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A PERTINENT REVIEW.

The corridors, halls and offices in the Central Office of Police presented somewhat the appearance yesterday of a small battle field after a combat—victors, vanquished, dead, dying, wounded, gasping and reserves were intermingled in the picture here and there about the surface. During the afternoon there was a general scurrying of the defeated, a barking and gnashing of teeth and tones of deep despair from the innocent injured. The lucky ones who escaped the chance of official war kept close under cover, showing themselves but rarely. As it had been ordered that the transfers should take effect at once, those who meant to obey the directions removed their effects quickly from the detective office to set them up on land and sea as fate and the Board of Police called them. The action of the Board on Friday, not only in regard to the detectives, but other matters, created a profound sensation in the city. People had begun to regard the Board of Police as like many of its predecessors, either a partner in the doings of its subordinates or a body of men incapable of dealing with the emergencies of criminal and police official life. The Board at a late hour discovered this, and determined by one last bold stroke to make a bid for a return to public favor.

All the detectives and men transferred went promptly to their duty yesterday except Phil Farley, who resigned from the department. Detectives Niven and Bennett have appealed to the Board, and it is likely they will be reinstated.

To those who are in any way familiar with the inside history of the Police Department the recent action of the Commissioners in "disbanding" the detective squad must be very amusing. With the general public it will probably be considered a decided reform, simply because the wires that have been pulled are unseen to those outside. The puppets always move and kick in a very lifelike manner when seen in front of the curtain, while the performance is by no means effective to eyes behind the scenes. A clap of thunder sounds quite natural when heard in the auditorium of a theatre, but when the spectator sees the prompter rattle the sheet of copper that produces the sound the ear is not deceived by the simple device. The Commissioners profess to be in favor of reformation, yet they suffer themselves to be led by personal preference or governed by political influence, and the result is that a few rogues who cannot save themselves are cast out, together with several honest and valuable men, who are sacrificed simply to make a show. This is what has been done by the Commissioners.

THE HERALD EXPOSE.

The readers of the HERALD have already been given a partial insight to the abuses and evils that have so long rendered the secret branch of our police force a scandal and made it comparatively useless in the field it was intended to occupy. In the series of articles on our New York detectives that have appeared in these columns a few facts were presented to show exactly how the rings came to be organized and why they were maintained during so many years. The necessity for reform was thereby clearly shown and the way pointed out by which it could be secured. Yet the Commissioners, though they ought to be more thoroughly acquainted with the facts of the case than any other citizens, go blindly to work, and by slashing right and left do actually more harm than good.

EFFECTS OF PUBLIC OPINION.

For several months past the present Board have been urged by public opinion to reform the detective system, and, finding that the public was being aroused, they at length declared themselves as only too anxious to do what was so urgently needed. No sooner had the members of the Board decided upon reform than they jumped to extremes, and were reckless enough to declare that there were no honest men in the department. To be sure the Commissioners did not say this in so many words, but they treated their subordinates as if they believed such to be the case. The President one day said, when a glaring piece of misdemeanor was discovered under his very nose, that he "always said those fellows would be found out," meaning the detectives. If he had thought so why did he not investigate and punish if found necessary? The other Commissioners were also quite ignorant of the class of men they had to govern, being more intent on fighting the Mayor, who had appointed them, than looking into and performing their own duty. One of the Commissioners became convinced that he had mastered the entire scheme of police operation. He came to this conclusion only a few days after taking his seat, having accepted as his mentor and teacher one of the inspectors, who has always played a shrewd hand at the deep game of self-preferment. This man one day, suddenly and unexpectedly, rose from the rank of sergeant to that of captain, carrying off the prize from half a dozen better men who had long been promised promotion. Scarcely had he reached the new rank through political influence than he secured control of a ward which he knew thoroughly how to "work," and made himself notorious by the manner in which he conducted the business of his precinct. So scandalous were the reports circulated about this man by citizens of the ward, and by the unfortunate women he was believed to be levying tribute upon, that the Board then in power were compelled to transfer him to another precinct. Still he played his cards so well that when a vacancy occurred he rose to the responsible and important position he now occupies. Even then he was not a good officer, for charges were subsequently made against him, and if strict justice had been done he would not be where he is. Political influence, however, served to save the inspector, where, he had been a sergeant or patrolman the axe would have fallen unchecked. Tyrannical in his position, he has made himself hated by every honest policemen, while the discipline of the force has not been improved. Often and often has he been checked by his superiors, who were not slow to characterize his conduct as sheer persecution. With this man constantly at his elbow the verdant Commissioner laid out a most magnificent scheme for the improvement of the department. This was to declare to the public that every captain in the force was unfit to be trusted, and the Board, following his lead, actually issued an order transferring all of the commandants of precincts from their old posts to others, sending them helter-skelter over the city like so many sheep, and holding them up to the ridicule of the men they are supposed to discipline and govern. Captains who had spent years in perfecting themselves in the details of duties appertaining to certain special bureaus in the department suddenly found themselves in command of insignificant precincts, where they had to unlearn all their old business and take up that they had almost forgotten. Not only this, but as every captain on the force, with the solitary and remarkable exception of Irving, had been transferred, all of them were deeply wounded in their honor by the implied want of confidence. Men who had made themselves almost necessary to the residents of important precincts and who had given a sense of security and confidence to the property-owners in their sections of the city, were sent to distant parts where they were not only unknown, but where the line of duty was entirely different. The plea of the Commissioners for these changes was that the captains were overlooking certain abuses and not attending to the strict line of their duties. This was, no doubt true, in some instances, but not in all. The records of several of the captains were such that they might well be proud of it, and it is a fact in each of these instances the Board found that it had put its foot into a dilemma. Remonstrances from highly respectable citizens were made against the changes, and the Commissioners were soon made aware that in such wholesale work they were doing more harm than good. Even then they persisted, and the result was disorganization and demoralization.

IGNORANCE OF THE BOARD.

One of the most striking evidences of the incapacity of the Commissioners is found in the utter ignorance displayed by them as to the precise powers appertaining to the position of a police captain. Great fuss was made by some of the Board about the evil of gambling, and they announced with a flourish that all gambling should be stopped in this city. As well try to change the nature of mankind as to exterminate the gamblers. The task was attempted by other boards, and it proved a failure. The Metropolitan Board, that undertook it, also tried to enforce the old Excise law, and though they earnestly labored to accomplish both undertakings they had to confess themselves beaten. And why were they beaten? Because the Board attempted to do too much. Both the liquor traffic and gambling may be kept in check and prevented from doing great harm to the community; but the Board might as well attempt to stop all crime as to extinguish these two vices. No Board ever thought it possible to utterly stamp out the criminal classes. All that was ever expected was to so harass the professional thieves as to keep them in constant danger of detection and punishment.

The present Board of Commissioners, however, determined to break up gambling, and though they had a superintendent whom everybody knew to be a conscientious and honest official—one who was not openly accused of sharing with the gamblers in their profits, as his predecessor had been—the Commissioners would not accept his judgment as to the best methods of checking the evil. Some of the members of the Board believe even now that a gambler can be arrested without legal proof, simply on suspicion, and sent to court for trial. They hold the opinion that doors can be broken open and citizens dragged out of their premises without due process of law. A member of the former Board undertook that line of conduct in cases where the wrong done was a far more serious one than gambling, and he soon found that there were laws that even a Police Commissioner was bound to respect. The fact that a man is a captain of police does not give him autocratic power, and it would be a very sad day for New York if it did. Give such supreme power to the captains, as one Commissioner at least would have it, and place in the hands of his subordinates breechloading rifles, as another member of the Board once proposed, and we would have a very nice state of affairs indeed. War time and martial law would be nothing to it. We see too well the bad effects of such a police system in New Orleans, to inaugurate a similar system in the Empire City. Such are the men who govern our local police.

THE DETECTIVE "REFORM."

Now let us look at the reforms they are making in the detective system. If the Board wished to ascertain who were the real members of the so-called ring it would have been very easy for them to find out. Common rumor should have given them sufficient clew, and the records of the department furnished all necessary evidence. The ring were believed to have connived at the escape of notorious criminals and pocketed large rewards for the "recovery" of stolen plunder. How easy would it have been for the Board to call for a record of each detective in the squad. Every case that came to the detective office could have been investigated and the method of conducting it easily ascertained. For instance, if the relative number of arrests each man had made during a given time could have been discovered it would have given an idea of his industry. The importance and grade of the crime committed, the fact that a reward had or had not been offered for the recovery of stolen property would have been shown. The fact that a reward had been received by detectives and never accounted for by them, would, in many cases, have been so clearly proven that there could be no defence. The rules of the department specify by a wise provision that twenty-five per cent of all rewards received shall go into the widows and orphans' fund; yet how seldom has it happened that such percentage of large rewards has been added to the fund! The other day Officer Titus applied for permission to receive $5,893 for the arrest of a bank defaulter and the recovery of over $41,000 in money. The officer did not belong to the ring, consequently he had no way of hiding the reward, had he wished to do so, and the fund gains $1,400. But if the Board had chosen to follow up this line of inquiry they would have found that detectives had pocketed even larger rewards and defrauded the widow's fund out of thousands upon thousands of dollars. They would also have ascertained that members of the squad had interfered with other members, and either spoiled cases by giving information to criminals or by actually aiding in their escape. It is not long since one of the leaders of a gang of burglars escaped arrest for a time by the negligence of a detective who was supposed to be helping his comrades in securing the criminals, and if the records were searched other cases would come to light. As in the days of the Lord bond robbery or in the case of Dan Noble, so it is in the present day. Men who are guilty escape through the men who are sworn to execute the laws against crime. A few years ago a police captain made preparations to break up a notorious keno game on Broadway, which was carried on so openly that the voice of the dealer could be heard on the sidewalk. The evidence was in hand and the descent could therefore be legally made. The captain informed his special detectives of the proposed descent, and them only. He did not even tell the Superintendent or the Commissioners. When the police arrived they found no gambling going on and no trace of such practices in the premises, showing that the gamblers had been warned. The result was that the detectives, though valuable men in that capacity, had to don their uniforms and go on patrol. The lesson was a severe one, because it was promptly administered, and there were no more such warning given, the consequence being that keno gambling disappeared in due time.

HOW THE REFORM WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

When the Board decided to reform the Detective Bureau they held a private session and selected the men who were to be made examples of. Going over the list one Commissioner evidently discovered that one man must be let alone, for the reason that he was an old personal friend and comrade. Another detective escaped, probably because a political magnate had spoken for his favorite. Another had a "strong pull" through bankers whom he had well served in the past. All of these men were, perhaps, quite innocent of the bad practices that have made the bureau the scandal that it is, but they were to be retained simply because the Commissioners found it expedient to do so, and not because they were known to be innocent. Having decided that the chief offender was to go, the Board need only have examined into the record of each one of his subordinates to pick out the six or seven men who ought to follow him. These selected and put out and a stern man placed over the remainder would have accomplished the so much needed reform. Instead of this they made up a list of victims, which is of such a character that one would suppose that nearly all of the names had been drawn by chance from a list. Two of the ring are among them. That is all, the others remain.

The "reform" commissioner once remarked that all of the detectives must be bad, for if there were any honest men among them it was their bounden duty to give the Board information regarding the really dishonest members. Three of the detectives recently did this very thing and thus led to the dismissal of two men. These three detectives are now sent on post as a punishment and branded as ring men. How can the Commissioner reconcile these two facts? Another of the men transferred from the squad to a police court is one against whom no word of reproach has ever been uttered. His record is as clean as daylight, and the important service performed by him before the ring drove all leading business away from him should have shielded the detective force from this wrong. We repeat the reform is not ample, and the device of barring windows like a prison and waking up doors will not make men honest who wish to be otherwise. The Superintendent made a desperate effort to save the captain whose constant friend he has always been, and by that one act has damaged himself in the estimation of those who thoroughly understand the inner workings of the department. This class is not a very small one, either, as the Board must know. Irving came from a precinct to the Central Office with trouble on his hands, and he has ever since given occasion for suspicion and accusation. How Mr. Walling can endeavor to shield him is something not easily understood or explained.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

Some time ago the Department of Public Docks sent two communications to the Comptroller asking him to state what amount of moneys stood to the credit of the department on his books. No reply has been received as yet to either of these letters, and yesterday the Dock Commissioners complained to the Mayor about the matter. The Mayor at once sent a letter to Mr. Green asking him why he had not given the information the Commissioners had asked for.

Governor Tilden called upon the Mayor yesterday afternoon. The Mayor was also visited by the Senators and Assemblymen from this city.

The Commissioners of Accounts have completed their investigation into the affairs of the Department of Docks.

Commissioner Van Nort received over $15,000 during the week for water rents, &c.

EXCISE AFFAIRS.

Another busy week has closed with the Board of Excise, as the liquor dealers are coming up with considerable alacrity to take out their licenses. Thus far the decided measures adopted by the Commissioners have proved successful and taught the refractory liquor dealers that it will not do to disobey and set at defiance the laws of the State. A signal victory was gained yesterday by the Commissioners. Mr. A. Herzberg, the President of the Liquor Dealers' Protective Union, made application at the office of the Excise Board for a license to sell spirituous liquors. Whether he was facilitated in this action by the fact that the doctrines of his association were false, pernicious and led to difficulties, or because the Grand Jury of the Court of General Sessions had found an indictment against him on the 23d inst., has not transpired. One thing is certain, however, that the weakening of the President will have such a demoralizing effect upon his organization that there will be very little adhesiveness left hence-forth. Besides Mr. Herzberg, the noted Paul Falk and ex-Excise Commissioner Martin Nachtman were likewise indicted for violating the Excise laws, and have been required to find bail to appear for a speedy trial.

NEW YORK CITY.

The police during the past week arrested 1,322 persons.

There were in this city during the past week 664 deaths, 454 births, 146 marriages and 38 still births.

Marshal Stevens issued 229 licenses during the week, and received for the same the sum of $3,991.

William Smith, aged forty years, who was committed for intoxication, died suddenly yesterday at Bellevue Hospital.

A fire broke out yesterday on the third floor of the brown stone building No. 13 Bowery and caused a damage of $3,000.

The Young Men's Christian Association celebrate their anniversary next Monday evening, at which time addresses will be delivered by Hon. Henry Wilson, Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., Rev. Noah H. Schenck, D. D., and others.

The body of a new born female infant, much mutilated, was found yesterday morning in a vacant lot at Forty-fifth street and Sixth avenue. Coroner Croker will hold an inquest.

At the regular meeting, to be held to-morrow evening, in the rooms of the New York Nautical School, No. 92 Madison street, the deductions from seamen's wages will be discussed and the best means of protection therefrom advised.

Emil Schumann, late chief engineer of the United States steamship Polaris, will lecture on Captain Hall's expedition at Steinway Hall on the 29th inst., when he will exhibit for the first time his celebrated collection of Arctic views taken by himself in the land of ice.

Lent will begin this year February 10—much earlier than it has done since 1869. This will bring the high festival of Easter this year on March 28, which is within six days of the earliest period upon which it can ever possibly occur.

A meeting of the West Side Association, representing the property owners of the upper end of Manhattan Island, will be held at their hall, on Monday evening, to discuss the interests of the section and the recent report of the chairman of their committee on rapid transit.

The HERALD has received the following charitable donations:—For St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, No. 209 West Fifteenth street, from M. Dowling, $5. For the Kansas grasshopper sufferers, from Liberty, Sullivan county, N. Y., S. Wales, $1; U. S. Messiter, $1; T. Morgan, $1; H. J. Sales, $1. For St. John's Guild, from H. Austin, Clifton, Md., $3; from Mr. F. B., $10; L. W. D., $10; Sammie, $1.

At the last regular meeting of the New York Steamboat Pilots' Association, held in this city, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Edward Barrett, President; L. Hoffman, Vice President; Thomas Kerland, Recording Secretary; John Albertson, Financial Secretary; James Lockman, Treasurer; P. Carroll, Silas Spencer, John Brighton, L. D. Decker, Trustees.

On Wednesday evening next the pupils of the Christian Brothers will hold a concert in Steinway Hall for the benefit of the Brothers' Novitiate, in Westchester county. The pupils of the principal parochial schools, accompanied by an orchestra, will form a grand chorus, and the most honored students of the De La Salle Institute will be the principal orators of the evening. The proceeds will be devoted to the payment of the debt contracted in purchasing the Novitiate.

It is somewhat cheering to be assured on official authority that the flow of Croton water into the city is sufficient for all present demands, though it is found necessary to draw upon the reserved supplies in the main reservoirs. It is a fact not readily credited that the consumption now, in midwinter, is in excess of the demands of the warmest days in summer, the quantity of water delivered in the city being 110,000,000 gallons per day. The practice of permitting water to run at night to prevent freezing in the leaden pipes has become so general that more water is allowed to waste in this manner than is consumed for all purposes in the daytime. Economy in the use of water is advised, though it is admitted that the reservoirs will, without doubt, prove equal to any emergency. The natural flow of the Croton, however, is not sufficient, and the watershed of the Croton region is very dry.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital was held on the evening of January 19. Since this worthy charity was started in the autumn of 1869, 11,552 persons suffering from diseases of the eye, ear and throat have been treated in its wards and dispensary. The hospital and dispensary, situate at No. 233 East Thirty-fourth street, are under the management of the following Board, and, accepting no money from the State and city treasury, depend upon the gifts of the charitable. The following gentlemen form the Board of Directors:—J. S. Kennedy, President; David S. Egleston, Vice President; Charles Lanier, Treasurer; C. R. Agnew, Secretary; William Butler Duncan, S. M. Blake, William Walter Phelps, Walter Edwards, Jr.; James A. Roosevelt, A. G. Agnew, George W. Lamson, C. N. Fearing, O. D. Pomeroy, D. B. St. John Roosa, George T. Strong, William B. Crosby, Oliver Harriman, Anson G. P. Dodge, William A. Bliss, Albert J. Milbank, Abram S. Hewitt, J. H. Mortimer, C. I. Pardee, Andrew H. Smith, Beverley Robinson.

BROOKLYN.

Three hundred and five persons were arrested during the past week.

Yesterday the Kings County Penitentiary was found to contain 671 prisoners and the Jail 300.

The servant of Dr. Drayton's family, who was arrested for trying to burn up the house, was discharged from custody yesterday by Marshal Thorne.

Yesterday James Harris, the young man who attempted to swindle the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher out of $200, was before Judge Walsh, but neither Mr. Beecher nor his son appeared against him. The case was adjourned.

Scandals are becoming quite prevalent. Already murmurs of another one are floating through the air, linking together the names of some of the first families of Brooklyn. The lawyers are anticipating a rich harvest for the next two years.

James Ellery, the victim of the late shooting affray at Plymouth and Adams streets, was not, as has been stated, leading a gang of rowdies. He entered Beekman's house, with a companion, for a drink after his day's work, he being an industrious, respectable man. He shoved Beekman a $2 bill to pay for the drinks, when the latter took a revolver and fired upon him without any provocation.

Michael Farrill and Thomas Cavanaugh were brought before Justice Riley yesterday morning, to answer to the charge of severely beating one of the Cross-town car drivers by the name of Michael Hoey. It seems that the accused got on the car, in company with several others, in the neighborhood of Wallabout Bridge, and amused themselves by tumbling Mr. Hoey into the street and scattering the contents of the cash box around promiscuously, $8 being lost therefrom. They were held to answer.

LONG ISLAND.

The rain of Friday has tended to improve the sleighing on the country roads throughout the island, as it packed the light snow and rendered it more solid. The opportunity is industriously improved.

The young man (Thomas Huntington) who was accidentally shot on Christmas Eve by his cousin, in Astoria, while they were playing with a loaded pistol, will possibly recover. Dr. Baylis yesterday extracted the ball, which, until then, could not be found.

Mr. J. W. Hutton, proprietor of the Neptune House at Woodsburg, awoke about three o'clock on Saturday morning, and found his wife dead in bed by his side. She had been complaining of pain in her side for some time, and the cause of her death, as determined by a Coroner's jury, was apoplexy of the heart.

STATEN ISLAND.

The democratic electors of the Second district of the town of Southfield are called to hold a meeting at Hagner's Hotel, on the Richmond road, to-morrow evening.

All the boys and girls under the age of fifteen formerly employed in the silk factory at New Brighton have been discharged, in conformance with the provisions of the Compulsory Education law.

The old homestead of Dr. Harrison, on the Shore road, Stapleton, owned by Mr. Fibel, recently destroyed by fire, is understood to have been insured for $5,000 in the Guardian Insurance Company, and, besides, the furniture was insured for $5,000 and the oil paintings for $1,500 in the Germania.

NEW JERSEY.

The Camden county Grand Jury have just brought in 150 true indictments out of 213 cases presented before them.

Kienen, the defaulting secretary of the Hoboken Bank, will be again placed on trial during the coming week, the jury having disagreed on the first trial.

The Hudson county smallpox hospital at Snake Hill has at last been emptied of all its patients. There is not a single severe case now throughout the county.

An effort will be made during the present session of the Legislature to repeal the law which was passed eight years ago making seven per cent the legal rate of interest.

Fourteen witnesses have been subpœnaed before the Hudson county Grand Jury to testify in regard to the freeholders' frauds. The documentary testimony in the case is overwhelming.

The denizens of Union Hill, wearied of the miserable gas supply, have entered into a contract for the lighting of the streets with oil lamps. The gas jets hitherto could not be seen except by moonlight.

A hale and hearty old veteran of the war of 1812 named John Williamson, is the only survivor of that eventful period now living in Somerset county. He is ninety-six years of age and an inveterate chewer of tobacco.

The cigar dealers of Hoboken have resolved to unite with the New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City organizations. The necessity of this union has been created by the hostile attitude recently assumed by the government toward the manufacturers.

The Hoboken patrons of weiss beer have been startled by an announcement made by United States Assessor Reid to the effect that that commodity will be taxed at the same rate as the venerable lager from and after January 1.

The last of the toll gates in Essex county, that on the Clinton road, has at last given way, and now toll gates around Newark are a thing of the past. It is stated that the proprietors sunk a considerable deal of money in making the road decent, and were not able to pay expenses. Indeed, it is said it cost $6 for every $1 realized.

Ex-Detective Becker, of Newark, has been indicted by the New Jersey United States Grand Jury for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government in the matter of pensions. Becker declares that the mainspring of the prosecution is the part he took as a witness against the District safe burglars in Washington. His charge is given color to from the fact that his prosecutors are federal officials widely charged with being aiders and abetters in defeating the ends of justice in the conspiracy case.

Joseph H. McClary and Melvina Hoff, both as black as soot, were united in the bonds of wedlock a few evenings ago in Washington, Warren county. After the ceremony the father of the bride became enraged because he was not informed beforehand of the event. A general row ensued among the wedding party, during which knives were used pretty freely, resulting in cut heads and scarred faces. When quietness was restored the old gentleman blew out the lights and notified the company to leave within fifteen minutes, which was speedily done, leaving the colored patriarch master of the situation.

THE SUNDAY LIQUOR TRAFFIC QUESTION IN NEW JERSEY.

The authorities of Newark and Elizabeth cities have their own troubles over the enforcement of the Sunday liquor traffic prohibitory law. In Newark the law is now observed to the entire satisfaction of the great mass of the community. The traffic goes on quietly with closed doors, but without offending the eyes, ears or sentiments of the church going community. That such a reform should be effected under democratic municipal rule gives much annoying concern to the opposition leaders, who, it is alleged, are now secretly trying to goad the democratic officials into what would popularly be regarded as persecution—sealing up the saloons tight. In the meantime it is safe to say that unless some of the dealers openly defy the law and drift back into the order of things under the Mayor Ricord *regime* there will be no interference with them. In Elizabeth the authorities are heartily sick of the whole subject. Many complaints and prosecutions of alleged Sunday liquor sellers have been made, but heretofore no convictions have been secured, so that the cry has now gone forth that it is poor policy to throw good money after bad.

A CONSTABLE BADLY CORNERED.

August Schroeder, a Newark constable, is in serious tribulation. He was arrested yesterday in that city and held to bail in $500 to appear for trial on a charge of misdemeanor, that of defrauding one Siegfried Frankel out of $340. According to Frankel's complaint it appears he kept a fancy store, and to satisfy a debt of $400 Schroeder sold on a distress warrant $400 worth of goods out of the store. Frankel then asked Schroeder to sell the balance. He did, and realized $440, but instead of turning this over to Frankel he put it in his pocket, all but a beggarly $5, claiming that it would go to settle a $100 judgment, execution, costs, lawyers' fees, &c. This statement Frankel swore to, and hence Schroeder's arrest on a serious criminal charge.

CENTRAL PARK METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY.

Barometer.—Mean, 30.176 inches; maximum at eleven P. M. January 20, 30.447 inches; minimum at two P. M. January 22, 29.774 inches; range, .673 inches.

Thermometer.—Mean, 19.1 degrees; maximum at 40 degrees; minimum, 1 degree; range, 41 degrees.

Remarks.—January 18, snow from seven A. M. to four P. M.; amount of water, .14 inches; January 22, rain and snow from nine A. M. to 12 M.; amount of water, .17 inches. Total amount of water for week, .31 inches.

Distance travelled by the wind during the week, 1,040 miles.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

MARRIED.

HENRY—PORTER.—On Thursday, January 14, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Dr. Mandeville, Mr. JOHN HENRY, of Brooklyn, to Miss GEORGEANNA W. PORTER, of New York.

HICKEY—HUNT.—At the Cathedral, on Saturday, January 23, by the Very Rev. William Quinn, V. G., JAMES HICKEY, Esq., Counsellor-at-Law, to Mrs. BENJAMIN FANUIEL HUNT, all of this city.

JERAULD—KELLY.—At Rochester, N. Y., January 20, at St. Luke's church, by the Rev. Henry Austice Parkhurst, W. JERAULD, of Niagara Falls, to MARY W. KELLY.

MAGEE—RAYMOND.—On January 20, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Father Malone, JAMES MAGEE to MARY LOUISE RAYMOND, all of this city.

MASON—TAYLOR.—At Niagara Falls, N. Y., January 19, at St. Peter's church, by the Rev. Edward Ingersoll, D. D., SAMUEL J. MASON, to V. CELIEN TAYLOR, all of Niagara Falls.

MILLER—RAYNOR.—On Wednesday, January 20, 1875, at Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, by the Rev. W. R. Davis, EDWARD L. MILLER to SABINA, only daughter of Samuel Raynor, Esq., all of Brooklyn.

TOWNSEND—HOLBROOK.—On Thursday, January 21, at the Forty-second street Presbyterian church, by the Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, D. D., assisted by the Rev. Frank W. Townsend, EDWIN S. TOWNSEND to FANNIE G., daughter of the late Elliott Holbrook, all of this city.

DIED.

ANDREWS.—On the 22d inst., at his residence, No. 139 Fifth avenue, LORING ANDREWS, in the 76th year of his age.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the Presbyterian church, in Fifth avenue, corner Nineteenth street, on Monday afternoon, 25th inst., at two o'clock.

AUSTIN.—On the 21st inst., at his residence, No. 135 East Thirty-sixth street, LEWIS C. AUSTIN, aged 56 years.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the Church of the Incarnation, corner of Madison avenue and Thirty-fifth street, on Sunday, 24th inst., at one o'clock P. M.

AVERILL.—On Saturday morning, January 23, JAMES KNIGHT, son of Walter I. and Cornelia K. Averill, aged 7 months.

Funeral services at the residence of his grandfather, Dr. James Knight, 400 Lexington avenue, on Monday, January 25, at half-past one o'clock; thence to Greenwood Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

BEGLAN.—On Thursday, January 21, after a brief illness, Mrs. BRIDGET BEGLAN, in the 66th year of her age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 437 West Thirty-first street, at half-past one P. M., this Sunday.

BOYLE.—On Saturday, January 23, at the residence of his father-in-law, D. W. Buckley, 18 East Fifty-fourth street, WILLIAM THOMAS BOYLE, son of Thomas Boyle.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

BRASIL.—On the 21st of January, at the residence of her uncle, 433 West Thirty-second street, MARY BRASIL, a native of Six-Mile Bridge, county Clare, Ireland, aged 25 years.

Funeral at two o'clock to-day (Sunday).

BREEN.—On Friday morning, at one o'clock, MARGARET, beloved daughter of Michael and Kate Breen, aged 5 years.

Funeral at one o'clock this day (Sunday), from the residence of her parents, 202 West Twenty-seventh street.

BROOKS.—On Friday, January 22, CORNELIA BROOKS, widow of James Brooks, in her 85th year.

Relatives and friends, and those of her son, Thomas V. Brooks, and her son-in-law, William H. Lawrence, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 146 South Third street, Brooklyn, E. D., on Monday, January 25, at twelve o'clock. Remains will be taken to Jamaica, L. I., for interment.

BROWN.—On Saturday, January 23, 1875, SIDNEY A. BROWN, in the 45th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the chapel at Gifford, on Monday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock. The remains will be taken to Squan, N. J., for interment.

BROWN.—MARTHA AMELIA, wife of David H. Brown, and eldest daughter of David and Jane Gibbs, aged 22 years and 9 months.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

BURNS.—On Friday, January 22, 1875, ELIZABETH, the wife of the late Patrick Burns, county Westmeath, Ireland, aged 76 years.

The relatives and friends, and those of her son-in-law, Francis Lantry, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this day (Sunday), January 24, at two o'clock P. M., from her late residence, Jackson avenue, Hunter's Point.

BUTLER.—On Saturday, January 23, FRANCIS M. BUTLER, aged 21 years.

The remains will be taken from his late residence, No. 526 Hudson street, on Tuesday, January 26, at nine o'clock A. M., to St. Joseph's church, thence to Calvary Cemetery for interment. Members of St. Joseph's Benevolent Association and the teachers of St. Joseph's Sunday School are invited to attend.

CARNEY.—On Thursday, January 21, MARY CARNEY, widow of the late Edmond Carney, in the 70th year of her age, a native of the parish of New Town, Shandrun, county Cork, Ireland.

The relatives and friends of her sons, Patrick and Edward, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at her late residence, 326 East Thirty-fifth street, on Sunday, the 24th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

COAKLEY.—In this city, at his late residence, 441 East Twenty-fifth street, JOHN COAKLEY.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, this day, 24th inst., at one o'clock.

COONEY.—At Manhattanville, in this city, on Thursday, January 21, JOHN COONEY, aged 63 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, and of his nephews, Hugh J. and John McCormick, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Church of the Annunciation, Manhattanville, this (Sunday) afternoon, at one o'clock; thence to Westchester.

COUSINS.—The members of Mariners' Lodge, No. 67, F. and A. M., are hereby summoned to meet at the lodge room, corner Bowery and Bleecker street, to-day (Sunday), January 24, at twelve M. sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased Brother Samuel Cousins, from his late residence, 321 First street, Jersey City. By order, ROBERT W. PAIR, M.

CHAS. Q. CARMANS, Secretary.

DINES.—On Saturday, January 23, GEORGE DINES, the beloved husband of Jane Dines, in the 67th year of his age.

The relatives and friends, also the members of Mutual Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Monday, from his late residence, 144th street, Mott Haven, at two o'clock.

London papers please copy.

MUTUAL LODGE, No. 57, I. O. O. F.—The members are respectfully notified to attend a special meeting at their lodge room, 325 Bowery, on Monday, 25th inst., at eleven A. M., for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our deceased brother, George Dines. By order,

NEWTON C. LUCAS, N. G.

FRANCIS MEEHAN, Secretary.

DORIS.—On January 22, 1875, JOHN DORIS, a native of the parish of Dizzartcrate, county Tyrone, Ireland, in his 25th year.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from 460 West Thirty-third street.

Belfast papers please copy.

EDMOND.—In this city, Saturday morning, after a lingering illness, GEORGE M., eldest son of James Edmond, of Boston.

His remains will be taken to Boston for interment.

EIBS.—On Friday, the 22d inst., after a short and severe illness, JOHN, son of Henry E. and Anna M. Eibs, aged 6 years, 3 months and 6 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Sunday, the 24th inst., at one o'clock P. M., from the residence of his parents, No. 433 West Twenty-fourth street, corner of Tenth avenue.

FAGAN.—On Wednesday, the 20th inst., FARRELL FAGAN, aged 31 years.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 441 East Fourteenth street, on Sunday, the 24th inst., at one o'clock precisely.

FARRELLY.—On Saturday morning, January 23, MARY ANNE, the beloved child of Andrew and Annie Farrelly, aged 5 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Funeral from the residence of her parents, 2,131 First avenue, Harlem, on Sunday, at one o'clock.

FOX.—KATHARINE MARY FOX, aged 10 years and 9 months, the only daughter of Senator John Fox, on Saturday, January 23.

Funeral will take place on Monday, January 25, at one o'clock P. M., from the residence of her parents, No. 3 Morris street. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. The remains will be taken to Calvary Cemetery.

FRIBOURG.—On Friday, January 22, 1875, after a short illness, MINETTE FRIBOURG, wife of Victor Fribourg, in the 78th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family and the members of Darcy Lodge, No. 187, F. and A. M.; Constellation Lodge, No. 65, I. O. F. S. of I.; Washington Lodge, No. 19, I. O. B. B., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday, the 24th inst., at twelve o'clock M., from her late residence, 352 East Fifteenth street.

DARCY LODGE, No. 187, F. and A. M.—BROTHERS—You are respectfully requested to attend the funeral of the mother of our brother, Marx Fribourg, on Sunday, 24th inst., at twelve o'clock M., from 352 East Fifteenth street.

MARCUS A. ADLER, Master.

NOTICE.—CONSTELLATION LODGE, No. 65, I. O. F. S. of I.—BROTHERS—You are respectfully requested to attend the funeral of the mother of our brother, Marx Fribourg, from his residence, No. 352 East Fifteenth street, on Sunday, the 24th inst., at twelve o'clock M.

WILLIAM A. GANS, President.

BEN. G. OPPENHEIM, Secretary.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 19, I. O. B. B.—The members of the Washington Lodge, No. 19, I. O. B. B., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of the mother of our brother, Marx Fribourg, from his residence, No. 352 East Fifteenth street, on Sunday, the 24th inst., at 12 M.

N. METZ, President.

FUHRKEN.—On Friday, January 22, REINHARD C. FUHRKEN, second son of Reinhard and Mary Fuhrken, aged 9 years and 25 days.

The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of North German Lodge, No. 16, K. of P., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 227 South street, this (Sunday) afternoon, January 24, at half-past one o'clock.

GIERING.—The officers and brothers of Americus Lodge, No. 272, I. O. of O. F., are requested to attend a special meeting to be held at their lodge room, 501 Hudson street, on Sunday, the 24th inst., at eleven o'clock sharp, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late brother, John Giering, Jr. By order H. WOOLSEY, N. G.

C. T. WITT, R. Sec.

GILLELAN.—Suddenly, on Saturday, January 23, ETHEL, youngest daughter of John and Bella Gillelan.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

GILPIN.—On Friday, January 22, ELIZABETH M., widow of the late Samuel S. Gilpin.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at All Souls' church, corner of Twentieth street and Fourth avenue, on Monday, January 25, at eleven o'clock A. M.

GRAEME.—January 22, 1875, IDA, youngest daughter of James and Gorgianna Græme, aged 6 years and 4 months.

Richmond (Va.) papers please copy.

HAMIL.—HELENA, only and beloved child of Michael and Mary Hamil, aged 1 year and 22 days.

Funeral will take place from the residence, 47 Prince street, Brooklyn, at two o'clock, on Sunday, January 24.

Drogheda Argus (Irish paper) please copy.

HARING.—At Tenafly, N. J., on Friday, January 22, MARGARET E., wife of John J. Haring, M. D., aged 30 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Tenafly Presbyterian church, on Tuesday, January 26, at eleven o'clock A. M.

HEEREY.—On Friday, January 22, BRIDGET HEEREY, late of Ratefarnaham, county Dublin, Ireland, wife of William Scroeder.

Funeral will take place, at half-past one P. M., this day (Sunday), from 92 Chatham street.

HIGGINS.—On Friday, January 22, CATHERINE HIGGINS, widow of the late Darby Higgins, in the 64th year of her age, native of the parish of Haspetal, county Limerick, Ireland.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at her late residence, 164 Worth street, on Sunday, 24th inst., at two o'clock.

HOUGH.—On January 22, MARY GENEVA, daughter of Charles C. and Adelaide Hough, aged 6 years and