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EXTRA. IN DAYS GONE BY.

Political Reminiscences of Some of New York's Well-Known Men.

Martin J. Keese Tells of Tammany's Excursion to Meet the Fenians.

A Rotten Steamboat Full of Politicians Narrowly Escapes Foundering.

Striving to Prevent the Republicans from Capturing the Irish Exiles.

Exciting experience? Yes, I think I can say, without boasting, that I've had a few, said the veteran keeper of the City Hall, Martin J. Keese, when pressed for a stirring reminiscence of his political career.

I held my own with the Ellsworth Zouaves in that memorable retreat after the first Bull Run. I was something of a sprinter then. I've also seen and participated in some lively affairs with the old Volunteer Fire Department. You know how we used to take things up in the old times.

"THE ORATORS HAD TO BE HELD UP." Then, too, my experience in downtown politics have not been altogether devoid of interest, and, if I understand you, it is a political experience you want.

"Let me see! Ah, I have it! Now, this isn't exactly a political story I am going to tell you, and then again it is. It's a tale of danger on the high seas, and a terrible danger it was, and most exciting it would have been had the hundreds of people who were subjected to it known it at the time.

It is a political story, too, for we got into our plight because of a desire to advance the interests of our political organization.

A cablegram was received in this city about the middle of January, 1871, from Alexander M. Sullivan in Dublin announcing that sixteen of the Irish Fenian prisoners who had been released from English dungeons, agreeable to the provisions of the Amnesty act, had shipped on the Cunard steamship Cuba and were on their way to New York.

It doesn't matter much about the cause of their release. That's history, and it is pretty generally understood that England was fearful that she was going to get mixed up in that Franco-Prussian disturbance and didn't want all Ireland arrayed against her.

What we have to do with is the result of the announcement that these Irish heroes were on their way to America's shores. There was the greatest excitement in New York over the event. The Irish societies determined to give the released Fenians a rousing reception, and right here is where politics cropped out.

The Tweed regime was in the throes of its power, and Dick Connolly, the Comptroller, and other Tammany H leaders decided that the Wigwam may take hold of the matter; and take hold it it did with a vengeance.

A large amount of money was raised in Tammany Hall for the excursion and a big reception by the politicians was planned. But Tammany Hall was not to have it all its own way. Big Tom Murphy, President Grant's Collector of the Port, had been having supervision of incoming vessels, proposed to establish a National affair in and make the reception a republican stock, and incidentally bid Newport apartments at the Metropolitan Hotel for the refugee Irishmen. Tom Murphy, not to be outdone, engaged the raising of a fund of \$30,000 for repatriation to them, to offset Tammany H's big fund.

RAPID TRANSIT.

The Bill Unanimously Passed by the State Senate To-Day.

Gould Must Let Battery and City Hall Parks Alone.

But He Isn't Forbidden to Build a Third "L" Track.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) ALBANY, Jan. 28.—The Rapid Transit bill was discussed all day in the Senate.

Mr. Ingersoll moved to strike out section 3—that in reference to the Elevated roads, but it was lost by a vote of 7 to 22.

Senator Stead moved that the section be amended so as to provide that the Elevated roads be not allowed to use any part of the Battery Park or City Hall Park.

There was a long debate on this, and it was finally adopted, 21 to 11.

An amendment by Senator Stadler, to prevent the Elevated road from building a third track, was defeated, 7 to 18.

The bill was then read and passed by a unanimous vote.

The Rapid Transit measure passed by the Senate is substantially that known as the "L" bill.

It provides for the continuation in force of an existing act, and for the purpose of making the section in accordance with the same, the Board are to continue to use a portion of the Battery Park and City Hall Park.

In case of vacancies the Mayor is given the power to fill them, and the Board are to continue to use a portion of the Battery Park and City Hall Park.

When the Commission has decided upon a route or routes, it must submit its plans to the Board for their approval.

The Board may also be authorized to make any other provision that may be deemed necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

That old Empire State I really believe, was about as rotten a place ever set afloat with a load of living freight.

When she'd cough'd a wave she'd bend like a piece of whiplash, and it was an utter impossibility for a land-lubber to keep his feet on her.

I've been told 'nec that the only thing that kept her janks together was the pressure of the water, and that, when she was dry-docked pretty much her whole bottom fell off.

That was a fine craft to be out on the Atlantic in a storm with, wasn't it?

Well, that's the thing I risked my life on, as did hundreds of good fellows, among whom were Jim Neala, Andy Purcell, Gus Costello, Dan Kirwan, Jo Clark, Nick Langford, Geo. Thomas Francis Bourke, Pat Coughlin, Jack Fynes, of Boston; Frank Clarke, Jack Dolan and a host of other 'nec's now recalled.

Just midnight, still headed for the sea, we ran into a lot of drift ice, and our oak-log just sailed right up a big sea and set the ship on her beam ends.

We couldn't get forward or back, and the Captain was afraid his rotten old craft would break in two and drop us to the bottom.

All oblivions of the serious condition of affairs the hundreds in the cabin kept up their jollification, singing, speech-making and dancing.

Davy Jones's locknet was yawning for them, but they didn't know it.

The captain ordered Frank Clarke to fire the boat's gun as a signal of distress.

The old fireman started to do so, as he told me afterwards, but he couldn't refrain from stopping and laughing at what he considered a ridiculous sight—several hundred men rollicking and raising merry Hades when death was grinning at them through the cabin windows.

Before Frank could get to the gun the ice floe on which he had lodged cracked, and he and his crew were separated, and we all went down to the water again.

No time was lost in turning the old tub towards home which we reached, at 11 o'clock the next morning.

The ex-Fenian prisoners did not arrive for a day or two afterwards, and I didn't go down to Quarantine to meet them. I'd had enough of boating.

There were five instead of sixteen of them—Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, Charles Underwood O'Connell, John Devoy, John McCure and Henry S. Mallon.

WALL ST. CLIFTON'S TRIAL.

The Pascale County Agricultural Society Officers Before a Jury.

Bookmakers and Horsemen Conspicuous by Their Absence.

The Judge's Charge Was Against the Track Owners.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 28.—The Court of Sessions was crowded to-day by the morning with an eager, curious crowd when the Clerk called the case of George H. Engeman, John J. Engeman, William A. Engeman, A. H. Battersby and Charles Victor Saxe, the officers of the Pascale County Agricultural Society, who were indicted for keeping a disorderly house at Clifton, or in other words, for maintaining a race-track on which betting was allowed.

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STOCK REPORTS.

Lively Scrambling for Stocks in the Early Trading Hours.

Reaction Caused Lower Prices at the Close.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—The stock market was lively in the early trading hours, but a reaction caused lower prices at the close.

The reaction in the stock market which set in about midday made further progress late in the day, and several prominent shares sold low last night's closing. Sales of Burlington & Quincy were made at 85, seller 80, when the price in the regular way was 85.

About the only strong stocks on the list were Missouri Pacific, Louisville & Nashville and the Northern Pacific.

The Illinois Central has applied to the Stock Exchange to list \$1,000,000 additional Chicago, St. Louis & New Orleans 4 per cent. gold bonds of 1901.

There was a lively scramble for stocks during the early hours of business.

Chicago gas was bid up 1/4 to 1/2; Northern Pacific preferred 1/4 to 7/8; Lackawanna 1/4 to 1/2; and Missouri Pacific 1/4 to 1/2.

At the advance there were sales of long stocks to realize the handsome profits which had accrued since the opening of the week and naturally prices receded somewhat.

A solution of the Missouri Pacific bond problem will be recalled, refused to list certain Missouri Pacific bonds because of poor prices.

The Committee, it is now understood, will receive a letter, and the railroad people will have a new proposal to make.

Clearing house certificates outstanding have been \$1,000,000.

At the Stock Exchange to-day there were sold 229,000 shares of listed stocks and 187,000 ounces of silver.

The Closing Quotations.

Table with columns: Name, Bid, Asked, Change. Includes Amer. Sugar Ref. Co., Amer. Sugar Ref. Co. S. S., Amer. Sugar Ref. Co. S. S., etc.

Were They Part of Cargo of the Lost Steamer Thanemore?

(DUBLIN'S CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.) QUEENSWATER, Jan. 28.—The brigantine Amelia, which has arrived here, reports sighting on Jan. 8, five naked, male castaways on the coast of Cape York.

They were supposed to belong to the long-missing steamer Thanemore.

The Thanemore left Baltimore last November with a crew of thirty-four men, twelve castaways, a deckload of 400 cattle, and a cargo besides valued at \$175,000.

She has never since been heard from definitely, and her loss is so far one of the mysteries of the sea.

The Thanemore was formerly called the City of Antwerp and was owned by W. Johnstone & Co., of Glasgow. She was a brig-rigged steamer of 1,971 tons.

FOR MORE FREE LECTURES.

"The Evening World's" New Bill To Be Favorably Reported.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) ALBANY, Jan. 28.—Assembly Committee on Public Education has a hearing on the EVENING WORLD bill providing for engaging halls for public lectures, under supervision of the Board of Education, to-day.

Assemblyman Sulzer spoke in favor of the bill.

Assemblyman Sutherland urged the bill in committee, and it was unanimously decided to report it favorably.

THE P. M. L. TO REORGANIZE.

Decision to Make a Political Machine on the Tammany Plan.

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A Majority of 37 Over All on the Joint Ballot.

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THE PALO ALTO HORSE SALE.

It's Second Day's Progress at the American Institute Building.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) PALO ALTO, Cal., Jan. 28.—The second day's sale of Palo Alto trotters opened at the American Institute building, in Third avenue, this morning.

Senator Stanford is in Washington, but his interests were carefully looked after by Trainer Charles Marvin.

Advance, a bay colt foaled June 8, 1900, was No. 59 in the catalogue, but was reported as No. 58 in the catalogue, and was the subject of the announcement.

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