

WAS IT EARTHQUAKE?

The City Shaken About 1 O'Clock This Morning.

No Report of Any Explosion in the Vicinity.

Dunn Thinks There May Have Been a Seismic Disturbance.

Was it an earthquake?

That is the question on the lips of a great many of the people living in New York and surrounding towns of Long Island and New Jersey this morning.

Just after midnight the questioners heard something that sounded like a terrific explosion, and immediately thereafter felt their homes jarred and heard their window panes and crockery rattle.

The noise and the shock came so close together as to be almost simultaneous.

There was no end of speculation as to the cause in every household where the strange occurrence was noted. It was generally thought that there had been an explosion, and on awakening this morning these people scanned the pages of the newspapers in anticipation of reading of a great catastrophe.

There was not a word calculated to give a satisfactory explanation, however. Inasmuch as no news has been received of any explosion, although "The Evening World" has communicated with all the towns within many miles of New York, the conclusion is not without good foundation that it was an earthquake shock that started New Yorkers at the midnight hour.

Weather Forecaster Dunn declares that the instruments in his observatory at the top of the Equitable Building showed no indications of any seismic disturbance, while he examined them this morning, although they are very sensitive.

"A shock," he added, "might have occurred above Twenty-third street, and my seismeter might not have been affected there. There is no doubt that there was some sort of a disturbance, and in view of the fact that no explosion occurred, why, I am quite convinced that what we really did experience was a slight shock of earthquake."

M. K. Martin, who lives in William street, near Pearl, was in Mr. Dunn's office when "The Evening World" reporter called.

He declared that he felt the shock distinctly, and, looking at the clock instantly, saw it was precisely 1:15 o'clock.

He is sure that there was only one shock, and that it was in the direction of the vibration of the ground. He determined in what direction the vibration travelled. Others, however, declare that the movement was from east to west.

One of the tenants in the Hanover Place, at Fifth Avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-second street, felt the shock at about 1 o'clock, according to his timepiece, and that it was very strong, when out of the quiet of the night came a quick, sharp, rattling-like noise, as if several hundred buildings had fallen in quick succession.

The whole house shook and the lights danced. There was a vibrating sensation for a moment, and then quiet and all once again.

The tenant thought that some dreadful accident had occurred in the building, and listened, expecting to hear shrieks and the other tumultuous concomitants of a catastrophe.

There is a drug store on the ground floor at the corner of Broadway and First that had taken place there. A brewery occupies an adjoining block, and has been the scene of the explosion. He waited for several minutes, but heard no voices and no further disturbance in the house.

He called to his wife, who was in bed in an adjoining room, and his explanation was that it must have been the people in the flat above closing their folding doors.

"But folding doors couldn't have made that noise," the gentleman said, "and if they were as heavy as the folding doors of a train, they couldn't have made that noise."

"I really thought that the two floors above me had fallen in, and my own trembling body was going to follow. I took some time to get my head steady. The shock and noise came and went quickly, and I returned to my room with the suddenness that it was a near-by explosion."

LOCAL ELECTIONS IN THE STATE.

Some Results of Yesterday's Balloting in Cities and Towns.

In Dutchess County the Democrats elected the Board of Supervisors for the year 1893. At Ulster the Republicans elected the Board of Supervisors for the year 1893. At Sullivan the Democrats elected the Board of Supervisors for the year 1893.

At Albany the Democrats elected the Board of Supervisors for the year 1893. At Rensselaer the Democrats elected the Board of Supervisors for the year 1893.

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THREE KINDS OF POISON.

Mrs. Reid Drank Them, Then Cut Her Wrist.

Her Desperate Attempt at Suicide Will Probably Succeed.

Mrs. Mary L. Reid, a widow, fifty-six years old, residing at 100 West 11th street, Manhattan, died last night from the effects of a dose of chloroform, laudanum and bedlin.

When these failed to do the work she cut her left wrist open and almost severed the hand from the forearm. She was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital, and will probably die.

Mrs. Reid had been a widow for fifteen years. For several years she has been keeping house for her brother, Henry J. Harding, a member of the firm of Harding & Co., hatmakers, at 422 Broadway.

Mr. Harding occupies a well-appointed flat in North Carolina for the benefit of his sister, who has been sick for a few years past. Ten years ago Mrs. Harding sent her to North Carolina for the benefit of her health, but she was not much improved by the trip. Of late she has been troubled with insomnia, and she grew melancholy.

Yesterday morning, when Mr. Harding left for his office, she took a bottle of chloroform, and, as she was going out to visit some friends, she carried small vials of chloroform and laudanum, and a big bottle of bedlin, and one of chloroform, which she got at three different drug stores.

Early in the afternoon she called Mrs. F. Curtis, who lives upstairs, and showed her the drugs, but didn't say that she got them from three different drug stores.

Mr. Harding came home about 10 o'clock last night and found his sister-in-law lying on her bed, cold and dead. He called Mrs. Curtis, who spoke to her and asked her what she had done. The unfortunate woman answered feebly that she wanted to die, and that she had swallowed the contents of the two vials of laudanum and the vial of chloroform. She also drank a wineglass full of the bedlin poison. She took them from the vial in the afternoon, she said, and then laid down to rest. At 5 o'clock she got a big carving knife and in her desperation cut out her left hand.

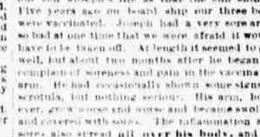
She tried to stab her wrist with the knife, but the empty vials were lying on the bed. Dr. Palmer Lyons was called in and had her removed to St. Vincent's Hospital. Her condition this morning was very critical.

STOLE HILL'S DRESS SUITS. The Thief Was Walloped by a Stage Hand and Let Go.

Manager J. M. Hill of the Standard Theatre, has or had several dress suits. He says that six of them at least had been stolen from the theatre in a fortnight. The thief, who was named in the Standard, was a young man named John L. Lyons, who was seen in the Standard, who was seen in the Standard, who was seen in the Standard.

Man Disappears \$60,000 in Debt. SIOUX CITY, March 8.—W. L. Wilkins, who was considered a wealthy capitalist, and who owned considerable business and residence property of the best kind, has departed after disposing of nearly all his property. He leaves creditors to whom he owes at least \$60,000. They are practically unsecured except by his promissory notes.

Saved His Life. Scrofula Impure Vaccination—Beyond Hope, BUT HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA EFFECTED A PERFECT CURE.



JOSEPH HARPER, Trenton, N. J.

"I was sure that Hood's SARSAPARILLA saved my son Joseph's life as that the sun shines. Five years ago our boy Joseph was afflicted with scrofula, but nothing would cure him, and he was nearly blind. He had a large swelling on his neck, and he was nearly blind. He had a large swelling on his neck, and he was nearly blind.

PURITABLE TO REMED. A misery to himself and almost breaking our hearts with anguish over his dreadful condition. Many a time did I wish he were dead and out of the world."

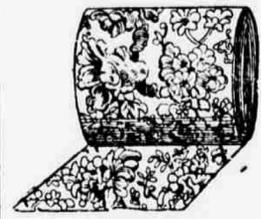
HOOD'S CURES. A new, smooth and healthy skin formed in place of the disease and corruption. Of course it took time, but improvement was steady until at the end of the year the disease had entirely disappeared. The scales and scabs began to fall off, the sores gradually healed up, and the skin was restored to its normal condition.

Head's Pills cure Constipation by restoring the peristaltic action of the alimentary canal.

Bloomingdale's



At \$2.98. 100 of these Rockers in oak, 25 in mahogany, superior quality figured tapestry seats, special at Same style, with arms 2.98 These are a special lot. An early choice advisable.



\$1.50 Velvets, 98c. 100 rolls Velvet Carpets, all good patterns, special at 98c. Also 75 rolls Brussels, special at 59c.

Bloomingdale Bros., Third Ave., Cor. 59th St.

B. Altman & Co. To-morrow, Thursday.

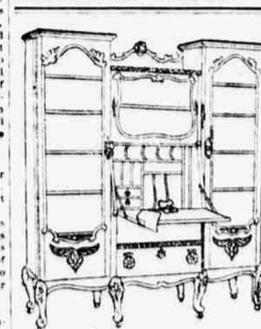
BLACK CUT JET TRIMMINGS at 85c yard, formerly sold at \$2.00 to \$4.00. 18th St., 19th St. and Sixth Ave.

BELL'S PATENT RUN OUT.

One Legal Prop of the Telephone Monopoly is Gone. This is the first day since March 7, 1876, that the original Bell telephone is unprotected by a patent.

Next Perceps Sell Their Lands. MOSCOW, Idaho, March 8.—A messenger from Lapwai brings the information that the majority of the Indians on the Nez Perce reservation have signed the agreement for the opening of the reservation.

Slight Fire in Broadway. At 4 o'clock this morning a fire broke out on the first floor of the building 470 Broadway, occupied by Simms & Son, dealers in hosiery and underwear. Damage \$100.



\$37.50. WHEN BUYING A BOOK CABINET BUY FOR TOMORROW, NOT TODAY. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT BOOKS WILL ACCUMULATE.

S. BAUMANN & BRO (Furniture and Carpets) 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245 SIXTH AVENUE, WEST SIDE, NEAR 13TH ST.

SOL HEYMAN & CO. ACCUMULATION SALE OF BEDSTEADS, ALL SIZES.



THESE BEDS MUST BE SOLD, AS THEY ARE TAKING UP VALUABLE ROOMS IN OUR WAREHOUSE, SO WE HAVE CONCLUDED TO OFFER THEM TO OUR CUSTOMERS AT THEIR ACTUAL VALUE.

2500 BEDSTEADS NOW \$12.50 2000 BEDSTEADS NOW 10.00 1500 BEDSTEADS NOW 7.50 1000 BEDSTEADS NOW 6.00 500 BEDSTEADS NOW 4.00

PARLOR FURNITURE, BEDROOM FURNITURE, DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, SPRING GOODS NOW ON EXHIBITION. CALL AND GET PRICES. FULLY 25 PER CENT LOWER THAN OUR COMPETITORS.

LARGEST STOCK IN NEW YORK TO SELECT FROM. SEE OUR CARPET DEPARTMENT. MOQUETTE CARPETS MADE AND LAID, \$1.00 A YARD.

ACCOUNTS OPENED FOR ALL. PAYMENTS ARRANGED TO SUIT CUSTOMERS. OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS. 110 NASSAU ST. SOL HEYMAN & CO., 993 and 995 3d Ave., Between 5th and 6th Sts. 11. RR. STATION ON CORNER.

HE STOLE A \$7,000 ROLL.

Samuel Clay, Bookmaker Shannon's False Friend, Arrested. A despatch from Knoxville, Tenn., brings the news that Samuel Clay, who robbed Bookmaker Tommy Shannon of \$7,000 last Fall, was arrested in that city last night by the Chief of Police.

Shannon and his brother roomed at an uptown hotel, while the faces were being run at Sheepshead Bay, and one evening Clay accompanied them to their rooms. Shannon started to dress and left the room, carelessly leaving his coat behind. In an inside pocket was a roll of bills amounting to \$7,000, which was Shannon's capital in his bookmaking business.

Clay had been in the room for some time, and he had been looking at the roll of bills. He had been looking at the roll of bills, and he had been looking at the roll of bills.

OLD FIRE LADDIE'S SUIT.

Patrick Tuttle Demands His Papers from the Commissioners. A proceeding which will recall the painful days of New York's old volunteer fire department and open up some interesting pages of history in connection therewith has been commenced by Patrick Tuttle, a member of the "Black Jack" Engine Company during the strike.

When the company was disbanded in 1862, the members failed to get their discharge papers entitling them to the privilege and assumption of honorably discharged from.

Gov. Flower Refuses to Commute Murderer Hamilton. SING SING, N. Y., March 8.—James L. Hamilton, the colored ex-convict murderer and wife murderer, of Fishkill, L. I., will be executed next Monday morning in the electric chair at the State Prison in this place. Gov. Flower has refused to commute Hamilton's death sentence and there is no hope for the condemned man.

THE REAL AND THE UNREAL. Glance at the Inwardness of a Young Husband's Dream in Church. They had just been married, so he didn't have to hide his attentions, and when she gave a polite, smothered little sneeze he boldly put his arm about her shoulder and drew her cape about her, says an exchange.



OFFICIAL TESTIMONY.

The State Authorities Designate The World as the Most Widely Circulated Newspaper in New York County.

THE LETTER OF INQUIRY.

(Sent to all newspapers in New York County.) State of New York, Office of the Secretary of State, Albany.

February 24, 1893.

Dear Sir: This office is required by statute to send out for publication a notice to two papers in New York County having the largest circulation therein. Will you please to indicate to us your circulation in New York County?

An early answer is requested. Respectfully yours, J. E. Medick, Deputy Secretary of State.

To the Business Manager of The World, New York City.

THE LAW. CHAPTER 680.

An act in relation to the elections, constituting chapter six of the general laws. SECTION 5.

The Secretary of State shall, forthwith, upon the filing in his office of the Governor's proclamation ordering a special election, make and transmit to each County Clerk, a like notice of the officers to be voted for at such special election in such county or any part thereof, and cause such proclamation to be published in the two newspapers published in such county having the largest circulation therein, at least once a week until such election shall be held.

THE AWARD.

State of New York, Office of the Secretary of State, Albany. March 1, 1893.

To the Business Manager of The World, New York City.

Dear Sir: Your statement of the circulation of The World and of The Evening World is received, and under the provisions of section 5 of Chapter 680, Laws of 1892, a certified copy of the proclamation by the Governor calling a special election to be held in the 9th Senate District in the County of New York is enclosed herewith.

You will please publish the same once a week from now until the date of election in each of said newspapers. Yours respectfully, J. E. Medick, Deputy Secretary of State.

393,543 "WORLDS" PER DAY. City and County of New York, ss.: John Norris, Business Manager of The World; William J. Ward, Foreman of the Press-Room, and Thomas W. Mullett, Chief Accountant, do solemnly swear that the actual bona-fide circulation of The World for the week ended March 5, 1893, was as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Day, Circulation, Date, Circulation. Monday, Feb. 27... 384,870; Saturday, March 4... 409,320; Tuesday, Feb. 28... 379,404; Sunday, March 5... 306,784; Wednesday, March 1... 384,069; Weekly and Semi-Weekly... 115,540; Thursday, March 2... 385,819; Friday, March 3... 388,997; \*Morning edition only. Average per day... 393,543

To the best of our knowledge and belief, based upon the best available information, this average is 205,000 more per day than the circulation of all editions of any other newspaper published in New York.

New York, March 6, 1893. Personally appeared before me John Norris, Business Manager; W. J. Ward, Foreman of the Press-Room, and Thomas W. Mullett, Chief Accountant, who being by me duly sworn, depose and say that the above is true and correct. Attest: J. E. FRIEGL, Commissioner of Deeds, City and County of New York.

JOHN NORRIS, Business Manager. W. J. WARD, Foreman of Press Room. THOMAS W. MULLETT, Chief Accountant.

personal way of a woman to wonder if any one would ever find that joy all hid in the "When I" as we started down the aisle after the benediction he caught her arm firmly and whispered audibly: "Let's hurry up, Nell. I've been dreaming for a long time of that roast-pork and appleauce!"

He Began Early. (From Texas Bittings.) "If you run after the girls you will do after we are married!" "Fatsheo—if you don't quit being such a jealous fool I'll cut your ears so you'll think we are married already."

they have a girl at church with them, but he merely rested his head on his hand and watched with a fond smile as her dainty fingers slipped among the leaves.

When it came to the turn for the hymn he didn't grab at the book in that frantic haste all young men suffer when

Cold Water and a Hot Griddle. To make light, Delicious BUCKWHEAT CAKES. You must of course use Heckers' Buckwheat.