

BIG FIGURES, THESE. Over \$1,000,000 Lost in the Shuffle in Two Years. Startling Increase in the Street-Cleaning Department's Expenses.

Was This All "Waste," or Was There a Big "Divvy?"

The present winter of financial depression is unusually severe upon all classes of people. When the tax-payer is called upon to hand over the amount...

The city Street-Cleaning Department of New York is only a very small part of the municipal government.

When the city Street-Cleaning Department was started in 1852, it had only one man and one horse.

Three very important, and in fact, the most costly, branches of the Department are those of carting, sweeping and final disposition.

When "Big Tom" Brennan assumed control of the Department in September, 1892, the expenses at once increased...

During the past four years, the following results are shown:

Final Disposition for Four Years. 1890—Amount expended, \$218,439.43. 1891—Amount expended, \$247,727.29.

Carting for Four Years. 1890—Amount expended, \$40,111.93. 1891—Amount expended, \$46,337.87.

But the most startling increase in street-cleaning expenses is to be found in the department of sweeping.

The average cost per month for sweeping in 1891 was \$25,250.89. For the first three months of 1892 it was \$25,250.89.

No one can arise in defense of this extravagance and say the snow and less of midwinter expenses are the cause of the sweeping expenses, when twice as much was paid for the work in July as was paid in January.

The total amount of money spent during the past four years for carting, sweeping and final disposition, was \$1,000,000.

Enough money here to feed the hungry and clothe the naked of the nation!

What became of this million dollars and more? It is spent in the Street-Cleaning Department in the following manner:

On sweeping, \$1,000,000. On carting, \$250,000. On final disposition, \$250,000. Total, \$1,500,000.

FREE OUR CORNER WINDOW FOR A GREAT HOLIDAY DISPLAY.

W.M. WELGE & SON. \$14 and \$15 Overcoats now \$10.00. \$16 and \$18 " " 12.00. \$20 and \$22 " " 15.00. \$32 and \$35 " " 25.00.

KILBRETH DENIES FRAUDS. He Says the Story of Tobacco Rebate Steal Is Visionary.

Only \$7,178.46 Has Been Refunded by the Custom-House.

"It is entirely visionary," is the manner in which collector Kilbreth characterizes the announcement from Washington of the unearthing of a million-dollar fraud in the Custom-House here.

The news was a shock at the Custom-House. This finally gave way to indignation.

Charles Crawford, the refund clerk, who has been at the head of the bureau for the past twenty-five years, went over his books. He showed that the amount refunded on tobacco rebates during the last twenty years, was exactly \$7,178.46.

Under the old law, all baled tobacco was regarded as a unit. If the contents of a bale averaged 85 per cent of pure tobacco, a duty of 75 per cent was paid.

The statement that I have been in correspondence with the Department at Washington concerning any fraud in the rebates of Kilbreth is absolutely false.

The system adopted in refunding rebates in this case, was the result of a detailed statement. This goes from the Custom-House to the Naval Office, then to Washington, and then to the collector over carefully at each office, and a check for the gross amount is sent to the collector.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—A prominent official of the Treasury Department, in speaking of the alleged irregularities in the refunding of duty in the New York Custom-House, that alleged irregularities were committed, stated that fraud had been committed there was as yet no absolute evidence.

It has been found, he said, that the practice of the New York Custom-House in making a thorough examination of the goods had been so unsatisfactory, and that the doors were open for frauds to be committed.

One of Four Thieves Who Robbed Mrs. Burke Captured.

Four men planned to rob the apartments of Mrs. Burke, at 81 West Twelfth street, corner of Sixth avenue, last night.

Three Men Held on Suspicion in the Tombs Police Court.

John Farrell, thirty-nine years old, of 59 West Houston street; Charles Spier, twenty-nine years old, of 30 Broad street; and John H. Albert, thirty-five years old, of 30 Greenwich street, were remanded in the Tombs Police Court for examination this morning.

Three Youthful Thieves. Precocious Crooks Turned Over to the Gerry Society.

Justice Voorhis, in Essex Market Court this morning committed three lads to the care of the Gerry Society pending an investigation of the charges made against them.

Actor Duffy Stole a Saw. Arrested While Playing the Part of Slave Driver.

Burglar Shot in Chicago. Dick Henshaw Fatally Wounded While Housebreaking.

O'NEILL'S. 6th Ave., 20th to 21st St. 10,000 YARDS. "Listers" Fast Dye Runjum Silks, 59c. Worth 85c. yard. 70 Newest Shades for Evening Wear and Fancy Work Recommended for Good Wear, High Lustre and Fast to Sunlight Dye.

H. O'NEILL & CO., 6th Ave., 20th to 21st St.

A Christmas Suggestion.—THE AEOLIAN.—18 W. 23d St.

Men's Russia Galf Faust... 2.00. Men's Russia Galf Faust... 2.00.

Men's Patent Leather Pumps... 1.50.

Men's Russia Galf Faust... 2.00.

GAMMEYER. STAMPED ON A SHOE. MEANS STANDARD OF MERIT. 6TH AVE., COR. 20TH ST., Formerly of 6th Ave. and 12th St.

HOLIDAY SLIPPERS. There has never been placed on the market such a variety of Men's Slippers of so much value for so little money.

Men's Brown Goat Opera... 1.00. Men's Maroon Goat Opera... 1.00. Men's Imitation Alligator Opera... 1.00. Men's Genuine Russia Galf Opera... 1.25.

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FLEGEHEIMER BROS. A HOLIDAY PRESENT FOR ALL! NOTWITHSTANDING SELLING THE VERY BEST SELECTED GOODS AT THE LOWEST FIGURES, WE ALSO GIVE TO EVERY PURCHASER ONE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS BELOW, FROM WHICH YOU MAY SELECT.

Price speak for themselves: SWEET CA... TAWARA... ANGELICA... PORT... SHERRY... MUSCATEL... MADEIRA... TOKAY... MALAGA... RED AND WHITE... TABLE WINES... RIESLING... CABINET... ST. J... LIEN... BUR... GUNDY... PURE GRAPE BRANDY... \$2 to \$1.

Holland Gin Blackberry, Jamaica Cruz and Sanna Rum; all sorts of Punch Essence at distillers' prices.

A large stock of California Fruit and Honey constantly on hand.

FLEGEHEIMER BROS. 201-202 6TH AVE. GRAND OPERA-HOUSE NEW YORK. 1025 1/2 AVENUE NEW YORK. 487 WILLIS AVE. COR 14TH ST. NEW YORK. 100 MARKET ST. NEWARK, N. J. 100 WEST 42ND ST. NEW YORK, N. Y. 137 WASH. ST. HOBOKEN, N. J. 140 BRIDGE ST. N. YERKON, N. Y.

C. C. SHAYNE offers strictly reliable and fashionable furs at lowest possible prices, store open evenings until Christmas. 124 West 42d St.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR EVERY ONE. SEE THIS OFFER J. BAUMANN & BRO. WILL HELP YOU REMEMBER YOUR FRIENDS BY SENDING THEM ANY ARTICLE YOU MAY DESIRE.

FURNITURE, CARPETS, CURTAINS, CLOCKS, LAMPS, PICTURES, STOVES. ALL ON PAYMENTS OF ONE DOLLAR PER WEEK. No First Payment.

J. BAUMANN & BRO., 1313 to 1315 Third Ave., Bet. 75th and 76th Sts. CABLE APTS. OR ELEVATED BR. 707 ST. C. OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

PIANO STOOLS. \$10.00 per month. \$1.00 per week. \$1.00 per month. \$1.00 per week.

SUWANNEE SPRINGS WATER FOR RHEUM, LIVER and BLADDER AFFECTIONS. TRY IT.

Impressment in Sing Sing for criminals who were held in the Hall of 49 West Twenty-first street, on May 29 of the same year. He appeared and the Grand Jury returned a verdict of guilty, holding that the facts presented on the trial did not warrant a conviction.

HE HAS ANOTHER WIFE. Babetta Wolf Granted an Absolute Divorce from Her Husband.

Charged with Searching a House Without a Warrant. James Thompson, of 204 Linwood street, Brooklyn, has retained counsel to prosecute Detective Sergeant John F. Becker, Commissioner Hayden's latest appointee, who is stationed in the Seventeenth Precinct.

Female Crook Arrested. Lottie Bruce, a Noted Pickpocket, Locked Up in Louisville.

Arrested for Stealing Lead Pipe. Two old offenders, John Smith and Michael Joyce, were held in Jefferson Market Court this morning charged with stealing lead pipe.

Commission in a Murder Case. Assistant District-Attorney Davis said this morning that he had called on Dr. George B. Fowler and John W. Wheeler, the coroner appointed by Judge Martine to take testimony in the case of Mrs. Catherine Fitzgerald, who is charged with the murder of her husband.

Chicago Jewellers Lose Diamonds. Jewelry store in short on tray of diamonds, which was stolen from the store. The Police Agency is working on the case. It is said that the missing diamonds were valued at \$15,000.

FOUR DOLLARS. INVISIBLE CORK SOLED SHOES. NEW PROCESS. That clumsy look common to cork soled shoes is no more. Exterior appearance same as ordinary shoes.

Waterproof, Warm and Dry. KILPATRICK, THIRD AVE., Cor. 66th St. ESTABLISHED 1848.

WATERS PIANOS. 100 new style, 7 1/2-octave, 8-stringed Waters Upright Pianos, fine tone, three pedals and every improvement, \$225 cash, or \$250 on instalments; only \$10 down and \$7 monthly until paid.

50 good second-hand Uprights, \$100 to \$200. Payments \$5 monthly. Bargains. Stool, cover, tuning and delivery free.

HORACE WATERS & CO., 134 Fifth Ave., near 18th St. Open evenings until Jan. 1.

GRATEFUL-COMFORTO. EPPS'S COCOA. BREAKFAST-SUPPER.

By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operation of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavored beverage which will save us many heavy doctor's bills.

Medical. FREE REMEDY. Virtually restores. Small, weak organs developed. Impotency, Varicocele and all effects of a weak blood.

Christmas Presents on Credit. WATCHES, DIAMONDS AND JEWELRY AT 50% DISCOUNT. CASH PRICES ON CREDIT.

The Globe Credit Watch Co., 130 E. 11th St. N.Y. City.

For Sale. \$1.00 Down. \$1 weekly buys gold filled watch delivered immediately.

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According to Thompson's story, Wolf Gall, a second-hand clothing dealer, at 272 Atlantic avenue, lost four geese, and told Detective Becker that he suspected Thompson of stealing them.

Last night, Thompson says, Detective Becker, accompanied by Gall and the officer on post, went to his house and accused him of the theft. Then Detective Becker said he intended to search the house.

Thompson says he protested against the detective entering without a warrant, but he was caught and held bareheaded in the cold night air by the officer, while Becker made a search, frightened Mrs. Thompson, and turning things topsy-turvy. The geese were not found.

Free Coal for the Poor. The Judge Diver Association has arranged to deliver coal to the poor families of the Second Assembly District. Application for the same should be made at the office of Madison street, any evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

When Doby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

CASPERFELD & CO., SUCCESSORS TO CASPERFELD & CLEVELAND, 144 BOWERY 144. WEST SIDE OF STREET, NEAR GRAND ST. ELEVATED STATION. WE SELL DIAMONDS AND WATCHES FOR ONE-QUARTER OF THE PRICE THAT THEY CHARGE ELSEWHERE AND LEAVE ALL WOULD-BE COMPETITORS FAR BEHIND.

WE HAVE RESOLVED TO MAKE THE GREATEST SACRIFICE EVER KNOWN. WE LOOK AT NEITHER COST NOR VALUE, BUT BRILL AT ALMOST OUR OWN PRICE, OUR SOLE AIM BEING TO CONVERT OUR COLOSSAL STOCK INTO CASH.

YOU SHOULD VISIT OUR ESTABLISHMENT, AS IT IS THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD. Diamonds bought of us can be returned less 5 per cent, when so stipulated in the bill of sale.

THIS MAGNIFICENT DIAMOND PENDANT, also worn as locket or hairpin, contains 3 carats of diamonds of the finest grade; it must be seen to be appreciated; our price is \$85; if you wish to purchase, do not hesitate to ask us \$10 for the same.

A SOLITAIRE DIAMOND RING, 5 CARAT, a pure white, flawless gem, \$45, worth \$75; a diamond locket, pure white, very fine diamonds, \$18, worth \$35; a magnificent pair of girls' diamonds, \$25, worth \$50; an emerald and diamond hoop ring, that you could not resist purchasing at our price, an exceptionally fine emerald and two first-water diamonds, \$32.50, worth \$65.

HERE IS A PAIR OF DIAMOND EAR RINGS that will not remain with us very long; they are pure white, have a bluish tint and glitter like the finest very dewy match; they are better value for the \$85, amount would be impossible to find else.

HERE IS A PAIR OF SOLITAIRE DIAMOND EARRINGS which you are sure to purchase if you should see them in a jewelry store; they are very pure, white, a mass of fire, nearly 2 1/2 carats, \$125. If you should ever wish to duplicate them, look anywhere in the United States they would cost you \$250.

IF THERE IS ANY ONE OF YOU LOOKING for a Diamond Ring, we are sure you will purchase the one we offer; it is perfectly pure, shedding beams of light; nearly 3 1/2 carats. (Cannot be duplicated for \$250.) A BEAUTIFUL CLUSTER SCARF PIN, 12 carats, with Turquoise, Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald set \$125.

A KNIFE-EDGED BRACELET, SET WITH eight beautiful steel-cut diamonds, 24 carats, worth \$150, could not be bought for less than \$125. A BEAUTIFUL CLUSTER RING, 12 DIAMONDS, 10 E. Y. Sapphire, Emerald or Turquoise center, worth \$60.

THIS IS OUR SPECIAL DIAMOND RING. \$18. THIS IS OUR SPECIAL DIAMOND SCREW EARRING. \$20.

10,000 WATCHES. Gold and Silver, for Ladies and Gents, to Suit Everybody's Purse. These are the Watches we make a specialty of.

GENTS' GOLD FILLED WATCHES, STEM WINDERS, American movement, Elgin or Waltham, stem-winder, \$60. LADIES' GOLD HUNTING WATCHES, stem-winder, American movement, Elgin or Waltham, \$45.

LADIES' SOLID GOLD HUNTING WATCHES, stem-winder and set, \$45. LADIES' GOLD-FILLED WATCHES, STEM WINDER AND SET, Elgin or Waltham movement, \$35.

A GENUINE E. HOWARD & CO. WATCH, with heavy gold case, \$47. We give a Written guarantee with every watch for six years; if not as represented, guaranteed money will be refunded.

Solid Gold Wedding Rings, 14 and 18 carats. Garnet, Turquoise, Seal and Initial Rings a specialty. OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 11. SATURDAYS UNTIL 12. CASPERFELD & CO., 144 BOWERY.

RAILROADS. AMERICA'S GREATEST RAILROAD. NEW YORK CENTRAL & HUDSON RIVER R. R. From Grand Central Station, 42d St. 8:30 A. M.—Except Sunday. Empire State Express, 7:30 A. M.—Daily for Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Toronto. 10:30 A. M.—Except Sunday. Day Express, 10:30 P. M.—Daily for Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis. 3:31 P. M.—Daily for Albany and Troy. 4:30 P. M.—Daily for New York and Chicago via Detroit. 7:30 P. M.—Chicago & St. Louis. 8:25 P. M.—Daily for Burlington, Plattsburgh, and Montreal. 7:30 P. M.—Daily for Buffalo and Niagara Falls via Buffalo. 9:00 P. M.—Daily only Sleeping Car Passengers for Rochester carried on this train. 9:15 P. M.—Daily for Buffalo, Niagara Falls and except Sunday for Cape Vincent. 9:04 P. M.—Daily for Buffalo, Niagara Falls and except Sunday for Cape Vincent. Sunday and 3:31 P. M.—Daily except Sunday. Ticket Agents at all through trains. Ticket Agents at all through trains. Ticket Agents at all through trains.

Handsome Rugs Given Away. Carpet Buyers Will Find Bargains at Trussell's. For the balance of this week Trussell's, Sprater & Co., 8th Ave., 24th and 25th Sts., will make, lay and furnish living room rugs with the actual value of the rug, and also present a handsome rug with each carpet. Their stock is large and varied, and the following are but a few of the specials which they have to offer: Moquette, 70c. yard; Wilton Velvets, 68c. yard; 3 1/2 quality Brussels at 75c. yard; good Brussels, 20c. yard; Kidderminster Ingrain, 65c. yard; Madras Ingrain, 20c. yard; English Linoleum, 25c. yard; good oilcloths, 15c. yard; matting, 10c. yard.

A splendid sale at half price of Japanese rugs is also arranged for this week with the following leaders: Rugs, 12x13 feet, \$12.85; 10x12.75, \$9.95; 5x6 feet, \$6.85; 7x4 feet, \$5.85. In the upholstery department curtains, &c., many bargains can be found at prices way below actual value. All purchases of \$5 and over will be delivered free within one hundred miles, and during this week the store will be open evenings until 10:30 o'clock.

One-Fourth for the Poor. Abraham & Straus, the Brooklyn dry-goods store, has notified Mayor Bidsell that they will return over to him one-fourth of net Saturday's receipts for distribution to the poor.