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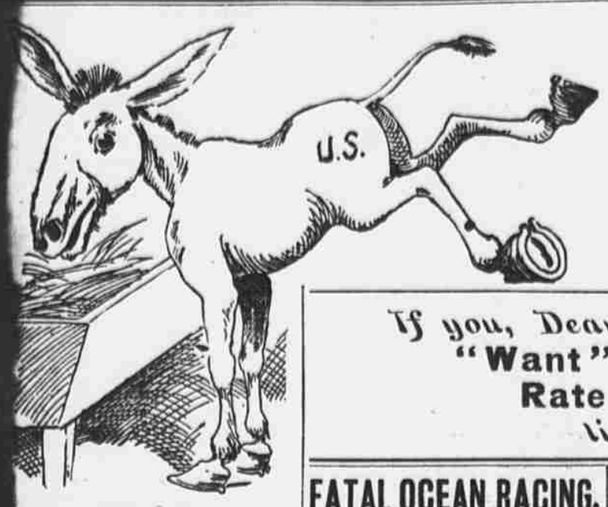

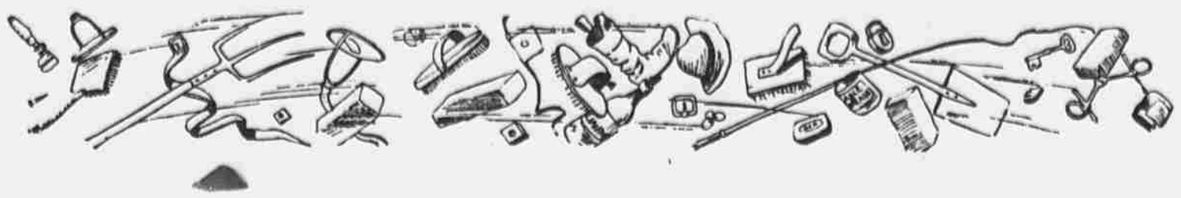

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IDENTIFIED THE INK-SLINGER.

Two Ladies Positive That John Connors Is the Man.

His Own Story, as Told to an "Evening World" Reporter.

Jack the Ink-Slinger, whose other name is John Connors, and whose occupation, when not slinging dyes on women's dresses, is stableman, was again in Yorkville Court this morning.

This time he was confronted by two very pretty girls, both of whom had had valuable dresses ruined by the miscreant.

One of these was Miss Ethel Warner, of 941 Sixth avenue. Last Tuesday night, after visiting some friends, she alighted at the downtown station of the Sixth avenue "L" at Fiftieth street.

At the bottom of the steps she met a man. She noticed him particularly because there was no one else around.

She walked quickly down the west side of the avenue, but had not gone a hundred feet when she became aware that some one was following her.

Turning she saw the man who had attracted her attention at the station. She increased her pace, but the man followed her so closely as to once or twice touch her elbow.

When her home was reached she found that her dress had been ruined with great blotches of violet ink.

Yesterday morning Miss Warner went to Capt. Killies's station to identify Connors, who had been arrested by Policeman Stafford on Friday night while following a young woman and acting in a suspicious manner.

Connors was brought out. He wore a white shirt and a black derby hat.

"That's the man," she said without hesitation, "but he wore a lawn tennis shirt and a white derby on Tuesday night."

She was right. Connors wore a white hat and a lawn tennis shirt when arrested, and he was arrayed in these things and placed before her. She was more positive.

"I am certain that he is the man," she said in Court this morning. "I cannot be mistaken."

Accordingly her affidavit was taken embodying the above facts. The affidavit of Miss Ella Luyster, of 123 West Seventy-fourth street, was also taken.

It will be remembered that on Friday evening when Connors was arrested, he was following a young lady who wore a handsome light colored silk.

The lady was Miss Luyster and she found her dress covered with violet ink when she arrived home.

The color of the blotches on her dress, which was of India silk, and the color of the violet ink found on Connors exactly matched when compared in court this morning. Connors was arraigned before Justice Ford. He was represented by ex-Judge Maurice Oltenbourg, who asked for an examination, and the Judge held Connors in $1,000 bail to answer this afternoon.

Connor was not in the least disturbed by the proceedings in court this morning. His face was sunken and still unshaven, and while his eyes were bright they were the restless orbs of one whose brain is affected.

He readily consented to an interview, and talked volubly.

He said he had not been on Sixth avenue for six months and could prove that he was not there on Tuesday night.

"The way I came to have those things in my pocket was this: Nearly two weeks ago I found my young ones playing store with them. They were old pipes of mine and the stems had been broken. The children had found a bottle of ink and were buying and selling of each other.

"I took the things away and placed them in a basin on the top shelf of a closet in the kitchen. I had forgotten all about them until Friday, when I went to get the pliers to fix the alarm clock. Then I took the basin down and left it on the table near by until I had done using the pliers.

"The children got hold of the pipe bowls again and had commenced playing store again.

"I was in a hurry and I grabbed up the bowls and bottle and stuffed them in my pocket and went to work."

"Didn't you know that one of the bowls was full of ink?" asked the reporter.

"I didn't look. I was in a hurry," was his explanation.

Connors's story seems plausible, but it doesn't hang together in one point. The bottle found on him was very nearly full of ink.

The filled pipe bowl would, if emptied into the bottle, have overflowed, showing that there must have been more than one bottle of ink. He swears he only saw one bottle.

His son Tommy contradicts his father flatly by saying he never saw the bottle or the pipe bowls.

Mrs. Connors explained the presence of the ink and the bowls by saying she wrote to friend a great deal, and that her children used the pipes to blow bubbles with.

Tommy admitted blowing bubbles with pipes, but said he hadn't any corks, and that the pipes he had had stems on.

RUBBER WORKS BURNING.

The Hodgman Factory at Mount Vernon Being Destroyed.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

MT. VERNON, May 26—1.30 P. M.—Fire is now raging in the Hodgman rubber factory, which will cause a total loss.

The entire fire department is at work fighting the flames, with but little effect.

Two hundred hands will be thrown out of employment.

The loss on stock and building will reach $40,000.

FATAL OCEAN RACING.

Aurania Runs Down a Launch and Two Men Were Drowned.

Serious Stabbing Affray on Board the City of Rome.

The great ocean steamship Alaska, of the Guion line, arrived at her dock at the foot of King street at 7 o'clock this morning. She was the last to arrive of three great racers, the City of Rome and Aurania having reached their docks last night.

The two leaders, however, left a bloody trail, there having been a serious stabbing affray on the City of Rome, in which two of her firemen were severely injured, and the Aurania ran down and sank a little steam launch in which were six people. Two of them were lost, and up to a late hour to-day their bodies had not been recovered.

All three vessels have records and the captain of the City of Rome breathed a sigh of relief yesterday afternoon as his majestic vessel came through the Narrows, a winner of the race that had extended from Queenstown to this port. She beat the Aurania by thirty-nine minutes and the Alaska by over two hours.

There was a serious row aboard the City of Rome, just after she left Queenstown. There were 682 passengers aboard, among them being over thirty cattlemen, who were returning to this port.

The trouble occurred on the spar deck. James T. Curran, one of the cattlemen, had been particularly boisterous on the trip over and he had been advised to keep quiet.

According to the stories told by bystanders Michael Brennan, one of the firemen, was standing near the rail when Curran suddenly whipped out a weapon—some say it was a knife and others think it was a razor—and stabbed Brennan in two places, one of them narrowly missing the heart.

Another fireman, John Jones, jumped to his comrade's assistance and Curran struck him on the head, inflicting a large contusion over the right ear.

Curran was overcome by the other firemen and when the ship reached the dock he was given in charge of the police.

He says he resides at 155 West Sixty-first street, this city. It is said that the cattlemen created a great deal of alarm all the way over by their rowdy conduct. They amused themselves by getting drunk and firing their revolvers.

Surgeon Belcher, who was seen by an EVENING WORLD reporter this morning, said that Jones was greatly improved but was still in some danger; Brennan passed the night easily, but is in a serious condition and there was danger that he might die.

The Aurania was coming up the harbor and was about midway between Robbin's Reef and Liberty Island, when she sank the steam launch Yesda.

There were six people aboard of the craft, two of whom were drowned.

They were brothers, Henry C. Biel, aged thirty-two years, of 176 Elm street, and Charles Biel, aged twenty-five years, 160 Fulton avenue, Jersey City.

Walter Biel and Philip Biel, who also reside in Jersey City; G. McMahon, of 117 Varick street, and Lawrence O'Brien, of 170 Elm street, were saved by the revenue cutter Washington.

McMahon, who acted as engineer, says the party bought the yacht a week ago. They were taking a Sunday airing yesterday and were on their way home when they were run down by the Aurania.

The Alaska was the only vessel of the three big racers which made the trip without an unpleasant occurrence. Her captain said this morning that they had fair weather and a pleasant voyage.

Curran, who stabbed the two City of Rome firemen, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Police Court this morning. A certificate from the ship's surgeon was presented showing that Brennan's condition was critical, and Curran was remanded until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

MRS. FLACK'S ALIMONY FIXED.

Judge Beach Awards Her $25 a Week and $250 Counsel Fees.

The bona-fide suit of Mary E. Flack against her husband, ex-Sheriff James A. Flack, for absolute divorce is practically ended.

All that now remains is the signing of the decree of divorce by Judge Beach.

Mrs. Flack's testimony, taken at her residence, 425 East Fifty-seventh street, last week before a notary, was submitted to Judge Beach in Part 1, Special Term of the Supreme Court, this morning, and as Flack will make no defense the details of a public trial will be avoided.

Lawyer Ellis Carpenter, counsel for Flack, and Lawyer Treadwell Cleveland, counsel for Mrs. Flack, could not agree upon the question of alimony, so Judge Beach fixed the alimony at $25 a week and the counsel fees at $250.

Mr. Cleveland announced that he would later move for an increase of alimony.

A decree will be submitted to Judge Beach for his signature, in a day or two.

Assistant District Attorney Goff will submit to the General Term Wednesday, his points on the appeal from the conviction of the Flacks, father and son, and the counsel for the Flacks will have until Friday to answer them.

FLETCHER HARPER'S BURIAL.

Simple Funeral Service and Private Interment at Woodlawn.

Relatives and friends of the late Fletcher Harper attended funeral services over his body this forenoon at the Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Sixtieth street and Madison avenue.

There were no pall bearers, and the interment at Woodlawn Cemetery was attended by only the immediate friends and relatives of the family.

The services at the church comprised the shorter Episcopal service, and were conducted by Rev. Drs. McDhesney and Shipman. There was no sermon.

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COLLIDED WITH AN ICEBERG.

Steamship Thingvalla Comes Into Port with Her Bow Stove In.

Her Decks Were Covered With Tons of Ice.

The steamship Thingvalla, of the Thingvalla line, arrived this morning with her bow stove in, but sound under the water line.

She collided with an enormous iceberg May 19, and although she got out of the way and was able to come into port without assistance, she had a narrow escape.

"We sailed from Christiansand May 9, with 480 passengers in all," said Capt. Lauer this morning. "There were seven first cabin passengers, 24 second class and 449 steerage.

"We encountered westerly winds, but pretty good weather for the first ten days, and not until May 19 was the passage at all extraordinary.

"It was hazy on the night of May 18. The haze was especially thick as day began to break on Monday morning.

"Second Officer Jurgensen was in command of the vessel at 3 o'clock in the morning. I was below. The second officer ordered the temperature of the water to be taken.

"Fifteen minutes later a fearful shock was felt.

"The decks of the steamship were covered with tons and tons of ice.

"The bow, from the 19-foot watermark to the top, was stove in like so much cardboard."

The iceberg was 1,000 feet long and 25 feet high. It sloped over from the water so that the steamship was not injured below the water line.

CAUGHT WITH HIS PLUNDER.

A Guest of the Fifth Avenue Hotel Arrested for Burglary.

Paul Pensello, a stylishly dressed Frenchman, a guest at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, was arrested in his room shortly after 8 o'clock this morning for burglary and robbery of the adjoining room, occupied by Thomas Falconer, a merchant from Glasgow.

Policeman Roche, of the Nineteenth Precinct, had to break open Pensello's door before he got in, and when he did he found Pensello up and dressed.

Last Friday Pensello went to the Fifth Avenue Hotel without any baggage and registered his name as Paul Gaillaguet, of Montreal, and was assigned to room 236. He kept very quiet. He represented himself to be connected with the Paris Figaro.

At 5 o'clock this morning Falconer was awakened by hearing a man in his room. He got up and watched the intruder take up his trousers containing $36 in gold and walk through the door leading into Gaillaguet's room.

C. M. Vilas, of the hotel, found Mr Falconer's trousers in the court yard, but the money was not in the pockets. Officer Roche found the $36 upon the prisoner's person.

Pensello denied the charge but was held in $1,000 for trial.

The Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.
Atlantic & Pacific	8¼	8¼	8¼
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	48¾	48¾	47¾
Canadian Pacific	83¾	83¾	83
Canada Southern	60¾	60¾	60
Chesapeake & Ohio 1st pref	65¾	66	65¾
Chesapeake & Ohio 2d pref	44¾	44¾	44¾
Chicago Gas	63	64½	62¾
Chic., Bur. & Quincy	109	109	109
Chic., Bur. & Quincy rights	1.10	1.10	1.10
Chicago & Northwest	110¾	111	110¾
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	79¾	79¾	78¾
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul pfd	126	126½	126
Chic., Rock Is. & Pacific	96½	96¾	96¼
Chic. & Eastern Ill	39	39	39
Chic. & Eastern Ill. pfd	86	86	85
Chic., Cin., Chic. & St. L	79¾	79¾	77¾
Clev., Cin., C. & St. L. pfd	100¾	100¾	100
Citizens' Gas	81¾	81¾	81¾
Cin., Wash. & Balt	3¾	3¾	3¾
Col. & Hocking Valley	25	25	25
Col. & Hock. Coal	30¾	30¾	30¾
Colorado Coal & Iron	33¾	33¾	33
Commercial Cable	105	105	105
Consolidated Gas	104	104	104
Del., Lack. & Western	140¾	140¾	140¾
Delaware & Hudson	122¾	122¾	121¾
Dist. & Cattle Feed Trust	48¾	48¾	47
E. Ten., Va. & Ga. 1st pref	80¾	80¾	80¾
Great Northern pfd	126	126	125
Laclede Gas	23¾	20	23¾
Lake Shore	111¾	111¾	111¾
Lake Erie & Western pfd	66¾	66¾	66
Long Island	91	91	91
Louisville & Nashville	82	82¾	81¾
Mex. Cent	21¾	22	21¾
Missouri Pacific	72¾	72¾	70¾
Nat. Lead Trust	22¾	22¾	21¾
New York Central	106	106	106
N. Y. & Northern pref	30¾	30¾	30¾
N. Y. & New England	51¾	51¾	50¾
N. Y., Chic. & St. L	17¾	17¾	17¾
N. Y., Lake Erie & West	28¾	29	28¾
N. Y., Susq. & W	8¾	8¾	8¾
Northern Pacific	38	38¾	37¾
Northern Pacific pref	85¾	85¾	85¾
Ontario & West	22¾	22¾	21¾
Or. Transcontinental	47¾	49¾	47¾
Oregon Short Line	41¾	41¾	41¾
Pacific Mail	44¾	44¾	44¾
Pipe Line certificates	94¾	94¾	94¾
Phil. & Reading	31¾	31¾	29¾
Pittsburg & Western pref	37¾	37¾	37¾
Pullman Palace Car Co	107¾	108	107¾
Quicksilver	1¾	1¾	1¾
Rich. & West Point Ter	26¾	26¾	25¾
Rich. & West Point Ter. pf	54¾	55¾	54¾
Rio G. Western	16	16	16
St. Paul & Omaha	56¾	56¾	56¾
St. Paul & Duluth	37¾	38	37¾
St. Paul & Duluth pref	77	77	77
St. L., Alton & T. H. 1st pref	113¾	113¾	113¾
St. Louis & San Fran. pref	30	30	30
St. Louis & San Fran. pref	68¾	68¾	68
St. Louis Merchants' Bridge	103¾	103¾	103¾
Southern Pacific	35¾	35¾	35¾
Sugar Refineries	85	85	85¾
Texas Pacific	23¾	23¾	23¾
Tennessee Coal & Iron	57¾	57¾	57¾
Tol., Ann Arbor & N. M	40	40¾	38¾
Union Pacific	68	68¾	67¾
Union Pacific, Den. & Gulf	17¾	17¾	16¾
Wabash pfd	30¾	30¾	30¾
Western Union Tele	85¾	85¾	85¾
Wheeling & Lake Erie	11¾	11¾	11¾
Wheeling & Lake Erie pfd	70¾	70¾	70¾

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1,500 CIGAR-MAKERS OUT.

A General Uprising Threatened to Demand Higher Wages.

The Men Say They Will Act Independently of the Union.

Fully 1,500 cigar-makers are to-day on strike in this city for higher wages, and by to-morrow the number of strikers will probably be increased to 2,000.

While the strike is not as yet general, it may become so unless the demands of the strikers are acceded to by all the manufacturers.

The present strike is the outcome of a resolution passed at the last convention of the Cigar-Makers' International Union, that committees shall visit the manufacturers and demand better rates.

The demand is based on the claim that their wages have been so largely reduced in the past few years that the workmen have scarcely been able to make a living. The increased wages demanded run from 50 cents to $2.50 per thousand.

Wherever the manufacturers have refused the demands of the committees strikes have been ordered. It has been the policy of the C. M. I. U. to take the factories one by one, with the idea that the re-mit sought for could be better obtained in this manner than by ordering a general strike.

But so restless are the cigar-makers becoming under the excessively low wages paid that there are prospects of the men taking matters into their own hands and acting for themselves.

At the Strike Committee's headquarters this morning employees were reported on strike as follows:

Samuel Josephs & Co., 305 East Seventy-first street, 200 hands; Henry H. Heck Co., 175 Chambers street, 75 hands; Powell, Smith & Co., 1228 Second avenue, 200 hands; Herman Jacoby, 341 Bowery, 75 hands; Katz Bros., 1471 Park avenue, 20 hands; Graham, Lang & Co., 405 East Thirty-second street, 50 hands; Louis Goldberg, 1459 Third avenue, 20 hands; John W. Love, First avenue and Seventy-fourth street, 200 hands; Kaufman Bros. & Co., 1061 Third avenue, 300 hands.

The remainder of the 1,500 strikers are divided among smaller shops.

S. Jacoby & Co., of 447 East Fifty-second street, who employ about 350 men, were reported this morning to have granted the demand for increased wages and made their shop a union shop.

Powell, Smith & Co. tried to compromise with the Committee, but they remained firm and the employees there are still on strike.

No employees were ordered out at any of the shops to-day, as most of them were closed, the employees being engaged in celebrating the holiday pleasures of Pingst Monday. To-morrow, however, the Strike Committee will review its labors and new recruits will undoubtedly be added to the ranks of the strikers.

There are four cigar-makers' unions in the city, having a total membership of nearly 6,000.

There are about 200 organized packers in the city. All are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and directly interested in the strike.

The cigar-makers long ago obtained a victory for eight hours, and their present struggle is simply for a restoration of their old schedule of wages.

HOW HE MANAGED THE BANK.

Gen. Claassen's Cross-Examination Continued This Morning.

Gen. Peter J. Claassen was on the witness-stand again this morning in the continuation of his trial before Judge Benedict in the United States Court.

In answer to Mr. Rose's question, Gen. Claassen said that after the interview with Examiner Hepburn at the Park Bank vaults, he and Mr. Colson went away together and returned to the Sixth National Bank.

They arrived there about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Soon after this Watson came in with the $382,000 in checks, which he handed to Gen. Claassen.

The latter had them in his possession until Mr. Hepburn came in about 4 o'clock. He then handed the checks to Hepburn, with the remark that he hoped he would take the responsibility of accepting them as a part of the bank's assets.

"What did Mr. Hepburn say?"

"I couldn't recall exactly. I asked him to let the checks take their regular course through the Clearing-House."

"Didn't Mr. Hepburn say that he would not accept them because they were not drawn against funds?"

"I don't think he did."

"Well, he has testified that he did."

"Then he made a mistake, that's all."

After Claassen had further testified as to the notices which were sent out to the banks on Jan. 23 announcing the change of officers at the Sixth National Bank, he was permitted to retire.

Charles W. Baldy, a stenographer, testified that President Coe had dictated most of the Claassen letters with reference to Leland's knowledge of the Sixth National Bank deal, thus corroborating Claassen himself.

NO NEW SACHEM WANTED.

Tammany Braves Will Try to Keep Tappen as a Holdover.

The sachems of the Tammany Society will meet at the Fourteenth Street Wigwam to-night.

The object of the meeting, as told by one of the sachems to an EVENING WORLD reporter this morning, is to fail to elect a Grand Sachem, so that the venerable A. E. Tappan may be continued in that position as a holdover.

A Father of the Council in place of John McQuade and a scribe to succeed Maurice F. Holahan will be chosen.

Both men are expected to be re-elected.

A CHAPTER ON DIVES.

The Fassett Committee Finding Out About Bowery Resorts.

Inspector Byrnes Says They All Bear Hard Characters.

Yet, Somehow or Other, They All Get Licenses.

Chief Inspector Tom Byrnes and William S. Andrews, Excise Commissioner during the administrations of Mayors Grace and Hewitt, were the star witnesses before the Fassett Investigating Committee to-day. Ex-Commissioner Andrews, in a full dress shirt, white tie and black broadcloth, and Inspector Byrnes in subdued dress and severe expression of countenance.

Ex-Assemblyman Jimmy Oliver was there, too, in a beneficent smile and sumptuous manner.

Inspector Byrnes was called to the stand first. He knew Detective Curry.

"Well, Chief, Officer Curry has testified that during three years' service on the Bowery he has never seen but two crooks on the Bowery. What is your opinion of an officer who has seen only two crooks on the Bowery?" asked Chief Inquisitor Ivins.

"I should not have much of an opinion of such an officer. There are many places on the Bowery which are known as the resorts of thieves."

"You know Gombossy's place? Isn't it one of the worst on the Bowery?"

"No, sir; many women and others visit that place, but there are worse places. Generally, with the exception of the Atlantic Garden, the resorts on the Bowery are the resorts of a more or less rough class of people. I suppose they all endeavor to keep that class out, but it is difficult."

"What places have you visited frequently in the Bowery?"

"I would rather not answer that question now. I will later on, if it is necessary, General."

Exception was taken by a morning paper to the title "General" being applied to Inquisitor Ivins by Mr. Tom Costigan, when the latter occupied the witness chair Friday. On being asked about it Mr. Ivins said: "Once a General, always a General, I suppose."

Mr. Ivins was a General on Gov. Hill's staff during the Governor's first term. When Gen. Ivins blossomed as an opponent of Gen. Hill in behalf of William R. Grace, he was dropped from the staff, but the admiring Costigan still sticks to the military designation of his friend.

To Lawyer Leventritt, Inspector Byrnes said he supposed that licenses were granted, predicated on a report from the Police Department as to the character of the applicants.

Henry Hirsch, next-door neighbor to the People's Assembly Room, 207 Bowery, testified that the Assembly Rooms was a resort of both men and women. He had been inside many times.

"Don't you know that it is the resort for dissolute women?" asked Mr. Ivins.

But the witness replied in the negative and averred that he had never seen anything wrong there.

Isidor Istel, a cigar dealer next door to Stager's concert saloon, 255 Bowery, said he closed his store at midnight; that Stager's was the resort of men and women who went there to drink; that the music and guests were usually pretty lively by midnight, but he had no complaint to make.

Frank Hohn, a butcher at 141 East Thirteenth street, was called to impeach Jake Blank's concert garden. But he had never seen the stage-performing women come down and mingle with the audience and drink with them.

"What is the reputation of Blank's? Isn't it pretty bad?"

"No, sir; it's pretty good," replied the witness, and everybody laughed except Mr. Ivins.

Mr. Leventritt asked: "Isn't it a fact that Blank's is a reputable place, conducted in an orderly manner and visited by respectable Germans with their wives and daughters?"

The witness replied in the affirmative and that everybody behaved in an orderly manner.

Mr. Ivins wanted to know if it was orderly for women to drink whiskey or brandy or wine in public, but the witness set up no moral standard for others.

He said, however, that nobody drank brandy or whiskey there—only lager beer—and he could see no harm in that.

Albert Wilson, a clothier in Bleecker street, didn't know much about the character of Hickey's saloon at No. 203.

Frank Kugler, a barber in West Twenty-fourth street, knew Koster & Bial's old German tavern in the base-ment. He recognized Sisty, claiming to be a place where men and women went for beer, but never saw any woman ask a man to buy a drink for her, nor any other act that was not proper.

John Schaeffer, another barber, was not productive of any sensation either.

Thomas Hughes, a florist in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, was called to tell what kind of a place ex-Capt. Foley kept at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Park avenue.

Herald: "Capt. Foley's is a nice, respectable place. It is a concert hall, and is conducted in an orderly way. There is singing and dancing till midnight.

Anthony Comstock held a whispered consultation with Mr. Ivins, and saying that he would be back in half an hour, departed with an overcoat full of sensational information.

Samuel Husted, a car-driver of 200 East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, had a familiarity with Schwab's and Capt. Foley's harlem resorts. He was married and would think it perfectly proper to take his wife to Schwab's.

As to Capt. Foley's, Witness Husted said that no women were allowed there.

Mr. Ivins then called ex-Commissioner Andrews to the stand. Mr. Andrews told what were the duties of the Excise Board. He said:

"It is the duty of the Board of Excise to issue licenses in their discretion; to review licenses when they think that a review is necessary; to try and inquire into every complaint made against any license, and to revoke licenses when, in the judgment of the Board, the evidence is sufficient to show that the law has been violated."

"What would you consider evidence sufficient to justify the revocation of a license? Would proof that a concert singer threw a loose gown over her stage costume and came down, mingling with the audience and drinking with them, be sufficient to justify the revocation of the license?"

After some evasion Mr. Andrews said he thought it would.

"Now, suppose a case of a place which was the resort of men and women to make appointments; ought such a place to be licensed?"

"Certainly not. And a license for such a place ought to be revoked on proof of that state of things."

"Suppose that it was proven clearly to any mind that a licensee whose place is within the proscribed distance of a polling-place and that liquor had been sold there on election day, would the Board be justifiable in refusing to act on that proof and dismiss the complaint?"

"The Board ought not to, but it is a matter for their own judgment and conscience. They have the same right as a jury to refuse to convict where they have a reasonable doubt of the sufficiency of the proof. The law says that the matter is at the discretion of the Board."

"If you failed to revoke a license after such offer of proof and were charged with malfeasance in office your defense would be, as a Commissioner, that you did not believe the witnesses?"

"Yes, sir," replied Mr. Andrews.

This is exactly the position of Commissioners Fitzpatrick, Meakim and Koch.

The Reform Club offered proof of election day violations by the score last Fall, but the Board declined to revoke the licenses.

The Reform Club appealed to Justice Barrett and got the Board mandamused in one case for a test. The order commanded the Board to dispose of the case, and the Board simply dismissed the complaint.

"The Excise Board may say arbitrarily that there should be only 100 licenses in New York if they choose," said Mr. Andrews.

"They do fix the scale of charges as they please for licenses."

Police-Capt. Meakim sent a letter to the Police Board to-day, requesting that the Board reduce to the rank of patrolmen Officers Curry and Sheridan, of his command, for giving false testimony before the Fassett Committee regarding characters on the Bowery.

Capt. Meakim made an investigation, which made him disagree with the detectives.

"The law does not give the Courts any power over the discretion of the Excise Board. The mandamus act simply gives the courts power to compel the Board of Excise to act, but no power to say how the Board shall act. There has never been but one license granted after the Board had been mandamused."

Mr. Andrews related the history of the license of the southeast corner of Fourteenth street and Irving place.

"There had been a dry goods store there for years. It was in the midst of a shopping district thronged by women and children. George Hilden applied to us for a license, and it was refused on that account.

"In spite of all this Mr. Hilden leased the place and fitted it up in splendid style at great expense. But for nearly a year no license was granted for it.

"There were many protests against it and petitions for granting it, and finally a writ of mandamus was obtained.

"Commissioner Van Glahn told me that a lawyer had told him that he, the lawyer, could get a $10,000 fee if that license were granted, but I don't know who the lawyer was.

"Do you know Mr. Bacon, a lawyer, who formerly lived in Elmira?" asked the ingenuous "Gen." Ivins.

"Ah, there!" whispered one Tammany brave to another at this question, for Charley Bacon is the law partner of Gov. David Bennett Hill.

"Did not Mr. Bacon ask you to grant that license to Hilden?"

But the witness replied in a positive negative, and Mr. Ivins was disappointed.

"Who issued that mandamus on which the license was granted?"

"Judge Bookstaver."

"Who was the lawyer who sought it?"

"Bourke Cockran."

Commissioner Andrews said that out of 1,177 trials held by the Board of Excise during 1888, 1,108 of them were on charges brought on the reports of inspectors, but he would not assent to the proposition that it was the duty of the Excise Department to supervise the liquor traffic after licenses had been granted. That duty was a police supervision, and belonged to the Police Department.

"How is it possible that such places as Billy McGlory's, Jake Blank's, Grobosey's, The Mart, Harry Hill's and the like are relicensed?" asked Chairman Fassett.

"Harry Hill's and Billy McGlory's were never licensed during my term, nor was there ever a license issued to any place against which there had ever been a complaint."

"Who signed the license for Clark's restaurant?"

"John Van Glahn and myself, on the last day of our term of office. There were no complaints against Clark's.

"There had been complaints based on evidence gathered by employees of the Board, but there had been no complaint from any outsider in two years or more. The applicant was by a new party; a bona fide purchaser. He assured us that the place would be properly conducted."

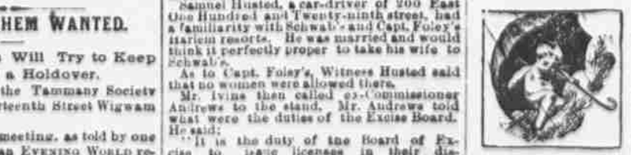
"There are thirty-one disorderly places that have been licensed by the present Board. Of these fifteen go to new parties; the eighteen are still in the hands of the old parties," said Mr. Ivins.

"We, officially, must consider that the liquor business is recognized by the law as a lawful and reputable business; that property is invested in it, and that the Board must consider every person engaged in it to be a reputable person until he is proved otherwise," said Mr. Andrews in explanation of this.

Mr. Ivins asked if there were not certain men known as professional Excise bondsmen, and asked particularly about Krause, who was on from fifty to one hundred bonds, but Mr. Andrews knew nothing about that.

Recess was then taken.

Showers and Warmer.



WASHINGTON, May 26.—*Weather indications:*

For Eastern New York: Showers, slightly warmer, southerly winds.

The weather to-day, as indicated by Blakely's telethermometer:

1890.		1889.	
3 A. M.	57	3 P. M.	59
6 A. M.	57	12 M.	62

Average for past twenty-four hours, 60 1-3 degrees.

Average for corresponding time last year, 63 degrees.

LAST EDITION

GO TO THE GRAVE TOGETHER.

Death of Husband and Wife but a Few Minutes Apart.

Double Bereavement, by Natural Causes, of a Brooklyn Family.

Hand in hand for thirty-five years Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser have faced the vicissitudes of life, and hand in hand they have crossed the river of death.

In the darkened parlor of their home, at 38 Bond street, Brooklyn, lie the bodies of husband and wife.

Just at the time when the streams of worshippers were wending their way churchward yesterday morning Mr. Fraser breathed his last, surrounded by his weeping relatives. An hour and a half later the sorrowing family was called into another room to bid farewell to Mrs. Fraser, whose life was ebbing away.

She was unconscious of her husband's death, or of the grief which had already fallen upon her sons and daughters.

Mrs. Fraser had been a sufferer from a cancer for almost eight years. A week ago last Saturday her husband, who had just recovered from an attack of pneumonia, returned from a commercial trip in the country, and found his wife walking about the house, apparently in better health and spirits than she had been for many months. He congratulated her upon her recovery, and she laughingly replied that she hoped to live a great many years.

On the following morning, when Mr. Fraser emerged from his bath, he was struck with a chill, and the attack of pneumonia from which he was convalescing returned. He took to his bed and lingered until yesterday morning, when his death occurred at 10.15.

Intensified by her anxiety for her husband, the violent symptoms of Mrs. Fraser's complaint returned, and she became prostrated with the illness from which she never recovered. She died at 11.45.

They will be buried together in Greenwood Cemetery to-morrow.

Mr. Fraser was extensively known in the leather trade. He was fifty-seven years of age, his wife being a year younger.

For nearly thirty years Mr. Fraser was a travelling salesman for the leather firm of J. S. Rockwell & Co., of 105 William street. Some time ago he gave up that position to travel for his son, Archibald Fraser, a leather dealer at 96 Duane street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser leave two sons and a daughter.

77 CHINAMEN DROWNED.

Part of the Shipwrecked Crew of the Oneida.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Capt. Anderson, of the ship Oneida, has just arrived on the schooner Mary Kimball, from Behring's Sea.

He tells a graphic story of the loss of his vessel off Lanck Island.

He was on his way to establish a salmon cannery at that point. When nearing Herring's Harbor a heavy sea came on and wrecked the Oneida.

He had aboard 110 Chinamen and forty-five white men.

All the white men and thirty-three Chinamen escaped to the shore on pieces of the wreck, but seventy-seven Chinamen were drowned.

RAIN AND THE "PFINGSTEN."

German Societies' Jolly Celebrations of the Opening Summer Festival.

The rain to-day will seriously interfere with the observance of "Pfingst" Monday by the German population. Services will be held in many of the churches, but out-of-doors jollifications will be failures, unless old Sol consents to show his face.

Yesterday, Pfingst Sunday—the day which, by German tradition ushers in the Summer—was observed most heartily. All the city parks were filled with happy family parties, and thousands went out of town to come nearer to green fields and the real beauty of dawning Summer.

Many German societies went to Staten Island. At Krumm's Park, Grantwille, there was target shooting, music, dancing and a royal good time generally.

At many other resorts the day was observed with much merriment.

Telegrapher Rolosson's Funeral.

More than two hundred telegraphers attended the funeral in Brooklyn yesterday of John W. Rolosson, night manager of the Postal Telegraph Company. His colleagues in the postal office were the pallbearers, together with eight honorary pallbearers from the New York Telegraphers' Club, of which he was a Governor. The interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Flatbush.

SITUATION WANTED.

A YOUNG MAN who has had much experience with mules would like some less active employment. Address A. B., World Office.

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FOREIGN NEWS BY CABLE.

Fears of Violence from Agitators and Anarchists in London.