SPIRITUALISTS DIGGING FOR GOLD.

Queer Operations After Midnight on a Farm in Chemung County.

CHEMUNG, N. Y., Oct. 24.—A party of men and women, professing to be Spiritualists, have been digging for gold on the farm of Mr. Wood Demarest, about three miles from this village, on the Mount Zoar road. The spot where the digging was done is out of view of both the farm house and the road. For three successive nights the manager of the farm of Mrs. Catharine Sly, which adjoins that of Mr. Demarest, was awakened just before midnight by a party of men and women passing the house. On the fourth night he followed them. When they arrived at the spot where they had been digging, the party, consisting of nine men and four women, formed in a circle around a hole in the ground and began a series of incantations, and went through some queer movements. At one side a fire had been kindled, and over this hung a small iron pot in which one of the women was brewing some mixture, all the time keeping up the same singing as the others. At 12 o'clock the pot was lifted from the fire, and its contents thrown into the hole, and then the men fell to work digging with all their might, while the women gathered around the fire and chatted. The men worked until 4 o'clock, and then hid their tools and the iron pot in a hollow tree near by, and started for their homes. The next day Mr. Demarest was informed of the transaction, and with Mrs. Sly's farm manager went to the lot where the digging had been done. There they found the things as described. A large hole about twenty feet square and ten feet deep had been dug, and the loose earth lay piled up around the mouth of the pit. The next night a watch was kept, and when the operations were fairly under way Mr. Demarest stepped into the circle and demanded an explanation. When the party had recovered from their surprise one of the number, acting as spokesman, told Mr. Demarest that they were Spiritualists; that they had had repeated assurances from the spirits of their departed friends that there was gold in that particular spot; that they had been commanded to go there at 12 o'clock, and, after performing the incantations described, to dig in a spot which was marked, and they would find gold. There were to be thirteen of them, and under no circumstances must they work after 4 o'clock. He said they were sure they would find the gold. Mr. Demarest put a stop to their work, and threatened if he found them again to have them arrested. This was the last time they have been seen there.

Fugitive Stuart's Alleged Embezzlements.

The Law and Investigating Committees of the Brooklyn Board of Education have employed Henry M. Tate, an expert accountant, to make a thorough investigation of the past conduct of the ex-Secretary, Geo. A. W. Stuart, who is a fugitive under a charge of having embezzled $200,000. Ransacking out-of-the-way places, old closets and storehouses, Mr. Tate has collected a mass of old papers, in sifting which he has discovered evidence that Stuart began his thefts as far back as 1868, by raising warrants after they were signed by the President, J. S. Thorne. Fourteen warrants have already been unearthed which, when original vouchers are compared with them, are plainly seen to have been raised. The aggregate of these alterations does not represent more than $30 so far as discovered. The investigation has been brought down almost to the date of the accounts in the books taken by Stuart when he left the city, which was described by his former pastor, the Rev. W. A. Leonard, pastor of the church in Washington which President Arthur attends, as a Christian and good man. Christian, as now viewed by the members of the Board, who formerly placed such confidence in him, as one of the most adroit and insinuating rascals they ever encountered. The Committee met in executive session yesterday between Alderman Harry O. J. nes, Stuart's brother-in-law, and Superintendent Campbell. Alderman Jones is urging the authorities to bring the case against him to trial, and claims to have a complete defence. He has been indicted, but, owing to Judge Moore's illness, no day has been fixed for the trial.

Seeking News of John Haizington.

Superintendent Jackson of Castle Garden has received the following letter:

Business Department.

I desire you make a statement and ask for any information. Here is the case in brief any. About the year 1805 one John Haizington was born in England, and when about 15 years of age was abducted from England, and on his arrival in this country was sold at Long Island for his passage. It is supposed that he lived and died on Long island, but just what particular place is not known. His parents resided in Lancashire, England. I am not informed as to whether any record of emigration was kept at that time or not, nor do I know whether or not it was the custom to keep a record of deaths. The party died in 1727 or thereabouts. If you can give me any information you may wish to obtain this information, will you be kind enough to hand this to the proper authority, or notify me of his address? Any information you may be able to communicate will be suitably acknowledged.

FINDLEY, O., Oct. 21. D. B. BEARDSLEY.

Affecting Many Petit Larceny Cases.

Joseph Loughlin was last month convicted in the Special Sessions of petit larceny, and sentenced to the House of Refuge. He was taken before Justice Donohue on a writ of habeas corpus, and there it was argued that, petit larceny being a felony, and the Special Sessions having power to try cases of misdemeanor only, the conviction of Loughlin was not in accordance with law, and must be set aside. Loughlin was admitted to bail, and an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, General Term, by Mr. Kintzing, his lawyer, who yesterday presented to that court the point that petit larceny is a felony in this State, and also at common law, and that all cases of felony must be tried in courts higher than that of the Special Sessions. The court took the papers and reserved its decision. So did the case be decided against the Special Sessions, all the convicts in the penitentiary and House of Refuge, sentenced from the Special Sessions for petit larceny.

Brooklyn's Water Supply Running Low.

City Works Commissioner French yesterday issued a proclamation in Brooklyn cautioning the public against the excessive use of water, and calling attention to the importance of preventing waste. The rainfall for July, August, September, and October has been only 5.39 inches, as against 17.80 inches for the same time last year. The average for the past five years alone have saved the city from the embarrassment of a short supply. There is now only about three feet of water that can be drawn from the storage reservoir. As 6,119 names were stricken off last year in the water waste, because of defective plumbing, the commissioner will institute a thorough inspection of houses. It is ordered that the use of water for street purposes, for sprinkling streets or hose sprinklers, for foundries and garden purposes, and for washing sidewalks and fronts of houses be discontinued. It will be impossible to deliver over 40 pounds pressure on the city works unless heavy rains fall in the mean time.

A Goat Story.

FOUND—A goat; owner can have it by proving property and paying expenses. Apply at 119 West 130th st.

A small man with a sharp face opened the door.

"Have you found a goat?"

"My son found him. Some boys brought him on a rope and my son slip them all over that door step and took that goat."

"Well, it's a good way of finding a goat. What does it look like?"

"No good do it! I tell you that was a goat with green wool and a purple nose, and then your leader he come back after some time and they said, 'Have you seen that goat with green wool and purple nose?' Oh, no, I don't get caught so easy that!"

Then the small man winked knowingly and gently closed the door.

The Price of a Horse in Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn Aldermen yesterday disputed about how much should be paid for a horse for the use of Assistant Engineer Smith of the Fire Department. The committee reported in favor of paying $300, but Alderman Roberts said that a good enough horse could be bought for $250. Alderman Donnelly thought that $300 was little enough, and that was the sum that had been paid for a horse in the fire department. Alderman Boyle said that Mr. Smith's horse, which had died after eleven years of service, was as much as any fireman. The economical amendment was voted down, and the $300 resolution was carried.

Mrs. Freilich's Witnesses.

In the trial of Mrs. Henry Freilich in the Special Sessions yesterday for keeping a disorderly house in East Twenty-ninth street, the counsel for the defence called two clergymen to testify. The reverend gentlemen said that they had been called to Mrs. Freilich's house in cases of sickness and death and to perform baptisms, and had seen nothing disorderly there. The woman was fined $250.

Unsatisfactory Telegraph Service.

At a meeting of the Petroleum Exchange yesterday a committee was appointed to lay before the Western Union Telegraph Company the defects of the telegraph service furnished to the Exchange, and to see if they can be remedied. The committee will also inquire if it would be profitable for a rival company to put in such a better service as it is prepared to give.

A Brilliant Meteor.

A large meteor was seen at Ridgewood, N. J., about 8 o'clock on Saturday night. It described a curve in the sky from east to west, leaving a broad stream of silvery light behind it, and as it neared the earth it exploded into a bright light, showing the colors of the rainbow.

Court Calendars This Day.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.—Nos. 70, 55, 74, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126,