

LONG ISLAND.

Trial of Gallagher for the Murder of Hugh Kelly—Verdict of Guilty.

KINGS COUNTY COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER—WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16.

Before Judge Davies and Justices Simmons and Schoonmaker.

James Gallagher, indicted for murder, in killing Hugh Kelly, on the 30th of August last, in front of No. 12 Fulton-street, was arraigned for trial. District-Attorney Schoonmaker appeared for the people. For the prisoner, Messrs. Garrison and Moore.

A Jury was obtained without much difficulty, and the testimony in the case, which developed the facts as narrated at the time, was closed at 5½ o'clock, P. M., when the Court took a recess of 30 minutes.

On reassembling Mr. Garrison summed up for defence, and was followed by the District Attorney. After a clear and able charge from the Court, the Jury retired at about 9 o'clock to consider their verdict.

VERDICT OF THE JURY.

The Jury came into Court at twenty minutes before 12 o'clock, and rendered a verdict of "Guilty of Murder," with a recommendation to mercy.

The Jury, when they first retired, stood four for conviction as charged, and eight for manslaughter. But, after carefully considering the testimony, they arrived at the conclusion that the prisoner was guilty of the highest offence.

The prisoner received the verdict with the same indifference manifested throughout the trial.

The Court adjourned till 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

RONKONKOMA POND HOUSE BURNED.—The fine Summer Hotel at Ronkonkoma Pond, just north of the Lakeland station, L. I., was burned to the ground on Tuesday, with nearly all its furniture. City readers will remember the house as the one where the party of New-Yorkers were staying, some of whom were drowned, last Summer. The house was owned by the wife of Mr. HENRY WELD, (of the Trinity Church property agency,) and cost, some two years ago, \$12,000. It was about to be sold soon in satisfaction of a mortgage which was not supposed until lately to encumber it. The house was of wood, some fifty feet square, four stories high, and well built. Mrs. WELD's insurance on it was \$8,000. It was thought that the fire originated in a defect of one of the chimney flues. Mr. WELD's family is residing in Sands-street, Brooklyn. Who were the Winter occupants of the house our informant—Mr. MUNSSELL, of the Long Island Express Company—could not tell us.

FIRE IN BROOKLYN.—About 12 o'clock Tuesday night, a barn on Myrtle, near Division-avenue, owned by Ex-Alderman Wm. S. MILLS, was discovered to be on fire. It is supposed that the fire was the work of an incendiary. Loss, \$1,000, insured for \$300. Several suspicious fires have lately occurred in Brooklyn.