CITY EVENTS DURING THE YEAR 1857.

JANUARY.

1.—New Year's Day, which was celebrated in the usual manner in this city. Callers numerous. The Democratic General Committee for the year 1857 met at Tammany Hall in the evening. A number of contested seats and much confusion. Subsequently Wilson Small was elected chairman by the delegates who were declared regular, and retained possession of Tammany Hall. The contestants for seats held a meeting at the office of the Public Administrator, and elected John Y. Savage, Jr., chairman. This was the commencement of the committees.

2.—Charles B. Huntington, the forger, removed from the Tombs to Sing Sing. The play of "Fascination," by Frank B. Goodrich, produced at Burton's theatre.

5.—Inauguration of the city government. John Clancy elected President of the Board of Aldermen, and Jonas B. Phillips President of the Board of Councilmen.

8.—Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans celebrated at Tammany Hall by the Sachems. A ball and dinner given. Thermometer down to zero. The rivers and bay filled with ice.

10.—Property northwest corner of Broadway and Grand street, 56 by 100 feet, sold for $200,000. Increased severity of the weather. Court marshal of Surgeon Holden commenced.

12.—Grand ball of the Democratic Union Club, at the City Assembly Rooms.

14.—Ed. L. De Forrest, of Watertown, Conn., missing; drew a check on the American Exchange Bank, at noon, and was never heard of by his friends afterwards.

15.—Hardware Dealers' Board of Trade hold their annivesary at the Astor House.

17.—East river frozen across from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., during which time some 20,000 people cross the river; no accident. Meeting of the Swiss residents at Delmonico's, to sympathize with their countrymen in their pending dispute with Prussia. The Democratic Union Club pass resolutions sympathizing with Forney on his defeat for the vacant Senatorship of Pennsylvania.

18.—Thermometer, zero.

19.—Great snow storm. Miss Matilda Heron makes her first appearance at Wallack's theatre as Camille, and creates a furore.

20.—Nine fires in one night. Twenty-five families burnt out at No. 87 James street. Commencement of Strakosch's opera season at the Academy of Music.

22.—Movements in the city to abolish Spanish coin, which are finally successful. It is refused by all classes of people, except at a reduction of 20 per cent. Base Ball Convention at Smith's Hotel, Broome street. New regulations agreed upon.

23.—Mercury four degrees below zero; bitter cold weather. Hydrants all frozen and citizens put to great inconvenience. Excitement in the city in relation to garrote robberies. Judge Russell sentences Michael Nugent to State prison for life and George Hyde for fifteen years—both garroters.

24.—Meeting at the Astor House in favor of the divorce bill then pending before the State Legislature. Callers of the meeting ashamed to come forward.

26.—Splendid ball of the Fire Department at the Academy of Music. Burns' birthday celebrated at Constitution Hall.

27.—North river frozen across at Forty-second street; few persons, however, daring to venture across.

28.—Republican General Committee for 1857 meet at Stuyvesant Institute and organize by electing John A. Kennedy Chairman. Mrs. Cora de Wilhorst makes her *debut* as Lucia at the Academy of Music, and achieved a success. Correct time given by the City Hall bell for the first time, at nine o'clock in the evening.

29.—Col. Fabens and Captain Farnham arrested by the Deputy Marshal on suspicion of being engaged in a filibustering expedition. Miss Sallie Stafford, of Vermont, charges B. N. Barton with drugging and outraging her at a hotel in New York; complaint subsequently dismissed. Columbia College property sold for $576,350.

31.—Mysterious murder of Dr. Harvey Burdell in his room, No. 31 Bond street. End of a very cold month.

FEBRUARY.

1.—Commencement of the Burdell murder excitement.

3.—Henry H. Howard elected Chief Engineer of Fire Department, he having received 1,545 votes to 1,417 cast for Alfred Carson.

4.—The John Y. Savage Committee apply to the Sachems for admission into Tammany Hall. Obsequies of Harvey Burdell at Grace church. Common Council offer a reward of $6,000 for the apprehension of his murderer.

5.—Council of Sachems rule both the general committees out of Tammany Hall. Meeting of sugar makers in Union Hall, Bowery, to protest against convict labor. Myers Truett, one of the San Francisco Vigilance Committee, arrested as the Illinois was about to sail.

6.—Oysters get exceedingly scarce, in consequence of the cold weather.

7.—Insurance companies determined to raise the premium ten per cent on all houses that have the defective dampers.

10.—Burning of a cabinet warehouse at the corner of Mercer and Bleecker streets. The proprietor, Bernhard Boach, and his wife, perish in the flames. Several persons rescued. $60,000 worth of property destroyed.

11.—Dr. Burdell's will before the surrogate.

12.—Recorder Smith discharges Patrick Hearne and other alleged gamblers, by entering an arrest of judgment.

13.—Thomas H. Benton lectures before the Mercantile Library Association, on "The Union." Fire at No. 26 Broad street; $50,000 worth of property destroyed.

14.—Coroner Connery delivers his charge to the jury, who return a verdict that in their opinion Mrs. Emma Augusta Cunningham and John J. Eckel were principals in the murder of Harvey Burdell. Long Island Sound open, after being closed thirty days. The Elm City the first boat through.

16.—Miss Heron plays in "Medea." Thalberg gives his first concert, to the children of the public schools, at Niblo's.

17.—Foggy weather; collisions in the bay. Trial in the Court of Sessions of Dr. M. P. Moore, on the charge of attempting to murder A. C. Livingston, of Trenton. He was finally acquitted. Arrival of Mrs. Patton, the naval heroine, who commanded the ship Neptune's Car in the Pacific for fifty days, and brought it safely into San Francisco during her husband's illness.

18.—Mrs. Cunningham applies to the Surrogate for letters of administration on the estate of Dr. Harvey Burdell. Heavy sales of real estate. Maine law meeting at the Tabernacle.

19.—Grand ball at the Academy of Music for the benefit of Strakosch.

20.—First of Thalberg's matinées. Case of Bonner vs. Morton, Leland and others closed, and a verdict of $1,271 21 rendered.

21.—Recorder Smith suspends judgment in the case of John Hartley for killing Patrick Greeley, whom he found in bed with his wife. Mrs. Cunningham and John J. Eckel indicted by the Grand Jury.

22.—Friends of civil and religious liberty have a dinner at the Astor House to commemorate St. Patrick's Day.

23.—Chambers street theatre re-opened, under the management of E. L. Davenport.

24.—Red Republican (French) ninth anniversary of last French Revolution, at 72 Leonard street. Broadway Tabernacle sold to John J. Phelps, for $125,000. Mrs. Emma Greene shot in an assignation house in Elizabeth street. The would be assassin not arrested.

25.—Commencement of Lent. Charge of incompetency brought against Coroner Connery sent to Gov. King.

26.—Hudson river open to Albany. Large sales of real estate reported.

27.—Surrogate Bradford decides that a guardian cannot remove the domicil of his ward.

MARCH.

1.—Howard Engine Company No. 34 leave for Washington to attend inauguration ceremonies. Charleston, Mass., military company visit New York; also the Albany Burgess corps. Explosion at No. 146 Fulton street.

2.—Violent snow storm.

5.—Suicide of Dr. Samuel B. Philips, corner Ninth avenue and Eighteenth street.

6.—Hudson river closed again. Arrival of Lord Napier in the Persia.

7.—Ten thousand kites given to the boys by Christy and Wood's Minstrels. John Dean, the coachman, who has married Miss Mary Ann Baker, makes application to the courts to obtain possession of her person.

11.—Ann Hopkins alias McGirr, a prostitute, murdered by John Dorsey, a negro, at No. 3 Worth street.

12.—John Martin killed by Rochus Shelk, at No. 100 James street, in self defence.

13.—Mrs. Cora Hatch, the spiritualist lecturer, begins to make a stir.

17.—St. Patrick's day celebrated in fine style. Daniel Donovan elected Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department.

18.—Opening day among the milliners. Bids for cleaning streets opened. Sir William Boyd lectures on distinguished men. Hudson river open for the season.

22.—Dr. Cheever denounces the Dred Scott decision of the Supreme Court of the United States.

23.—John Dean's wife restored to him by the discharge of the habeas corpus.

24.—Captain H. A. De Riviere, of the Zouave guard, lectures on the Crimean war.

25.—Margaret Cunningham, a prostitute, leaped from the second story of the house corner of Broadway and Ninth street and is much injured. William Barr, with whom she had a difficulty, attempts to commit suicide by shooting himself with a pistol.

26.—Archbishop Hughes denounces an Irish Western emigration scheme, at the Broadway Tabernacle.

28.—Michael Hilkoff, a live Russian Prince, taken in and done for by a gang of emigrant runners.

29.—North Presbyterian church at the corner of Ninth avenue and Thirty first street dedicated.

30.—Household furniture of Dr. Burdell sold. Captain Rynders installed into the office of United States Marshal.

31.—Dan Leary, alias Snakey, a river thief, killed by a watchman.

APRIL.

1.—All Fools' Day. Ellen Martin burned to death at the fire No. 2½ Monroe street.

2.—Suit entered in Supreme Court for the payment of the bill for refreshments furnished at the republican festival on the 18th of December, 1856, at the Academy of Music. Gov. King one of the parties sued. Amount of Bill $1,562 29.

13.—Madame Gazzaniga makes her *debut* at Niblo's as Violetta in "Traviata." Henry Clay's birthday celebrated at the La Farge House.

15.—Stephen P. Hardenbrook, a Ninth ward policemen, murdered by burglars at the corner of Washington and Perry streets.

17.—Democracy excited in view of the election of Sachems of the Tammany Society. Caucuses held at the Westchester House and at the Chinese Assembly Rooms. The Westchester people finally successful.

20.—Rev. Dr. Bellows astonishes the religious public by appearing at the Dramatic Fund dinner and making a speech in favor of the stage.

21.—Jones' Wood property sold.

22.—Mayor Wood announces his intention to the Police captains to contest the Metropolitan Police act to the last extremity. At his instance an injunction is served on the new Police Commissioners, who have just organized and appointed Simeon Draper President. Trial of Elijah Hunt, who is finally convicted of abortion on the person of Miss Lawson. Niagara sails on her trial trip.

23.—St. George's Day celebrated at Delmonico's. Lord Napier makes a speech that is much admired. Police law in the courts. Grand parade of the target companies; five thousand sharp shooters in line.

25.—Last night of the Pyne and Harrison troupe at Boston, previous to their departure for England.

26.—Last services in the old Broadway Tabernacle. Rev. Joseph H. Thompson delivers an address on the occasion.

27.—First meeting of the convention called by the Tammany Sachems to reform the machinery of the party; Elijah F. Purdy chosen chairman.

28.—Dr. Bellows delivers his celebrated oration on the stage, at the Academy of Music.

30.—Central Park Commissioners hold their first meeting; James E. Cooley elected chairman.

31.—Charles Carpentier, who pleaded guilty in the French extradition case, leaves for France in the Fulton.

MAY.

1.—Moving day. New city charter goes into partial effect. New City Hall Commissioners. Serious excitement in the city. Police law still in the courts.

3.—North Western Presbyterian church in Fifteenth street, dedicated.

4.—*Debut* of Edwin Booth at Burton's theatre, when he played King Richard III. Commencement of the trial of Mrs. Cunningham for the alleged murder of Dr. Burdell.

5.—James R. Whiting appointed Superintendent of Police, but declines.

9.—Mrs. Cunningham acquitted, and Eckel discharged on his own recognizance.

10.—Anniversary week commenced.

12.—Death of Thomas J. Oakley, Chief Justice of Supreme Court of New York, announced. Excise Commissioners appointed under the new law. Inauguration of the new Columbia College. Great meeting in the Park to denounce the black republican Legislature.

13.—Frederick A. Tallmadge appointed General Superintendent of Police.

14—Centennial anniversary of the Swedenborgians.

18.—Dr. Cheever requested to resign his pastoral charge by sixteen members of his church; he refuses to do so. The majority of the Fifth ward police, with their Captain, declare for the new Police Board.

19.—Trial of Thomas Denny for arson commenced. Gov. King decides that the charges against Coroner Connery are not sustained.

20.—Verdict of $6,000 rendered in the slander suit of Fowles vs. Bowen & McNamee.

21.—John Dorsey found guilty of the murder of Ann Hopkins. Death of Eugene Greiet, at Eldridge street prison. Hotel keepers hold meetings to take into consideration the propriety of raising the hotel fare from $2 50 per day to $3. Merchants determine to abolish advance wages after the 1st of July following.

22.—First license under the new law taken out by Henry A. Kerr.

23.—Spiritualists' Convention held at No. 14 Fourth avenue.

24.—Yearly meeting of the Friends.

25.—Supreme Court decides the new Police law constitutional.

26.—The new cent makes its appearance.

29.—Common Council determine to establish a municipal watch. John Smith convicted of murder on the high seas.

JUNE.

2.—German Sangerbund picnic at Yorkville park; immense consumption of lager.

4.—Regatta of the New York Yacht Club in New York bay.

5.—Large fire in Mercer street; houses Nos. 37, 39, 41 and 43 more or less injured; 50,000 loss. Broadway merchants determine to keep that great avenue clean themselves, which they have since done at a tax to themselves of $400 per week.

8.—Mr. and Mrs. Florence make their first appearance at Burton's theatre.

9.—Death of Joseph S. Taylor, Street Commissioner, announced. James Shepard fires his dwelling in Fifty-third street.

12.—Thomas Denny found guilty of arson in the second degree.

13.—A number of foolish people think a comet is going to strike the earth.

14.—Fight between the old and new police in the Eleventh ward; one man stabbed. Corner stone of the Roman Catholic church St. Vincent de Paul laid in Twenty-third street.

15.—P. D. Conover, who has been appointed Street Commissioner by Governor King, attempts to gain possession of the office in the Park, but is ejected by Sheriff Wilkie. Great excitement in the city.

16.—Terrible riot in the Park. The Metropolitan police endeavor to serve a warrant on Mayor Wood; are beaten from the City Hall by the municipals. Ten persons were severely injured. Coroner Perry finally arrests the Mayor. The National Guard, who were about going to Boston to attend the Bunker Hill celebration, are stopped to preserve the peace of the city. Charles Devlin is appointed Street Commissioner by the city authorities and obtains possession of the office.

17.—Street Commissioner war continued; five hundred special policemen sworn in by the new Commissioners, and eight regiments of militia ordered under arms. The trouble is transferred to the courts.

18.—Gen. Walker, the filibuster, has a fine reception and visits Wallack's theatre, on which occasion Miss Eliza Logan makes her *debut* in New York, in the *rôle* of Evadne.

22.—Corner stone of the Nursery and Child's Hospital laid at the corner of Third avenue and Fifty-third street.

23.—Powers' Greek Slave sold for $6,000.

25.—Street Commissioner case gets into the courts, and begins to be dreadfully mixed up.

28.—Riot in the Thirteenth ward; seven policemen beaten by rowdies.

29.—First meeting of the new Tammany Committee, Edward Cooper Chairman.

JULY.

2.—General Walker takes his departure for the south. A number of sick filibusters find their way to the Bellevue Hospital. Commencement exercises at the University and Columbia College.

3.—Mayor Wood disbands the old police force. Merchants not successful in their attempts to stop advance wages to seamen.

4.—National holiday. Terrible riots in the Sixth ward between the Dead Rabbits and the Bowery rowdies. The new police try to stop the disturbance, when a fight occurs which lasts many hours. Eight persons killed and three wounded. Three regiments ordered out.

7.—Firemen's excursions from New York to the country become frequent. Hose Company No. 20 returns home from Boston and has a fine reception.

8.—Judge Peabody decides in favor of Conover, who gets possession of the office, but not of the books.

9.—The Mackerelville riots commence. New Custom House regulations issued by Collector Schell.

10.—The Common Council deliver the station houses into the possession of the new police. Fire at No. 2 Liberty street, $30,000 worth of property destroyed.

12.—Riots in the Seventeenth ward commence. The police and Germans have a fight, in which John Muller is killed and some dozen persons injured. Great excitement in the city.

13.—Continuation of the riots. The military called out. Inquest on the body of John Myers, burglar, who had been shot on the 24 of July while attempting to enter the premises No. 1,080 Broadway. Some curious developements made respecting the bribing of policemen.

14.—Great excitement on the occasion of the funeral of John Muller.

15.—The gold box, which Gen. Jackson requested should be delivered to the bravest New Yorker, awarded to Major Garret Dyckman, whereupon a controversy springs up of a very violent character among the friends of the different applicants.

16.—The school teachers give Thalberg and Madame D'Angri a testimonial at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

17.—Simeon Draper resigns his position as Police Commissioner. John Dorsey, the murderer of Anna Hopkins, hung at the city prison.

18.—Charles Devlin sent to Eldridge street jail, but is released in a week. The Street Commissioner controversy becomes more mixed up than ever.

21.—Policeman Eugene Anderson murdered by the burglar Michael Cancemi, at the corner of Centre and Grand streets; much excitement manifested on the subject. Archbishop Hughes publishes a letter in the HERALD excoriating Raymond of the *Times*.

22.—Mayor Wood astonishes the town by taking his seat with the Police Commissioners in White street—matters come to a dead look in the Board.

24.—War between the democratic factions—they will not pass on delegates to the State Convention.

26.—Funeral of officer Anderson—one of the largest ever held in the city. Hose Company No. 25 return from their visit to Detroit.

27.—Augustus Van Liew found dead at the corner of Mercer and Canal streets.

30.—Washington Hose Company No. 12 return from Albany.

AUGUST.

1.—Two fine American horses are sent out in the Vanderbilt to the French Emperor.

2.—James Shepard arrested for setting fire to his house in Fifty-third street. A number of ballots taken to fill the vacancy in the Police Board without result.

4.—Mrs. Cunningham goes through a sham accouchement in order to produce an heir to the Burdell estate. She is detected and arrested. Great excitement in the city in consequence.

6.—Alex. Boyd shot by burglars at No. 74 West Eighteenth street; no clue to the murderers. Mrs. Cunningham will not allow the physicians to examine her.

7.—Robert W. Lowber tries to enforce his claim against the city for the sale of certain property at the foot of Seventeenth street, for $196,000. Comptroller Flagg will not allow the claim.

10.—Stewart B. Adams, barkeeper of the Howard Hotel, is discovered to have embezzled $20,000 from his employers.

12.—Old Hays' portrait sold on an execution against the city. Alderman Hunt buys it for $250 and makes a present of it to the Corporation. Mrs. Cunningham taken to the Tombs.

14.—Warm weather. Several deaths from the heat.

15.—Gardiner Furniss and Mrs. Woodman discovered by Mr. Woodman in *flagrante delicto* at the New York Hotel. Furniss saves himself by escaping into a closet.

18.—Two hundred of Walker's filibusters arrive in town.

19.—The harbor claim in court.

21.—Mass meeting in the Park in aid of the destitute filibusters; eleven dollars collected. J. M. Lawler arrested for alleged embezzlement of money at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

22.—Henry Wagstaff, a Toombs lawyer, killed at No. 480 Broadway, by Theodore S. Nims. Peter Virtue killed by John Regan, at the corner of Broadway and Maiden lane.

24.—Surrogate decides that Mrs. Cunningham was not married to Harvey Burdell. Commencement of the great panic. The Ohio Life and Trust Company fail.

25.—Excitement in Wall street. John Thompson and other noted bankers fail.

26.—Jacob Little & Co. fail. Bids for constructing the new reservoir opened; litigation as to the award, and the matter sent to the courts.

27.—Arsenal sold to the city for $275,000.

29.—German Turnerfest; seventh anniversary; continues four days.

31.—Embezzlement of $70,000 in the Mechanics' Banking Association discovered.

SEPTEMBER.

1.—Railroad Convention in New York. Several extensive failures reported. Some banks begin to show signs of weakness.

4.—Election of delegates to the Democratic State Convention; two contesting sets chosen. American Engine Company No. 6 goes on a grand excursion to Niagara Falls, Canada, and returns by way of Boston.

5.—The liquor dealers determine to contest the Excise law in the courts, and finally succeed in practically nullifying its provisions.

7.—The one hundredth anniversary of the birthday of Lafayette celebrated at Jones' Wood by the Garde Lafayette.

8.—Mrs. Cunningham admitted to bail. Trade sales commence. Great fall in the price of stocks.

10.—Corner stone of the Methodist church corner of Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street laid. Mrs. Cunningham indicted for attempting to produce a fraudulent heir to the Burdell estate.

12.—Andrew Jackson, Jr., arrives in town. Two murders, two homicides and two suicides reported at the Coroners' office.

14.—Grand reception of the Scott Legion of Philadelphia by the New York Volunteers. Andrew Jackson, Jr., declines to give the gold box to the person the Common Council had picked out as the bravest son of New York in the Mexican war. Charles Mathews makes his first appearance at the Broadway theatre.

15.—Seizure of obscene books and publications in Frankfort street by the police authorities. Great number of books and plates destroyed.

16.—Splendid reception by the Fire Department of American Engine Company No. 6 on their return from their tour.

17.—Irish meeting at Stuyvesant Institute to sympathize with the Sepoys in their rebellion against the English government.

20.—Mormons make preparation to leave for Utah, in obedience to the command of Brigham Young. Their paper in this city is stopped, and their meeting place in Broome street closed.

21.—Stern port of a new Russian frigate laid in W. H. Webb's yard. Miss Juliana May makes her *début* in the concert room. French socialist demonstration.

23.—Opening day among the milliners.

24.—Colored Free Suffrage Association meets in Spring Street Hall. Very little business transacted in consequence of most of the members going on a clam bake. Netherlanders form a society.

25.—Masonic Peace Convention held in Odd Fellows' Hall.

26.—Grand welcome home given to Engine Company No. 22 by the Fire Department, on their return from Hartford.

28.—Charlotte Cushman makes her first appearance at Burton's, and plays "Bianca." The Lowber claim set aside by Judge Roosevelt.

29.—The Excise Commissioners report that they have given out 637 licenses, and have received $17,125 therefor.

30.—Explosion at the Plaster Works, Nos. 509 and 510 West street; three houses blown down, one person killed, and thirty injured. The 74th annual convention of the Episcopal church of New York held at St. John's chapel. Shot tower at foot of Fifty-third street, East river, burnt down.

OCTOBER.

1.—Jury in the case of Michael Cancemi disagree.

5.—Chess Congress meets. A. B. Meek, of Alabama, elected chairman.

6.—Mrs. Cuningham appeals from the decision of the Surrogate that she was not married to Dr. Burdell.

7.—Lady Washington Engine Co No. 40, returns from Philadelphia, and has a fine reception.

9.—Increase of the money panic. The Bowery Bank fails, and there is a run upon the Park Bank.

10.—Bluest day of the panic. Suspension of the East River Bank. The paper of Illinois Central Railroad, New York and Erie Railroad and Michigan Central Railroad, goes to protest. Stocks touch bottom.

11.—Sermons on the panic. Dr. Cheever thinks it a judgment of God on the country for the Dred Scott decision.

12.—Run on the Savings Banks commenced. Alarm among the laboring classes.

14.—All the banks, with one exception, suspend.

15.—The Judges of the Supreme Court meet and agree not to give injunctions on the banks. Great relief felt by the community. Stocks go up. The cheap dry goods mania commences. Females highly excited.

17.—John Swanton murdered by James Rodgers, in Tenth avenue.

19.—Chess Congress organizes into a National Association. Col. Chas. A. Meath elected President.

20.—The first snow of the season.

27.—Milkmen raise the price of milk to seven cents.

30.—Gardiner Furniss applies to the courts to have Mrs. Woodman released from Sanford Hall Lunatic Asylum.

NOVEMBER.

2.—The unemployed workmen begin to make demonstrations in the Park and Tompkins square. McKean Buchanan appears at the Broadway theatre.

3.—Historical Society takes formal possession of their new fireproof building in Second avenue.

4.—Failure of the Grocers' Sugar Refining Company. Meeting held to relieve the Erie Railroad of its embarrassment.

7.—Teresa Spitzlin outraged and murdered by a gang of young rowdies at No. 32 Greenwich street. Peletiah Perit elected Police Commissioner, in place of Simeon Draper, declined. Application made to the courts to have Miss Anne Basset Smith released from Sanford Hall.

9.—The unemployed begin to create disturbance. Madame Ranke makes a speech to them. The government officials become alarmed for the safety of the public buildings, and a company of United States troops are sent to protect them. Excitement at the Custom House in consequence. James E. Cooley is nominated for Mayor by the Know Nothings.

10.—Presentation of eagles to the Seventy first Regiment, in the Park.

11.—Troops withdrawn from the Custom House.

12.—Trial of Rodgers for the murder of Swanston commenced.

14.—Demonstrations of the unemployed begin to fizzle out. Great anti-Wood meeting in Wall street.

15.—Officer Sanger, of the Ninth ward, beaten by rowdies.

16.—Henry Hamilton shot in Canal street.

17.—Daniel F. Tiemann nominated for Mayor by the united democratic opposition.

18.—Excitement in the city in consequence of murders and stabbing cases in the Fourth ward. Cancemi convicted of murder.

21.—Gardiner Furniss publishes a card.

22.—Fire at No. 80 Front street; $75,000 worth of property destroyed.

25 Evacuation Day. Corner stone of the Worth Monument laid, with imposing ceremonies.

26.—Thanksgiving Day.

27.—Great Wood meeting at the Academy of Music.

28.—Policeman McDermott, of the old force, declared entitled to his back pay by Judge Davies.

30.—The 101st anniversary of the St. Andrew's Society celebrated. The 27th anniversary of the Polish Revolutionists.

DECEMBER.

2.—Fall of a building corner of West and Bethune streets; one man killed.

3.—The Tammany General Committee expel Daniel E. Sickles and C. Godfrey Gunther for voting for Tiemann.

5.—Fort Wardens bill declared unconstitutional.

6.—Funeral of Thomas Crawford, the sculptor. His remains were brought to this city from London. The services took place at St. John's chapel.

7.—The Supreme Court confirms the decision of Judge Paine that the Lemmon slaves are free under the laws of the State of New York.

8.—The "Poor of New York" produced at Wallack's theatre. Last meeting of Democratic General Committee.

10.—Smallpox very prevalent in the city.

12.—The city banks resume specie payments.

14.—Van Amburgh's troupe appear at the Broadway theatre. Annual meeting of the representatives of the Fire Department held.

16.—Proposals for building the new State Arsenal at the corner of Seventh avenue and Thirty-fifth street opened. Sachems refuse the use of Tammany Hall for an administration meeting. Opening of the Belmont and other galleries of art.

18.—Great sale of smuggled jewelry by the Custom House officials.

19.—James Sheppard sentenced to death for arson in the first degree.

22.—New England celebration at the Astor House. Republican primary elections held. Investigation into the alleged official corruptions in the management of Washington market commenced. Great administration meeting in Tammany Hall.

24.—Unusually fine weather for December.

25.—Christmas Day. Corner stone of the new Tabernacle laid, corner of Broadway and Thirty-fourth street.

26.—First snow storm of the season.

27.—General Walker arrives in the city under arrest.

28.—The steamship Moses Taylor makes her trial trip.

30.—Primary election of the opposition democracy. Rainy weather.

The Criminal Courts.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

The term of this court commences on the first Monday of each month and continues three weeks, excepting two of the summer months, when the court is in session only two weeks for the trial of prison cases. The City Judge and the Recorder are its presiding officers, and they occupy the bench alternately. Since the adoption of the new charter, which came into effect on the first of May, this court has been greatly relieved of a large number of petit larceny and assault and battery charges, the majority of which are now disposed of in the Special Sessions; still, accused parties have the privilege of electing to be tried at the General Sessions. If this court was relieved of all such cases a desirable reform would be effected, for now much valuable time is consumed by hearing trifling complaints which are beneath the dignity of a court where so much important criminal business has to be transacted in so short a space of time.

Subjoined are the names of the officers of the Court of General Sessions for the year 1858:—

City Judge	Abraham D. Russell.
Recorder	George G. Barnard.
District Attorney	Peter B. Sweeny.
Assistant District Attorney	John Sedgwick.
Clerk	Henry Vandervoort.
Deputy Clerk	John Sparks.

The Board of Supervisors give the Judges the power to select men to assist in executing the business of the court, and it is understood that they will appoint a number of persons for that purpose, who are to be styled "attendants."

Annexed is a copy of the usual annual statement of the convictions and acquittals had in the Court of General Sessions of the city and county of New York, prepared by Henry Vandervoort, Esq., the venerable Clerk of the Court:—

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

	Cons'ed.	Acq'ed.
Murder (Cancemi)	1	—
COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.		
Murder (Mrs. Cunningham)	—	1
COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.		
Murder	2	2
Arson in the first degree (capital)	1	1
Arson, various degrees (not capital)	4	—
Attempt to commit arson	4	—
Manslaughter, various degrees	15	2
Assault with intent to kill	3	16
Do. do. bodily harm	9	1
Do. do. commit robbery	6	—
Rape	—	1
Assault with intent to commit a rape	4	—
Attempt to poison	—	1
Robbery in the first degree	22	14
Assault and battery	79	5
Bigamy	5	—
Subornation of perjury	—	1
Forgery (various degrees)	49	6
Burglary (various degrees)	89	9
Attempt to commit burglary (various deg.)	52	—
Embezzlement	4	—
Grand larceny	89	33
Attempt to commit grand larceny	49	—
Receiving stolen goods	5	4
Obtaining goods by false pretences	8	—
Petit larceny and attempts to commit do.	116	—
Counterfeiting labels	1	—
Deceiving a child	1	—
Soliciting to commit a crime	1	—
Violation of Quarantine laws	1	—
Piloting without license	1	—
Keeping disorderly houses	3	—
Total	624	96

One person was acquitted of murder on the ground of insanity. One person was acquitted of arson in the first degree on the ground of insanity.

Four persons were sentenced to death, of whom one has been executed, and three are now in prison under sentence.

Two hundred and twenty-seven males and nineteen females were sentenced to the State prison; three for life, and the aggregate time of the remainder (243) is 1,093 years and four months.

One hundred and forty-five males and nineteen females were sentenced to the penitentiary.

Eight males and five females to the city prison, and forty boys and two girls were sent to the House of Refuge.

Twelve hundred and seventy-three indictments were found by the Grand Jury, including 309 for selling intoxicating liquors on Sunday. One hundred and fifty-four complaints were dismissed by the Grand Jury; 27 recognizances were forfeited; 1,688 recognizances to answer filed during the year, and 3,156 records of convictions of vagrants during the year.

Amount of fines and fees $1,720 27.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

January, February, March and April, 1857 (four months).

	Convicted.	Acquitted.
Petit larceny	664	88
Assault and battery	300	34
Embezzlement (under $25)	1	—
Riot	4	—
Violation of election laws	—	1
Counterfeiting labels	1	—
Indecent exposure of person in public streets	1	—
Exposing unsound meat for sale	2	—
Conveying liquor into a prison	1	—
Keeping disorderly houses	3	—
Total	977	123

Three hundred and fifty-four males and sixty-eight females sentenced to the penitentiary.

Forty males and fourteen females sentenced to the city prison.

Fifty boys and two girls sent to the House of Refuge.

As the new charter, which gave the Police Justices exclusive jurisdiction of the Special Sessions, came into effect on the 1st of May, the Judges and the Clerk of the General Sessions terminated their labors in the Special Sessions on the last day of April. Mr. Johnson, the Clerk, is preparing the statistics of this Court for the past eight months, and will furnish them in a few days, which will make the criminal record complete.

Police Intelligence.

ARREST OF AN ALLEGED GANG OF COUNTERFEITERS AND SEIZURE OF BOGUS MONEY.

On Wednesday night information was received at the Deputy Superintendent's office that an extensive gang of counterfeiters were at work circulating spurious "fives" on the Onondaga Bank of Syracuse. Arrangements were immediately made to break up the gang and stop the circulation of the bogus bills. The matter was placed in the hands of detectives Wildey, Pool, Robb and Baldwin, and immediate steps were taken to secure the guilty parties. The policemen proceeded to the house of a man named Joseph Lane, residing at the corner of Flushing avenue and Oxford street, East Brooklyn, where they made four arrests and seized upon a lot of counterfeit bills on the bank in question. Lane, his wife, Honora, Oakley Beemer, Isaac H. Cook and Thomas Bowers were found on the premises and were made prisoners. On their way to New York, Lane managed in some unaccountable manner to make his escape from Messrs. Baldwin and Robb, and up to the present time he has succeeded in eluding the police. The others were brought before Justice Welsh, at the Lower Police Court, yesterday, where the following interesting affidavit was made against the prisoners by detective Wildey:—

Elisha H. Wildey, one of the detectives of the office of the Deputy Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police, being duly sworn, deposes and says—On Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1857, I and officers Pool, Robb and Baldwin received information that some new counterfeit bills were to be sold by Joseph Lane, who lives at the corner of Flushing avenue and Oxford street, Brooklyn; that deponent and the said officers went to the residence of said Lane, and after watching two hours they saw a man enter and come out again; that deponent and the other officers arrested the man, who proved to be Oakley Beemer; that they searched him, and upon his person found about $22 in bank notes, gold and silver coin, all good money; that they detained said Beemer and took him back to Lane's house, when deponent and the other officers arrested Lane and his wife, Honora; that said Honora on being arrested was noticed by deponent to cast something from her person in a hasty manner, which deponent picked up, and on which proved to be a package of counterfeit bank notes of the Onondaga Bank of Onondaga, Onondaga county, Syracuse, New York, of the denomination of $5 each, being twenty-five bills in all; deponent further says that he then told Honora Lane and her husband that they had better produce the rest of the money, that they were determined to search the house, and if there was any more of the money they would be sure to find it; deponent told Lane that there was only $125 there, and that he was well convinced that he (Lane) had more of it; Lane said, "Yes, there has been $150 left here," and said the balance had been thrown out of the window; deponent took Lane to the street, and immediately under the window, upon the steps leading to the cellar, found a package of five more of the counterfeit bills of the said Onondaga Bank, of the denomination of $5 each; deponent further says that he then returned with Lane to his rooms, which are in the upper part of the building, and while conversing with Lane and his wife, Thomas Bowers entered Lane's rooms, and he was immediately arrested and searched, but no counterfeit money was found upon his person; Bowers was detained; officer Pool and deponent then left the premises and prisoners in charge of officers Robb and Baldwin; that deponent and officer Pool proceeded to a house in Gold street, Brooklyn, for the purpose of arresting Charles Clark and his brother, who they had been informed were connected with some of the parties arrested in the traffic of counterfeit money; that they were unsuccessful, and returned to Lane's house; shortly after which Isaac entered, and was arrested, and on his person was found one of the counterfeit five dollar bills; Cooke refused to state where he got the bill; deponent further says that he and the officers aforesaid then searched Lane's house, and found a bundle of letters and papers, an imitation bank note of Katharion Bank, a breastpin, a finger ring and a shawl pin; but nothing was contained in said papers relating to counterfeiting; that deponent and the officers then brought all the prisoners except Lane over to the Deputy Superintendent's office in New York, where they were kept all night, and this afternoon were brought to the First District Police Court. Deponent further says that Lane managed to elude the vigilance of officers Robb and Baldwin, who were left in charge of the house while deponent and officer Pool were at the house of Clark, in Gold street, and said Lane escaped; that before leaving Lane's house, and after Cook's wife had called to see him (Cook), the latter did state to the officers where he had procured the five dollar counterfeit bank bill, and said it was said to him for board by Charles Clark; Mrs. Cook also made the same remark as to his having the bill.

At the conclusion of the examination Justice Welsh decided to discharge all the prisoners, except Honora Lane, for want of sufficient evidence. Honora is an old hand at the business and is well known to the police. Previous to her marriage with Lane she was known as Honora Sheppard, under which cognomen she was twice tried for passing bogus bills.

Five persons, named John King, Jackson Jordon, Thomas Taylor, John Dolphan and Emma Hill, were brought before Justice Davison, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, charged with having had counterfeit bills on the Onondaga Bank in their possession. The male prisoners were all committed for examination, while Emma was locked up for trial on three separate complaints.

The Law Authorizing the Sale of a Portion of the Park for a Post Office Unconstitutional.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

A slight examination has satisfied me that the public may, for the present, dismiss all fears as to the consummation of the proposed sale of a portion of our City Hall Park to the general government for post office purposes. The thing, in my judgment, is impossible. The city cannot convey any portion of the Park to the general government, no matter what price might be offered. It is claimed that the city authorities have expressly acquired the power to sell and convey, under and by virtue of the third section of the act entitled "An act authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York to erect a new City Hall in said city, to raise money by loan for that purpose, and to appoint commissioners for that purpose"—passed April 17, 1857—and the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Busteed, has given his opinion that under said section the power to convey is conferred upon the city authorities mentioned in the act. It is quite unnecessary to discuss that point; for, whether it gives such power or not, the law itself is, I think, beyond doubt, unconstitutional, and of course void. Section 16 of Art. 3 of the constitution of 1846, is in these words: "No private or local bill which may be passed by the Legislature shall embrace more than one subject, and that shall be expressed in the title." A single glance at the act in question will satisfy any person that it is in direct contravention of the above provision of the constitution, embracing, as it does, several distinct subjects, and nowhere, in its title, expressing the subject of sale or conveyance of any of the city property. LEX.

Personal Intelligence.

A large number of prominent democrats of this city met on Wednesday night at the house of Chas. W. Baker, Esq., in Madison avenue, to exchange congratulations with the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas. Among the number present were recognized the persons of Archb