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SPECIAL NOTICES. A BELIEF EXCHANGE—NOTICE ALL PERSONS having property, such as trunks, clothes, or baggage of any description, are requested to call and pay expenses, and remove the same on or before the 15th May, after which they will be sold by auction.

ALL PERSONS indebted to the undersigned are requested to call and settle, or legal measures will be taken to collect from the debtors. C. A. ABEL, Secretary.

T. BERRY LODGE NO. 7, F. AND A. M.—NOTICE IS hereby given that on and after Thursday, May 28, this lodge will meet in Columbia Hall, 261 Grand street. Prompt attendance is requested.

W. M. M. DICKERSON, W. M. D. R. MORGAN, Secretary.

MASONIC—ZETLAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 141.—The companions of this chapter are notified of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, on Friday, May 2, 1885, at 7 o'clock P. M. The transfer will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 1885, at 7 o'clock P. M. The members of our sister chapters are respectfully invited.

NEW YORK AND HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company for the election of directors, will be held at the office of the company, No. 100 Broadway, on Tuesday, May 15, 1885, at 12 o'clock noon.

NOTICE—THE KING'S COURT LIQUOR DEPARTMENT Association will meet at Moore's Hotel, No. 100 Broadway, on Monday, May 11, 1885, at 7 o'clock P. M. The members of this association are respectfully invited to be present to pay his initiation fee, and for the transaction of other business.

THOMAS NOTYNER, President, ALFRED KONK, Vice President, C. CLEMONSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ACCESSORY TRANSIT COMPANY.—Notice is hereby given that the office of this company, at No. 100 Broadway, will be open to the stockholders of this company, at 10 o'clock P. M. on Monday, May 11, 1885, at 10 o'clock P. M. The members of this company are respectfully invited to be present to pay his initiation fee, and for the transaction of other business.

THE NEW YORK BAR—ROBERTS & WARDLAW.—Short hand Writers and Law Reporters, inform the legal profession that in order to meet the increasing demands of the courts, they have engaged the most experienced stenographers of the country. In cases of importance counsel can be furnished with full and accurate reports of proceedings, testimony, arguments of counsel, and decisions of the court, in the most concise and readable form.

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THE ELVANTHANNIANNI ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK BROTHERHOOD.—The Elvanthannianni Brotherhood, will hold its annual meeting on Friday evening next, at half-past seven o'clock, at the Elvanthannianni Hall, 100 Broadway. The object of the Brotherhood is to provide for the education and training of the blind, and to secure for them the best means of livelihood.

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Visit to Washington Irving.

TRIP TO HARTWYCK—ARRIVAL AT SUNNYSIDE—APPEARANCE OF HIS RESIDENCE—INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR—RECOVERY FROM HIS LATE ACCIDENT, ETC., ETC.

Among the many distinguished literary characters of this country whose writings are as extensively read in the Old World as in the New, there are none whom I have so long desired to see and converse with as the author of the "Sketch Book." His fame, in fact, is as much European as it is American, and nearly all the productions of his pen have been translated into several languages. On my arrival from Europe, some time ago, I determined that, among the first I should do myself the honor to visit, would be Washington Irving, and I took advantage of the earliest opportunity of carrying this resolution into effect. Wherever I have been I have heard his name and his works spoken of in terms of the highest praise, and many of his characters have now become as familiar as household words. It was, therefore, with no ordinary feeling of pleasure that I found myself at last enabled to gratify my long cherished desire.

My first call was at the corner of Hudson and Chambers street, I was soon out of sight and sound of the great metropolis of the West, and I was informed I should get out, as the object of my journey lived but a short distance off. I had some misgivings upon the matter, as I had passed a few miles below this station another called by his name, and concluded that "Sunnyside," his residence, must be somewhere in the vicinity. I may here remark that the first hotel I stopped at was the Irving, and a few nights since, on inquiring for the opera, I found it was on the corner of Irving place—so that it appears his countrymen are determined to perpetuate his name by every means in their power.

I followed the directions I received, however, and in the course of a few minutes I was wending my way towards one of the few hotels in Hartwyc. It was late in the evening, the mists of evening were settling down on the water of our magnificent river, covering them as with a veil, and I was warmed by my watch that if I intended to call that I had but very little time to spare. A few minutes' walk, I had but little time to spare. I followed the directions I received, however, and in the course of a few minutes I was wending my way towards one of the few hotels in Hartwyc. It was late in the evening, the mists of evening were settling down on the water of our magnificent river, covering them as with a veil, and I was warmed by my watch that if I intended to call that I had but very little time to spare.

My companion being of a communicative turn of mind, I endeavored to obtain some information in regard to the great author, for everything relating to him had a particular interest for me. Mr. Irving, he said, had lived there as long as he could remember, and was over twenty years, but beyond that fact, his knowledge appeared to be very limited. He was certain that he visited Hartwyc about twice every day in a light carriage drawn by two horses, either of which, he added, were inferior to his own, and he was equally sure that he attended service in the Episcopal church, at least, once every Sunday. Occasionally he visited three or four of the oldest residents of the place, the traditional historians of that locality, who had lived there during the Revolution, and who the driver assured me, were acquainted with the mysterious history of Sleepy Hollow. He was of the opinion that it was from some of these that Irving obtained the particulars of Rip Van Winkle's wonderful sleep, but of this he was not so certain.

And this, with the fact that he had three daughters, was all the knowledge the worthy driver possessed in regard to one of our most celebrated authors. He had lived within three miles of his residence nearly all his life time. Never was the old adage that "a prophet is never honored in his own country," more applicable than in this instance. He had driven crowds of visitors from New York, during the summer months, to Sleepy Hollow, which is about four miles from Hartwyc, for this, I understand, a place of great resort in that season, and beyond the fare he received he appeared to have no interest in the place.

The country through which we passed in our short drive, is rich in natural beauties, and I could not but admire the admirable location which Mr. Irving selected for his residence. His house is a few hundred yards from the main road, and is reached by a romantic little avenue, as you pass through which the music of a murmuring stream breaks at intervals upon your ear. Emerging from this avenue, a beautiful mansion, in the gothic style, presents itself to your view. In front it is a neatly trimmed lawn, and on each side of this is a pond, formed by the accumulated waters of the stream of which I have spoken. On one side the broad Hudson lies before you, and on the other the picturesque country, along its western banks. The dwelling has nothing of grandeur or magnificence in its appearance, but there is an air of ease and of quiet unassuming beauty about it, which tells you at once that its occupant is a man who cares little for show or pretensions of elegance. Here I was at last in front of the house where lived the great American author, and in another moment I would see him face to face. I rang the bell, a servant appeared, and I inquired if Mr. Irving was at home. He replied that he was and that I would find him in the parlor. A few steps brought me to the apartment, and there I saw the whole family seated around a table, and I was introduced to the author by his name, and there I saw the whole family seated around a table, and I was introduced to the author by his name.

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Duyckinck, the Society adjourned.

THE BOARD, during the summer season, are to meet weekly at the various institutions under their charge. Yesterday they met at Bellevue Hospital, foot of Twenty-second street. Present: Governors Townsend, (in the chair), Duke, Henry, Tiemann, Smith, Taylor, Draper, Herrick and Dugro. From the weekly statement of the accounts of the various institutions, under the charge of the Ten Governors, being a decrease of 146 since last year.

While reading the requisition, Gov. DUGRO stated that he was in the right for the Governor to pay money to the prisoners from making the acquaintance of the prisoners with a view to release them. A reception room for counsel was being fitted up, and when they called, the prisoners were to be taken to the cells.

The Eclipse Last Night.

Yesterday was a calm and cloudy day, but late in the afternoon, but the evening proved clear and comparatively cloudless. The utmost anxiety was manifested to see the eclipse, and from every window commanding a view of the heavens might be seen groups of eager faces on the lookout for the phenomenon about to come off.

The moon rose in the east quite early in the evening, her color like unto burnished copper, but as the evening wore on becoming more bright, until the time designated, 9.20 m., when the southwesterly limb gave evidence of a slight dimming of light. Once commenced, the obscuration visibly spread over the whole disc. While this was going on the scene was most beautiful, and was regarded with intense interest throughout the city. The time of the total obscuration was rendered somewhat uncertain by light fleecy clouds which passed and re-passed over the disc of the moon, alternately obscuring and revealing it, but enough was seen to justify the prediction of the astronomer that the total eclipse would begin at 10.18.20 m.

During the middle of the eclipse, the moon presented the usual dull, coppery appearance, and could be compared to nothing better than a ball of newly melted metal, before it arrives at white heat. In the statements published in some of the papers as to the appearance of the moon during the continuance of a total eclipse, it was stated that the disc was "rayless," at the same time ascribing the color to the refraction of the sun's rays, or to a partially luminous condition of the moon itself. In either case there must have been an emission of rays, and consequently, the original statement was erroneous. At 12 M. a part of the luminous disc on the southern limb was visible, and at five minutes past one this was the latest evidence of the sun's shadow. An eclipse of the sun occurs when the moon comes between it and the earth, thus obscuring from our view either the whole or part of the solar disc. As the moon is all the time revolving around the earth, or if it coincided with the ecliptic, an eclipse of the sun would take place at every conjunction (when the sun and moon are in the same plane of the heavens) or new moon, and an eclipse of the moon at every opposition (when the sun and moon are in opposite planes of the heavens).

The sun and moon are in the same plane of the heavens, and the moon is in her monthly revolution would consequently be in the same plane as the sun, and the fact that the orbit of the moon is inclined to the ecliptic at an angle of five degrees, thus often escaping the earth's shadow, which is always in the ecliptic. The ecliptic is the great circle of the sky, and the moon's orbit is inclined to it at an angle of five degrees, thus often escaping the earth's shadow, which is always in the ecliptic. The ecliptic is the great circle of the sky, and the moon's orbit is inclined to it at an angle of five degrees, thus often escaping the earth's shadow, which is always in the ecliptic.

THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The regular meeting of this society was held in the Little Chapel of the University, last evening, President BRADSHAW in the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT read a paper from General Anthony Lamb, giving evidence to show that the celebrated sea quadrant, generally believed to be the invention of Thomas Hadley, of England, was really invented by a native of Philadelphia, named Thomas Godfrey, a glazier by trade, who, under the greatest difficulties, educated himself. Godfrey gave an account of his invention of the quadrant, and read a paper on the subject to the Royal Society of London, on the 21st January, 1733, and was rewarded by their minutes. Hadley's quadrant was not patented until 1734, and Godfrey's was made in Philadelphia two years before.

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HOPE'S FURNITURE.—During the past week or ten days the furniture of four or five hotels has been sold at public auction, and the buyers suspended. This has thrown the inmates into the hands of the established houses, and helped fill them during the dull season. The changes continually going on in New York are so great, that even those who seldom absent themselves are frequently unable to recognize old landmarks. Several of the most noticeable hotels have been altered a few months or six weeks ago, and the most recent case was the Brevoort House, on Fifth avenue, the furniture of which will be sold at auction to-day, by H. H. Leeds & Co. We do not know to what use the spacious building is to be devoted, but the sale of furniture is preliminary to the highest bidder. It is possible some other enterprising caterer for the inner man intends trying his hand, but it is more probable that we have hotels enough in this city for the present to meet all the wants of the travelling community. The magnificent Hotel de Ville, on Broadway, is to be sold at auction to-day, by H. H. Leeds & Co. We do not know to what use the spacious building is to be devoted, but the sale of furniture is preliminary to the highest bidder.

DEMOCRATIC WING COMMITTEE.—A regular meeting of this committee was held last night at the Broadway House. The attendance was quite large, and the chairman, William Hill, occupied the chair. The subject of the meeting was the proposed re-election of the Democratic Wing of the Executive Committee, and the most important action of the meeting was upon engaging a room for the committee meetings during the coming year. The late Mayor's death, and the fact that the Democratic Wing of the Executive Committee, and the most important action of the meeting was upon engaging a room for the committee meetings during the coming year.

THE LATE ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE BY TAKING LAUDAINE.—Some two weeks ago, Thomas Bayley, boarding at the Carlton House, attempted to destroy himself by swallowing a dose of laudanum while in the house of Clara Marshall in Leonard street. Since his recovery he has become quite wild, and seemed utterly incapable of taking care of himself. Indeed, he often in a convalescence, expressed his determination to repeat the attempt at suicide with better success than attended his first. He has since been confined to the hospital, and his condition endangered the life and property, not only of himself, but of those around him, determined to send him to the asylum on the island of St. Vincent. Justice Conolly having committed him to the care of the officers of that institution on the complaint of Dr. Bayley and Clara Marshall, the latter of whom had appeared in relation to Bayley's losing \$100,000 at faro, are, we are assured, quite untroubled. The chief cause of Bayley's insanity, it is supposed, was the loss of his fortune in faro, and the fact that he had married a young lady of fortune, and was in the habit of spending his money on her.

FIRE IN FORTIETH STREET.—About 3 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in a two story frame building in Fortieth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, belonging to Mr. Hart. The fire was first discovered in the unoccupied part of the rear building. The flames spread from the roof of the building, and in a few minutes the whole building was in flames. The damage will amount probably to \$300. Mr. Hart, who lives in the building, is supposed to have been the act of an incendiary.

FATAL ACCIDENT BY FALLING THROUGH A HATCHWAY.—Last evening William Fenton, a lad about fifteen years of age, residing with his parents at 49 Mott street, was instantly killed by falling through the hatchway in the store of Messrs. Fingle & March, of 137 William street. The accident occurred this morning at 10 o'clock, previous to the closing of the store, while walking beside the hatchway, accidentally missed his footing, and precipitated to the floor beneath, a distance of over thirty feet. The lad was instantly killed, and his neck being broken in the frightful fall, causing almost instantaneous death.

KILLED BY FALLING OUT OF A WINDOW.—Information was received at the coroner's office, last evening, that a German boy named Gustav, aged 15 years, residing at the house 194 Seventh street, had been killed by falling out of the third story window of the house 194 Seventh street. The deceased had been playing on the roof of the house, and had fallen through a hole in the roof. The body of another unknown man was found in the river, at the foot of Catherine street. The deceased had been playing on the roof of the house, and had fallen through a hole in the roof.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE. ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD—CHARGE OF ROBBERY A BOARDING HOUSE—CAPTURE OF AN OLD OFFENDER—CAUTION TO SHOULDER HITTERS.—REV. M. C. DUNN, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has been arrested on a warrant issued by Justice Davison, charging them with having conspired together to defraud Fabert M. Forrester, of Brooklyn, out of \$8,000. The accused were taken to the Jefferson Market Police Court, where they were held in the sum of \$500 to