for the latter. The results will be announced in a few days by the Examiners.

## ABANDONED CHINA SOLD.

Several thousand pieces of china were sold at auction in the seizure room of the Custom House yesterday. There was a good attendance of bidders, few of whom were dealers, and the prices realized were satisfactory, amounting to about \$500 altogether. The china had been "abandoned" by the importers, who preferred that course to paying the duties, the goods having been damaged in transit.

## THE NEW CITY OF MOUNT VERNON.

The newly-incorporated City of Mount Vernon will hold its first election for city officers on Tuesday, May 17. These officers will consist of a Mayor without salary, ten Aldermen, a City Judge at \$3,000 a year, a City Attorney at \$2,500, City Clerk at \$2,000 a year, and Chief of Police at \$2,000.

## MR. HOWELL TO RETIRE FROM BUSINESS.

Ex Mayor James Howell of Brooklyn, who has been in the iron business for over thirty years, has decided to retire from all active business, and his old firm of Howell & Saxton will be dissolved on May 1.

## RECORDER SMYTH GETTING BETTER.

Recorder Smyth, although better than on Wednesday, did not come to the Court of General Sessions yesterday. He sent word, however, that he would be in his place to-day unless he should become unexpectedly worse.

## SUPERVISOR OF NEW-ROCHELLE.

The Republicans have nominated John Molloy for supervisor of New-Rochelle, and the Democrats Charles E. Roosevelt.