RAPID TRANSIT.

WHO OWNS GREENWICH STREET?—A FIGHT BETWEEN THE WORKMEN OF THE ELEVATED RAILROAD AND THE PACIFIC HOTEL EMPLOYES—INTERVIEW WITH ENGINEER SHREVE.

The Elevated Railroad Company is not regarded in the light of a public benefit by the storekeepers and property owners along the line of Greenwich street, and the trouble yesterday morning in front of the Pacific Hotel was only the breaking out of the hostile feeling which prevails generally. A gang of workmen came there early in the morning and at once began the work of excavating the walk in front of the hotel. Mr. John Patten, the proprietor, ordered the men to desist, but they continued and he called on some of his employés to drive them away as they were trespassing on his private property. A slight disturbance occurred, during which an engineer and fireman in the employ of Mr. Patten were injured. Michael O'Brien, a porter in the hotel, was arrested for interfering with the workmen. Judge Bixby discharged him on the ground that the case was one that should be carried to a civil court. According to the statement of Captain Saunders the police were notified of the fight by the patrolman on post, and he turned out the men on reserve to preserve order. He took no side in the matter, merely insisting on the preservation of the peace. The story does not agree with Mr. Patten's statement, who says the workmen came there accompanied by four or five policemen, as if they anticipated trouble. Mr Patten hastened to consult his counsel, and meantime the workmen continued digging away, while a few policemen stood by to preserve order. They broke through the vault under the sidewalk and were laying a brick foundation for the heavy iron pillars when word came to quit work. It was soon learned that an injunction had been served on the company restraining them from further action. The cause of the trouble is as follows:—

The company's charter provides that a board of three Commissioners, two appointed by the Governor and one by the Croton Aqueduct Board of the city, may determine where "turn outs" or switches may be erected. Under this provision they settled upon erecting a "turn out" that would pass in front of the Pacific Hotel, and Mr. Patten resisted their efforts to do so on the ground that he owned the property in front of his hotel out to the middle of the street. In his affidavit petitioning for the injunction Mr. Patten sets forth that about 100 years ago the property owners along the line now known as Greenwich street opened a road for their own convenience and for public use, which they called Greenwich road. That road is now known as Greenwich street, but their right to the property has never been ceded. He pays taxes on said property, and the only right ceded was one of easement for a public thoroughfare. He further states that the construction of such a "turn out" or switch would result in a serious injury to a valuable property and damaging to his business. The injunction was granted yesterday afternoon before Judge Van Brunt, and the question of its perpetuity will be argued at a special term of the Court on Monday next.

INTERVIEW WITH THE ENGINEER.

Yesterday a HERALD reporter had occasion to talk with Mr. S. H. Shreve, the civil engineer who has charge of the plans for the Gilbert Elevated or Rapid Transit Railway. The gentleman was found in his office, No. 97 Drexel Building, corner of Wall and Broad streets, and, although he was necessarily much engaged, he courteously answered all questions in regard to the great public improvement about to be inaugurated. He said in effect:—

It is a mistake to say that the company engaging my services is the Gilbert Elevated road, and yet it might be an error to say it is not that corporation. The truth is, the company is a combination of two organizations, Mr. George M. Pullman being the President of one, and Mr. Foster of the other; I cannot speak more particularly of this at present as some important details are being arranged by the parties interested. The facts set forth in the HERALD are in the main correct—namely, that a contract has been signed between the Gilbert Elevated road and the Messrs. Sellers, of Philadelphia, representing the Edgemoor Iron Company, who have their works on the old Harlan estate, near Wilmington, Del. As already stated, the contract is specific, in so far as the date of completion of the road—August 1—is concerned, and, doubtless, the firm are able to furnish all the material necessary for that purpose on or before that time. There is ample capital to perfect the undertaking, and among the corporators are to be found the names of some of the most solid capitalists of New York. Ground will be broken at once over the route already published—that is, beginning at Bowling Green, running through the following streets:—Church, Chambers, West Broadway, South Fifth avenue, West Third street and Sixth avenue to Central Park.

Mr. Shreve then showed the writer some of the plans of the work, which, although incomplete, still bore sufficient evidence of lightness and beauty to attract admiration. The pillars supporting the superstructure will combine strength with ornament, and the protecting parapets of iron render the chances of accident from running off the track very slight indeed. The double track contemplated will be over the centre of the streets named, the stations to be constructed at the distance of about every twenty blocks apart. Mr. Shreve stated, in conclusion, that after all the details were arranged, probably this week, that he would be happy to give the HERALD readers all the information in his possession in regard to the great work.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

COMPTROLLER GREEN ARRAIGNED—"BRYAN'S" BLOW AT RAPID TRANSIT DEFEATED—MORE MONEY FOR THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen took place yesterday, President Lewis in the chair.

Alderman Morris offered a resolution, which was adopted, that in future all petitions presented for public improvements involving expenditures of money or assessments be printed in the *City Record*, with the names of the signers.

AFTER COMPTROLLER GREEN.

The following, offered by Alderman Seery, was, on a viva voce vote, adopted unanimously:—

Whereas it is shown by the report of the Commissioners of Accounts made to this Board, June 17, 1875, that Andrew H. Green, during the twelve years of his service as one of the Commissioners of Public Parks, illegally and corruptly received, to his own use, large sums of public moneys—the only authority for the receipt of said moneys being in most instances, resolutions offered in the Board of Park Commissioners by Thomas C. Fields, now a fugitive from justice; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said report of the Commissioners of Accounts be taken from the file and referred to the Committee on the Law Department, with instructions to said committee to report back to the Board as soon as possible after consultation with the proper authorities what course it is advisable for the city to pursue in order to recover the moneys so illegally and corruptly secured, as aforesaid, by Andrew H. Green.

PICTURES FOR THE CENTENNIAL.

On motion of Alderman Purroy, the Commissioner of Public Works was authorized to loan to the Commissioners of the Centennial Exhibition all pictures now in the possession of the city, with the understanding that they should be returned in the same condition as they are in when turned over to the said Commissioners.

A BLOW AT RAPID TRANSIT.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Reilly:—

Whereas it is reported that the New York Elevated Railroad Company are about to extend their track from the corner of Battery place and Greenwich street across the Battery, running almost through the centre of the same; and

Whereas the Battery Park is the only public park used by the residents of the lower part of the city for recreation and enjoyment, and the using and operating of a railway in the same would almost destroy it; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be, and he is hereby, directed to take all available legal means to prevent the said New York Elevated Railroad Company from building their track on the Battery.

A discussion occurred on this resolution, the mover advocating it in strong language. Mr. Howland opposed the resolution. Mr. Hess denounced the proposed use of the park as a "damnable outrage." Mr. Purroy opposed the resolution, but was in favor of referring it to a committee. Alderman Pinckney opposed the resolution, and Mr. McCarty and Mr. Seery favored it. The resolution was finally referred to the Committee on the Law Department on a vote of 15 to 6. The committee was instructed to report at the next meeting.

MINOR MATTERS.

Alderman Pinckney offered amendments to the Hack ordinance to provide for special rates for carrying passengers from or to the Grand Central depot and to or from the several ferries of the city, which were referred to the Committee on Law.

A resolution to give Dom Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, a reception was referred to the Committee on the Centennial, of which Alderman Gross is chairman.

On motion of Mr. John Reilly it was resolved that when the Board adjourn it adjourn to meet on Monday next at two P. M.

THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE ORDINANCE.

Alderman Purroy called up the ordinance authorizing the Comptroller to issue bonds for a sum not exceeding $2,666,666 66 for the Brooklyn Bridge. Alderman Howland read an opinion from Hon. William M. Evarts, showing that the city must issue the bonds, and that the trustees can compel them to do so by mandamus. The ordinance was adopted by a vote of 16 to 5.

IMMIGRANT HEAD MONEY.

The Commissioners of Emigration are preparing a memorial to Governor Tilden on the subject of the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court abolishing the head money. They are at present engaged in estimating the lowest cost at which Castle Garden can be maintained, and the Commissioners say they are willing to leave the matter to the Governor's judgment. Unless some provision is made to keep the institution running it will have to be discontinued from the 1st of May next, as no money will be left to pay salaries or to provide for immigrants who have a claim on the Commissioners.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES.

Mary Francis Wood, aged eight years, residing with her grandfather at Mr. J. B. Lawson's, of No. 180 West 124th street, was allowed out to play with some other children in front of the house on Wednesday evening, and ran around the corner of Sixth avenue, after which she suddenly disappeared and has not since been found. She was very richly dressed and wore expensive earrings.

Julius Hess, aged four years, left the schoolhouse in Vandewater street at twelve o'clock yesterday and has not since been heard of.

THE ERIE CANAL.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FAVORS THE DEEPENING OF ITS CHANNEL.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon to take action regarding the proposed deepening of the Erie Canal. Mr. Samuel N. Babcock presided. The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, from the Executive Committee, seconded by Mr. F. A. Conkling, and on motion were adopted:—

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York continues strongly to entertain the opinion, which it has repeatedly expressed in former communications to the State Legislature, that the highest commercial interests of the State, as well as its character and just renown, imperatively demand an amendment to the State constitution committing the sole management of the repairs and navigation of the canals to a single superintendent, to be appointed by the Governor, with the assent of the Senate. The Chamber, therefore, deems the fact, now become historical, as a matter of profound congratulation for all our commercial bodies and classes, for all our business men of every description and for all the holders of real estate throughout the whole metropolis, that the State Legislature, during the present session, has finally passed for the second time, by a vote nearly unanimous in both houses, the necessary legislative resolution for submitting the proposed amendment affecting the vital reform in our canal system and policy to the vote of the people of the State in their primary and organic capacity, to whose experience and intelligence it may well be communicated, and by whom, as soon as the Legislature shall fix the time for the election, the Chamber confidently believe it will be adopted by an overwhelming majority.

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York perceive and recognize with the highest satisfaction the substantial accord in respect to the canal policy of the State which now exists between the two great political parties which for many years held opinions so widely differing as to the propriety and the necessity of enlarging the capacity of the Erie Canal and its kindred trunk lines at the expense of the State, and are now so fully agreed in respect to the vital necessity of completing without delay each enlargement by giving to the canals their full legal depth of seven feet water in a channel wholly free from obstructions. The Chamber, therefore, respectfully begs leave to express its full concurrence with the opinions recently communicated by the Governor of the State in his Message to the Legislature on the 24th of March of the urgent importance of completing such enlargement of the Erie Canal to a depth of seven feet of water before the opening of navigation in the present spring. The Chamber is particularly gratified with the portion of the Message which expressed the opinion in which the Chamber fully concurs—that the depth of seven feet, now prescribed by law, may advantageously be increased from time to time, and as the convenience and exigencies of the State may permit, to seven and a half or eight feet; that this additional depth may readily be obtained without altering the culverts, locks or other structures of the canal or its walls below the present bottom; that such increased depth will greatly facilitate the movement of boats and quicken their speed and thereby increase the amount of their service rendered in a given time and diminish every element of the cost of transportation; that the low price of materials at present and the scanty employment of labor, and the vital interests both of transporters and consumers in cheapening the cost of navigating the canal, are all circumstances which now combine to demand attention to this subject by the Legislature without delay and make the present a fit and advantageous time in which to begin the work. To all these cogent reasons the Chamber would beg to urge in addition the depressed condition of the commerce and business of the city, and especially the constantly increasing dangers with which they are menaced by the superior diligence, intelligence and activity of the governments and corporate bodies of the neighboring States and of the Canadian Dominion, seeking through the great improvements in their channels of intercourse, now in rapid progress, to divert from the State even the diminished commerce with the interior which it yet retains.

Resolved, That in view of the considerations above presented, the representatives of the metropolis in the Legislature, in common with its other members, will spare no effort and submit to no needless delay in adopting such measures of legislation as the exigencies of the State now so plainly require.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted to the presiding officers and to each member of the Senate and Assembly.

NOXIOUS ODORS TRACED.

Every resident of the eastern section of the city, between Houston street and Yorkville, has often had his olfactories shocked with nauseating smells wafted upon the east wind from Long Island. With the peculiar odor of petroleum they combined all the sickening properties of putrescent fish and decaying flesh, forming a compound of unequalled offensiveness. They cause the strongest stomachs to retch, and to delicate children, the sick and convalescent, they are the occasion of indescribable suffering. It has been the popular belief that this nuisance emanates from the extensive petroleum refineries about Hunter's Point. President Chandler, of the Board of Health, being questioned on this point, explained that the petroleum itself, though possessing an acrid and unpleasant scent, is not nauseous, but that in preparing it for domestic use it is washed with sulphuric acid and subsequently with caustic soda or ammonia. These produce, besides the purified oil, a tarry sediment known as sludge acid, an exceedingly disagreeable compound. This, combined with animal refuse, at a large establishment on the East River front, in the neighborhood of the refineries, becomes an article of commerce under the name of phosphate or fertilizer, and is used by farmers as manure for their crops. To this sludge acid at the refineries and its vile products at the fertilizer manufactory President Chandler charges the intolerable smell and its sickening and deadly consequences. He says that chemistry has ready means to remove the odor. All that is lacked is power in our authorities to compel their use. For this a bill is now pending in the Legislature empowering boards of health to prosecute the persons who are responsible for the nuisance.

HARLEM FLATS.

INSPECTION OF THE PESTILENTIAL DISTRICT BY THE HEALTH BOARD YESTERDAY.

Yesterday Professor Chandler, Dr. Day and the Health Inspector of the Harlem district made a tour of inspection through the region known as "the flats," for the purpose of ascertaining what could be done to improve the condition of the pestilential district. The inspection began at the corner of Ninety-eighth street and Third avenue, and ended at the same street, at the East River, all the newly filled lots having been visited in the meantime.

At the starting point, on the west side of Third avenue, it was found that all the water from the shed of high ground which extends in a diagonal direction to Ninety-third street and Fourth avenue gathers here in a small stream, which works its way through the rock filling of Third avenue and finally finds a lodgement on the flats. The stream runs all summer, being fed by the springs abounding on the rocks west of Third avenue. Under ordinary circumstances this water is manageable, and is conducted by a drain into the head of the sewer on the flats which marks the line of Ninety eighth street, but when the drainage of this large territory is added to the natural volumes of the stream the drain is insufficient and the water floods the flats and remains there in pools. But little inconvenience or nuisance is experienced in the neighborhood at this season of the year from the overflow, but it is anticipated that in the summer, when the rains are more frequent, these pools will be a frequent source of disease. The fact of water being exposed in a stagnant condition to the action of the sun, upon a clean and solid bed, is in itself a source of alarm, but when stagnant water is exposed to boil in a basin, formed of festering animal and vegetable matter the alarm and danger increase a hundredfold. To this, original evil is added the aggravation of a certain quantity of salt water thrown upon the flats by the tide, which backs up into the sewers and overflows upon the flats through the hole intended to carry away the water of the running brook. The chemical action of salt upon the foul matter on the flats is very unfavorable, as it decomposes the phosphate in the soil, and thus sulphuretted hydrogen is generated in great quantities. It is proposed by the Board of Health if the Board of Apportionment will furnish the requisite amount of money to construct a capacious drain which will convey all the water from the west of Third avenue into a sewer and thus carry it off. Last year the Board of Health spent several thousand dollars on carbolic acid to disinfect the flats, which they say they will be unable to do again this year, as their appropriation is barely sufficient to carry the department through the year.

OLD M'GOWAN CREEK.

This old creek which before the 110th street sewer was constructed formed the natural channel for all the water sewerage from the Lion brewery on Ninth avenue, near 110th street, has been filled in, in places, and an artificial channel found for the water in the great sewer in 110th street. The parts of the creek which have not yet been filled in are now deep pools from which the Board of Health expect great trouble in the warm weather. On the line of 107th street, which has not been raised to the grade of Third avenue, is a large pool which it is the desire of the Board of Health to fill up. The parties owning property on the south side of the street have filled in their lots and thus forced the water to the street line and beyond on the Townsend land. The Board of Health has just been defeated in an action brought to compel the trustees of the Townsend estate to fill up the lots adjoining 107th street on the north side. This decision makes it necessary for the city to fill up the street to the proposed level before it can compel the adjoining property owners to fill their lots. If the Board of Apportionment make no allowance to the Health Board this nuisance will continue during the coming summer, and spread, as it did last year, malaria throughout Harlem and Yorkville.

The cost of both these necessary improvements will amount, Professor Chandler says, to about $15,000. For that amount all the work already done on the flats can be perfected, and without it all the thousands spent will have been wasted.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The colored people of Newark, N. J., had a grand jubilee yesterday in honor of the Fifteenth amendment. During the afternoon they paraded the streets with bands and in military and society uniforms.

REAL ESTATE.

The real estate sold at the Exchange salesroom yesterday brought low prices. The attendance during the sales was moderately large, but the buyers were few.

V. K. Stevenson, Jr., sold by public auction the following improved city real estate:—One four story English basement brown stone front house, 18x60, with lot 100.5 feet deep, No. 15 East Forty-ninth street, north side, between Fifth and Madison avenues, for $24,950, to R. G. Murphy; one four story and basement brick and brown stone front house, 25x55, with lot 70 feet deep, No. 190 West Tenth street, south side, between Bleecker and Fourth streets, for $12,250, to Mr. Bodie; one three story and basement brick house, 20x46, with lot 98.9 feet deep, No. 446 West Thirty-fourth street, south side, about 450 feet west of Ninth avenue, for $11,100, to John C. Quick, and one four story and basement brown stone front house, 18.9x65, with lease of lot 105.5 feet deep, No. 30 West Fiftieth street, south side, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, lease from Columbia College, has fourteen years to run, with three renewals of twenty-one years each, present ground rent $324 per annum, for $20,000, to James L. Hartshorne.

E. H. Ludlow & Co. conducted an executor's sale, to close the estate of Richard M. Blatchford, deceased, and sold the four story and basement brown stone front house, 33x68, with lease of lot, 103.3 feet deep, No. 6 East Fourteenth street, south side, 67 feet east of Fifth avenue, lease from the Spingler estate, dated February 1, 1868, term 21 years, with renewal; present ground rent $1,800, and taxes, for $10,000, to Jesse A. Marshall. Also administratrix's sale, to close estate of George Platt, deceased, the three story and basement brick building, 25.9x55, with lease of lot 100 feet deep, No. 61 Seventh avenue, northeast corner of Fourteenth street, for $3,350, to Henry Stallmeyer.

A. H. Muller & Son sold, under Supreme Court foreclosure decree, B. C. Chetwood, referee, the building, with lease of lot, No. 134 Chrystie street, east side, between Broome and Delancey streets; lease dated May 1, 1871; term to run, 15 years, for $1,000, to Francis A. Livingston.

R. V. Harnet sold by order of the Supreme Court foreclosure decree, Eli Root, referee, one lot, 25x100, on East Ninety-first street, south side, 225 feet east of Fifth avenue.

PRIVATE SALE.

V. K. Stevenson, Jr., has sold the three story brown stone front dwelling house, 20 feet front, on Lexington avenue, southeast corner of Fifty eighth street, for $18,000, to Gustave Oberbeck, of Messrs. Goldard & Brotner, corner Broadway and Grand street.

TRANSFERS.

79th st., n. s., 385 ft. e. of 4th av., 20x82.2x40 to Lexington av. x102.2x20; Jeremiah Brown and wife to Lemuel B. Clark	$2,500
64th st, n. s., 245 ft. e. of 5th av., 30x100.5; Chas. L. Cornish to Susan Bevier	Nom.
98th st., s. s., 385 ft. e. of 3d av., 125x100.9; also 2d av. s. w. corner 96th st., 25x100.9; also 2d av., w. s., 50.5 ft. n. of 98 st., 50.4x100; same and wife to N. C. Nafis Ex. of, dated 1869	Nom.
23d st. s. s., 350 ft. e. of 10th av., 25x98.8; Evander W. Ranney, to Oliver G. Scott	Nom.
115th st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 2d av., 50x100.11; Lawrence Madden and wife to Patrick Rourke	5,825
Lexington av., w. s., 245½ ft. n. of 52d st., 21.8x70; Aaron Altmeyer and wife to Sanders B. Altmeyer	10,000
126th st., n. s., 185 ft. w. of 2d av., 16.8x99.11, (½ part of); Elizabeth Brettell to George Brettell	7,642
125th st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of 3d av., 28x100.11 (½ part of); George Brettell and wife to Elizabeth Brettell	5,563
29th st., s. s., 75 ft. e. of 2d av., 25x76.2; Mary J. Burchell to Sophia Kernan	11,000
59th st., n. s., 419 ft. w. of Broadway, 50x100; Joshua Barnum to Peter C. Barnum	Nom.
49th st., s. s., 225 ft. w. of 9th av., 25x100.5; John Friederich to Mary C. Webster	25,000
50th st., s. s., 75 ft. w. of 10th av., 75x100.5; Edward Cunningham and wife to Adeline G. Young	66,000
124th st., s. s., 280 ft. e. of Madison av., 18x100.11; Henry J. Armstrong and wife to Cecelia C. Adams	12,250
117th st., n. s., 130.6 ft. w. of 3d av., 9x8x14x irregular; Frederick W. Loew (ref.) to Adelheid Bahning	2,550
117th st., n. s., 187.6 ft. w. of 3d av., 19x100.11; same to same	2,850
Broome st., n. s., 25 ft. w. of Pitt, 25x60; Charles E Loew and others to James R. Breen and others	23,000
39th st., s. s., 325 ft. w. of 10th av., 25x98.9; Ferdinand Kuzman and wife to Rudolph Pehleman	14,000
7th st., n. s., No. 149, 22ft. w. of av. A, 21x97.6; Susanna Hermes to John M. Mayer and wife	15,500
Pearl st., n. s., 27x110x irregular; John Ward and wife to Patrick Reilly	Nom.
Grand st., s. s., 24 ft. e. of Mott st., 24.1x80, No. 207; Peter Warren and wife to Samuel Cohen	28,500
Frankfort st., s. s., No. 21, 18.10x67.6x irregular; Theodore Braine and others to Elizabeth A. Braine and others	10,000
Barclay st., n. s., church farm leasehold, lot 170, 25x100; James Brady and other to Joseph Goldmark	12,000
17th st., s. s., 151 ft. w. of Rutherford place, 19x80; George T. Plume and others to Ann C. Morton	18,000
40th st., s. s., 225 ft. w. of 9th av., 2'x100.5; Stephen Webster and wife to John Friederich	25,000
10th av., n. e. corner of 38th st., 24.9x100; Henry Sennett to Adam Schaab	18,500
48th st., n. s., 175 ft. w. of 1st av., 25x100.5; John M. Mayer and wife to Susanna Hermes	18,000
19th st., n. s., 470 ft. w. of 7th av., 22x92; Zwilbert Zimmerman and wife to George Punchard; dated 1867	6,500
85th st., s. s., 187.10 ft. w. of 3d av., 70.7x⅛ block; Isabel H. Goodhart to George W. Martin	21,000
111th st., n. s., 143 ft. w. of av. A, 38x100.11; Nathaniel Jarvis (referee) to Thomas Mackellar	3,000
10th st., n. s., 153 ft. w. of av. B, 19.8x92; John Ward and wife to Patrick Reilly	Nom.
124th st., s. s., 280 ft. e. of Madison av., 18x100.11; Thomas Beese (referee) to Henry J. Armstrong	3,500
112th st., n. s., 226.4 ft. w. of av. A., 20.10x100.11; John N. Lewis (referee) to Thomas Mackellar	6,350
60th st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 5th av., 50x100.5; Caroline A. Young and heirs to Thomas Foran	55,000
Walnut st., s. s., 50x100 (23d ward); Thomas O. Woolf and wife and others to Joseph Zanger; dated 1856	155

LEASES.

8th av. (No. 650); 5 years; Susan Sturges to Charles D. Price	1,100
61st st., E. (No. 110); 2 years; John C. Sweeny to Julius Binge	1,400
Mercer st. (No. 185); 3 years; E. P. Gleason to George Nolte	1,500

MORTGAGES.

Deming Egbert (receiver) to Union Dime Savings Bank, s. e. corner of Lexington av. and 47th st.; 1 year	2,000
Same to Same, s. s. of 47th st., e. of Lexington av.; 1 year	2,500
Same to Same, s. s. of 47th st., e. of Lexington av.; 1 year	2,250
Same to Same, s. s. of 47th st., e. of Lexington av.; 1 year	2,000
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Same to Same, s. s. of 47th st., e. of Lexington av.; 1 year	1,000
Same to Same, s. s. of 47th st., e. of Lexington av.; 1 year	1,000
Same to Same, s. s. of 47th st., e. of Lexington av.; 1 year	2,000
Same to Same, s. s. of 47th st., e. of Lexington av.; 1 year	2,000
Sanders, Jacob G., and wife, to Irvin McDowell (trustee), n. s. of 64th st., e. of 3d av.; 3 years	5,000
Same to same, n. s. of 64th st., w. of 3d av.; 3 years	5,000
Same to same, s. s. of 64th st., w. of 3d av., 3 years	7,500
Same to same, n. s. corner of 4th av. and 63d st.; 3 years	7,500
Behning, Adelheid and husband, to Ferdinand Kurgman, n. s. of 117th st., w. of 3d av.; instalments	3,000
Same to Jette Isaacs, n. s. of 117th st., w. of 3d av.; instalments	3,200
McCool, John, and wife, to Mayer Feuchtwanger, n. s. of 40th st., e. of 8th av.; 1 year	2,500
Same to same, n. s. of 40th st., e. of 8th av.; 1 year	2,500
Dreier, George, and wife, to Conrad Gerstung, s. s. of 54th st., e. of 11th av.; 2 years	1,000
Brauer, Jacob, to Melchior Elsesser, e. s. of Pitt st. (No. 96); 5 years	6,000
Voorhis, Rachel T., and husband, to George W. Kidd, n. s. of 33th st., e. of 2d av.; 1 year	4,000
Loughran, Charles, and wife, to Henry S. Fearing and others (trustee), n. e. corner 7th av. and 51st st.; 5 years	12,000
Same to same, e. s. of 7th av., n. of 51st st.; 5 years	10,000
Same to same, e. s. of 7th av., n. of 51st st.; 5 years	10,000
Same to same, e. s. of 7th av., n. of 51st st.; 5 years	10,000
Wilson, Robert, to Darius G. Crosby, s. s. of 63d st., w. of Madison av.; 1 year	10,832
Sullivan, Susan, and husband, to Theo. Rose, s. s. of 7th st., w. of 2d av.; 3 years	9,000
Cohen, Samuel, to Peter Warren, s. s. of Grand st., e. of Mott st.; 3 years	6,000
Whitman, Jane, and husband, to Mary Carey, Jr., s. s. of 155th st., e. of 10th av.; 5 years	5,000
Monteith, James, to John Willard, s. s. of 135th st., e. of 10th av.; 5 years	3,000
Barnum, Peter C., and wife, to Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company, n. s. of 59th st., w. of Broadway; 1 year	10,000
Flynn, Fanny, and husband, to Francis Kavanagh, w. s. of 7th av., n. of 56th st.; 1 year	1,200
Price, James, to Sarah Burr, Beekman st. (No. 26); also Spruce st. (No. 18); 4 years	5,000
Adams, Cecelia C. K., to Henry J. Armstrong, s. s. 124th st., e. of Madison av.; 10 years	8,000
Brettell, Elizabeth, to Geo. Brettell, s. s. of 125th st., w. of 3d av.; 3 years	503
Gerhardt, Charles, and wife, to Katharine Schaefer, e. s. of 2d av., n. of 53d st.; 13 years	2,250
Volkenine, Henry L., to Edward Deininger, s. s. of 44th st., 180 ft. e. of 3d av.; 2 years	3,500
Adams, Cecelia C. K., and husband, to Henry J. Armstrong, s. s. of 124th st., e. of Madison av., 1 year	1,000

HOW MR. WILSON WAS CAUGHT.

Yesterday forenoon a well dressed man of good address, about fifty years of age, wearing a neatly trimmed black beard mixed with gray, who gave his name as John Wilson, called at the clothing store of Messrs. Kirk, on Broadway, near Grand street, and selected a suit of clothes, for which he was to pay $79. He told the salesman to send the clothing over as soon as possible to his office, which, he said, was with Mr. Burtis, lawyer, on Montague street, Brooklyn. Now it appeared that Messrs. Kirk had been deceived several times. Three messengers were despatched to Brooklyn, one of whom learned that no clothing had been ordered for anybody in Mr. Burtis' office; the other notified the police of the First precinct, and a third carried the parcel. The purchaser, who was found standing on the stoop in front of Mr. Burtis' office, blandly received the parcel from the boy, and then handed him what purported to be a certified check on Burtis & Company. Detectives Curran and Steadman now stepped forward and took Mr. Wilson into custody. He was brought before Superintendent Campbell at the Central office. In his vest was a "snide" chain, secured to the pocket with a pin, but there was no watch.

ROBBERY OF OFFICE-HOLDERS.

On Wednesday night last a party of Brooklyn officials, among whom was Sheriff Albert Daggett, Congressman Archibald Bliss, with whom was Assemblyman Killian, of "No seat no fare" notoriety, and Colonel Lansing, Chief Clerk of the Brooklyn Police Board, went to the Union Square Theatre in this city, where they enjoyed themselves, occupying a private box. After a supper the Sheriff and the Assemblyman repaired to the depot and took the cars for Albany. They felt fatigued, and accordingly sought repose in a sleeping car. When they awoke in the morning they discovered that they had been robbed of their watches and a large amount of money. The friends of the Sheriff in Brooklyn were enjoying the circumstance yesterday as a huge joke, as they say he was going to the State capital to urge the passage of the Ogden charter, which is antagonistic to the democratic party.

ALLEGED ARSON.

EXAMINATION BEFORE THE BROOKLYN FIRE MARSHAL RELATIVE TO THE BAY RIDGE FIRE.

The investigation into the cause of the destruction of the residence of G. A. Fudicker, Superintendent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, at Bay Ridge, L. I., was resumed yesterday before Fire Marshal Keady. It will be borne in mind that Mr. Fudicker gave over to the custody of the police one Charles Wendt, who had been employed by him as coachman, alleging that he believed the man had set the house on fire. Wendt testified that the house had been on fire previously, on Tuesday, March 21. On that day he drove Mr. Fudicker down to the Bay Ridge boat at nine o'clock A. M.; he afterward went to the office of Mr. Fudicker, in New York, as instructed, and on his return home he learned that the house had been on fire in the wine cellar, and it had been put out; there was burned straw and boxes on the cellar floor; Mr. Schnelling told the witness about the fire, and said he asked Mrs. Fudicker for the key to the cellar, and she told him that her husband had the key; he then broke open the door and extinguished the flames; witness said the fire, which occurred a few minutes after the departure of his employer for New York, could not have caught from the furnace. On the day the house was destroyed, Monday last, Wendt said he was sent to the cellar by Mr. Fudicker to fix the furnace and to build a large fire; he did as he was directed, and when he left the cellar Mr. Fudicker was there; he got out the horse and drove his employer to the boat, where he was not gone more than ten minutes; on his return the house was on fire. In his hurry to depart for New York to notify Mr. Fudicker of the fire Wendt says he put on by mistake a coat belonging to his employer, and in the coat pocket he found a piece of candle and box resembling a match box. When he was riding with Fudicker back to Bay Ridge that gentleman put his hand into the pocket of the coat Wendt had on, and taking out the candle and the box, kept them.

Mary Ann Downey, a servant girl, testified that she saw Wendt about nine o'clock on Monday morning building a fire in the furnace and Mr. Fudicker was not with him at the time. She subsequently saw smoke coming out six or eight feet from the furnace, and she told Mr. Fudicker about it, who told her to throw water on it. Soon after that Wendt entered the kitchen and began to swear and poke at the fire.

Mr. Fudicker testified that he moved into the house in August last, on a five years' lease; he was to pay nothing the first year, $300 the second year, $400 the third, $500 the fourth, $600 the fifth; he furnished the house at a cost of $5,000 or over and was insured for $3,500 in the Brewers and Maltsters' Insurance Company, of New York, and $3,500 in the Merchants', of Newark, N. J.; on the morning of the last fire the girl told him Wendt had insulted her and he upbraided the man for doing so, notifying him at the same time that he must leave his employ on April 1; the girl, Mary, did call his attention to the fire, before he went away, in an old barrel filled with hay, but he knew it was put out before he left. Mr. Fudicker denied the story told by Wendt about finding a candle and matchbox in his pocket.

Anna Wallace, of Providence, R. I., was sworn, but her testimony was not material. Mr. Fudicker stated that after the fire Wendt was intoxicated and he demanded $20 for clothing, which Mr. Fudicker refused to give him, but offered to buy him clothing to replace that which was burned. Wendt then said in German, "You take care. I know what I know." He asked Wendt what he meant, but the man replied that he would not tell.

The investigation will be resumed at ten o'clock this morning.

ALBERT GRANT.

THE LONDON "BARON" IN NEW YORK—WHAT IS HE HERE FOR?

The Emma mine scandal has given rise to many surprises, and not the least among the recent developments is the current rumor that "Baron" Grant, the celebrated London financier and bubble operator, is now in New York watching events, and probably preparing to make his appearance as a witness before the Congressional committee. That the Baron is in this city *incognito* there seems to be very little doubt in the minds of those familiar with the inner history of the Emma mine business, and several well known Wall street men have declared that they have seen him on Broadway and in hotel corridors. The movements of ye Baron are both mysterious and perplexing. He sees no one and refuses to converse, though he reads the papers with avidity and passes much time with his agents and legal advisers. The advent of Baron Grant was not unexpected, because it will be remembered that just after ex-Minister Schenck started from England to appear before the Investigating Committee he publicly stated that he would soon follow his old friend, the Director, and give testimony, if needed or requested to do so.

The arrival of Baron Grant has made no end of gossip in financial circles, for it is not known what may be the result of his visit. But a few days will suffice to set all conjectures at rest.

The rumor, current in town yesterday, that the Baron was at the Buckingham Hotel, corner of Fiftieth street and Fifth avenue, proved to be untrue, for a HERALD reporter was informed by Mr. Shepherd, one of the proprietors, that no such person as the Baron had obtained or applied for apartments. It was stated that he was travelling *incognito*, and would not register in his real name if he registered at all. Mr. Shepherd informed the HERALD reporter that no one, not even such an august guest as Albert Grant, could obtain rooms at the Buckingham without registering his name.

The Baron is undoubtedly stopping at the house of some friend, and will probably remain in retirement until he learns through the papers the result of General Schenck's examination before the Congressional committee. There are those who state that in the event of the General's cross-examination developing certain facts the Baron will leave as quietly as he came.

OFF FOR THE BLACK HILLS.

A co-operative company is now being organized in this city which will start for the Black Hills about the middle of next month. The President, Mr. C. E. Harvey, has his headquarters at Gilbert's, at the corner of Bowery and Spring street. The company will be 200 strong and the estimated cost to each member will be $200. This large co-operative party will have advantages in the new country that no small party can obtain. They will carry a saw mill with them so as to be able to put up sluice boxes at a trifling expense. Their destination is between the North Fork of the Cheyenne and Little Powder River, and as they go well armed they will be able to take care of themselves and keep Indians at a respectful distance.

CUSTOM HOUSE SEIZURE.

Custom House Inspector Pillsworth seized yesterday, from the bark Starlight, from the West Indies via New Haven, and now lying in the East River, 500 cases of bitters. The captain told Pillsworth that he meant to discharge the cases of bitters without a Custom House permit, and set his men to work putting them on the wharf. There the Inspector seized them. Twenty-eight bags of cocoa were also seized and taken with the bitters to the Seizure Room in the Custom House.

MEXICAN PRODUCTS.

By the arrival of the steamer City of Merida on Tuesday there was received here another consignment of Mexican products for the Centennial Exhibition. It embraced a painting of the valley of Mexico, by J. M. Velasco; a piece of silver quartz weighing 1,300 pounds, specimens of coffee, wheat and maize; a large collection of onyx, specimens of rocks thrown by the Volcano Ceborruco, fibres of the different sorts of cactus, tissues of silk and cotton, specimens of paper, cigars and tobaccoes, filigree work of silver, for which Mexican Indians are renowned, and surpassing in beauty of design and workmanship the best manufactures of either China or Japan; a ranchero suit which would sell in Mexico for $1,000, and many other articles of great interest, which will be forwarded to Philadelphia in a few days.

STATEN ISLAND FIRES.

Early yesterday morning a fire broke out in a two and a half story frame house on Boyd street, Stapleton, caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp in a bedroom. The building, which is owned by Mr. Samuel Ludlow, and occupied by Mr. James Allen, is damaged to the amount of about $50, covered by insurance; and the damage to the furniture is about $250, insured in the Continental Insurance Company for $800.

An incendiary fire was discovered about the same time in a frame