THE TRIBUNE.

The Reform Congress.

The following letter appears, oddly enough, in the *Herald*. It tells the truth, in spite of the contrary presumption, from its medium of reaching the public:

THE WORKING MEMBERS AND THE DRONES.

WASHINGTON, April 10, 1844.

Mr. Steenrod, one of the most decidedly useful, gentlemanly and valuable working men in the House, offered a most valuable resolution to-day: that as soon as the House meets each day, the clerk shall call over the roll and mark down the absentees! This salutary proposition was voted down by the idlers of a reform Congress. It was a pity the ayes and noes were not called on it. The fact is, that although the House pretends to sit from 11 till 4, 5 and 6, yet half the time there is not a quorum. Yesterday there was not a hundred members when the House adjourned—to-day the House, on voting, found itself *four times* without a quorum. Every time this Session when there has been a call of the House, there have always been from *forty to sixty members absent*: and thus the important interests of the country suffer. The fact is, that many of the members come to the House, sit through one or two calls of the ayes and noes, then go off, ride, or walk about and flirt with ladies, drink, lounge about smoke cigars, drink down stairs, or go home to dinner at 12, or 1, or 2 o'clock; crawl back between 3 and 4, and then bawl out against an adjournment, and demand the ayes and noes, that it may appear they are wondrous attentive.—And for this fool's play they get $8 a day. If their constituents could see some of 'em, they would soon be invited to stay at home. The fact is, the last Congress met at 12 and adjourned regularly at 2, stand in their seats and worked, and did twice the business this has done, and in less time. The fact is, that your reporters here don't dare comment on these things; but it shall be done, and their names published for the benefit of their constituents, by

A SPECTATOR.

From the Albany Argus.

Expenses of the Poor in this State—Classification of their Nativity.

The Secretary of State has transmitted to the Legislature the annual returns of the Superintendents of the Poor, and they embrace a mass of very valuable information. Returns were received from every county in the State.

In '43, the number of county paupers relieved or supported, 75,233; do. of town do., 4,521. Whole number of regular paupers, 82,754, or about 1 to 30 every inhabitant in the State. But in addition to these there were 62,047 paupers *temporarily* relieved by the public officers, making an aggregate of paupers in the State of New York of 144,801, or about 1 to every 18 of the inhabitants.

The whole expenditures for the poor during 1843 is	$392,373 27
But the value of the labor of the paupers amounting to	58,638 85
Must be deducted and their nett expense is	$333,734 42
Which is raised by annual taxation.	
During 1842 the expense was	$317,728 02
Deduct pauper labor	57,131 97
	$260,594 75

Thus showing an increase of paupers expenses of the year 1843 over those of 1842 of $72,939 72, or an increase in a single year of over 15 per cent., in the expenditures. The average weekly expense of each pauper during the year

1843 was.....53 cents and 2 mills.
1842 was.....61 " " 6 "

This shows that the expense of supporting each pauper has decreased 9 per cent., and yet the whole aggregate of expense has increased 15 per cent.—This solely arises from an increase in the *number* of paupers. This increase was 21,314 over the preceding year. Yet it is proper to bear in mind that about one-third of this service exceeds taxation for the city of New-York.

On the 11th of April, 1843, a law passed directing the County Superintendents of Poor to make detailed returns, not only of the name, age, sex and native country of every pauper, but also "a statement of the causes, either direct or indirect, which have operated to render such person a pauper." At the first election, it will be perceived that information of this character must be invaluable, as it could be the pioneer of sound and safe legislation upon this complex question.

Under this new law, returns have been received from every county in the State except Albany, Green, Suffolk and Warren. Of the 25,064 paupers returned in these special reports,

Of natives of the United States, there were:

Males.... 8,161	Females.... 6,312	Total....	14,415
Of paupers, natives of Ireland, there were:			
Males.... 4,442	Females.... 2,849	Total....	7,291
Of paupers, natives of England, there were:			
Males.... 871	Females.... 633	Total....	1,404
Of paupers, natives of Scotland, there were:			
Males.... 178	Females.... 107	Total....	285
Of paupers, natives of Germany, there were:			
Males.... 461	Females.... 207	Total....	668
Of paupers, coming from Canada, there were:			
Males.... 236	Females.... 123	Total....	359
Of paupers, natives of France, there were:			
Males.... 133	Females.... 63	Total....	196

985 Paupers were reported without giving their native country.

To-morrow, we shall allude to the steady and alarming increase in pauperism and taxation for the last fourteen years; and we shall show by proof how much of this pauperism is caused by intemperance, debauchery and idleness, and how light would be the tax could the People be more persuaded to rule those appetites which not only debase and punish themselves, but in its lengthened chain, trample upon the rights of property, kindred and country.

STRAW GOODS.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE JUST OPENED a fresh assortment of Ladies' and Misses' Bonnets, including every variety of Straw, Tuscan, Chip, White bone, Modena, and Neapolitan. Also, Gents' and Boys' Palm-Leaf, Leghorn, Manilla and Panama Hats, fine glazed and black Chip, &c. &c.

BOOTH & LYNES, 103 Maiden Lane, 1st floor.
ap6 2meod* One door above Pearl st.

FANCY GOODS AND COMB WAREHOUSE.
WM. H. CARY & CO.
186 *Pearl street, opposite Cedar street.*

HAVE FOR SALE BY THE PACKAGE, or in lots to suit jobbers and retailers, the following GOODS, which will be sold on the best terms:
Spool Cotton, Shoe Laces, Tapes and Cords,
Hooks and Eyes, Ivory, Bone and Metal Eyelets,
Silver Pencil Cases, Silver Thimbles,
Spectacles, Spoons, Linen Threads, Fish Lines,
Scissors, Penknives and Razors of the best patterns,
Percussion Gun Caps and Pills,
Bead Bags and Purses—also Silk Purses,
India Rubber Suspenders, Garters and Watch Guards,
Buttons, of Bone, Metal, Gilt, Lasting and Pearl, in every variety.
20 cases Ivory Combs, including every size and quality,
2000 doz. Tortoise Shell Combs of various kinds,
5000 doz. mock Shell Combs, latest patterns,
2500 doz. Brushes, comprising an assortment,
60 cases Pins, pack, pound and American,
5 cases Needles, of the best makers, at the lowest prices
2 cases Knitting Pins, from No. 15 to 21.
And a great variety of other Goods, well adapted for City and Country Trade. mh26 1meod*

RICHARDS, CRONKHITE & SHAW,
45 Exchange place,

OFFER FOR SALE—
FANCY CASSIMERES—80 cases Stripes, Plaids, Diagonals, &c. &c.
SATINETS—200 cases black, blue, green, brown, dark, light and fancy mixtures.
MERINO CASSIMERES—120 cases comprising a variety of colors and mixtures.
KENTUCKY JEANS—70 cases Oxford, blue, cadet and brown mixtures, and fine full blue.
PHILADELPHIA CHECKS AND GINGHAMS—220 cases low, medium and fine qualities.
MARINERS' STRIPES—100 bales super twilled.
NEGRO KERSEYS—40 cases very heavy.
PLAID SATINETS—50 cases Faraum & Eddy's well known styles. a5 12mod*

COUTHOUY & NEVERS,
341 Broadway.

RESPECTFULLY invite the public to call at their store and examine the richest and most extensive assortment to be found in the country, of
BRONZED AND ORMOLU CHANDELIERS; CENTRE MANTEL, SOLAR, BRACKET AND READING LAMPS; CANDELABRAS; GIRANDOLES, BRACKETS, BRANCHES, AND CANDLESTICKS,
in every variety of pattern.
CABIN SOLAR LAMPS, a new and superb article, peculiarly suitable for Packets.
They are constantly making additions to this portion of their stock from the celebrated manufactory of H. N. Hooper & Co. Boston, for whom they are the SOLE AGENTS in this city.—These goods, at the last Fair at the American Institute, received the Gold Medal, and have invariably obtained the premium over all others of the class where placed in competition.
C. & N. are also prepared to execute orders for
CUT GLASS
of every description, of a quality not to be surpassed either at home and abroad.
They continue to keep a rich assortment of Papier Mache, Fancy Glass and Porcelain; superb FLOWER VASES, fresh SIBERIAN SHELLS, for Lamps, Lamps, PORCELAIN FIRE SCREENS; ALLUMINETTE STANDS, Tea-bells, Thermometers, &c. and a complete stock of Tea-Trays and TABLE CUTLERY, which they offer at prices exactly proportioned to the quality of the articles.
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IRON AND STEEL.—Bar, Band, Hoop and Scroll Iron; Braziers, Spike, Nut and House Nail Rods, Springs, Felt Blister, German and Spring Steel, with a full assortment of all other articles in their line, for sale by
BRINCKER & OOTHOUT,
Cliff, corner John street.

LEECHES: LEECHES—Constantly on hand, received fresh every new arrival, large supply of good size, healthy Swedish and German Leeches, that will bite quick. For sale by the thousand, hundred or dozen, or put up in turf so as to be transported with safety to any part of the country.
Leeches applied by a competent person at any time.
A. B. SANDS & CO. Wholesale and Retail Druggists,
ap11 3t 273 Broadway, cor. Chambers st. Granite Building.

WHITE PLAINS INSTITUTE—A Private Boarding School, near Boston—Circulars may be obtained at the Bookstore of William Jackson, 177 Broadway.
JOHN SWINBURNE, A. M.
all 1tM* Principal and Proprietor.

REMOVAL—The Office and Sales-Room of the New York Card Manufactory is removed from 71 Fulton street to 102 John street, opposite Cliff street.
April 10. (all 3m) L. SMITH, 102 John st.

HATTER'S PLUSH.—The subscriber has on hand an assortment of Silk and Angola Plush, which he offers for sale, very low. T. P. CUMMINGS,
mh20 1m* 73 Pine st. near Pearl.

CANDLES—Lansingburgh Refined Moulds—800 boxes Parmelee's assorted sizes, for sale at manufacturer's prices.
a6 M. O. ROBERTS, 118 West-street.

PAPER of all kinds constantly on hand, and for sale in lots to suit purchasers, by CYRUS W. FIELD,
mh1 6m No. 9 Burling slip.

UNITED LINE OF LIVERPOOL PACKETS—To sail on the 15th inst.—The splendid fast sailing packet ship DIADEM, Capt. Bartow, sails positively as above, her regular day. This ship has excellent accommodations for Cabin, Second Cabin and Steerage Passengers. Persons about to embark for the Old Country cannot select a finer ship. Those wishing to secure berths should make immediate application on board, foot of Dover st. or to W. & J. T. TAPSCOTT, 43 Peck slip, cor. South st.
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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY.

COURT OF SESSIONS...Before the Recorder and Aldermen HATFIELD and BRADY.

JONAS B. PHILLIPS, Esq. District Attorney, *ad interim*.

GRAND LARCENY.—John Henry Hallman was tried for larceny, having on various occasions stolen the property of Lewis J. Cohen of No. 128 William street, with whom he was clerk, to the amount of $4,000. The property was generally taken during three years past in small amounts, and consisted of dressing cases, fancy stationery, a clock, and numerous other articles. No proof was adduced that goods of the value of over $25 at any one time, reducing the offence to a petit larceny. A large quantity of the property was recovered in trunks at a house in New Jersey, where accused had sent them. The jury found him Guilty of petit larceny only, and the Court sentenced him to the Penitentiary for 6 months.

ROBBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.—Patrick Kelly was tried for Robbery in the 1st degree in having on the night of 4th inst. near the corner of Elm and Anthony streets, after midnight, attacked and knocked down a young man named James P. Ridgeway of Long Isle, and robbing him of his and papers and handkerchief, ran off. He was however caught by the watch, as he ran away on the entery of complainant, and the hat recovered. There was another with him who escaped. The prisoner, who with his family lived in the vicinity, proved an excellent previous character for honesty, industry, &c. but occasionally drank too much. Complainant had rather thought prisoner did not mean to rob him, though he thought the other man did. The jury found him Guilty of assault and battery only, and he was sentenced to the Penitentiary for 2 months.

CHARGE OF BURGLARY.—Joseph Harris was tried for burglary in the third degree, breaking into the store of Henry P. Havens & Co. No. 434 Water street, on the evening of the 18th ult. The prisoner was found with another man about 8½ o'clock in the store, standing near the desk with a light, by officer Hayes who on entering after having closed the store for the night, found them as above stated. Mr. Havens closed the door and called for the watch, when the other man ran past him and escaped with a gold chain, worth $85. The prisoner laid down on the floor and was caught. A London Jimmy was found in the store, with which the door was forced open. For defence, J. M. Smith, Jr. Esq. proved that the accused was an oyster vender—was seen drunk in the street about 8 o'clock before—as he often was—that he was a man of good character, with a wife and four children, &c. The jury found the accused Guilty, and recommended him to mercy. He was remanded for sentence on Friday.

FRIDAY.

COURT OF SESSIONS...Before the Recorder, and Aldermen HATFIELD and BRADY.

JONAS B. PHILLIPS, Esq. District Attorney, *ad interim*.

SENTENCES.—Napoleon Lorenzo and Catharine Goetal, convicted of procuring an abortion on the person of Zulma Marmelle, in connection with Catharine Costello, were brought up for sentence. Lorenzo was ordered to pay a fine of $250, and be imprisoned for two months in the County Prison. Goetal, who had been recommended by the jury to mercy, and who was only slightly implicated, was fined $25. She is poor and has a family of young children. In the case of Madame Costello, her counsel have carried it up to the Supreme Court upon a bill of exceptions, and sentence was therefore suspended until decision is had in that tribunal.

John Hartz, convicted of an attempted burglary, was sentenced to the State Prison for two years. David Jones, a boy, convicted of grand larceny, stealing a gold watch, was sent to the House of Refuge. John Carlin and Francis Stewart, convicted of assault and battery, were each fined 10 dollars each. Michael Cook, convicted of two petit larcenies, was sent to the Penitentiary for 6 months. Joseph Boyes, convicted of assault and battery, was fined $10. Ellen Frances, convicted of assault and battery on a female servant, was fined $10.

The Grand Jury came into Court with a number of bills, and retired to resume their deliberations.

TRIAL FOR BURGLARY.—Matthew Kenny, a small boy, was tried for a burglary in the third degree, in having with boys in the day time, broken into the premises of Thomas Taylor, corner of Analy street and 6th Avenue on the 29th of March last, during the temporary absence of the family, and stealing a watch, 4 pair boots, and 2 boxes with some jewelry, worth $52 50, at a same time and under similar circumstances with the prisoner. The jury found him Guilty, and he was sentenced to the House of Refuge.

PLEAS OF GUILTY.—Morris Delany, indicted on eight indictments for receiving stolen goods, of small amounts in each case, thereon his counsel, Mr. Causo, pleaded guilty to one of the indictments, and sentence was deferred to Friday next.

James Morrow, pleaded guilty to an assault and battery on John Hendricks of No. 22 Avenue A, on the 19th of March last, and sentence was also deferred.

FORFEITURE.—Mathew Quinn, indicted for an assault and battery, failing to appear and answer, his recognizance was forfeited.

The Court adjourned to Monday next.

POLICE OFFICE.

LARCENIES.—Henrietta Williams was arrested and committed for stealing a counterpane from Henry H. Maughan, No. 42 Elizabeth street.

Sarah Williams was arrested and committed for stealing $5 from the pocket of Nicholas Connolly, No. 48 Water street.

Elizabeth Hines was arrested and committed for stealing a cloak worth $5 from Edward Cunderlall, No. 143 Walker st.

STEALING FROM THE POCKET.—John Lilburn and Louisa Fisher were arrested by officer Joseph, charged with having last night stolen $9 from the pocket of Leopold P. Unger of the Pacific Hotel, when in a house in Anthony street. Committed to answer.

CORONER'S OFFICE.

MAN DROWNED.—The Coroner was called to the foot of Franklin street, North River, to see the body of a man who was found there this morning drowned, having been in the water but a few hours. From a certificate of discharge, found in his pocket, it appeared his name was Cornelius Galton, 20 to 30 years old, 5 feet 4½ inches high, and that on the 24th day of November last, he was discharged from the 52d Regiment of Her Majesty's service, at Halifax, for bad conduct. He was taken to the Bend House, where an inquest will be held on Saturday.

DEATH BY A FALL.—The Coroner also was called to the City Hospital to see the body of Florence Fitzpatrick, aged about 13 years, who, while in Mott street on the evening of the 8th inst. while playing with other children, with some other boys, struck his head and shoulder so violently against the wall and railing of a house, that he died last night in the Hospital, his skull having been fractured and collar bone broken. The inquest will be held to-morrow.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, April 12.

$1,000 N Y 6s	104	2d	5 shs Nor and Wor		43
1,000 do	92	10B	100 do do		40
5,000 Tennessee 5s	81	5	100 do do		41
1,000 U States 6s	113	25	50 do do		43
10,000 do	104	13	50 do do		43
1,000 do	113	50	50 do do		43
5,000 Pennsylvania 5s	77	15	50 do do		43
2,000 do	80	10	100 do do		43
5,000 do	83	6	50 Canton Co	bnw	59
5,000 do	80	6	50 do do		59
10,000 do	79	6	50 do do		59
10,000 do	79	6	50 do do		59
4,000 do	79	10	50 Vicksburg Bank		30
5,000 do	80	10	100 do do		30
5,000 do	79	50	do Mohawk Rrd		94
1,000 Indiana 5s	77	50	do do		94
2,000 do	77	50	do Harlem Rrd		8
25,000 Ohio 6s	90	25	do do		8
5,000 do	90	25	do do		8
5,000 do	90	25	do do		8
2,000 do	90	50	do do		8
5,000 do	90	100	do do		8
5,000 do	90	100	do L Island R		32
5,000 do	90	100	do do		32
5,000 do	90	100	do do		32
6,000 Kentucky 6s	101	100	do do		14
5,000 do	95	100	do do		30
2,000 do	101	50	do do		30
3,000 Illinois	50	25	do N Jersey Rd		94
2,000 do Canal	40	100	do Paterson Rrd		20
25 shrs Farmers' Tr	40	100	do do		20
250 do do	40	100	do do		30
100 do do	40	100	do Stonington R		40
250 do do	40	100	do do		40
20 do Equitable Ins Co	62	25	do Utica & Schen		12
100 shrs Nor and Wor	43				

SECOND BOARD.

$1,000 Pennsylvania 5s	77	50	do do		10
5,000 do	80	75	do do		10
1,000 shrs Farmers Trust	40	100	do do		10
250 do Canton Co	59	50	do do		10
175 do do	59	50	do Harlem Rrd		8
50 do Nor & Wor R	10	50	do do		8
200 do do	43	50	do Stonington Rrd		44
50 do do	43	100	do do		44
75 do do	43	100	do do		45
100 do do	43	50	do Vicksburg Bk		30
150 do do	43	50	do do		30

Public Stock Exchange, April 12.

$3,000 Ohio 6s	90	bnw	25 shrs Mohawk Rrd		94
1,000 do	90	bnw	50 do do		94
1,000 do	90	3ds	25 do L Island Rrd		30
1,000 do	90	cash	25 do do		30
3,000 Kentucky 6s	100	60	25 do do		32
2,000 Pennsylvania 5s	80	6ds	25 Paterson Rrd		19
3,000 do	80	10	50 do do		19
2,000 Illinois 6s, 70	cash	40	100 do do		cash
25 shrs Farmers' Tr	40	30	50 Stonington		40
25 do do	40	30	50 do do		40
50 do Vicksburg B	cash	29½	50 do do		40
50 do do	cash	29½	50 do do		40
50 do do	cash	29½	50 do do		40
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