

LAW COURTS.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

Important Question Resolved—Argument of the United States Circuit Court.

Before Judge Sweeney.—This case was argued at the opening of the court, and as it was expected that the examination of the witnesses in the case would be closed and counsel on either side would enter on their arguments, there was a large attendance of counsel in court during the day.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Important Revenue Case.

Before Judge Sweeney.—This is one of the first cases that has come before this court under the provisions of the Internal Revenue law, which declares that all liquors found in possession, custody or control of any one, with intent to defraud or evade the payment of taxes, shall be forfeited, with all the vessels or implements used in their manufacture found on the premises.

THE RAID ON THE DISTILLERIES.

Excitement Among the Whiskey Dealers.—Names of Establishments Seized—Cost of Manufacturing Whiskey, &c.

The raid on the distilleries was a surprise to the whiskey dealers, and the excitement among them was intense.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT PART I.

Action to Recover \$26,405 Lost from a Safe Alleged to Have Been Burglarized.

William A. Sweeney vs. Silas C. Herring et al.—This is an action in which the plaintiff seeks to recover the sum of \$26,405, alleged to have been stolen from a safe said to be burglarized.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder Hackett.

In this court yesterday James McIntire pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with stealing, on the 23d of November, \$190 from the money drawer of Henry Goodfield, 1,321 Broadway.

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NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD.

The Election of Directors and Officers—New Board Chosen—New York City to Control the Operation.

The following is the vote by which the new Board of Directors of the New York Central Railroad was chosen on Wednesday:

Table listing names of directors and their respective votes, including William G. Fargo, George J. Whittier, and others.

It will be seen that seven of the directors belong in New York and six reside along the line of the road, thus giving the interest in this city a controlling influence in the direction, which it has never before exercised.

The new board of directors immediately after its election elected Henry K. Foy, of this city, as President, and William G. Fargo, of the head of the American Express Company, as Vice President.

Measrs. Fargo, Whittier and Chedell were on both tickets, and consequently received the whole number of votes cast. The minority ticket was composed of the old board, Mr. Corning and Mr. Chedell are the only directors that were members of the board at the time of the consolidation.

The total amount of stock of the road is about \$28,000,000, over half of which, as will be seen, is represented by the above parties.

The Albany Argus of yesterday has the following reference to the election of directors:

As we announced on Tuesday, the election yesterday resulted in a radical change in the direction of the Central Railroad Company.

The election was the fairest and fullest ever held. There were few votes cast by proxy. Some thirty-five voters, holding over seven million of stock, voted in person.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters.—The Executive Committee of the National Board of Fire Underwriters met yesterday morning, pursuant to adjournment, at No. 156 Broadway.

The Committee on Adjustments, to whom was referred the subject of the premature payment of losses, presented a report recommending the payment of the full amount of the loss.

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POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

Assault and Robbery.—On the evening of the 9th instant Patrick Green, of No. 93 East 71st street, was attacked and knocked down by several persons on the corner of 71st street and Twenty-fifth street, and relieved of a silver watch which he carried in his vest pocket.

As soon as the highwayman had secured the watch they ran away, leaving Mr. Green prostrate on the walk. Information of the occurrence was lodged at the Eleventh precinct station house, and on the 11th instant detective Harris arrested Robert Montgomery on suspicion of having been engaged in the assault on Mr. Green.

He was searched and in his possession was found the watch which had been stolen, and which he said had been sent to him to be delivered. He was taken before Justice Dodge and committed for trial without bail.

Proccure on the Case.—Richard Hooker, of No. 21 East Sixteenth street, was riding on the rear platform of an University place car on Wednesday evening, and was about Eleventh street a gentlemanly looking man, who had been standing on the steps of the car, crossed the platform, and in so doing rubbed against Mr. Hooker, who at the same time was pushed by a person standing behind him.

He immediately afterwards felt his watch chain dangling, and on feeling for his watch found that it was gone, and observed the man that had crossed him running towards Union square. Mr. Hooker started in pursuit, and caught the fugitive as he was entering the park by the Fifth street gate.

Having his hands cuffed, he was taken to the station house on the charge of picking Mr. Hooker's pocket. The Justice sent him to police headquarters for the purpose of having his hands cuffed, and Justice Dodge, before already, and he was recognized as Edward Byner, a noted thief. He was committed for trial without bail.

Stipulations Characters.—Charles Dapert and Lewis Lacapre were arrested between two and three o'clock yesterday morning, by officers Pickett and Moore, of the Eighth precinct, on Foster street, between Canal and Grand streets, where they were found about what was any ostensible purpose. On being taken to the station house and searched, a full set of burglar's implements was found on their persons, and they were committed to the House of Correction.

Board of Aldermen.—The Board of Aldermen met at half past two o'clock yesterday afternoon. A communication was received from Mayor Hoffman withdrawing the nomination of John M. Haly for Street Commissioner, in consequence of the resignation of the latter.

Board of Councilmen.—The Board met yesterday afternoon and concurred with the Aldermen in granting a portion of the Rectory grounds to the United States government for the erection of a commodious cargo office.

Personal Intelligence.—Secretary Stanton arrived in this city by the early train from Washington on Wednesday morning, and will probably remain here until Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

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REMARKS OF THE PRESS.

From the Rochester Union, Dec. 17.

The family and friends of Louis Fox, the celebrated billiard player, are in deep sorrow over the premature death of the young man, who has been taken from his home. He left his home, on North Clinton street, Tuesday forenoon of last week to go to his usual place of business.

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