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LOCAL NEWS.

MOCK AUCTIONS.

How the Victims are Caught—The Broadway and Bowery Auction Men...The Way They do Business—"Cheap Johns," &c., &c.

These swindling institutions have not yet entirely "played out" which is evidence that "all the fools are not dead yet." It is astonishing how the men who engage in this business manage to keep up appearances and pay rents of stores on Broadway, at the present exorbitant rates. There is a mock auction shop in the lower portion of Broadway, which is apparently a permanent one. The windows are rather dusty, and contain two or three dry goods boxes covered with shawls. In front of the door there are more boxes, piled up almost to the ceiling; behind them is a small counter, where the sales take place. To a greenhorn, not initiated in the tricks of the trade, it would seem that a tremendous business was being done, and that the auctioneer had not any time to wait to get a "fair price" for his goods. Around the counter there are some eight or ten old gentlemen, with very short hair and greasy silk hats, who may be seen day after day acting in the capacity of "call birds." If there is not a *bona fide* bidder in the store, the auctioneer continues to "sell" goods and makes a terrible noise in doing it. Presently some outsider, attracted by the outcries, drops in. The decoy ducks look at him out of the corners of their eyes and very politely make way for him to get up to the table. Now the old gentleman begin fumbling the goods and the auctioneer does a big business. Sheets and shawls are sold with amazing rapidity. He studiously avoids forcing anything upon the newcomer's attention at first, for fear the bird might be alarmed and take to flight. A pile of little black shawls are put up. "Now, gentlemen, here are some French goods—splendid article (throws them freely around) "Who will give a bid for the first half dozen?" One of the short-haired gentlemen offers "$5." Auctioneer—"Five dollars. Five dollars, six, six and a half, seven, eight, eight dollars—gone! Just put the half dozen aside for Mr. Tompkins. How many for you, Mr. Stewart?" "A dozen." He then looks toward the rear of the store and calls out to some imaginary individual "Put down a dozen for Mr. Stewart, and adds, "now how many will you take, Mr. Russell?" Mr. Russell—"Half a dozen." Auctioneer—"You had better take a dozen." Mr. R.—"Well, I'll take a dozen, because they are a good article, and it seems to me, cheap," and he looks meaningly toward the new comer and explains to him what a good "lay" it is. Should the poor greenhorn make a purchase, one of three things occurs: he buys a single article, gets it, and discovers that it is worth about one quarter what he paid for it; or he thinks he has purchased half a dozen for, perhaps, $5, and he afterwards is assured he only bought one for that sum, or else he gets the half a dozen, and the auctioneer and the "call birds" swear he bought half a case or box. This, of course, frequently brings on a disturbance; then up go the shutters and "sales are closed for the day" and the victim is hustled out of the store. In about ten minutes afterwards then said victim is departed down come the shutters and business proceeds again. A very pleasant half hour can be spent in one of these places by any person who understands the thing, and merely desires to observe the thousand and one little tricks that will be put forth to induce him to part with his money. It may be well to suggest that any individual intending in this capacity should keep his retreat open by standing pretty close to the door, or he may get "knocked down," if not "sold."

There is another class of mock auctioneers in the Bowery and Chatham street, who are much more novel than their Broadway brethren. Few of these keep any "call birds" on hand—perhaps they cannot afford to indulge in that luxury—and they therefore sell to genuine customers or to the inanimate objects around the store. Their voices can very frequently be heard a block away, and they can be seen—their hair rough, skin covered with perspiration, and hands extended, pointing at a show case, perhaps, (not a human being in the store but the auctioneer) and crying out "four, four-and-a-half, five, going, *going*, GONE!" Perhaps a coat is first put up, and he gets a bid from a chair of $3, or a dry goods box makes it $5. In the corner runs it up to $10, and the articles is finally knocked down to a stove for $7. It is rather difficult to get any customers or persons to attend the sales, but once a little circle congregates the stores are soon filled, on the principle that "one fool makes many."

Then there are the "Cheap Johns," whose numbers are rapidly on the increase, and who do business in a not illegal manner; that is, they sell very common goods at apparently very low prices, but in fact at very high ones. They indulge in witticism, and tell very funny little stories in illustrating the extraordinary qualities of the goods the sale of which are not very delicate (the stories) or refined. At the "Cheap John's" about half a dozen pairs of stocking can be purchased for 50c, and such stockings! with feet measuring about fourteen inches in length, and nearly transparent. They may be worn the same as paper collars—till they are soiled—but they will never survive a "wash." All these auctioneers seem to prosper. They live chiefly by the money they make out of country people who visit this city, and sailors who are not up to the latest dodges of the land sharks. The way they transact business is pretty well known to all residents from whom the gaculous auctioneers may draw forth a smile, but no money.

SEIZURE OF SECOND GIN.—The ship Aristides, Captain Brand, which arrived here from Bremen on the 26th of March, bringing an assorted cargo, among which was twenty casks of gin. When the Custom House officer went on board, he says the Captain spoke in German to the mate, who went below immediately, and soon afterwards heard a noise which to him indicated the knocking in of the heads of casks. Passing down he found that eight or nine casks had been broken and the gin running out upon the floor. The other casks—eleven in number—had, it was learned, been run ashore during a temporary absence of the officer, and the nine seen by him were not upon the ship's manifest. Since then the eleven casks which had been smuggled ashore were found and seized near a Hoboken ferry. The whole amounted to the value of more than four hundred dollars. The vessel is liable to confiscation.

THE RENT QUESTION—MEETING OF TENANTS LAST EVENING—THE LADIES JOIN IN THE MOVEMENT.—A meeting of the members of the Twenty-second Ward Rent Payers' Association was held last evening, at the School Room in Forty-third street, near Tenth avenue. These meetings are held for the purpose of hearing from the members suggestions as to what they deem best to be done in order to reduce the rents.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. W. Sexton, the President of the organization, resigning his position, which was ordered on file.

Mr. Ornell then gave his views upon the rent question, and stated that the bill he recently prepared regulating the letting of tenements, etc., had gone to Albany, and happened to meet the Assemblyman in his district and gave him the bill to advocate.

Mr. Ira B. Davis thought that the city government should buy up the real estate from those large property holders that monopolize it, and then let it out in small parcels to the poorer classes. He said that they were becoming the slaves of landlord proprietors. J. Elliot, for instance, was endeavoring to own Manhattan Island. The speaker was employed in the Register's office a short time ago, and he there discovered that Mr. Astor owns real estate valued at sixty-five million dollars; that he never sells any property, but with the interest of this large sum continually buys more.

Several other gentlemen made remarks, one of whom suggested that the ladies form an association similar to their own. He knew several who wished to participate in such a movement. It was agreed that their co-operation would be sought.

The Secretary offered some very sensible remarks upon co-operation, and the meeting soon after adjourned, without adopting any programme to be followed out in the future.

OPPOSITION TO THE EXTENSION OF CHURCH STREET.—A meeting of the General Committee in the above matter will be held at

THE GREAT EASTERN.—It was decidedly amusing yesterday to see with what cheerful faces the thousand and one country gentlemen and ladies gathered around the office of Wells, Fargo & Co. for passes to see the Great Eastern, and how quickly disappointment succeeded cheerfulness when three policemen at the door stopped all ingress save of those who had other business. All sorts of pleasant schemes were resorted to to gain admittance, but they were then as far from the coveted prize as before. A large card on the wall read:

"No more passes to Great Eastern. She is now preparing for sea, and cannot receive visitors."

The anxious inquirers were referred to this notice, and a glance at it dispelled all hope and all joy. But still, with or without tickets, the big ship is daily thronged with visitors who are received with cordiality and kindness by Capt. Sir John Anderson and his officers. The wear and tear of the carpets, the picking and prying into the furniture and appointments of the vessel must be considerable where so many persons are daily admitted. There is therefore very little gained by such kindness, save the gratification of public curiosity, for which New York should pass a vote of thanks to all connected with the Great Eastern. The visitors to the big ship yesterday were, however, somewhat astonished to find a contribution box on board, in which they were requested to deposit their "mites," in order that a sufficient sum might be raised to pay for the expense of *cleaning the ship*.

Yesterday Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co., gave a special invitation to the Judges of the Supreme, Superior, Common Pleas, and other Courts, to pay a visit to the Great Eastern. The invitation having been accepted, carriages were provided for their accommodation, and the gentlemen of the New York State Judiciary, accompanied by several prominent members of the Bar, and the Press, together with Collector Smythe, Mayor Hoffman, Cyrus W. Field, etc., went on board the Revenue Cutter Hugh McCulloch, which conveyed them to the steamer at two o'clock, where they were received by Sir James Anderson and other officers of the vessel. Here for an hour or two the party enjoyed, in a very pleasant manner, the courtesies and hospitalities of Captain Anderson and the officers of the ship. They then sailed down the bay and inhaled the sweet invigorating breath of Spring, from sea and shore, and after a pleasant trip returned to the city about five o'clock P. M. The Great Eastern will sail on Tuesday without fail, and preparatory to the voyage she is receiving a thorough cleansing.

"ALIVE AND KICKING."—A hack drove up to the house No. 193 Elm street on Thursday night. There was nothing unusual in that proceeding. Some persons got out of the vehicle, and knocked at the door, which was answered by the proprietor. A parcel neatly made up, and marked "this side up with care," "handle tenderly," &c., was handed to him. On bringing it to his wife to examine, that good lady was horrified to discover that it contained an unwelcome visitor in the shape of a fine male child, all "alive and kicking," and squalling. The recipient of the donation forwarded it to the Central office.

BENEDICT'S TIME.—The April number of Benedict's Railroad and Steamboat Time table is just out. It contains comprehensive tables showing the time of the arrivals and departures of all trains and steam boats that leave this city, and also some very interesting descriptions of the chief towns on the various lines of railway. It is invaluable to all who travel by rail or water, both as a guide and a time-table.

QUARANTINE.—The Quarantine Commissioners are engaged in constructing a new building on the West bank. The foundation is being laid, and energetic movements are being made for its early completion. The hospital ship Falcon is ready for use whenever required. The Government have also offered the Commissioners the use of the Illinois and the steamer Empire City. The Illinois are now lying in Erie Basin, and can be fitted up at short notice. The Falcon can accommodate about eighty patients comfortably, and in case of necessity can be made to shelter more. Preparations are being made in case of a visitation of yellow fever or cholera.

A MISSING STEAMER.—The steamer Juno, of this city, which sailed from Wilmington, N. C., March 15th, so long overdue, is a source of great anxiety to many sorrowing hearts. Frank E. Hawley, of Henry street, Brooklyn, a young man of great promise and sterling worth, was purser of the ship, and it is hoped some tidings may yet be received of the vessels safety.

HENRY CLAY'S BIRTH DAY.—Yesterday was the ninetieth anniversary of the birth day of Henry Clay. The Henry Clay Association of this city celebrated the event by a grand banquet, at which some prominent politicians made addresses.

GOVERNMENT COMMISSION—LIFE SAVING INVENTIONS, ETC.—The Commission met yesterday at the rooms of the Board of Underwriters. The President, Mr. Demis, in the chair.

The Chairman announced that it was the intention of the Board to proceed in the Revenue Cutter Kinkaboc, to test disengaging apparatus which had been presented for the purpose; but, owing to some disarrangement of the machinery of the steamer, they would have to defer their journey. He wished to be distinctly understood that the Board was not responsible for the disappointment which the delay would cause to inventors and the public. The Secretary of the Treasury had been notified of the fact, in order that they might have a Government steamer placed at their disposal.

A member remarked that Collector Smythe was anxious to give every facility to the Board.

It was then decided to resume the experiments of the Board at No. 187 Cherry street, on Saturday.

Adjourned.

RISTORI.—The great *tragedienne* is expected to return to this city about the 23d inst. She is expected to appear for a short season prior to her departure for Europe to fulfil a long engagement. Madame Ristori's tour through this country has been an unbroken round of success. She has done well pecuniarily also. Two hundred thousand dollars is a neat sum to realize in one engagement. Speech is silvern and silence golden, at this day, and Madame Ristori is an exception, for her speech, &c., have reaped her a golden harvest.

ACADEMY OF DESIGN.—The annual exhibition of the Academy of Design will be opened on Wednesday of next week, at the building corner of Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue. The private view will be on Monday evening. In the afternoon of that day an informal view will be offered to the holders of tickets for the evening.

CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT.—At 11 o'clock yesterday morning, proposals were to have been opened by the Croton Department, and contracts awarded for the construction of stone block pavement and the building of sewers in a large number of streets, but owing to the absence from the city of Controller Connolly, the matter has been adjourned until the Controller's return.

THE UPWARD DRIFT OF TRADE.—Among the numerous changes of down-town firms to up-town localities, we notice that Mr. I. T. Ellis is about to remove his sewing machine rooms from 536 Broadway to 1111 Broadway, corner of 26th street. Mr. Ellis will be favorably remembered for his liberality in furnishing sewing machines to the recent Masonic Fair in this city, and also to the Working Women's Protection Union, at 80 White street.

CITY BREVITIES.—Judge Whiting's men are at last at work cleaning the streets. Better late than never.....Mr. William H. Seward, Jr., of Auburn, is at the St. Nicholas Hotel.....Mr. Bancroft is a guest at the Astor House.....Up to date, since 1st of January, 34,786 emigrants arrived at this port..... The revenue cutter Harriet Lane is now lying off Hoboken, and is the object of much curiosity. The vessel has many historic associations.....The Union League Club, on Thursday evening, passed resolutions denouncing corruption in the Legislature. They should have included the common Council and the Custom House.....At the sale of paintings by American artists, on Thursday night, the "Farm and Residence of Paddy Kassan," by Wyant, sold at $127.50; "Great Falls of the Potomac," J. Hope, $450; Norwegian Fall," Wust, $300; "American Harvest," Van Ingen, $170.....Professor Agassiz received $500 for each lecture in his scientific course, lately delivered in this city—at the rate of $5 for every minute he spoke.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Yesterday morning, George Eckston, aged six months, was so severely scalded by the upsetting of a pot

died soon after. Coroner Wildey held an inquest, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered.

THE STRIKES AMONG THE WORKINGMEN.—The movements in the city throughout the various departments of the mechanic arts, looking towards an increase of the present rate of wages, continue to absorb the public attention. While initiatory steps are being nightly taken by some one or more of the trades, towards the inauguration of movements aiming at an advance of wages, those disputes already pending between employers and employed appear still very far from receiving an amicable settlement. The regular day and evening sessions of the striking carpenters were held at Early Closing Hall yesterday, the attendance being quite large at both meetings, although it was noticeable that the number of the "strikers" attending these meetings is fast diminishing, either through the "backing down" on the part of some of the honorable obstinate bosses, or by the withdrawal from the city of such as are enabled to procure employment in neighboring localities. At the evening session of last night several reports from committees who had been sent out to reconnoiter the position of the enemy, gave very encouraging accounts of the contest so far as relates to the strikers. The Chairman of the meeting announced that several of the committees which had been appointed to wait upon certain employers had succeeded in procuring work, during the day, and hence a new list of committeemen must be appointed. The Chairman also announced that the strikers had just been offered two very important jobs with the privilege of selecting their own "boss." Quite a large number of men will accordingly be set at work this morning. Judging from the tenor of the remarks offered at the meeting last evening the voice of the strikers "is still for war," an almost unanimous opinion prevailing that before the 1st of May next the bosses will not only be brought to terms but will be forced to pay even $1 50 and $ per day during the rush of the spring and summer business.

A meeting of the Coachmakers' Union, No. 1, was also held last evening at Early Closing Hall, the principal object of the meeting being the inauguration of a movement looking towards an increase of wages. On the 1st of January of the present year, the rate of wages of this class of laborers was reduced 10 to 15 per cent, and the object of the movement is to again advance the scale of prices to the former standard. The Laborers' Union Protective Association, No. 2, also met at 80 Roosevelt street, last evening, and initiated a movement in the same direction. The Ship Caulkers, Coal Shovellers and Hoisters having decided to demand hereafter an increase on their present rate of wages, will hold a public outdoor meeting on Clarkson Street Dock on Monday morning next, when a movement looking towards the formation of a protective society will be inaugurated.

BARNUM'S.—Visitors to this agreeable and entertaining resort will find "The Streets of New York" *outside* the Museum after to-day. "Yankee Locks" will make his bow to the Museum audiences on Monday, and continue to do so through the week, so that the habitues and visitors will receive more—not less—entertainment for their dimes and quarters.

THE COURTS.

COURT OF APPEALS.—The Court of Appeals, which commenced its session in this city on the 29th of March last, adjourned yesterday, to meet in Albany on the 11th of June next. During its session here, seventy-six cases have been argued and submitted, the decisions in which will probably be rendered during the next volume. Previous to the adjournment of the Court yesterday, decisions were rendered in a large number of cases argued and submitted at the last term. Many cases of interest to the public were argued before the Court during its present session, most, if not all, of which were fully reported in our columns. Many of our readers will, no doubt, be sorry to the extreme unwillingness of the Court officials to furnish any facilities whatever to the members of the Press for gaining information.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT—BROOKS & WALDEN VS. THE PROPELLER RESCUE.—This is a suit for seamens wages. The libelants testified that they were hired as firemen on the Rescue, at the rate of $40 a month, and that on the 9th of January they were discharged because they refused to go on another vessel, which was lying near the Rescue, and get up her anchors and chains, which had been slipped in a storm. The engineer of the Rescue testified that when he hired the libelants they expressly agreed to land a hand at any other work when not actually doing duty as firemen. The Superintendent of the Columbian Coast Wrecking Company, who own the Rescue, testified that all of the employes of the Company were hired on these terms; that when they are not actually engaged at the duty for which they were specially hired, they are to make themselves generally useful. The libelants swore positively that when they were hired nothing was said about lending a hand at other work, and that they were simply hired as firemen. The case was fully argued yesterday by the respective counsel, and Judge Betts reserved his decision.

U. S. COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—THE ALLEGED CUSTOM HOUSE FORGERIES.—The case of Alfred St. Clair, the Custom House Clerk, who stands charged with having forged the pay rolls of certain officials, by altering the dates, and collecting the money on the same, was to have been before Commissioner White yesterday. Counsel not being ready to proceed, however, the case was further adjourned over until Thursday next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

SUPREME COURT CIRCUIT—SUIT ON PROMISSORY NOTES.—Samuel W. Pike, *et al.*, against Pierce Sheehan.—This was an action to recover the amount of five promissory notes, and a balance of account. The answer set up an extension of time of payment by a composition deed to a period subsequent to the commencement of this action. The plaintiffs' proof showed that the deed was executed and delivered by plaintiffs under an agreement, and on condition that defendant should give them security for the debt, and for future advances. The plaintiffs' proof also showed that although the deed acknowledged the receipt of one dollar as the consideration, yet no consideration was in fact paid. The defendant's evidence was to the effect that no such agreement was made on his part; his counsel insisting that as the deed was absolute no recovery could be had. The Court ruled that the plaintiffs were entitled to recover the amount claimed, $6,328 33, and yesterday gave judgment accordingly.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.—VERDICT AGAINST AN INSURANCE CO.—Emanuel Hoffman agt. The Manhattan Fire Insurance Co. The plaintiff kept a store in Washington, D. C., and insured with the defendants for $2,500. He also insured in another company for a similar amount. In the month of January, 1866, his store was destroyed by fire. According to the usual practice, he is now obliged to sue for his insurance. He presented proofs showing a loss of over $5000. The defendants endeavored to show that his store did not contain that amount of goods at the time of the fire, and offered to show that the report he made to the Inspector of Internal Revenue was not consistent with his statement to them. The defendant's also endeavored to show that the plaintiff had set fire to his own premises, and offered evidence to show that boxes full of cotton, saturated with kerosene, were found on the premises after the fire. In answer to this, the plaintiff alleges that this was the work of a personal enemy, and offered evidence to show that persons who examined the premises immediately after the fire, found no such articles. The jury, after a brief absence, returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $2,000—the full amount claimed.

COMMON PLEAS. TRIAL TERM—SUIT TO RECOVER MONEY LOST IN GAMBLING.—James W. Jennett against Albert Meyers. The plaintiff sues to recover the sum of $810—which, he alleges, he deposited with the defendant at his saloon, No. 15 Bowery, on the 11th of January, 1867. On the cross-examination of the plaintiff, it appeared that the money had been lost in gambling. Plaintiff introduced evidence to show that when defendant was brought before Justice Mansfield on a criminal charge, he stated that he had plaintiff's money in his pocket and would have returned it if he had asked for it properly. Defendant's counsel here moved for a non-suit on the ground that the money was lost at gambling and was not deposited, as alleged, in the complaint; this motion was denied. Several witnesses were called for the de-

fence, who all swore positively that they did not see plaintiff leave any money with the defendant. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $510.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—The following cases were disposed of yesterday before Recorder Hackett:

James Davis pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, and was remanded.....John Schroeder was tried on the same charge, and the jury disagreed. A new trial is ordered.....The following sentences were announced: John Mangin, assault and battery, suspended and discharged.....James Reynault and Wm. Sephers attempt at burglary in 3d degree, sentence suspended and discharged.....James Davis and Wm. Armstrong, same offence, State Prison one year each.....James Wilson, attempt at grand larceny, State Prison two years and six months.....Eliza York, same offence, Penitentiary three months, and Mary Hyman, same offence, State Prison one year and six months. The Court has adjourned until Monday.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.—*A Novel Case.*—John Merriday, a colored Virginian refugee, was arrested and arraigned before Justice Hogan, yesterday, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences. It appears that John has several letters of recommendation from citizens, and applies for situations as a waiter, obtaining which, he asks the loan of money to get his clothes from the pawn shop. Of course he never returns. Mr. Haight, of the Bank of Commerce, and Wellington A. Carter, of No. 32 Courtlandt street, were victimized in this manner. The prisoner was remanded for examination.

A Scorching Burglar.—Yesterday morning, George Bennett, a sailor, and 38 years of age, was arraigned before Justice Hogan, on a charge of having forced an entrance into the store of Wm. H. Locke, 250 Fulton street, by wrenching off the front door lock and stealing a package of butter valued at $12. The fellow confessed his guilt and was remanded for trial.

Stealing Quicksilver.—Adolph Zellner, a Frenchman, and a looking glass maker, was arrested yesterday on a charge of having stolen a quantity of quicksilver, valued $38, from August Noel, No. 21 Howard street. When arraigned before Justice Hogan, the prisoner admitted the fact and was committed for trial.

Whiskey Seizure.—Early yesterday morning, as Officer Smith, of the 28th Precinct, was patrolling 8th avenue, he saw two men on a cart with 6 barrels of whiskey. The men acted so suspiciously, the officer gave chase, which caused them to run off, leaving the cart and contents to the care of the officer. The property is now in custody at 35th street Station house, awaiting an owner.

Brooklyn.

TRIAL ON THE CHARGE OF MURDER—Charles Kelley, indicted for the murder of a colored man named Charles H. Rodgers, on the 25th of August last, was tried in the Kings County Court of Over and Terminer yesterday, before Judge Barnard and Justices Hoyt and Voorhies. It appears that on the night of the above date the deceased was standing in front of Battle Row, in North First street, Williamsburgh, when the accused and a party of young men, all somewhat the worse for liquor, came along. A dispute arose between the deceased and prisoner and companions, which was followed by a fight, during which Rodgers was stabbed, as alleged, by Kelley, from the effects of which he died three days thereafter. A number of witnesses were examined, but there was no evidence to show that Kelley stabbed the deceased. Some twenty persons were examined on the part of the defendant, to prove previous good character, after which the case was adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock A. M.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A LITTLE GIRL.—A girl named Kate Hanan, aged 11 years, was instantly killed on Thursday by falling from the banisters of stairs leading from the third story of the Pierrepont House, in Montgomery street. The deceased, who was in the employ of a lady as attendant on a small child, was in the habit of sliding down the banisters. During this exercise she slipped, and fell a distance of 40 feet. Coroner Smith held an inquest and a verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered.

HONORS TO MERITORIOUS OFFICERS.—Captain James Mullen, of the Forty-sixth Precinct, was on Thursday evening, presented by the citizens of the Precinct with a valuable gold watch and massive chain, as a testimonial of their esteem. The recipient was a great favorite among well-conducted citizens as a terror to evil-doers..... Last night, a complimentary benefit was given to Officer Thomas Scott, who had the "difficulty" with the burglar Monzani, by the manager of Edwards' Opera House, Odeon. At the conclusion of the performance Mr. Scott was loudly called for, and modestly acknowledged the tribute. On Tuesday evening next, he will receive a substantial testimonial from the citizens generally, the presentation to take place at Firemen's Hall.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.—The Democratic Primaries for selecting delegates to the Senatorial District Conventions of Kings County, were held on Thursday night. The following were elected, as far as ascertained:

First Ward—Connolly, Roddy, James B. Craig, Michael Allen; **Second Ward**—Hugh McLaughlin, John Sheeron, James Campbell; **Third Ward**—Robert Barr, James Duffy, Patrick Welsh; **Fourth Ward**—John Brady, Wm. S. Leach, Michael J. Hannan; **Fifth Ward**—Walter Long, Wm. A. Furey, John Cancey; **Sixth Ward**—James Kane, Patrick K. Horrigan, Thomas Keating; **Seventh Ward**—No election held; **Eighth Ward**—Thomas Delmar, Henry Slickevar, James Keenan; **Ninth Ward**—George G. Herman, Jos. E. Gray, John McGrory; **Tenth Ward**—James M. Garry, John Connors, John L. Bergen; **Eleventh Ward**—James Moran, Patrick Murray, Thomas Kennedy; **Twelfth Ward**—Thos. Foran, James Scott, Joseph McCann; **Fourteenth Ward**—Philip Brady, John H. Colahan, Bernard McGarvey; **Fifteenth Ward**—Andrew Kean, John Joyce, Joseph Brennan; **Eighteenth Ward**—Jos. B. Martin, John McCanney, Henry Bauer; **Twentieth Ward**—Thomas Hearer, Michael Levey, Joshua B. Simmons; **Flatlands**—Peter G. Wyckoff, Rich. Baisly, A. A. Meyers; **New Lots**—Francis Lanzer, Jr., Samuel Palmer, James H. Hayes.

KINGS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC GENERAL COMMITTEE.—The Kings County Democratic General Committee held a meeting last evening at No. 389 Fulton street. After confirming the delegates elected at the primary meeting on Thursday, nominated Mr. Robert Furey for the Second Senatorial District, and James B. Craig for the Third Senatorial District. The Second District Convention is to meet at 11 o'clock this forenoon at No. 389 Fulton street; and the Third District at Nelson's Hotel, in the town of Flatbush, at 3 o'clock, P. M., the same day. A Printing Committee was appointed, after which the Committee adjourned.

THE EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT.—A meeting of the Dry Goods Clerks Early Closing Association was held last evening. Favorable reports were received from the various street committees, and the Association resolve to co-operate with the Workingmen's Assembly. The meeting then adjourned.

DISTILLERY SEIZURES.—The distillery of Thos. Kennedy, in Atlantic avenue, was seized yesterday on the charge of branding barrels of whiskey in violation of the Revenue law, and also for not keeping his establishment open for the inspection of the government officers. Kennedy was arrested and required to give bail in the sum of $2,500 to await examination on the 20th inst., before Commissioner Newton. The distillery Nos. 10 and 12 Bergen street, was also seized on the ground of false entries upon the books of the establishment. Several barrels of whiskey were seized.

VIOLATION OF THE EXCISE LAW.—Patrick Kearney, keeper of a saloon at the corner of Pacific and Henry streets, was arrested at two o'clock yesterday morning, by officer E. Layton, of the 1st Precinct, on a charge of keeping his place open after midnight. The accused was held for a hearing.

CLERICAL.—A large number of the congregation of the South Congregational Church, assembled at the residence of their respected pastor, Rev. Dr. Taylor, on Thursday evening, to give expression to their deep regret at his departure from amongst them, and to wish him a *bon voyage* on his contemplated trip to Europe. The party was intended as a surprise, and it succeeded. Dr. Taylor leaves for Europe in May.

THE WILLIAMSBURGH DISPENSARY.—The number of patients treated at this institution during the month of March were 4[illegible], of which 149 were males and 257 females. The patients and their diseases are classified as follows by Dr. Hardcastle:—Born in the United States, 208, England, 28, Scotland, 3; Ireland, 157; Germany, 14. Diseases—Nervous, 17; skin, 36; head, 9; abdomen, 85; rheumatism, 19; eye and ear, 17; heart, lungs and throat, 86; injuries, 29; fevers, 9; minor surgery, 79.

IMMORALITIES.—Several cases of illegal paternity have been brought before Justices Walter and Daily, the present week. Michael Langan was yesterday held on a charge of seduction by Justice Walter, the complainant being Miss Mary Nolan, of North Sixth street. John Burns, aged 29, arrested some time ago at the instance of Anne Welsh, was discharged, the complainant having died giving birth to twins. The case of Louisa Kiehlin, a young German woman, only nine months in this country, against Christian Schneider, was adjourned till the 25th. Catharine Kiehan, of No. 187 Ewen street, complained of Henry Ladean, and he was held to answer on Thursday next. The case of Barbara Schuthers, of No. 2½ Ewen street, against Brandolph Sieherman, was also adjourned until Thursday next. The complainant in this case is a woman of forty-five years.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—An election for officers of Company E, 56th regiment National Guard, was held at the armory, corner of Bridge and Nassau streets, on Thursday night, and resulted in the choice of the following: Frederick W. Jones, Captain, in place of Capt. Spencer O. Hatfield, resigned; and Second Lieutenant Luther Ascoman, in place of Lieut. Peter Waddy, resigned.

ROBBERY.—The hotel of Hicks Post, on the Coney Island Railroad, was feloniously entered on Thursday night last, and robbed of clothing, &c., to the amount of $200. The entrance was effected from the rear piazza.

ROBBERY OF A LIQUOR STORE.—The liquor store of Mr. Shannon, No. 30 Bridge street, was feloniously entered on Thursday night and robbed of liquors, segars and a coat, to the value of $50.

New Jersey.

THE WEEHAWKEN FERRY NUISANCE.—At the meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, held at the Court House in Hudson City, on Thursday afternoon, the Committee on Bridges, &c., submitted a report in reference to the condition of the Weehawken Ferry. The Committee say that they found many complaints among the people of Weehawken and the vicinity against said ferry. The Committee find many things at said ferry to be complained of, but no one boat running—and that, though much better than before, complaints were made, and the ferry presented by the Grand Jury, can be still much improved for the passengers; but little accommodation in regard to ferry houses, or cabins on the boats is made, and the package is very poor; that the boats cannot at times, land for want of tide; the charges in some cases are exorbitant, and beyond what the Committee believe they have a right to exact. The Committee are not entirely satisfied as to the power of the Board in the premises, but recommend that the Board take such action as the counsel may advise and think legal in the case. The subject of the ferry was referred back to the Committee and Counsel of the Board with power.

ALLEGED FEMALE PICKPOCKET.—A New York woman, giving the name of Mary Ann Casey, was yesterday afternoon committed to the County Jail for trial by Recorder Martindale, of Jersey City, on a charge of attempting to pick pockets on one of the Jersey City ferry boats. About 10 o'clock the night previous, one of the deck hands of the ferry boat D. S. Gregory, as stated, detected the accused in the act of sounding the pockets of the captain of a canal boat, who was asleep in the ladies' cabin.

THREATENING.—A man named Hugh Murphy was arraigned before Recorder Martindale, of Jersey City, yesterday, charged with having on the evening previous broke in the door of the premises occupied by Jane Brower, abused her and threatened to kill her. The accused was held to bail for trial.

Points of Honor.

Col. Montgomery was shot in a duel about a dog; Col. Ramsay in one about a servant; Mr. Featherston in one about a recruit; Sterne's father in one about a goose; and another gentleman in one about an "acre of anchovies;" one officer was challenged for merely asking his opponent to enjoy the second goblet; and another was compelled to fight about a pinch of snuff; Gen. Barry was challenged by a Captain Smith for clinging wine at a dinner on the steamboat, although the General had pleaded as an excuse that wine invariably made him sick; and Lieutenant Cowther lost his life in a duel because he was refused admittance to a club of pigeon shooters. In 1777, a duel occurred in New York city between Lieut. Heathcotenhough, of the 70th, and Capt. McPherson, of the 42d British regiment, in regard to the manner of eating an ear of corn, one contending that the eating was from the cob, the other that the grain should be cut off from the cob before eating. Lieut. Heathcotenhough lost his arm, the ball from his antagonist's pistol shattering the limb dreadfully, so much so, that it had to be amputated. Graham, Major Noah's assistant editor in the NATIONAL ADVOCATE, lost his life in 1827, at the duelling ground, Hoboken, with Barton, the son-in-law of Edward Livingston, in a simple dispute about "what was trumps" in a game of cards! Points of honor, in communities where duelling is allowed are sometimes very brief points.

Mails Close at the Post Office.

For Europe by steamers, via Quebec, every Wednesday P. M.

California Mail, by steamer, 1st, 11th, and 21st of each month. Closes at 10.30 A. M.

For New Orleans by Railroad—Mails close daily at 5.15 P. M.

No more mails sent by sea.

For Denver City, Colorado, Great Salt Lake, Utah and Pacific Territories, daily (Sundays excepted) by Overland Route, 4.30 P. M.

North Mail, (via Hudson River Railroad) through and way Mail, 7 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.

East Mail (via New Haven Railroad) 5 A. M., 1.30, and 6 P. M.

East Mail (via New Haven Way 1.30 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

East Mail (via Newport and Fall River) 4 and 6 P. M.

Eastern Mail, through, 7.30 P. M.

Philadelphia, way mail, 5 A. M., 4.30, and 10.30 P. M.

Baltimore and Washington Mail, 5 A. M. and 5.30 and 10.30 P. M.

Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Memphis, Montgomery, Mobile, Savannah, close daily, 5.30 P. M.

Charleston, Raleigh, Wilmington, and Newbern, N. C., daily, 5 A. M.

New Jersey Way Mail, 5 A. M. and 4.45 P. M.

New Jersey Central Mail, 5 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.

Morris and Essex Mail, 5 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

Northern Railroad of New Jersey (Main) 3.30 P. M.

Erie Railroad Mail, 5 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.

Erie Railroad (Way) 5 A. M. and 3 P. M.

New York Central Railroad Mail, 5 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.

Long Island Mail, 5 A. M.

Long Island Mail (to Mineola, Hempstead, Jamaica, and Roscoville), 5 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

Harlem Railroad Mail, 5 A. M.

Brooklyn Mail, 5 and 9 A. M., 1, 3 and 4.30 P. M.

Astoria Mail, 9 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

Hoboken Mail, 5 A. M. and 1.30 P. M.

Staten Island Mail, 5 A. M. and 3 P. M.

Fresh Pond and Newtown Mail, 9.30 P. M.

Canada (East) Mail, except on Friday, 5 A. M. and 3.45 P.

Canada (West) Mail, 5 A. M. and 3.45 P. M.

Canada (East) on Fridays, 5 A. M. and 6 P. M.

Williamsburgh and Greenpoint, 5 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, 5 A. M., 1.30 and 6 P. M.

Newark Mail, 5, 11 A. M., 2 and 4.30 P. M.

Jersey City Mail closes, 5 A. M., 1.30 and 4.30 P. M.

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New York, April 13, 1867.

	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	High Water
Ap'l 12,	5 26	6 27	1 41	2 36
Ap'l 13,	5 25	6 28	2 26	3 42
Ap'l 14,	5 23	6 30	3 06	4 43

THE WEATHER, APRIL 12, 1867.—THE WIND

At Sunrise.	At Meridian.	At Sunset.
N. W.	N. W.	N. W.

CLEARED.

STEAMSHIPS—Britannia, Laird, Glasgow; Arago, Gaddes, Havre; Germania, Schwensen, Hamburg.

BARKS—C Zingarella, Migeot, Vera Cruz; Lord Palmerston, McCready, Cape Town.

BRIGS—Ellen F Russell, New Orleans; Dark, Johnson, Stanisfoti; Asteria, Richardson, Elizabeth port; Wm Jones, Emery, Boston; J L White, Davis, Fall River; Hamlet, Durant, St Johns.

ARRIVED.

STEAMSHIPS—Wilmington, Stencer, Galveston via Key West; Ida May, with cotton and passengers to Williams & Guion.

Manhattan, Williams, Liverpool March 30 and Queenstown 31st, with 1000 and 240 passengers to Williams & Guion. Has had strong westerly winds the whole passage. April 6, lat 45 lon 43, passed an iceberg 40 ft. high, with 2 do. in sight. April 11, lat 46 44, lon 68 14, saw steamer Chicago for Liverpool.

Corsica, (Br) Le Messurier, Havana April 6 and Nassau 8th, with mdse and passengers to R Cunard.

Vigo, Bulkley, Savannah 79 hours, with mdse and passengers to Murray, Ferris & Co. April 11, 2 P. M, passed steamer Leo for Savannah, from N York.

SHIPS—Hibernia, (Br) Jost St. John, Liverpool 26 ds, with mdse and 394 passengers to Tapscott Brothers & Co.

BARKS—Harry Booth, Harriman, Messina 23 ds, with fruit, &c, to James Robinson & Co. Vessel to James E Ward & Co. Passed Gibraltar Feb 13. Has had a continuation of westerly gales since passing long 40.

Union, La Blanc, of Ar