THE COURTS.

Invoking the Law for the Assistant Aldermen.

IMPORTANT TO LIFE INSURERS.

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MORE CITY CIVIL SUITS.

The Gilbert Manufacturing Company filed a bill in equity, praying for an injunction restraining Abraham Bussing from using the company's improved Springfield gas machines. Judge Woodruff, after argument yesterday, decided that the injunction would be granted, unless Bussing gives bonds that he will pay any sum which may be recovered against him, pending the litigation in the case.

Francis Kiep, charged with complicity in the smuggling of a lot of cheap German jewelry into this port, was yesterday held by United States Commissioner Shields for examination in $3,000 bail.

In the case of Woolridge against the city, Judge Van Vorst decided yesterday that the city is not responsible for the acts of the former Metropolitan Fire Department. In June, 1868, Woolridge was injured through the explosion of a steam fire engine in the Bowery, and brought suit for $25,000 against the city and the Fire Department. The city demurred that it was not responsible, and Judge Van Vorst gave judgment on the demurrer for the city, with costs.

THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

The claims of William E. Demarest and Patrick Toner to having been elected at the last election Assistant Aldermen from the Fifteenth and Twentieth Assembly districts respectively, the former having received twenty-one and the latter fifteen votes, were the subject of a prolonged argument yesterday in Supreme Court, Chambers, before Judge Donohue. It came before the Court on an application for an injunction against the Mayor restraining him from recognizing the present Board of Aldermen as the Common Council of the city and directing him to order a special election for the election of fifteen Aldermen and nineteen Assistant Aldermen, these two Boards, as heretofore, to constitute the Common Council.

"The Grecian Republic," began Mr. Wolf, counsel for the claimants for municipal honors.

"If you are going back as far as that," interposed Judge Donohue, "it will take you a long while to get up to the present time, and I will see what other cases are to be heard first."

"All right, if you'd let me read my speech," said the counsel.

"I'll have it all by and by," replied the Judge, resignedly.

The by and by came, and then came the speech. A long speech it was and a wonderful speech. Finishing up with the Grecian Republic, he gave a *résumé* of Roman history, and then, following on the track of centuries gave a bound finally, and landed on Manhattan Island, waving aloft in triumph the Dongan and Montgomery charters. He claimed that these charters could not be abolished by an act of the Legislature, and that, therefore, the act doing away with the Board of Assistant Aldermen is unconstitutional. He enlarged on the necessity of such a board as a prevention against hasty and corrupt legislation, and insisted that because millions of dollars had been stolen by previous boards this was no reason why the office should be abolished.

Mr. Clarkson, of the Corporation Counsel's office, said that Mr. Andrews intended to answer the argument, but has not been able to attend. All he wished to say for Mr. Andrews was that the latter had carefully examined the subject, that his conclusions were that there was nothing in it, and that asking the Court to tie up the business of city legislation, under the circumstances in which this application is made, was simply ridiculous. If, however, His Honor wished to hear Mr. Andrews he would appear before him at any time, and give his argument in full or send in a brief.

"Let him send in a brief," exclaimed the Judge, with a sigh of relief, and thereupon he ordered an immediate adjournment of the Court.

IMPORTANT TO LIFE INSURERS.

A decision was rendered yesterday by Judge Van Vorst, in Supreme Court, Special Term, involving questions of importance to life insurers. John Schlecht and Rosina Schlecht took out a policy for $2,000 in the World Mutual Life Insurance, payable, on the death of either, to survivor. In August, 1874, Mrs. Schlecht died, and six weeks after Mr. Schlecht died. Suit was brought by George Vogler, administrator, to recover the face of the policy and such profits as had accrued. The company had not declared a dividend on the policy. A demurrer was interposed by the company, claiming that there was an improper joinder of two causes of action—one for an accounting of the profits and the other for merely a money demand—and that all the policy holders should be made plaintiffs to the first and the stockholders should be made defendants.

All these grounds were overruled by Judge Van Vorst. He holds that inasmuch as the plaintiff claims only his share in the profits of the defendant, and it has not appeared that any other policy holders are entitled to profits, or that they are necessary in the determination of the plaintiff's share, it would be a heavy burden to the policy holder, if before a recovery could be had, that all of the policy holders should be required to be brought up as plaintiffs or defendants. The books of the corporation should, and presumably do, show the amount of the profits and the plaintiff's share. It would be the duty of the defendants to ascertain the profits of the business, and they are presumed to discharge such duty in a proper manner, so as to enable the policy holder to ascertain the amount coming to him without a formal accounting in the ordinary form. He accordingly directs judgment on the demurrer, with costs.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART 3.

SUITS AGAINST THE CITY.

Before Judge Lawrence.

Thomas C. Davis brought suit against the city for rent of rooms in Nos. 82 and 84 Nassau street, occupied by the Corporation Counsel. The premises were rented at $3,500 a year, and occupied from August 1, 1871, to May 1, 1874. The case came to trial yesterday. The defence was that there was no lease authorized by the Corporation; that there was no appropriation from which to pay the rent and that what was paid was pursuant to an act of the Legislature, and upon this motion was made to dismiss the complaint, which was granted.

In the same Court was tried the suit brought by Philip Markle, the interpreter of the Marine Court, for extra services in issuing naturalization papers. The defence was that there was no appropriation and that the plaintiff being an employé of the city could not sue for extra services. Verdict was ordered for $1,250, the full amount claimed.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

THE LONG ISLAND CITY LAND SPECULATIONS.

Before Judge Donohue.

In the suit brought by Christian Borbeck against John A. Stemmler and the Cabinet Makers' Association, growing out of land speculations in Long Island City, the particulars of which have heretofore been given in the HERALD, an order was entered some weeks ago directing the trustees, Anflinger, Brenggeman and Feldman, to convey the property to Joel C. Stevens, appointed receiver. A motion was made yesterday to punish the trustees for contempt in not making the conveyance. Mr. Burke, counsel for the trustees, in the course of his objection to the motion, mentioned as a fact that since the property had been given in charge of the trustees one of them had become crazy and was now an inmate of the Bloomingdale Lunatic Asylum.

"I very much fear," said ex-Judge Dittenhoeffer, counsel for the receiver, "that unless this property is pretty soon turned over to the receiver the other two trustees will become crazy also."

"How about the receiver getting crazy?" interrupted Judge Donohue.

"I am not in the least worried about him," answered Judge Dittenhoeffer; "my only worry is about the property." He then proceeded to urge as the best and speediest manner of settling the matter, sending the case before a referee for examination, and when he had finished Judge Donohue took the papers.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

THE JAMES STREET HOMICIDE.

Before Judge Barrett.

The case of John Reilly, indicted for homicide, was on the calendar for trial yesterday in this Court. He is charged with the killing of Nicholas Schumaker on the 6th of December last, at No. 95 James street. An altercation occurred between the two, originating in a drunken row, as is usual in most homicide cases, and ended in Reilly stabbing, as alleged, Schumaker, causing injuries from which he died. Mr. William F. Kintzing, who on the prisoner's arraignment, he being without counsel, was directed by the Court to conduct the defence, stated that the principal witness for the defence was abroad, and as on the testimony of this witness he expected to secure the acquittal of his client he would like the case adjourned till the return of this witness. Assistant District Attorney Rollins consented to adjourn the case for two week and the Court then adjourned till to-morrow morning.

DECISIONS.

MARINE COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Joachimsen.

Gabel vs. Lippman; Breue vs. Ellis; Mullay vs. Goetling; Hyde vs. Bergell.—See memoranda.

Treadwell vs. Hoffman; Adams vs. Delan; Freund vs. Gaeltz; Brandt vs. Russell; Sievin vs. Connors; Damseaux vs. Clark.—Orders to advance causes signed and entered.

Strauss vs. Raynor; Sephton vs. Schlegel; Sheridan vs. Schlegel; Downing vs. Racey; Cushing vs. Wilcox; Compton vs. Erie Railway Company; Hanigan vs. Chapin; Van Glahn vs. Miller; Runket vs. Weinlich; Marshall vs. Overton; Rogers vs. The French Manufacturing Company; Brandon vs. Walsh; Murphy vs. Lothar; Hanning vs. Small; Tupmeyer vs. Marguet; Hymns vs. Prall; Duden vs. Bradbury.—Motions granted and orders signed.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Davis.

Robertson vs. Secombe.—The complaint in this case appears on its face to be properly verified; but the defendant produces certificates of the County Clerk showing or tending to show that the person who subscribes the jurat is not an authorized notary public. The certificates overcome the presumption arising from the assumption of official power by the subscription to the jurat in this particular case; but in addition it appears that on the same day he took a verification of the complaint in the other case as notary of the District of Columbia. The motion must be denied, with $10 costs, and with leave to renew the application on payment of costs, on other papers showing the official authority of the alleged notary.

Robertson vs. Secombe.—The complaint in this case is not properly verified. The unverified answer was therefore properly served. It is urged that the second section of the statute, chapter 135, page 241, Laws of 1869, does not apply, because the affidavit is not intended to be read in evidence in a judicial proceeding. I think this is a mistake. The affidavit is offered here on this motion to show that the complaint was duly verified. There is no other evidence. To read it, therefore, for such a purpose requires the certificate prescribed by statute. Apparently there is something in the verification. Thomas K. Ellisworth is the notary before whom the verification purports to be made in the District of Columbia. That same person in the other suit in which the motion was made simultaneously with this, takes and signs the verification as a notary public of the city and county of New York. He cannot be a resident and notary at both places. Which is correct? The motion is denied, with $10 costs of opposing.

By Judge Donohue.

Haack vs. Skiddy, Darling vs. Brewster.—Motions denied.

Bensman vs. Archer.—Denied.

Williams vs. Lomelino.—Motion granted.

Kennedy vs. Kennedy.—Granted.

Newburg Lager Beer Brewery vs. Wilkins.—Memorandum.

Clarke vs. Donaldson.—Reference ordered.

Crowell vs. Guion.—Order correct.

In the matter of Dickie.—A reference must be taken.

Riddle vs. Bancroft.—Injunction as to defendant granted, A. V. Stout appointed receiver and injunction as to Lathrop, Herman and Stout dismissed.

By Judge Barrett.

In the matter of Slosson.—There must be the usual bond or consent should cover the proposed amount. If such consent cannot be obtained or the usual bond given there must be a reference.

By Judge Daniels.

Kent vs. Quicksilver Mining Company and others.—Opinion.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Van Vorst.

Woodbridge vs. The Mayor, &c.; Vogler vs. World Mutual Insurance Company.—Judgment for plaintiffs on demurrers. See opinions.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Sedgwick.

Ward vs. The Mayor, &c.—Demurrer sustained.

Townshend vs. Malloy et al.—Demurrer sustained, with leave to amend on payment of costs.

Jones vs. the Mayor, &c.—Motion for injunction denied.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Judge Sutherland.

SHOOTING AT A POLICEMAN.

The trial of Hugh Campbell, charged with felonious assault, occupied the entire session yesterday. Officer Lawrence Clarson, the complainant, testified that he was upon duty on the night of the 1st inst. in Twenty-third street, between First avenue and avenue A, and upon being informed that there was a fight down the street proceeded to the spot. He walked in through the crowd, and when he got within arm's length of Campbell the latter put a pistol up to his head. The officer turned his head and the ball did not enter it. When he fired the shot the officer struck him once or twice with his club. Mr. Howe cross-examined the witness at great length, and brought out the fact that the club was broken. Clarson explained that there was a knot in the centre of it, which made it break easily.

A number of witnesses were examined for the defence, all of whom concurred in saying that Officer Clarson rushed into the crowd and used his club indiscriminately, and that Campbell especially was cruelly beaten by the officer. The case will be continued this morning.

PLEAS AND SENTENCES.

Richard Anderson pleaded guilty to an attempt at burglary in the third degree, the charge being that on the 28th of December he attempted to unlock the basement of the house of Oliver W. West, No. 132 East Seventeenth street. The prisoner and his confederates did not succeed in entering the place. He was sent to the State Prison for two years and six months.

Oscar Fletcher, a colored man, who struck his wife with a knife on the 5th of this month, pleaded guilty to assault and battery. His wife interceded for him and said he was her only support. The Judge sentenced Fletcher to the Penitentiary for three months.

James Bryson, who was charged with stealing a coat on New Year's Day belonging to Frank J. Kilpatrick, pleaded guilty to petit larceny. There were extenuating circumstances which led His Honor to mitigate the punishment to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for two months.

TOMBS POLICE COURT.

Before Judge Kilbreth.

BOND OF CLOTHES.

On Saturday afternoon two young men, named respectively Joseph Brown and Thomas Chance, entered a clothing store on Fulton street and left after pricing and examining several suits. As they were leaving an incident happened which induced the proprietor to go after them. Chance got to the door before his companion, and held it open, while Brown snatched up a coat and ran to the street. Both were arrested and brought to Court. They were remanded until yesterday, when the Judge held them in $1,000 each to answer.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT.

Michael Driscoll and Michael Walsh, residents of Mulberry street, had a little difficulty yesterday morning, which was brought to an abrupt termination by Walsh, who imbedded a knife in Driscoll's neck. Walsh was held in default of $1,000 to await injuries.

THE LATE MAUNSELL B. FIELD.

A meeting of the District Court Justices was held at the court room of the Second District Court yesterday for the purpose of taking suitable action in relation to the death of Maunsell B. Field, late Justice of the Second District Court. Resolutions were adopted expressive of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his associates on the bench, and signifying the intention of the Justices to attend the funeral services to-day as a token of respect.

JEFFERSON MARKET POLICE COURT.

Before Judge Kasmire.

A DISHONEST DOMESTIC.

A girl named Annie Perrin was arraigned at the above Court yesterday on a charge of stealing $25 worth of wearing apparel from Mrs. Emma J. Marsh, of No. 138 East Sixty-first street. Annie had been employed as a waiting maid, and left suddenly on the 21st of January. After her departure several articles of clothing were missed. Mrs. Marsh gave a description of Annie Perrin to Detective Rogers, of the Twenty-ninth precinct, which coincided with that given by several other ladies in the Twenty-ninth precinct station house of a girl whom they suspected of having robbed them. On Saturday the detective discovered that Annie was at No. 153 West Thirtieth street, and having procured a search warrant he examined her trunk. It it were found seaskin sacques, costly silk dresses, valuable laces, jewelry and various other articles, a portion of which was identified by Mrs. Marsh yesterday as her property. The rest of the goods found are in the hands of the police awaiting identification. One lady who is now in Saratoga, and who it is supposed has lost over $600 worth of clothing by the operations of this girl, is expected to appear and testify to-day, as are numerous others who have been victimized in like manner. Judge Kasmire held Annie in $1,000 bail to answer on the complaint of Mrs. Marsh.

ALLEGED HORSE THIEVES.

On the 4th of January Mr. William P. Bensell, of No. 52 Morton street, who was at the time driving a horse and wagon, stopped in front of the Pacific Bank in Broadway, near Grand street, and after alighting from the wagon went into the bank. When he came out the horse and wagon were gone. Mr. Bensell advertised his loss and gave a full description of the horse in the advertisement. On the 16th of January Officer Fantry, of Long Island City, found a horse, answering the description given, in the stable of Mr. Patrick Gleason, in Long Island City. The officer told Mr. Gleason that he thought the horse was stolen, and to hold it until it should be called for by the parties who left it there. The horse, which is valued at $500, was subsequently removed to the stable of Henry Hamilton, 260 Fourth street, Williamsburg, where it was found by Officer Fantry and Mr. Bensell on Saturday last, and where it was positively identified by Mr. Bensell as his property. Saturday afternoon two men, named Joseph E. Boyd and Levi Walling, called at Gleason's stable, in Long Island City, and asked for the horse in question. They were immediately arrested by Officer Fantry and brought to New York city. Boyd and Walling were arraigned before Judge Kasmire, at Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday. They were both held for examination.

It appears that on the day of the theft the horse and wagon were taken to the Calvary Cemetery Railroad stables, Long Island City, for stabling. The parties not returning, Mr. Gleason, the President of the road, had the horse conveyed to Brooklyn and telegraphed to Police Headquarters, New York. As usual nowadays the police of this city gave no heed to the matter until the reward was offered; then they acted. Had the detectives done their duty the owner would have received his property the next day.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Held by Judge Donohue.—Nos. 194, 10, 75, 84, 94, 103, 124, 143, 196, 208, 216, 219, 220, 222, 223.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—Held by Judges Davis, Brady and Daniels.—Nos. 130, 146, 203, 211, 58, 152, 155, 213, 215, 216, 217, 218, 131, 220, 37, 55, 55½, 144, 39, 69, 140, 220½, 135, 135, 142.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Held by Judge Van Brunt.—Demurrer No. 26.—Issues of law and fact—Nos. 113, 114, 6, 122, 72, 78, 91, 123, 127, 14, 131, 132, 134, 137, 138, 139, 141, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—Part 1.—Adjourned for the term. Part 2—Held by Judge Lawrence.—Nos. 1624, 702, 471, 1018, 984, 998, 888, 338, 1062, 1896, 154, 1303, 1266, 1126, 88, 1122½, 680, 410½, 1502½, 448, 184. Part 3—Held by Judge Van Vorst.—Nos. 1065, 761, 857, 1207, 1913, 1589½, 1591½, 2111, 2113, 1283, 912, 915, 1715, 1593½, 2107, 905, 963, 1061, 979, 1889, 1068, 2179.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Adjourned until the first Monday in February.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part 1.—Adjourned until February, on account of the assignment of Judge Van Vorst to the Supreme Court. Part 2—Held by Judge Sedgwick.—Nos. 28, 836, 808, 826, 910, 880, 922, 924, 928, 540, 876, 846, 936, 868, 734.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.—Adjourned until the first Monday in February.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—Part 1—Held by Judge Loew.—Case on—No. 808. Part 2.—Adjourned until the first Monday in February.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Held by Judge Sutherland.—The People vs. Martin Godfrey, mayhem; Same vs. William Gill, robbery; Same vs. Charles Williams, felonious assault and battery; Same vs. Thomas Wallace, felonious assault and battery; Same vs. John Golden, burglary; Same vs. Mary Smith, grand larceny; Same vs. Frank Webb, grand larceny; Same vs. Jane Connelly, grand larceny; Same vs. William Wright, grand larceny; Same vs. Alfred Winder, grand larceny; Same vs. William Hettrampel, grand larceny; Same vs. Helen Miller, grand larceny; Same vs. George Kelly, petit larceny.

KINGS COUNTY COURT OF SESSIONS.

Before Judge Moore.

Rudolph Kessler, who was charged with stealing a large amount of city bonds from the office of Comptroller Schroeder in the fall of 1873, was brought before Judge Moore, in the Kings County Court of Sessions yesterday, for trial. It may be remembered that nearly $20,000 worth of bonds were stolen and that the accused was bond clerk in the Comptroller's office. Mr. Kessler was arrested, but immediately bailed. When called for trial he did not appear. He was rearrested in the State of Michigan a few weeks ago and brought on to Brooklyn. During his absence, however, an effort was made by a man named Mathias Franks, keeping a saloon at No. 62 Myrtle avenue, E. D., to collect the interest on twelve of the bonds which it was alleged had been stolen. Twelve coupons, $35 each, were presented at the Nassau Bank, and Mr. Franks said they came to him in an envelope without any letter. He could not say from whom they came. Yesterday, when the case of Kessler was called, Mr. P. Keady, counsel, said that after a consultation with his associate, Mr. Shorter, they deemed it wise to withdraw the plea of "not guilty" and enter one of "guilty." The Court ordered the new plea to be accepted. Mr. Keady then requested that the sentence be postponed for the present, in order to enable him to furnish affidavits showing the previous good character of Kessler. The request was granted and Kessler was sent back to jail.

There are three or four $1,000 bonds still missing from the city treasury.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, Jan. 25, 1875.

In the Court of Appeals, January 25, 1875. Present, Hon. Sanford E. Church, Chief Justice, and Justices Allen, Grover, Folger, Rapallo, Andrews and Miller.

No. 79. The Board of Supervisors of Richmond county, respondent, vs. George W. Ellis, appellant. Argued by William Henry Anthon for appellant, and T. Westervelt of counsel for respondent.

No. 53. John Courtney, appellant, vs. Frederick Baker et al., respondents.—Argued by Samuel H. Randall, of counsel for appellant, and Samuel Hand, for respondents.

No. 84. William B. Van Woert, respondent, vs. the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company, appellant.—Passed.

No. 85. Reinhold Bocklen, appellant, vs. John A. Hardenburg, respondent.—Submitted.

No. 86. The Manufacturers and Traders' Bank of Buffalo, appellant, vs. The Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank et al., respondents.—Argued by S. S. Roger for appellant, and William H. Green for respondents.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

CALENDAR.

The day calendar for Tuesday, January 26, is as follows:—Nos. 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 30, 73, 95.

OBSEQUIES OF LORING ANDREWS.

The funeral of the late Loring Andrews took place at Dr. Hall's church yesterday, corner of Fifth avenue and Nineteenth street. The services were performed by the Rev. Drs. Hall, Vermilye, Ganse and Thompson, and the following gentlemen acted as pall bearers:—Henry G. De Forrest, W. G. Hunt, Cyrus W. Field, Oliver Hoyt, Thomas Monahan, James Low, James Stokes, E. S. Higgins, John Taylor Johnston and Gustav Schwab. The church was crowded by the friends and acquaintances of the bereaved family.

The merchants connected with the leather trade of this city assembled at noon yesterday to pay a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Loring Andrews, who was the oldest of their associates in business. Colonel John Watson was chairman and Mr. Ambrose K. Ely secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Smith Ely, Jr., spoke of his thirty years' acquaintance with Mr. Andrews and of his high regard for the character of the deceased gentleman. He alluded to Mr. Andrews' strict attention to his own business and to his charitable practices. He spoke of Mr. Andrews having purchased and maintained a church in a destitute part of the city, having given $100,000 to the New York University and of his having subscribed a similar sum for the laying of the Atlantic telegraph when it was regarded as a visionary project. Mr. Andrews' life was exemplary and well rounded, and he died in the midst of his family, possessed of everything that could minister to his comfort and respected by all who knew him. Added to the consolations of the Christian faith he had the great satisfaction of knowing that his children had arrived at maturity and were all of them useful, prosperous and respected members of society.

Mr. Ely then presented the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That we profoundly deplore the unexpected death of our friend and neighbor, Loring Andrews, and with sincere earnestness we express our grief for the loss experienced by the family of which he was the head; by the trade in which he occupied so prominent and honored a position, and by the community of which he was a conspicuous and useful a member and so munificent a benefactor.

Resolved, That while we deeply mourn the bereavement we have sustained we are consoled by the reflection that our deceased friend contributed so much to the maintenance of a high standard of mercantile integrity and honor, that he spoke truthfully to and dealt justly with his fellow men, and during his long and busy life was so universally esteemed and respected. We are gratified to remember the many kindnesses shown by him to his neighbors and the younger members of the trade, as well as the princely generosity of his gifts to the various religious, educational and patriotic enterprises and institutions of the country. His wise and unostentatious liberality proved him to be a patriotic citizen and Christian gentleman who was not unmindful of the duties and obligations which accompany wealth and superior social position.

Resolved, That the career of Mr. Andrews furnishes an incentive and encouragement to those who would achieve success in life by close application and scrupulous integrity. While he was "diligent in business," he was that noblest work of God—an honest man. The great estate which rewarded his labors descends to his children, with the greater inheritance of an unsullied name and the example of a well spent life.

Resolved, That we tender to the sons of the deceased who are associated with us in the trade, and to the other members of his family, our sincere condolence, and we beg them to accept the expression of our heartfelt sympathy and sorrow for their irreparable bereavement.

In seconding the resolutions Mr. Jackson S. Schultz made some very appropriate remarks, and they were unanimously adopted. Mr. James Fraser spoke of Mr. Andrews' life in a very eloquent and sympathetic manner, and then the meeting adjourned, its attendants proceeding together to the funeral services over the body of the deceased merchant.

POLICE MATTERS.

MORE "REFORM" TO BE INAUGURATED BY THE BOARD.

Street cleaning affairs engaged the attention of the Commissioners of Police yesterday. The detectives were for the moment forgotten. Some of those who were transferred from the bureau on Friday last assumed the duties of their new positions yesterday, but others were unable to do so, being without uniforms. As it will take some few days before all of them can be supplied with uniforms they have asked the Commissioners for an extension of time to prepare for the service of patrolmen. These applications will be handed to the Board at its regular meeting to-day. From rumors that were afloat around the Central Office building yesterday, it appears that the work of weeding out the detectives is not yet concluded. Some of the Commissioners appear determined that none of the old combinations shall remain. The cases of some of those who have been removed, it is thought, unjustly are to be reconsidered, and the stain of disgrace lifted from men who did not deserve to have it cast upon them. Detective Field's application for detainment is to be considered to-day, and in justice to that officer it should not be delayed. He was one of the officers lately transferred to the Central Office against his will, and no imputation has ever been cast against him of being concerned in any of the shameful affairs of that bureau. Lyons, King and Field have been the terror of thieves in the middle wards of the city for many years, and if these officers had not to fight the detective bureau as well as the criminals the public would have heard none of these charges. They unravelled the masked burglar business. Detective Elder was sent to assist them, and the only thief that got away from the house in Canal street passed out at the corner he was given to look after. King is in the detective office, Lyons is in the Tenth ward; Fields should be sent to the Fifth, where he came from, and where he can be of service to the public and the department. It is said that all the ward men are to be ordered on post at the meeting to-day. The services these men have been rendering their captains is one of the scandals of the department of years standing. A member of the Board says he has now all the details and proofs of a case of levying tribute to the amount of $15,000, the victim being a reputable citizen and a man of standing in the community. The gentleman himself related the case and all the incidents connected with it to members of the Board, and yet the resignation of the Captain has not been asked for, although the Board could readily compel him to send it in. The whole department needs thorough and radical reformation, and if the present Board will not do the work the sooner they are retired the better for the people.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND THE THEATRES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

About two years ago the Police Commissioners took the control of the different theatres from the City Hall Police and gave them to the captains of the different precincts in which they are located, and by so doing they have made a great mistake. For when a captain sends a policeman to these places, he goes in to see the play instead of attending to his duty. A policeman, when sent to a theatre, is supposed to keep hackmen and others away from the front of the house until the play is over and all the private carriages are gone; but this is not done. The hackmen have their own way at some of the theatres. I was an eye-witness to an incident which happened to a member of the Police Board. The Commissioner and his lady came to the theatre in their own carriage, and when the play was half over the Commissioner came out and went in search of his carriage, but was attacked by a crowd of howling hackmen, who used him very roughly, insisting on his taking a cab. He had to send for the captain of the precinct, who was in the theatre seeing the play, before the hackmen let him go. After he was released from the hackmen, he said he would place men at the theatres who would attend to their business instead of seeing the performance. After the occurrence was all over the policeman made his appearance. Now I think that if the Commissioners place the Twenty-sixth precinct in charge of the theatres they will remedy the matter.

EX-POLICEMAN.

DETECTIVES GULLED.

THEY ARREST THREE INNOCENT MEN FOR ROBBERY.

As stories of the doings of detectives are in order just now, the following tale is timely. It does not immediately concern the New York detectives, but it shows how nearly like their methods are some of the processes of their Boston brethren. Doubtless the New York officers will be glad of the exposure, for it proves that there are black sheep in other flocks than their own. But, if they look at the matter clearly, they will discover that the following story convicts the Boston men of incompetency, of woeful blundering only. And, by the way, it would be well if they could learn that stupidity, when accompanied by honesty, though not attractive, is yet respectable.

On the morning of Wednesday last, the 20th inst., two young men, who are named John S. Edwards and George Lake, were arrested at the corner of Waverley place and Sixth avenue by Detectives Clapp and King, who were both then members of the Central Office squad. They were in the company of their wives and some friends at the time, and were on their way to the Cunard dock, at which Mrs. Lake was to embark for a trip to Europe. Both men were taken to the Police Headquarters, and were searched in the presence of Superintendent Walling. They were not informed why they were arrested, but were confined in a cell and permitted to rack their brains to discover the reason. After a few hours of imprisonment they were again brought into the detective office, where they saw Captain Irving, with two Boston detectives, named Hunt and Stombs, and a man named George Hammond. They were then told that they were arrested as the robbers of the County Treasurer's office in Portland, Me., in the latter part of December, and that the warrant for their arrest was contained in a requisition by Governor Dingley, of Maine, upon information sworn to by the man Hammond. They were also told that they had been identified by Hammond as men whose real names were James Hayes and George Thompson, and that a man named Webb, who was likewise in custody, had been declared by their accuser to be

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in Portland, to be named McWilliams. All three prisoners protested against their arrest, but the detectives at Police Headquarters told them, in their peculiar police parlance, that their imprisonment was "dead wrong." The Boston officers said that they had watched Edwards and Lake for three weeks before they had called upon the New York officers to arrest them, and had just searched the apartments of the prisoners, and the trunks of Mrs. Lake, but had not discovered anything to confirm the charges of Hammond. Yet it was their duty, they said, to take their prisoners to Maine. At first all three prisoners—Edwards, Lake and Webb—determined to apply through counsel for writs of habeas corpus. On the morning of Thursday last they were brought from the Police Headquarters to the Sheriff's office, where the first two men agreed to go on to Portland and there prove their innocence of the crime imputed to them. Webb, however, was not so complacent. His counsel made application for a writ of habeas corpus, and he was, therefore, sent back to Police Headquarters, where he was confined until yesterday morning.

The Boston detectives, Hunt and Stombs, started with their prisoners for Portland on Thursday afternoon. Hammond also accompanied them. Lake and Edwards say that the detectives treated them kindly, and made no secret of their belief that Hammond had wilfully gulled them by causing them to

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as criminals. Their conversation so alarmed Hammond, it is said, that he only went with the party as far as a place called Salmon Falls, N. H., where he secretly left the train. Detective Hunt also departed from them on the way to Portland. On the arrival of Lake and Edwards and Detective Stombs in Portland they learned that the real James Hayes was confined in the jail there, and consequently it was proven immediately that Hammond was wrong in declaring Lake to be Hayes. Other evidence was also procured that neither Lake nor Edwards were the robbers of the County Treasurer's office, and both men were therefore discharged from custody. They started for New York as speedily as possible, and arrived here on Sunday last. Yesterday they visited Police Headquarters and were the objects of much sympathy expended by the police officials there, and they were advised by indignant detectives to convey their tale of sorrow to the newspapers. What was the object of the detectives in giving such advice can only be conjectured. Perhaps it will be consolatory to the New York officers if they are again assured that there are stupid fellows called detectives in other cities as well as in this metropolis.

FIRE IN MOTT'S LANE.

A fire broke out at half-past five o'clock yesterday morning on the second floor of the double two story frame building No. 5 Mott's Lane, that caused a damage of about $4,000. The building was owned and occupied by Oliver Lightholder and Robert Pryle. Loss, $3,000, fully insured. The fire began in No. 6, a two story frame, occupied by John Weber and Andrew Driscoll, who sustained a loss of $400, and No. 2 Mott's Lane, occupied by James McCoy, and damaged both places to the extent of about $1,000. All the property was insured.

ANOTHER STOLEN BOY.

The effort to find Charley Ross may lead to the finding of other stolen boys. There is one, in some respects resembling Charley Ross, in the Episcopal Orphanage at Cooperstown, N. Y. He is about five years old, has brown eyes and hair, and is a smart, active little fellow. He was brought to this city last fall by an Episcopal minister, officiating in Havana, Cuba, who stated that he obtained his release from a circus company exhibiting there. He was adopted by this minister, who for the present placed him in the Cooperstown Orphanage. The child can remember that he once had a home and that his mother called him "Charley;" says that she was good and kind to him, but the circus people were not.

Is this a stolen or an abandoned child? As he in some respects resembles Charley Ross, is of about his age and calls himself "Charley," a friend of the Ross boy went from Philadelphia to Cooperstown on Thursday last, only to meet with another disappointment.

THE BROOKLYN TENEMENT HOUSE CATASTROPHE.

The inquest into the circumstances which led to the sacrifice of four human beings at the burning of the four story tenement house at the corner of Hoyt and Pacific street, Brooklyn, on last Tuesday evening, was commenced before Coroner Simms and a jury yesterday. The victims of the terrible affair were:—Mrs. Mary Flood, an elderly woman who lived on the third floor of the structure and who jumped out of the window, striking on her head and fracturing her skull; John Flood, her son, who also jumped from the third story; Timothy McCormick, sixty-five years old, and his son Patrick McCormick, thirty years old, both these men being suffocated in a rear room, also on the third floor. The Coroner has determined upon a thorough investigation, and his course will be first to establish the precise time of the discovery of the fire; second, what period of time elapsed between when the alarm was sounded and the arrival of the fire engines; also to ascertain the means of escape provided for the occupants of the house. Several witnesses were examined, but nothing of interest further than has before been published was elicited. The inquest was adjourned until to-day.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

MARRIED.

BABCOCK—CROFTON.—On Thursday, July 23, 1874, by the Rev. W. R. Eddie, OSCAR G. BABCOCK, of Pamrapo, N. J., to HATTIE L. CROFTON, of this city.

PUTNAM—WYCKOFF.—At the Gramercy Park Hotel, on Monday, January 25, by the Rev. J. N. Galleher, Mr. GEORGE L. PUTNAM to MISS LETA V. WYCKOFF.

STOUT—DISBROW.—At Old Bridge, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., by the Rev. R. B. Post, at the residence of the bride, STODARD W. STOUT to SARAH W. DISBROW, youngest daughter of Hon. A. J. Disbrow.

DIED.

BARTLETT.—In Brooklyn, January 25, 1875, CHARLES EDWARD, second son of Emily M. and David W. Bartlett.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

BENNETT.—In Brooklyn, on Sunday, January 24, JOHN J. BENNETT, in the 27th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 635 Atlantic avenue, on Tuesday afternoon, January 26, at two o'clock.

BOYD.—Suddenly, on Monday, January 25, at six P. M., Mrs. SARAH B. BOYD, at the residence of her brother-in-law, William Roberts, Esq., No. 232 Hudson street, Hoboken, N. J.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

BOYLE.—On Saturday, January 23, WILLIAM THOMAS BOYLE, son of Thos. Boyle, aged 32 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his father-in-law, Dennis W. Buckley, 18 East Fifty-fourth street, this (Tuesday) morning, at ten o'clock, to the Church of St. Francis Xavier, where a solemn requiem mass will be offered for the repose of his soul; thence to Calvary Cemetery.

BROWN.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday, January 23, MARTHA AMELIA, beloved wife of David H. Brown and eldest daughter of David and Jane Gibbs, aged 22 years and 9 months.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the South Bushwick Dutch Reformed church, Bushwick avenue, near Himrod street, Brooklyn, E. D., on Tuesday, January 26, at two o'clock.

BUSH.—At her residence in Rye, N. Y., on Sunday, the 24th inst., MISS REBECCA BUSH, aged 59 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from Christ Church, Rye, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at two o'clock P. M., without further invitation. Carriages will be in attendance at the depot on the arrival of the twelve o'clock train from New York.

CARTER.—Of pneumonia, on Saturday, January 23, MARY, youngest daughter of the late Samuel and Elizabeth Carter, aged 58 years, 1 month and 23 days.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 137 East 114th street, on Tuesday, January 26, at eleven o'clock A. M.

CONNORS.—On January 25, 1875, in the 50th year of his age, EUGENE CONNORS.

The relatives and friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 383 Water street, New York, on Wednesday, January 27, at two o'clock P. M.

CONWAY.—On January 24, after a short illness, THOMAS CONWAY, a native of the parish of Kilnoe, county Longford, Ireland, aged 52 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral, to-day (Tuesday), 26th, from his late residence, 46 Amity street, Brooklyn, at half-past nine o'clock; thence to St. Peter's church, corner of Hicks and Warren streets, where there will be a solemn requiem mass for the repose of his soul; thence, at one o'clock, to the Cemetery of the Holy Cross for interment.

CROWE.—On Sunday, January 24, 1875, JOHN CROWE, in the 63d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 36 East Broadway, on Wednesday, January 27, 1875. Solemn requiem mass at St. Teresa's church at ten o'clock.

CUMMINGS.—On the 24th inst., ELMORE H., eldest son of Clara and the late William Cummings, in his 19th year.

Funeral on Tuesday, 26th inst.,