

THE BEECHER-TILTON TRIAL. Preliminary Proceedings in the Beecher-Tilton Trial.

Both Sides Apparently Eager to Begin. Among the reporters, twenty of thirty in number, proceeded the court, at eleven o'clock, to the west court room, Mr. Shearman, for Mr. Beecher, examined J. Haines Drake, of Staten Island, the examining jury slowly, and was taken down by a long and rapid writer.

SELECTING JURYMEN. Henry Ward Beecher in Court. Testimony of a Produce Exchange Merchant.

This celebrated case, after long delays, not to say prolixations, and maneuverings for position, came forward yesterday to something like action. The large court room on the east side of the great tower of the Brooklyn Court House was filled with a queer medley of professional and non-professional people, generally respectably dressed, but in the main, bewildered countenance, as if strange to the forms of justice while contributing to its aggravation and disorder.

REBECHER THERE. In the midst, widely known by his portrait to every, even the obscure, invader of the chamber, Henry Ward Beecher sat reading, the old look of the blooded hero in his nostrils and a little eagle, enshrined in his worldly-wise and notable face, melting it to a mixture of sandy gray and bluish red.

SCENE OF THE TRIAL. The City Court rooms of Brooklyn are clean, lofty, carpeted, and set out about as fashion from the other side of the water. The sides, a small gallery in the dark end, set on brackets, with a raised space beneath it, outside the railing, for the scribes, about two hundred spectators. Within the bar the area is much larger, and the warm light of the windows and the gas lamps, and the three chestnut tables for Bar and counsel; the double rows of chairs, the desks and high leather chairs of the judges, over the central chair is a pale copy of the Washington portrait, but above this pair of metal scales-pendant. Over the entrance which makes the background of the bench is a gilt eagle and shield. The floor of the room is a dark imitation of stone, and the ceiling is deep with mouldings, gray in color, and sustains a reflector at the center, in its probability, and the best opinion before Judge Nelson, the jury will be examined to-morrow and the selection may go on several days.

After Mr. Drake had rendered his testimony the court room was nearly deserted and the ushers silently began to arrange the seats for the witnesses. Judge Nelson, who came right up to this is the first time he has spoken.

THE LITEL REPORT. Yesterday was the day appointed for the preliminary proceedings in the Beecher-Tilton trial. It was arranged by Judge Nelson that the special panel of jurors in this case should be called at two o'clock, but as there had been a rumor that Judge McCue would preside at this trial there arose a misapprehension as to the time fixed for the great cause to come on. The result of this was that when Judge McCue took his seat at ten o'clock in Part I of the City Court the room filled up with lawyers and with jurors. Presently General Tracy, Mr. Shearman, and Mr. Henry Ward Beecher entered the court room, and took a seat at one of the tables.

THE LITEL REPORT. The case was a sensational one, and the trial was expected to be a long and interesting one. The public was very much interested in the proceedings, and the court room was filled with spectators.

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days after the issue of that number of the periodical containing this statement. Mr. Drake and Mr. Moulton were in words about as follows (think I can use the exact words, because I have repeated them frequently)—Mr. Moulton, "I have read your statement, and I am sorry to hear that you have been so treated. It is a damned shame as to women's libel. I think he said 'old women's', but I don't know what he meant. It would take a deal of such testimony to convince me that Henry Ward Beecher is criminally guilty. It hasn't a shadow of proof, and if Mr. Beecher's case is a libel, it is a libel on the character of a man who has done more good than any other man in this country. That was all; sir; we were interrupted, and the conversation could not proceed."

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SMALLPOX IN JERSEY CITY. THE MALADY SPREADING IN THE COUNTY JAIL. Two weeks ago a case of smallpox was discovered in the Hudson County Jail at Jersey City. The patient was promptly removed to the County Hospital set apart exclusively for smallpox cases at Snake Hill, and precautionary measures were adopted to stay the progress of the disease. All the prisoners were vaccinated, but in spite of every precaution, the disease has so far extended that there are now ten cases of a violent type in the institution. Among the patients, who are awaiting trial on charges of breaking into houses and committing outrage on a woman several years of age. The county physician thinks he cannot recover. Another patient in Mr. Gardner, one of the deacons of the church, has been removed to the upper floor of the building, so that all communication between them and the other prisoners should be cut off. The Board of Health will decide to-day whether the patients will be removed to the County Hospital or the other prisoners removed to the Penitentiary.

FIRE IN JERSEY CITY. ARREST OF A MAN ON THE CHARGE OF ABBSON. Yesterday morning, about one o'clock, a fire broke out in a stable owned by J. Schutte, No. 45 Brunswick street, Jersey City. The prompt arrival of the Fire Department prevented the spread of the flames to the adjoining buildings, which were of wood. A three story tenement building, however, belonging to the Rev. John H. Schutte, aged to the extent of \$1,000. A kindling wood factory at the rear of the stable narrowly escaped. The cause of the fire was attributed to the carelessness or design of Joseph Schutte, who slept in the stable. He was arrested and locked up for examination. When the fire broke out Schutte was in the stable to answer the charges of drunkenness, vagrancy and arson. A further charge was made against him that he endeavored to escape from the officer who arrested him. His statements were so contradictory that he was committed for further examination. The burned building was insured for \$2,000 in the State Insurance Company.

THE NEW YORK PRODUCE EXCHANGE. The chairman of the Committee on Trade has called a meeting of the members engaged in the lightering business, and of other parties interested in it, for Thursday afternoon next, at three o'clock, to consider the subject of revising the rules governing the business. It is proposed hereafter to leave the regulation of this branch of the business, as regards the duties, charges, and to a special committee appointed by the Exchange.

SAILORS' WAGES. Mr. Duncan, United States Shipping Commissioner, has just made his yearly report to the United States Circuit Court. He states that a large and increasing portion of the seamen shipped at this port now go without advance wages, and are thus being delivered from the thrall of the boarding masters to the hands of the unscrupulous adopted rules in reference to shipping crews are stated to have given satisfaction. During the year the number of seamen shipped was 4,374 were reshipments and 15,206 were shipped without advance wages. In the same period 27,376 men were paid off, receiving \$1,653,184, and \$2,500,000 were paid for the wages of the crews for their heirs. There have been no complaints from the seamen in reference to the operation of the new rules. The Commissioner has been hearing of mutiny or riot has come to the notice of the Commissioner.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS. MARRIED. HEGEMAN—BANKS—On Wednesday, December 30, in Brooklyn, at the residence of Mr. F. B. Mason, by Rev. H. O. Pentecost, J. MILTON HEGEMAN, of New York, to ZETTA P. BANKS, of New Rochelle, N. Y.

SMACK—YONG—On Thursday, December 24, at the residence of Mrs. Raymond W. Snook street, by Rev. W. H. Donnell, GEORGE W. SMACK to ANNIE B. YONG, both of this city. No cards.

DEATHS. ACKERMAN—On Monday, January 4, 1875, MARY, youngest daughter of Peter D. and Augusta Ackerman. Funeral services at the residence of her parents, 77 Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, January 5, at four o'clock P. M. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited without restriction to attend the funeral.

BAKER—On January 4, 1875, HULDAH, widow of J. H. Baker, aged 58 years. Funeral from her residence, 800 Greenwick street, this (Tuesday) evening, at half past seven o'clock.

BEHREND—At Charleston, S. C., January 2, CLEMENTINE H. BEHREND, wife of S. C. Behrend, in the 63rd year of her age. Funeral will take place at the residence of her son, I. O. Behrend, 100 West 10th street, Brooklyn, on Wednesday, 6th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

BRITT—On Monday morning, 4th inst., AUGUSTUS BRITT, in the 22d year of his age, at West Washington street, after a lingering illness. His remains will be taken to Fishkill Landing for interment by the eleven o'clock train Tuesday, January 5.

ELIZABETH—On Saturday morning, January 2, 1875, at her residence, ELIZABETH BHOUGH, widow of the late William F. Brough, aged 74 years and 23 days. The funeral will take place from the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, 5th inst., at twelve o'clock.

CAMPBELL—At Yonkers, on Sunday, January 3, CHARLES CAMPBELL, in the 65th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Wednesday, 6th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

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DOAN—On Sunday, January 3, MARY, the beloved wife of Francis Doan and daughter of Robert Smith and Ellen McLaughlin of the county of Putnam, in the 41st year of her age. The relatives and friends of the family, and those of her brothers-in-law, Bernard Muldoon, Owen Cassidy, and John Rooney, are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 24 East Fortieth street, on Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock, at Westchester Avenue, New York.

DOYLE—In Brooklyn, January 3, 1875, MARY, daughter of John and Mary A. Doyle, in the 4th year of her age. The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, 48 Avenue C, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, 5th inst., at two P. M.

DEATHS. KLENEN'S TRIAL AGAIN POSTPONED. The trial of Frederick Klenen, the defaulting cashier of the Hoboken Savings Bank, was set down for January 7th for yesterday morning. The personal convenience of the defendant, Mr. Klenen, and the convenience of the witnesses were in attendance. After a consultation between the judges and the counsel on both sides, Judge Hoffman announced that the trial could not proceed then for reasons which were somewhat peculiar, but which the Court would not make public just then. Next Tuesday, January 6th, the trial will be held. The jury were all discharged till next Monday. The reason for the postponement, it is understood, was that the defendant, Frederick Klenen, was unable to appear in person. The Court will not hold the trial, except for the transaction of incidental business. The first one to be tried is for grand larceny.

On Saturday, January 2, at her late residence, No. 20 West Washington place, CHRISTINA, beloved wife of Michael Gross, aged 66 years, 5 months and 9 days. The relatives and friends of the family, also those of her son, Frederick H. Gross, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on Tuesday, 5th inst., at ten o'clock A. M. When a solemn high mass of requiem will be offered at 11 o'clock.

GUY.—Suddenly, on Monday morning, LUCY ANNES GUY, youngest daughter of William H. and Julia K. Guy, aged 1 year, 11 months and 4 days. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, 341 Cherry street, this (Tuesday) evening, at half past seven o'clock.

HANSON.—On Sunday, the 3d inst., MARY MADON, wife of Patrick Hanson, a native of the county of Donegal, Ireland, in the 70th year of her age. The relatives and friends of the family and of her brothers Patrick, Simon, Michael and James H. Madigan, and of her sister, James Lane, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 88 Laight street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at one P. M.

JORDAN.—On Saturday, January 3, of diphtheria, KIRKIN G. only daughter of Charles B. and Caroline Jordan, in the 4th year of her age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, January 5, at two o'clock, from the residence of her parents, 100 West 10th street, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, January 5, at two o'clock P. M.

KOZLOVSKY.—On Sunday morning, 3d inst., PAVEL KOZLOVSKY, aged 75 years, 6 months and 12 days. The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his brother, George Kozlovsky, 44 Nassau street, on Tuesday, 5th inst., at two P. M.

LOVELL.—On Monday, January 4, 1875, after a lingering illness, the late L. P. LOVELL, in the 62d year of his age. Funeral services will be held at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Lovell, 44 West 23rd street, on Wednesday, 6th inst., at two o'clock P. M. Buried at Fair River, Mass.

MAGNIN.—On Sunday, January 3, 1875, MARY K. LUTHER, eldest daughter of John and Mary K. Luther, and wife of Herman Scheiding, in the 33rd year of her age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, 404 Grand street, Brooklyn, E. D., on Tuesday, January 5, at two o'clock.

LYON.—On January 3, CHARLES A. LYON, aged 33 years, son of Adam Lyon, died at his late residence, No. 404 West Third street, on Tuesday, January 3, at one o'clock P. M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, on Wednesday, 4th inst., at two o'clock P. M. Buried at Fair River, Mass.

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MOSKOW.—On Sunday, January 3, ZORNA K. MOSKOW. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at his late residence, No. 18 Bethune street, this (Tuesday) evening, at eight o'clock. Interment on Wednesday, 4th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

MORRIS.—On Saturday, January 2, 1875, after a short illness, ANNE MORRIS, relict of the late Richard Morris, in the 61st year of her age. Funeral services at the residence of her late husband, corner of Thirty-first street and First avenue, on Wednesday, January 4, at half past one o'clock. The interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

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