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NEW YORK COMMON COUNCIL.

[OFFICIAL.]

Stated Session.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 23, 1852.

PRESENT—Richard T. Compton, Esq., President; Aldermen Moore, Haley, Sturtevant, Oakley, Boyce, Barr, Tweed, Brisley, Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Pearsall, Bard, Ward, Denman, Cornell, Alvord, Doherty, and Peck.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman BRISLEY—Petition of the officers of the Fire Department, doing duty in the Third and Fourth district, to have the power given to the Board of Engineers to appoint suitable persons on the tower being erected at Jefferson Market. To Committee on Fire Department.

By the same—Petition of C. J. Sedgwick, and others, for relief from assessment for sewer in Thirty-ninth street, between Fifth and Madison avenues. To Committee on Assessments.

By the PRESIDENT—Remonstrance of Francis M. Curry, and others, against building the sewer in Forty-fourth street. To Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman SMITH—Petition of C. Robinson, for permission to erect telegraph poles in Thirty-third street, to connect with fire bell tower. Prayer of petitioner granted.

By Alderman BRISLEY—Bill of Dr. L. J. Henry, amounting to $65, for medical services at the Ninth ward station house. To Committee on Police.

By Alderman ALVORD—Petition of Roberts & Benjamin, and others, for bulkhead on East river, between Fourteenth and Twenty-third streets. To Committee on Wharves, &c.

By the same—Petition of James Nash and others, for a pier foot of Twenty-second street, East river. To Committee on Wharves, &c.

By Alderman OAKLEY—Petition of E. R. Briggs for pay for damages sustained from engines being run over sidewalk. To Committee on Finance.

By Alderman CORNELL—Petition of Hose Company 16 for a new carriage. To Committee on Fire Department.

By Alderman TIEMANN—Petition of Henry Foot to lease basement of Essex market. To Committee on Finance.

By the same—Petition of Wm. V. Leggett and others for Croton water pipes in Forty-eighth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. To Committee on Croton Aqueduct Department.

By Alderman OAKLEY—Petition of George H. Peck for remission of tax. To Committee on Finance.

By the same—Petition of Alexander McKee for relief from erroneous assessments. To Committee on Assessments.

By Alderman TIEMANN—Petition of Ebenezer Rogers and others for a sewer in Forty-eighth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. To Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman FRANCIS—Petition of A. Arent for lease of basement of Essex market. To Committee on Finance.

INVITATIONS.

An invitation was received to attend a meeting of the Eucleian and Philomathean societies at the Church of the Puritans, on Monday evening, 28th inst., at 7 o'clock. Accepted.

An invitation was received to review the Putnam Horse Guards, of Newark, N. J., on Wednesday, 23d inst., at 5 o'clock P. M., in front of the City Hall. Accepted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Petition of P. J. Bertine and others, to have West street, between Duane and Jay streets, put in repair.

Whereupon Alderman BOYCE presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That West street, between Duane and Jay streets, be raised, regulated, re-paved, curb and gutter stones set, and sidewalks flagged, to conform to the elevation of West street, at Duane street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner. Referred to Committee on Streets.

By Alderman OAKLEY—Resolved, That Ghesnut street be re-paved, under the direction of the Street Commissioner. Referred to Committee on Streets.

By Alderman DOHERTY—Resolved, That it be referred to the Law Committee to inquire into and report to this Board, what title, if any, the Corporation of the city and county of New York have in the wharf at the foot of Sixty-first street, East river. Adopted.

By Alderman BRISLEY—Resolved, That Twelfth street, from Greenwich avenue to Seventh avenue, be lighted with gas, and that the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas be, and he is hereby directed to have the same carried into effect forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman STURTEVANT—Resolved, That the Street Commissioner take immediate steps to remove the heap of sand piled up in Broadway, at the head of the Bowling Green, which, from its being scattered by the constant passing and repassing of the omnibuses, has become an intolerable nuisance from the dust arising therefrom. Adopted.

A motion was here made to take a recess of thirty minutes. Carried.

AFTER RECESS.

A quorum present—the Board resumed business.

By Alderman DEEMAN—Resolved, That the members of the Common Council meet at the City Hall on Saturday afternoon next, at three o'clock, to attend the funeral of the late David Graham, from the residence of his family, No. 91 West Thirteenth street, with their staves of office, and that they wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. Adopted.

By Aldermen MOORE—Resolved, That the Croton Aqueduct Department be and they are hereby directed to take up and rebuild the sluice basins and drains across South street, from the intersection of Maiden lane to Coenties slip, wherever the same may be considered necessary by said department, and that the sum of $2,500 be and it is hereby, appropriated therefor, and that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to pay the requisition of the President of said department to the amount and for the purpose before mentioned. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman TWEED—Resolved, That the court rooms corner of Clinton and Grand street be cleansed, repaired, painted and put in perfect order, and that the Croton water be introduced, at an expense not exceeding $250, and that the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies be, and is hereby directed, to have the same done forthwith. Adopted on a division, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Sturtevant, Oakley, Boyce, Barr, Tweed, Brisley, Smith, Tiemann, Ward, Alvord, Peck, the President—16.

By Alderman TIEMANN—Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Roads to inquire into and report upon the propriety of grading Fifty-first street, from the Tenth avenue to the Hudson river. To Committee on Roads.

By Alderman MOORE—Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Wall street, from the bulkhead on South street to the westerly line of Pearl street, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department. To Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman FRANCIS—Resolved, That a clock be placed on the corner of Division street and the Bowery, for the benefit of the public, under the direction of the Commissioners of Repairs and Supplies. To Committee on Arts and Sciences.

By Alderman BOYCE—Whereas, the present dumping ground of the Fifth, Eighth, and Fourteenth wards of the city of New York, is now situated at the foot of Watts street, N. R.; and, whereas, the residents of the said Watts street complain that the carts employed for the purpose of dumping the dirt collected in the streets of the said wards, are in the habit of going through said Watts street, for the purpose of reaching said dumping ground, thereby raising the dust of said street, and thereby greatly injuring property in said street, and at times rendering it almost impassable, therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Streets be and hereby is directed to employ a suitable person or persons, with water carts, to sprinkle the said Watts street at least four times each day (except the Sabbath), from the time of the passage of this resolution, to the first day of November then next ensuing. To Committee on Cleaning Streets.

By Alderman STURTEVANT—Resolved, That the Counsel of the Corporation be directed to report to this Board, his opinion whether it is required by law that there should be a majority of all the members elected in favor of the confirmation of a nomination made by the Mayor for the office of Inspector of Vessels, to declare such nomination confirmed. Adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR.

A message was received from the Mayor, nominating Alex. B. Whiting to the office of Health Commissioner, in place of Richard L. Morris, resigned. The question being taken on accepting the communication, and confirming the nomination, the same was lost by the following vote, viz:—Affirmative—

Aldermen Sturtevant, Boyce, Ward, Alvord, Peck—5. Negative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Oakley, Barr, Tweed, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Smith, Tiemann, Denman, Cornell—11.

A message was received from the Mayor, nominating M. C. Edwards as Inspector of Vessels, in place of T. T. Jackson, resigned. The question being taken on confirming the nomination, it resulted in the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Sturtevant, Boyce, Tweed, Brisley, Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Ward, Alvord—9. Negative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Oakley, Barr, the President, Denman, Cornell, Peck—8.

Whereupon the President decided that the nomination was rejected.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Croton Aqueduct Department, relative to unopened bids for the construction of sewers submitted for the action of the Common Council. Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Communication from the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, with statement of expenditure of his department for month of May, 1852. Ordered on file.

Communication from the Chief Engineer relative to certain complaints made against fire companies. To Committee on Fire Department.

Communication from Commissioner of Streets and Lamps, for power to lime the gutters of the various streets of the city. To Committee on Public Health, with power.

Annual returns of the Chief Engineer of appointments and resignations and expulsions in the Fire Department for June, 1852, appointments and resignation confirmed and expulsions referred. To Committee on Fire Department.

FROM BOARD OF ASSISTANTS.

Preamble and resolution—That the Street Commissioner suspend all action relative to excavating the mud from slips on either side of pier foot of Watts street, N. R. Concurred in.

Resolution—That the crosswalks on corner of Hudson and Morton streets be relaid. To Committee on Streets.

Resolution—That the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies be directed to advertise for proposals for rebuilding house of Engine Co. 49. To Committee on Fire Department.

Resolution—That the Street Commissioner be directed to have the crosswalk in Broome street, opposite Centre street, relaid and regulated. Concurred in.

Resolution—That Twenty-sixth street, from Eighth to Ninth avenue, be lighted with gas. Concurred in.

Resolution—That a gas lamp be placed in front of Baptist Church in Twelfth street, between Third and Fourth avenues. Concurred in.

Resolution—That the carriage way in Twenty-fourth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, be repaired. Concurred in.

Resolution—That City Hall place, from Chambers street to Pearl, be repaired. Concurred in.

Resolution—That the Commissioner of Streets and Lamps be directed to have Thirty-ninth street, from Tenth to Twelfth avenues, lighted with oil. Concurred in.

Report of Committee on Assessments—In favor of confirming assessment list for paving Thirty-first street, from Fourth avenue to Broadway, and appointing Abner Sandford collector therefor. Also for sewer in Grand street, from Crosby to Elm. To Committee on Assessments.

Report of Committee on Sewers in favor of building sewer in Thompson street, from No. 219 to Bleecker street. To Committee on Sewers.

Apportionment of assessment in the matter of filling sunken lots between Thirtieth and Thirty-second streets, and Third and Fourth avenues; for grading Nineteenth street, between First avenue and East river. Concurred in.

Report of Commissioner on Streets, recommending the reference of petition for filling sunken lots between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets and Tenth avenue to City Inspector. Concurred in.

Communication from the Comptroller relative to lot of ground for a location of the police of the Ninth ward. Concurred in on a division, viz.:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Oakley, Boyce, Barr, Tweed, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Francis, Smith, Cornell, Doherty, Peck—13. Negative—Aldermen Tiemann and Denman—2.

Report of Commissioner on Streets, in favor of flagging walk south side of Twenty-eighth street, between Fifth and Madison avenues. Concurred in on a division, viz.:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Oakley, Boyce, Barr, Tweed, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Denman, Cornell, Doherty, Peck—15.

Report of Commissioner of Streets, in favor of fencing vacant lots in Seventeenth, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets. Concurred in on a division, viz:—Affirmative—

Aldermen Moore, Haley, Oakley, Boyce, Barr, Tweed, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Denman, Cornell, Doherty, Peck—15.

Report of Commissioner on Streets, in favor of flagging sidewalk south side Twenty-ninth street, between Third and Lexington avenues. Concurred in on a division, viz.:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Oakley, Bryce, Barr, Tweed, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Denman, Cornell, Doherty, Peck—15.

An ordinance to amend an ordinance, entitled an ordinance organizing the department of the municipal government of the City of New York, relating to Heads of Departments opening estimates for the public works. Laid on the table, and made the special order for the first meeting in July.

REPORTS.

Of Committee on Sewers, in favor of sewer in Cannon street, between Houston and Stanton streets. Laid on the table, and made the special order for the first meeting in July.

Of Committee on Repairs and Supplies, in favor of awarding contract to J. D. Harris, to furnish 1,000 tons of coal to the Corporation. Confirmed on a division, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Oakley, Barr, Tweed, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Denman, Cornell, Doherty, Peck—14.

Of Committee on Police—In favor of allowing J. K. Hardenbrook $200 per annum for conveyance to aid him in discharge of his official duties. Lost on a division, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, the President; Aldermen Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Denman, Cornell, Doherty, Peck—10. Negative—Aldermen Oakley, Tweed, Brisley—3.

On motion, the Board then adjourned until the 1st Monday in July next, at 5 o'clock P. M.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, Wednesday, June 23, 1852.

Present—Jonathan Trotter, Esq., President, in the chair; Assistant Aldermen Tait, Mabbatt, O'Brien, Breeden, Ring, Anderson, Bouton, McGown, Wright, Wheelan, Barker, Valentine, McConkey.

The President announced that the Board was convened, pursuant to a call of his Honor the Mayor, under the third section of the amended charter, for the purpose of adopting suitable resolutions in relation to the death of the late David Graham, Esq.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

Being a communication from his Honor the Mayor; and the following resolutions were then taken up:—

Whereas, we have learned with sincere regret of the decease of David Graham, Esq., in a foreign land, late a member of the Common Council, and for a long period officially connected with the city government,

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased in their sad bereavement, and that the members of both boards, and His Honor the Mayor, together with the officers of the Common Council, will attend his funeral, with their staves of office, on the arrival of his remains in this country, from his late residence, and that committees from both boards be appointed to confer with the family in making the necessary arrangements for his funeral solemnities.

Resolved, That the members of the Common Council meet at the City Hall on Saturday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock, to attend the funeral of the late David Graham, from the residence of his family, No. 91 West Thirteenth street, with their staves of office, and that they wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

On the papers being read, Assistant Alderman BARKER rose and presented remarks eulogistic of the high character of deceased.

Assistant Alderman BOUTON moved that the resolutions from the Board of Aldermen be concurred in, and they were so, unanimously.

Assistant Alderman BARKER then moved that a Special Committee of three be appointed on the part of this board. Carried, and Assistant Aldermen Barker, McGown, and Anderson, were appointed such Committee.

On motion, the board then adjourned. From the minutes.

EDWARD SANFORD, Clerk.

Board of Education.

JUNE 23.—The President, E. C. Benedict, Esq. in the chair.

The minutes of the last proceedings were read and approved.

PAPERS REFERRED.

Application of school officers of Twentieth ward, on the expediency of a new primary school in said ward; communication from R. W. Jenks, in reference to the introduction of a new system of silent language in schools; from school officers of First ward, to have school house raised so as to meet the improvements about to be made in the grade of the street.

NEW PROFESSORS.

The report of the Executive Committee, presented by Mr. Cyrus Lawton, recommending the appointment of a Professor of History and Belles Lettres, and a Professor of English Language and Literature in the Free Academy, was ordered to be laid on the table.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The report of the Committee on Buildings and Repairs, in favor of appropriating the sum of $5,112 for enlarging ward school No. 2, Seventeenth ward, was adopted.

The report of the same committee—In favor of appropriating the sum of $2,395 for altering and repairing ward schools Nos. 4 and 17, in Fourteenth ward, was also adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE SIXTH WARD.

A communication from the Board of School Officers of the Sixth ward, nominating Peter F. Sweeney, Esq., School Commissioner, in place of Dr. H. Sweeney, removed from the ward; and nominating John Flannery, Esq., M. D., Inspector of Common Schools, in place of Dr. Owen Sweeney, also removed from the ward, was adopted, and the appointments affirmed.

QUARTERLY APPORTIONMENT.

Resolved, That the sum of $60,324 62, being one fourth of the annual apportionment of school moneys for 1852, be, and the same is appropriated for the support of the schools entitled to participate therein.

THE LITERATURE FUND.

Resolved, That the President and clerk be, and they are hereby requested to apply for and receive from the Treasurer of the State, the distributive share of the literature fund, apportioned to the Free Academy of the city of New York, for the year 1851.

THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER, THE IRISH PATRIOT.

The following resolution was offered by ex-Judge Waterbury, the Commissioner of the Twentieth ward:—

Whereas, Thomas Francis Meagher, an exile from his country, in consequence of a patriotic endeavor to secure for her the blessings of civil and religious freedom, has lately arrived at this port: And whereas, the members of this board, feeling an earnest sympathy with every attempt in behalf of universal liberty, desire to manifest their high regard for one of its most worthy and eloquent supporters, and to afford to him an opportunity to visit those institutions which naturally spring from our free government, and in their results are the surest guaranty of its permanence, therefore—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, of which the President of this Board shall be chairman, to invite Mr. Meagher to visit the Free Academy and schools under our charge, and to accompany him in his visit, if he accept the invitation.

The resolution being put by the chair was passed, there being but one negative out of a board of twenty-two members. The Chairman then nominated the following gentlemen to be his associates on the Committee:—Messrs. Waterbury, Murphy, O'Donnell, and Nicoll. Adjourned to the first Wednesday in July.

Court of General Sessions.

Before the Recorder and Ald. Denman and Ward.

THE BANK FORGERIES—TRIAL OF GEORGE ROWNE, FOR FORGING A CHECK ON THE CHEMICAL BANK FOR $400.

JUNE 23.—The fines imposed yesterday had the desired effect, and a full panel of jurors answered this morning.

Hon. F. A. Talmadge, for the prisoner, would ask that the case be further adjourned, for the attendance of Mr. Jordan, who could not attend to-day, but was retained by the defendant.

The Court could not entertain any motion for a further postponement of these trials; and the jury were ballotted for and sworn, none being objected to.

The District Attorney appeared personally for the prosecution, together with his assistant, A. O. Hall, Esq. The latter opened the case. The specific charge to be inquired of in the present trial, was against the defendant (Bowne) for uttering knowingly a certain check, in the month of October last, purporting to be signed by Mr. Robert H. Elton, and made for the sum of $400, on the Chemical Bank, and which check he and Rowe induced the witness, Edmond J. Woodruff, who did not then know it to be a forgery, to present and obtain the money. The following witnesses were then called:

Robert H. Elton, sworn.—Was a land agent at No. 3 Tryon row; did not know the prisoner Rowe, or Earle; in October last kept an account at the Chemical Bank; the check produced was a faint imitation of his handwriting; there was no other Robert H. Elton that he knew of in the city; never authorized any one to make or sign it.

Jacob C. Parsons was paying teller at the Chemical Bank in October last; had no recollection of who presented this check.

Cross-examined.—Was quite certain now that it was a forgery.

Edmond J. Woodruff was then called, and deposed that in October last he was ever seventeen years old; lived in the New Haven House in November; first saw Bowne there in October last, when he, witness, lived there with Captain Rowe; Bowne did not live there; last October went to the Chemical Bank and got a check changed; it purported to be drawn by Mr. Elton; did not then know Mr. Elton; the check produced was the one. Q.—How came you to get this check? A.—I got it from Captain Rowe; Bowne was down in the depot; I got three one hundred dollar bills and two fifties at the bank; Bowne was there when I got the money; Bowne got $300 from Rowe; Rowe was up stairs in the New Haven House; he said he wanted witness to go to the bank for him; he then went down where Bowne and R. Earle were; Earle gave the witness the check; the three had some private conversation before this; Earle told him to go down to the bank and draw the money for that check; saw Mr. Bowne as he went down on the opposite side of the way going towards the bank; while he was receiving the money, Bowne was writing at a desk; directly he received it he returned to the New Haven House, leaving Bowne in the bank; did not see him as he was returning; arriving at the New Haven House found no one there; this was about 2 P. M.; waited at the house until Rowe came; waited half an hour or an hour; could not say it was before or after dinner; Rowe was alone, and asked whether he had got the money; witness said "yes," and gave it to him, and they went down stairs immediately, where they found Bowne; Rowe gave Bowne the three hundred dollar bills; he asked Bowne whether he would see the other party; Rowe went up stairs and then came down, and went to the broker's office, corner of Canal and Broadway, and got the money changed; witness did not go along, but saw him go; when he came back, he gave him ten dollars; went down stairs, and paid the board bill to Mrs. Jarvis, the proprietress of the house; Rowe gave him the $10 up in room No. 41; Mr. Rowe paid Mrs. Jarvis $25 on account; saw Bowne about an hour afterwards in the bar room; Rowe gave him (witness) $15 more, and said, "Bowne makes this a present to you;" next day saw Bowne in the bar room; he came up stairs and inquired for Captain Rowe; they had a private talking together; knew a man named McPherson; first heard of this name afterwards; went with Capt. Rowe, this day, to the corner of Beekman and Water streets, and saw Bowne there; Rowe left Bowne, and went into McPherson's store there; Rowe was in about ten minutes; it was about two o'clock in the afternoon; Rowe came out and went over to Bowne, and they talked together; Rowe left him and returned with witness to the New Haven House; Rowe said he and Mr. Bowne were quarrelling about some old man; two or three days afterwards we went to McPherson's store——

Mr. Talmadge—What is the object of all this?

Mr. Blunt—I propose to show a *scienter*, by showing seven or eight other forgeries by Rowe and Bowne—one on Mr. McPherson.

The Court thought they would admit it, and prisoner's counsel took an exception. Question withdrawn.

The witness was cross-examined at considerable length, exhibiting the same coolness which has marked his manner throughout. He stated he did not then know the check was a forgery. (The check was then put in evidence, and shown to the jury, as above described.)

Mrs. Maria Jarvis, proprietress of the New Haven Hotel, corner of Canal street and Broadway, sworn—Knew Woodruff and Captain Rowe; returned from Cape May last August, to this city, with her daughter and daughter's child; Captain Rowe came on at the same time; thought Woodruff came at the same time; he did come to her house on the same day, and occupied room No. 41, with Captain Rowe; Woodruff was employed by her a few days after he came; the book produced was the cash book; an entry under date of 16th of October, is in Mr. Pendleton's handwriting. (Objected to.) Did not know where he was now; Captain Rowe paid her $25; could not say when without the book; went to the clerk directly; and told him to give Captain Rowe credit. (The entry objected to and ruled out.) Knew Mr. Bowne by sight; Woodruff paid some money, but not to her; Woodruff left the hotel at one time, and was absent, but she could not tell how long, except from the register.

Cross-examined—Captain Rowe returned in the latter part of August, and the payment was made within a month of that time.

Direct resumed, and the register which had been sent for, produced—The entry of their return from Cape May, looked like her daughter's writing. Entry read, dated Sunday, August 24th. That was the day they returned.

Edmond Woodruff recalled—The entry in the book, of his return from Philadelphia, is his handwriting, 27th of September; does not know whose the other is; it was a week after his return he presented that check at the Chemical Bank.

Cross-examined—Went to Philadelphia twice; did not now remember when he went the second time.

The Court then adjourned, and the jury separated till Thursday morning.

Superior Court.

PART FIRST.

Before Hon. Judge Bosworth.

JUNE 23.—*James M. Weed vs. Wm. H. Roberts and Another.*—Suit by plaintiff, a hardware merchant in Pearl street, near Maiden lane, against the defendants, who are hatters, occupying the upper part of the same building, to recover damages for the alleged negligence of the defendants in leaving open the Croton water faucet on the premises of the defendants, whereby on the 24th and 25th of December last, the water run from the premises of the defendants on the premises of the plaintiff, and damaged his goods to the amount of about $160. The discovery of the water running was made on Christmas morning by some policemen, and further damage prevented. The defence is that the stop cock in the cellar of the building was shut off on the 23d December, and no water was again used on the defendants' premises until after the accident; and the accident must have occurred by some person on plaintiff's premises turning on the water in the cellar, and that the defendants had not been guilty of negligence. Verdict for the plaintiff, $150 damages.

PART SECOND.

Before Hon. Judge Campbell.

JUNE 23.—*Rufus Mech and Wife against John De Forest and J. McGeary.*—This was an action of trespass, brought by the plaintiffs against the defendants, under the following circumstances:—In the latter part of August, 1850, Charles H. Carpenter purchased of the defendant, De Forest, furniture dealer, on Broadway, a bill of merchandise, through the representations of the plaintiff, Mech, that he, Carpenter, was good and responsible, and had just recovered a verdict of of $9,000 or $10,000 against Henry Shelden and others, for false imprisonment. The goods were delivered to Carpenter on those representations, and passed over to Mech and wife. Subsequently, defendant learned that Carpenter was insolvent, and had parted with the furniture to the plaintiffs, and Mr. De Forest, together with his clerk, McGeary, proceeded to the house of the plaintiff, in Chambers street, and took away some of the furniture. This action is brought for the trespass alleged to have been committed in so doing. For defence, it was contended that there was fraud and collusion between Mech and Carpenter, in order to get possession of the goods, and that they used no force, nor committed any breach of the peace, in removing the furniture from Mech's house. Adjourned.

Miscellaneous Local Items.

TEST OF AMERICAN WINES AT NIBLO'S SALOON.—Tuesday evening a number of leading gentlemen of the city, with several members of the press, were invited by Messrs. Corneau & Son, of Cincinnati, to examine some specimens of native wines, made by them, being the product of their vineyards, near that city. When we entered the room, his honor, Mayor Kingsland, was in the chair, supported on the right and left by General Sandford and J. Prescott Hall, Esq.; and at the opposite end of the table sat the venerable General Talmage, with General Hall and Wm. Niblo, Esq., in all numbering some thirty-five or forty gentlemen, among whom we observed A. B. Corwin, Esq., United States Consul at Panama. After partaking of a splendid repast, which reflected great credit on the taste of Mr. Niblo, General Sandford rose, and in a brief but appropriate speech, proposed the health of Mr. J. A. Corneau. Mr. Corneau then rose, and remarked that he was not a speech maker, but a wine maker; but he would make a simple statement in regard to the culture of the grape and the manufacture of wine; and that he would be pleased to respond to any queries which the gentlemen present may desire to have answered. He then entered in detail into the method of cultivating the Catawba grape, and the manufacture of the still and sparkling wines—that denominated still wine we understood to be equivalent in character to the hock wines of the Rhine, while the sparkling description is similar in all respects to the champagne wines of France. The specimens exhibited were greatly admired, and gave evidence of the degree of excellence to which the industry of the proprietors may ultimately reach, by experience in the business of wine making. The statistics of the product, as given by Mr. Corneau, were exceedingly interesting. He informed us that there were more than twelve hundred acres of land in vineyards, within a circuit of twenty miles around Cincinnati, and that they are continually on the increase. The demand for the sparkling wines, at the present time, is far greater than the supply. All efforts to successfully introduce the foreign grape, for the purpose of making wine, seem to have failed, the Catawba being the only grape adapted to our soil and climate.

FIRE.—A fire broke out in the ruins of the late fire, corner of Broad and Pearl streets. It originated in the fourth story, fronting on Broad street, and was quickly extinguished before it gained any headway.

COUP DE SOLEIL.—At 4 P. M. on Tuesday, a man named Thomas Fitzpatrick was sun struck in South street. He was conveyed to his home by an officer.

SUDDEN DEATH.—An unknown man was found dead in the attic of the house 17 Ann street. He had been lodging there for the last two or three days, when, on Tuesday evening he came in and appeared unwell, and during the night died suddenly. The coroner was notified to hold an inquest on the body.

CAUTION TO BOYS.—On Tuesday evening a boy, about eighteen years of age, while bathing in the Atlantic dock, Brooklyn, ventured beyond his depth and was sinking, when a young man, named Elias H. Jones, immediately jumped after him, but owing to the strong current running at the time (8 o'clock, P. M.) all efforts to save him were in vain. He was a native of Liverpool, and belonged to the steamship South Carolina, now lying in the Atlantic dock.

RESCUED FROM A WATERY GRAVE.—This morning, about two o'clock, a man, named Edward Gann, of Mauhasset, fell overboard, at the foot of Grand street, and was rescued from a watery grave by officer Conklin.

FIRE.—On Tuesday evening a fire was discovered in a meat shop in Rivington street, within one door of the corner of Suffolk street. It was soon extinguished with a few buckets of water. Damage trifling.

FOUND DROWNED.—The name of the unknown female found drowned in the dock foot of Twenty-third street, mentioned in yesterday's paper, proves to be Mary Ann Wiley, a widow with five children, who left her home on Thursday last, to see a friend in Thirty-fourth street, near Ninth avenue, and had not been heard of till yesterday, when her body was found floating in the dock, foot of Twenty-third street, North river. There was $120 in gold found in her possession. The Coroner was notified to hold an inquest upon the body.

CHLOROFORM.—The lady who died from the effects of chloroform, at Stamford, Connecticut, a day or two since, was Mrs. Nathaniel B. Weed, wife of Mr. Nathaniel B. Weed, of this city, formerly of Savannah, Georgia, and not Mrs. Nathaniel Weed, as first stated.

SUICIDE.—Yesterday afternoon, a German named Conrad Texter, residing at 258 First avenue, committed suicide by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor. Deceased was a tailor, and boarded at the above house. He is believed to have been laboring under a fit of insanity, caused by the death of his wife, at the time he committed the rash act.

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN AGED CITIZEN.—On Tuesday night, a man named Patrick Brady, a native of Ireland, died at his residence 134 Greene street, at the advanced age of 105 years. The day previous to his death he appeared to enjoy good health. He was a shoemaker by trade, and was a resident of this country for upwards of nineteen years. An inquest will be held upon the body.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday there was quite a change in the weather, the day being delightfully cool, in consequence of a cloudy sky and a high wind. It had the appearance of rain throughout the day but eventually cleared off towards evening.

FIRE.—Last evening a fire broke out in the sawmill of Lyman & Bunnell, 17 Canal street. It originated from the friction of one of the saws in the mill. It was quickly extinguished by Hose Company No. 3, with a trifling damage. The lower part of the building, occupied by J. T. & S. B. Craft, as a turning shop, was slightly damaged by water.

Theatrical and Musical.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—The entertainments announced for this evening, consist of the Irish drama of "Ireland as it is," the new Yankee comedy, which has been expressly written for Mrs B. Williams, called "It is the Custom of the Country," and the farce of the "Omnibus." Mr. B. Williams appears as Ragged Pat, and as Pat Rooney. His talent seems to be suited to low comedy, and in this line he is the best in the country—he also sings a very good song, and dances well. His wife is, without exception, one of the best representatives of Yankee girls, and receives well-merited approbation. She appears in the character of Malessa, with the song of "Pesky Ike." Mr. Williams takes a benefit to morrow night, when it is hoped his friends will give him a bumper.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—The amusements here commence with the one act comedy of "Sketches pt India," in which those sterling artists, Messrs. Blake, Lester, Rae, Andrews, Mrs Drew and Mrs. Blake will appear. The next feature will be a divertisement, in which Mlle. Lavigne, Leeder, Pougaud, Drouet, Senorita Soto, and Mlle. Megee will appear. The dancing of this company is every night witnessed by full and fashionable audiences with delight. The French Opera Company appear again to-morrow evening, when a crowded house may be expected.

NATIONAL THEATRE.—The great success of the new drama called "Rebels and Tories, or the Shoemaker of Boston, in 1774," induces the manager to continue its representation. It will commence the performances this evening, with Mr. W. G. Jones in the character of Wm. Marrenner. N. B. Clarke as Upton, Mrs. H. F. Nichols as the Fawn of the Valley. The scenery is new and beautiful, and the piece is likely to have a very successful run. The entertainments conclude with the drama of "Born to Good Luck."

CASTLE GARDEN.—The new grand ballet, in two acts and five tableaux, called "Catarina," will be produced for the first time at the Garden this evening—Caroline in her inimitable personation of Catarina, the Queen of the Bandits. She will be assisted by her sisters and father in the other leading parts, as also by a very good *corps de ballet*. The entertainments close with the comic ballet of the "Millers," in which is introduced a variety of their best dances.

ASTOR PLACE OPERA HOUSE.—Although many of the theatres are closing, yet Donetti's *troupe* of trained animals have no idea of any such thing, as they are extensively patronised by the up-town folks, who seem delighted with their antics. They appear this evening on the tight and slack ropes, and in many other amusing scenes.

AMERICAN MUSEUM.—The performances to be given this afternoon at the Museum consist of the amusing pieces of "Perfection" and "Rather Excited;" and those for the evening are the "Young Widow" and "Grimshaw, Bradshaw, and Bagshaw." The Happy Family continues to attract large assemblages. We have noticed lately, a great improvement in this department. It is certainly a very novel feature, and should be seen by every one.

CHRISTY'S OPERA HOUSE.—Christy's band of minstrel announce a very fine selection of songs, dances, instrumental pieces, burlesques, and witticisms for this evening.

WOOD'S MINSTRELS.—This popular company have provided another attractive amusement for to-night. Several of their best features will be given.

A LOLA MONTES DIFFICULTY.—The Countess of Landsfelt, Lola Montes, had a difficulty with Mr. Geo. Smith, an artist who has been dancing with her at the Holliday street Theatre, on Friday evening, which caused considerable excitement behind the scenes for a short time. The Countess accused Mr. Smith with saying something derogatory to her character, which he, however, denied, and from sharp words they came into a collision—the Countess threatening to slap his face and attempting to carry the threat into execution. The difficulty was one not very easily explained to suit a local item. But is stated to have caused such a breach that the Countess refused to perform on Saturday evening, and the theatre was consequently closed for the night.—*Baltimore Sun, June 24.*

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

CORRECTED WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, FOR THE NEW YORK HERALD.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Duties payable in cash. Goods stored to be sold at public auction at the end of one year. The ton in all cases to be 2,240 pounds

ASHES—		HAY, 100 lbs.—	
Pot per 100 lbs.	4 81½a — —	North River...	— 56 a — 60
Pearl.....	5 50 a — —	HEMP—	
BEESWAX—		Russia, cln, ton	— — a —
Yellow, per lb.	— 26 a — 26½	Do. outshot	— — a —
CANDLES—		Am. dew rot'd	.113 — a120
Tallow, ml'd, lb	— 10 a — 12	Do. water do.	135 — a140
Sperm.....	— 40 a — 50	Manilla, lb....	— 12 a — —
COAL—		Seal.....	— — a — —
L'pool, per ch.	7 25 a — —	HIDES AND SKINS—	
Anthracite....	4 75 a 5 25	Rio J. & B. Ayr	— 16 a — 17
COCOA—		Oronoco.....	— 14½a — 14½
Maracaibo....	— — a — —	San Juan.....	— 12 a — 12½
Guayaq'l, in bd	— 8½a — —	Southern dry..	— 10 a 11 —
St. Dom, in bd	— 4½a — —	Porto Cabello	
Para, in bd....	— — a — 6	& Matanzas..	— 12½a — 13
COFFEE—		Deer, winter, lb	— 8 a — 13
Brazil, per lb.	— 8½a — 9½	Deer, shaved...	— 13 a — 17
Laguayra.....	— 9½a — 8½	Goat Mex,.....	— 60 a — 65
Java.....	— 10½a — 12	Curacoa	— 49 a — 52
Maracaibo.....	— 8½a — 9½	HORNS—	
St. Domingo..	— 8 a — 8½	Ox, per 100 ...	— 8 a — 13
CORDAGE—		HOPS—	
American, per lb.	— 12½a — —	First sort, '51..	— 40 a — 50
Foreign.....	— 10 a — 10½	INDIGO—	
Bale Rope.....	— 6½a — 7¼	Madras, lb.....	— 80 a 1 —
CORN EXCHANGE—		Manilla.....	— 40 a — 90
Superfine No. 2, bbl.....	3 43¾a 3 56¼	Caracas.....	— 75 a 1 10
St'te com. & str 4	— a 4 12½	Guatemala.....	— 80 a 1 25
West. mix & g'd 4	06¼a 4 25	Bengal.....	1 — a 1 50
Genesee, pure..	— — a — —	LEATHER—	
Fancy brands..	4 37½a 4 75	Sole, oak lt. lb	— 21 a — 24
Extra brands..	4 75 a 5 25	Do. middle	— 20 a — 22
Southern mixd.	4 43¾a 4 50	Do. heavy..	— 20 a — 22
do. straight.	4 50 a 4 62½	Do. dy hide	— 18 a — 20
do. fancy....	4 75 a 5 25	Do. Ohio ..	— 19 a — 22
Rye flour.....	3 12½a 3 18¾	Hemlock, light	— 16 a — 17
Meal, Jersey...	3 12½a 3 15	Do. middling	— 16 a — 17
Do. Br'dywine.	3 50 a — —	Do. heavy..	— 12½a — 15
Wheat, white, Genesee.....	1 12 a 1 15	Do. good dad	— 12½a — 14
Do. Michigan..	— 96 a 1 —	Do. poor do..	— 9 a — 10
Do. Canadian, in bond.....	— 96 a 1 —	Eng'h elf, rough	— 30 a — 40
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