

PREFERRED SPECIALS.

57 Dyeing and Scouring at Walker's, 61 E. 3d. CLOTHES WINGERS. For Sale and Repaired. F. TETTENBORN, 219 W. Fifth street.

SOCIETY NOTICES.

Annual Election of Officers, Home Security Building and Loan Association.

UPON TUESDAY EVENING, September 26, 1876, between 7 and 10 o'clock.

JOHN GREENLESS, President. GEO. F. SANDS, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.—Quarterly meeting of Wm. Pean Lodge TUESDAY EVENING, 26th inst., 10 o'clock. Payment of dues.

H. C. POWERS, Perm. Sec'y.

DIED.

BIRD—Saturday, September 23, at 10:15 A. M., Richard, youngest son of Jane and the late Abraham Bird.

Funeral—Friday afternoon, September 25, at 2 o'clock, from Christ's Chapel M. E. Church, 11<sup>th</sup>.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—STORE—Nice store, with good show front, on Fifth street, one door west of Plum.

FOR RENT—DWELLING—Modern improvements. Apply at 153 Dayton street, or 323 Vine street.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—A splendid 2 1/2 story brick house of six rooms, gas and water throughout; rent \$25 per month. Apply 11 Freeman.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—FARM—Of 245 acres land, with good dwelling and barn and other buildings; good orchard and other improvements; will sell on reasonable terms. For further particulars address J. K. CAHR, Concord, Ky., 31-41.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—FARM—A good farm of 60 acres of land, on the Courcy Pike, about five miles south of Covington, Ky., and near Decoursey Station, Kentucky Central Railroad; about 45 acres cleared, good orchard, log house and barn. It will sell cheap, or exchanged for city property. Inquire at 49 Walnut street, Cincinnati, 25-41.

FOR SALE—FARM—Good farm of 97 1/2 acres, situated 1 1/2 miles from the railroad in Clermont County; 45 acres in corn, 3 acres in potatoes, 30 acres in meadow, balance in pasture and small crop. Farm in good order. Will sell farm and crop together on very easy terms. A good chance for any one desiring it to get a good home. Address B. B. S. Star office, 239 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O., 12-21-31/257-41.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—SEWING MACHINE—A new No. 6 Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, inquire at this office. 26-41.

FOR SALE—CHEAP SHOE STORE—Fresh stock and fixtures. Price \$300. Inquire at 59 1/2 Central avenue. 11<sup>th</sup>.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—Saw and kindling wood, by A. GROSS, 603 Elm street. 24-11.

FOR SALE—HOUSE—And lot in Barnesville, Ohio, for sale or trade; grocery or drug store taken in exchange. Address POOL, 314 North street, Room 5. 22-31.

FOR SALE—HOUSES—Four houses in Newport, Ky.; two frame, one a brick cottage, and two story brick of five rooms and hall; very cheap. Apply to J. KEARNEY, sixth and Lock streets, city. 22-31.

FOR SALE—HOUSE—Brick house, 59 McFarland street, eleven rooms, cellar, side entrance, fine rear yard, lot 20x100 feet; rent the Grand Hotel; \$250 in payments, or for cash. Apply at 122 Central avenue. 25-41.

FOR SALE—HOUSE—No. 17 Itts street, two story frame house, six rooms and kitchen; stable in rear, front and rear yards, side entrance; lot 14x25 feet to alley; price \$150, or less for cash. Apply at 122 Central avenue. 25-31.

FLOUR.

Families or groceries in want of good flour, call at our office, we will give satisfaction—can be supplied in going to the WEST-END MILLS. Your orders are solicited. Delivery free. JAMES K. HUBB, sixth street, between Baymiller and Freeman. 267-31.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—BUY YOUR HATS OF MARTIN, at 43 W. Fifth st. 1715-11.

WANTED—PARTNER—Immediately, with small capital, in a safe, cash, manufacturing business. Call at 33 West Third street. 22-31.

WANTED—TO SELL—Or exchange for good city property, a productive farm (see above), near a flourishing city in Ohio. Address Post-office Box 283, Dayton, Ohio. 22-31.

WANTED—THE PEOPLE OF Hamilton to call at HUGHES' Carpet House, and examine the new carpet stretchers for family use. It is superior to all others. 2625-11<sup>th</sup>.

WANTED—PARTNER—To furnish \$3,000 to start a manufacturing business in Dayton, Ohio; good opening to party wishing to engage in business. Address Post-office Box 782, Dayton, Ohio. 22-41.

WANTED—CHILD—By a respectable widow, a child or children to take care of during the temporary absence of parents. Reference given and required. Terms reasonable. Address E. M. Dayton, Ky. 12-21-11.

WANTED—TO BUY—An interest in some good paying business, or will accept a situation in wholesale grocery or commission house; object is to learn the business. Address HENNESSY, Louisville, Ky., care Letter-carrier No. 11. 22-31.

WANTED—PARTNER—To take half interest and charge of a first-class restaurant and sample room, now controlling a first-class trade, located in one of the best towns in Southern Ohio. For particulars address Post-office Box 26, Troy, Ohio. 22-31.

WANTED—SITUATIONS.

WANTED—SITUATION—By a middle aged English woman, to do general housework, country preferred. Call at 228 Freeman street, between Hopkins and Clark. 22-31.

WANTED—SITUATION—A youth of 16 years, with some experience, desires a situation in a store or office; best of city references. Address J. M., Box 44, City Post-office. 22-31.

WANTED—SITUATION—As traveling salesman, by a competent man of nine years' experience; best reference given and satisfaction guaranteed. Address F. C. T., care American Hotel, Wooster, Ohio. 21-31.

WANTED—SITUATION—At anything the "honest," by a young man from Kentu Ky., who is capable of making himself useful in any place. Address EDWARD LEE, Cincinnati, Ohio. 22-31.

WANTED—SITUATION—As advertising agent for patent medicine firm by one who understands the business. Address AGENT, Box 2, Delphi, Indiana. 22-41.

WANTED—SITUATION—By a German girl for housework, cook and laundress; best references given; city or country. Call at 22 Court street. 11-31.

WANTED—SITUATION—By a young man who can write in good hand; give reference; has had experience in dry goods and hardware business. Address ALVY RUSSELL, 22-31.

AMUSEMENTS.

WOOD'S THEATER.

TO-NIGHT, the famous comedian, MR. JOHN E. OWENS, supported by his own COMPANY, IN THE VICTIMS and SOLO SHINGLE.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.

One week only, commencing MONDAY, September 25, every evening and Saturday afternoon, the celebrated author and actor, MR. GEORGE FAWCETT ROWE, in his most successful play, IRASS, as performed by him one hundred nights at the Park Theater, New York. New and elegant scenery, painted expressly for the place.

Matinee Wednesday Afternoon—ROMEO AND JULIET. Admission only 25c to all parts of the house.

Monday evening, Oct. 2—Mrs. D. P. BOWERS and Mr. J. C. McO'LELLUM.

First of the Season—Vocal Concert and Dance.

PRICE'S HILL.

TUESDAY EVENING, September 26, 1876. Vocal Concert by MISS CORA DEAN, (the talented pupil of Sig. A. C. Aldin, assisted by the Philharmonic Quartette, Messrs. HARVEY, FILLMORE, LYANOVSKY and TYRRELL.

Musical for the Social Entertainment by Currier's Quadrille Band.

Admission to Concert and Entertainment, 25 cents.

STEAMBOATS.

For Huntington.

THIS DAY, 25th, at 5 P. M. POSITIVELY, OHIO No. 4, Pres. Lovick, Master. Freight received at all hours on half-boat, foot of Broadway. W. Housell, superintendent.

For Chillicothe.

DAILY, at 4 P. M., CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, Samuel Morgan, Master. Freight received at all hours on half-boat, foot of Walnut street.

For Carrollton.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, at 3 P. M., BANNOCK CITY, J. W. Kirby, Master. Apply on board, or to W. P. Walker, 39 Walnut street.

For Carrollton.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, at 3 P. M., LOUIS A. SHIRLEY, Samuel Hildreth, Master. Apply on board, or to C. W. Goringe, Agent, 20 Vine street.

For Louisville.

THIS DAY, 25th, at 5 P. M. POSITIVELY, the U. S. Mail Line Steamer GEN. CANTON, Capt. Bon. M. Merrilow, Master. Freight received at all hours on half-boat, foot of Vine street. R. M. Wainwright, Superintendent.

For Evansville.

WEDNESDAY, 27th, at 5 P. M. POSITIVELY, the GLASGOW, Thos. Bolins, Master. Apply on board, or to J. C. Dorman & Co., Agents, No. 4 Main street.

For Arkansas.

TUESDAY, 26th, at 5 P. M. POSITIVELY, HARD CASH, J. K. Rees, Master. Apply on board, or to W. S. Getty, Agent.

For Memphis.

WEDNESDAY, 27th, at 5 P. M. POSITIVELY, JAS. D. PARKER, W. C. Tichenor, Master. Apply on board, or to Royce & Mosser, Agents, on N. O. wharf boat.

For New Orleans.

WEDNESDAY, 27th, at 5 P. M. POSITIVELY, CHAS. B. CHURCH, J. S. Parter, Master. Apply on board, or to Royce & Mosser, Agents.

Third Edition

Probably fair or partially cloudy weather the next twenty-four hours.

HELL GATE EXPLOSION.

A Minute and Graphic Account of the Great Feat.

By American Press Association to the STAR.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The great Hell Gate explosion, which has been the all-absorbing topic of the past few weeks, is over at last, and the widespread anticipations of danger and destruction have been fortunately unfounded.

The day opened with a disagreeable, drizzling rain, the sky covered with clouds and the wind northeast. Despite the stormy weather thousands of citizens took their way to the New York and Long Island sides of the East River, and hours before the explosion occurred there were vast crowds assembled at every available point, waiting patiently and not without anxiety and some dread for the critical moment.

The crowd on the New York side extended almost from Sixtieth street to Harlem, every pier being occupied. It is estimated that at least one hundred thousand people witnessed the explosion.

As the hour approached the excitement increased. Rain began to fall heavily, but the vast crowds heeded it not. The arrangements made by Gen. Newton for keeping the river clear of all vessels within a certain distance of Hell Gate Reef during the day worked very satisfactorily. Beyond the line indicated, however, there was quite a number of boats, tugs, &c., with spectators on board.

Many dwellings nearest the river were wholly or partly deserted for the time being, and indeed this feeling of timidity was not confined to Astoria, for in Long Island City, Yorkville, and other places in comparative proximity to the scene of the proposed explosion, many residences were temporarily vacated and furniture secured as a measure of precaution. Many people suddenly found out that their ceilings were bad and would be sure to fall, and there were many who took Gen. Newton's advice and removed their valuables and themselves to a safe distance. There was quite an exodus in Astoria and vicinity among the more timid during the past few days.

Gen. Newton and staff were at the works at Hell Gate all day, and saw that everything was in proper condition, testing the wires and batteries for the

last time. By noon their work was through and there only remained the attaching of the exploding cartridges and the wires of the fuse to General Newton's auxiliary battery before exploding the mine. This was accomplished, and the last touch, the closing of the electric circuit, was now all that remained to be done.

While the Chief Engineer and his assistants were thus preparing for the grand climax, the crowds were waiting patiently.

At 2:25 P. M. the first signal gun was fired. Expectation became rampant, and the eyes of the spectators were riveted on the electric circuit, which was now all that remained to be done.

At 2:40 P. M. the second gun boomed forth its warning. Only ten minutes now to wait. The excitement was now at fever heat, and minutes crept slowly by. The eyes of a hundred thousand spectators were turned towards Hell Gate Reef, and the eyes of probably over a million people were earnestly strained to catch the first sound of the impending explosion.

Finally, at two hours, forty-eight minutes and thirty seconds, a roaring, reverberating sound was heard, taking every one by surprise, a very palpable vibration of the earth following, lasting about two seconds. A stream of water suddenly shot up at Hallett's Point to thirty or forty feet in height, and was succeeded by a massive column of black water full of stones, loose rock and dirt, which rose to a height of ten or fifteen feet, many pieces of rock being thrown several feet high.

There was no paralyzing shock, no stunning or tremendous detonation, no earthquake convulsion, and none of the spectators experienced the grand, terrifying spectacle they had expected. All was over in three seconds at the farthest. As the water subsided a high wave of dark muddy water rolled from Hallett's Reef toward the New York shore, and in a few minutes the mine had indeed been fired, and the work of seven years had culminated. However, however, still lingered expectantly. Their eyes turned in the direction of the spot where the cloud of white foaming water had risen a few minutes previous.

The effect of the explosion was felt by very slightly on the steamers and tugs in the river. There was no shock and experienced a trifling shock. On Ward's and Blackwell's Islands, where the city officials and invited guests were assembled, the shock was very distinctly felt but no damage done. Four guard boats had been placed at various points of the river to keep the channel clear. The spectators on these boats felt the tremor slightly. There was no palpable atmospheric shock after the explosion. After some little of enthusiasm the crowds began to disperse.

The cars and carriages that had conveyed them to the scene were again filled to suffocation, and the various river steamers were also crowded. The drinking gardens and other places of resort were thronged, and a very prosperous business in letting out seats to spectators at profitable rates. Many tenants of dwellings hired out their windows and roofs for the occasion. Some had erected scaffolds with long rows of seats, which were let at various rates. So great was the crowd that some of the rule framework and scaffolds fell down.

A large General Newton had indicated the Ninety-second street side was the most dangerous, still the warning did not deter several thousand persons from crowding there, nearly one-half being workmen, river steamers, horse cars lines and hackmen did a good business; indeed it appears that there were not half sufficient conveyances to be found in the city for such a crowd as witnessed the explosion. The cars were overloaded, for several of the drivers were arrested by the police officers for taking on too many passengers.

General Newton's little three-year-old daughter closed the electric key which exploded the mine. When at 2:48 P. M. she pressed her finger upon it and thereby completed the electric circuit, the torpedo exploded and instantly the grand explosion followed.

In the mine was 24,212 pounds of dynamite in 1,164 pounds of paper cartridges, and 25 pounds in primers, 9,600 pounds of rock cartridges, 14,241 pounds of vulcan powder in cartridges, making a total of 52,263 1/2 pounds of explosives. These were placed in 4,462 holes and pipes in the various galleries of the mine, and at the time of the explosion submerged. The primers were connected by wires with 99 cells in a large electric battery, this large battery being subdivided into 12 batteries of 40 cells each, of 43 cells, and 7 of 45 cells. To make this connection 100,000 feet of connecting wire was used and 120,000 feet of leading wire. These wires were attached to the primers, then brought up to the shaft in a tube, and the other end attached to the battery not far from the shaft. Here the electric circuit was to be completed by bringing together two metallic discs and the explosion of a torpedo. The actual firing station was some further distance off. When the key was pressed the torpedo exploded, and the metal discs meeting, the circuit was complete and the explosion instantly followed. Gen. Newton's prognostications that the explosion would be scarcely felt were fully verified, and the general expectation of witnessing something on a magnificent scale was disappointed.

Whether the work has been successful or not, and a channel navigable to ocean steamers been opened, can not be determined till after the dragging and clearing away of the debris of the Hell Gate rocks has been completed.

The morning papers gave elaborate accounts of the Hell Gate explosion, and all unite in according to General Newton full credit and honor for the skill and engineering ability with which he has undertaken the dangerous and tedious undertaking to such a successful issue. All of General Newton's expectations have been fully realized.

No damage whatever has been reported, and the universal belief is that the dangerous reef has been effectually destroyed.

The ladies are divided on the financial question. Those who tie back are believers in contraction on a solid basis. The under ones who wear tilters are in favor of expansion.

NORTHFIELD ROBBERS.

Are They the Younger and James Boys?

By American Press Association to the STAR.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—The three Younger Brothers wounded yesterday delivered to the Sheriff of Rice County, Minn., and have been lodged in Jail at Fairbault. Notwithstanding their exhaustion from lack of food and exposure for fourteen days, mostly of cold, rainy weather, loss of blood by wounds, and excitement from constant crowds of visitors at Madolia, the physicians are confident that all will recover.

The worst wounded is James, and his most serious wound is the breaking of the palate arch, but he can now speak distinctly. The body of the one killed at Madolia was to-day delivered at the State Capitol, where it has been photographed and embalmed for transportation. All three of the younger brothers acknowledge their own identity, but persist in refusing to name any other of their party. Bob Younger thinks Heywood, of the Northfield Bank, couldn't open the safe, and appeared brave from being too afraid to explain himself. Both Robert Cole and the man who shot Heywood say that the man who shot Heywood staggered to his place at the counter that he was reaching under it for a pistol.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25.—Governor Hardin received a telegram to-day at Jefferson City from Minnesota, asking him to send men to identify the captured bank robbers. The Governor refused to do anything in the matter, but Chief of Police McLaughlin, of this city, has gone. It is thought that the man who shot Heywood was one of the Younger boys, and the Northfield gang. Several of them, including Cole Younger and Frank James, are now in the western part of this State. A dispatch from Minnesota says the men who confess to being the Youngers talk constantly about their poor mother. The maternal ancestor of the genuine Youngers has been dead about ten years.

INDIAN EXCITEMENT.

The Hostiles in Force Marching on Fort Sully.

By American Press Association to the STAR.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—A telegram received from Fort Sully says it is reported there that Sitting Bull is marching on that place, and is now within fifty miles of there with a large force, which is being daily augmented by Indians from different agencies, who prefer to the hostiles and keep their arms and ponies rather than give them up and remain at the agencies.

Four hundred Indians left Brule Agency yesterday for the hostile camp. The Indians at the Cheyenne River Agency have not yet been disarmed. Kill Eagle, the head chief of these Indians, sent Gen. Bull word that he intended to kill all the soldiers unless they crossed the river. The troops were under arms all night and placed a cannon in position for use in anticipation of an attack by the Indians. They expect trouble. The Indians have been threatening and impudent. Gen. Bull is of the opinion that he has troops enough to give them the thrashing they are needing.

Another dispatch says the hostiles are within ninety miles of Sully, and are powerful enough to clear out the Northfield. Gen. Bull don't consider the case sufficient to mention it, and preserves a determined front, ready for any number of assaults. There is no doubt of the result were the Sioux to visit us, defeated as the posts are by skeletons of regiments.

Further Indian News.

General Sheridan is en route home, and will probably reach here to-morrow. The plan of the winter campaign is about as follows: General Crook will remain at Laraine until the winter campaign is completed, which will take until Christmas. Meanwhile, Gen. Terry, with the Fifth Cavalry, will scout along the head of the Little Missouri River, while the main column of the brigade will march straight south to Fort Esterman, there to reorganize for winter operations. Crazy Horse is regarded as the head of the Black Hills trouble, and to crush him will be the main object of the contemplated movement.

A depot of supplies will be established on Powder River, within easy distance of the Black Hills settlement, and Deadwood will also be drawn upon in case of necessity. Before recommencing active operations, fresh horses will have to be supplied, and all the men clothed for winter work. This may take longer than is now anticipated. General Crook hopes to wind up the Sioux war before the new year comes. The only thing to prevent such a consummation, he thinks, is the fact that the Indians are much split up.

It is well known that the savages have got all their mules and spare ponies into the British Possessions for the purpose of procuring ammunition and arms. They are on friendly terms with the half breeds of that region, and doubtless become quite formidable within a short period.

Merritt's movement on the Little Missouri will, it is supposed, be of no particular importance.

FOREIGN.

By American Press Association to the STAR.

WILL SUPPORT THE PRINCE.

BELGRADE, Sept. 25.—A committee of the Serbian Skupstina has decided to support the proclamation of Prince Milan.

CLERICAL CELIBACY.

The old Catholic Congress at its last meeting resolved to take a vote of the priests and congregations on the question of the abolition of clerical celibacy.

THE ENGLISH POLICE ENDORSERS.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A Calcutta dispatch says a meeting of the Moslems of India has been held, when a petition for the abolition of the present policy of England was adopted.

FIGHTING COMMENCED.

VIENNA, Sept. 25.—The Russo-Serbian armistice expired yesterday, Sunday, and fighting has been resumed near Alexina.

NEWS FROM THE METROPOLIS.

Big Gaming Swindle.

By American Press Association to the STAR.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—It is stated by a morning paper to-day that New York City detectives are engaged in hunting up the parties to a certain gambling

transaction in which several card sharpers fleeced a Paris banker out of \$33,000 at rare three weeks ago at Long Branch. The victim was Philip Carlin, agent for a Paris banking house. The sharpers are said to be Thomas Hilson, Henry Wright, Thomas Sutcliffe and Johnny Legals.

Tweed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—A Herald cablegram from London says the U. S. ship Franklin is expected momentarily at Vigo, Spain, to embark Wm. M. Tweed and take him to New York.

The State Convention.

of the Greenback Party will be held at Albany to-morrow. The leaders say a State ticket will be nominated, in addition to the Electoral ticket. The candidates mentioned for Governor are Mr. Freeman, President of the Globe Life Insurance Company, of this city, and Hon. E. Spinner. Most of the delegates will leave for Albany this evening by boat. Peter Cooper will take an early train to-morrow morning.

Marine Disaster.

By American Press Association to the STAR.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—A dispatch has been received here reporting that the steamship St. Germain, Captain Ricoutoux, from Havre, September 9, for New York, has been towed into St. John, Newfoundland, by the ship England, from Liverpool, for New York.

The St. Germain lost her rudder in the hurricane. The England sailed Sunday morning from New York with the St. Germain's passengers and mails. All well. The St. Germain will be repaired at St. John and proceed to New York.

The Indians Get a Shaking Up.

By American Press Association to the STAR.

EVANSVILLE, IND., Sept. 25.—Two successive and heavy shocks of an earthquake were felt in this vicinity at midnight last night, causing considerable alarm.

Many persons left their beds. It was at first supposed to have been caused by a steamboat boiler explosion. Some glass was broken, but no other damage has as yet been reported.

Important Inquest.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR.

HAMILTON, O., Sept. 25.—The Coroner's Jury, in the case of John A. Kreuscher, is at work making a thorough investigation of the case. Suspicion of foul play are still entertained by some which the testimony to-day may explain away. Kreuscher's body was taken to the Masonic Lodge, and from there conveyed to Greenwood Cemetery and buried with Masonic honors.

For Congress.

By American Press Association to the STAR.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25.—The Republicans of the Eighth District of Missouri have nominated Colonel D. S. Twitchell, of Kansas City, for Congress.

Postponed.

By American Press Association to the STAR.

FLEETWOOD PARK, Sept. 25.—The races which were to come off to-day have been postponed until to-morrow on account of bad weather.

From a boy's composition on hens: "I cut my Uncle William's hen's neck off with a hatchet, and it scared her to death."

LATEST LOCAL.

THE "T. C." variety show had better get a ticket.

JOHN BELL, Esq., President of the Board of Public Works, is at his old post again.

B. P. W., of Cincinnati—Beer, Pork and Whisky, three of the principal products of Cincinnati industry.

The University Board meets in executive session to-night. Gentlemen, who this secretiveness? This way of excluding pencil destroyers looks bad.

It will be a grand sight to see the airy Judge Saffin on his prancing steed Thursday night at which time he will act as a Marshal of the procession.

DICK ROHNER, City Clerk, went into the Police Court this morning to call the roll of Councilmen, as there was nearly a quorum of them there as defendants.

The alarm from Box 93 at half-past 10 o'clock this morning was occasioned by a blaze in E. Dallas' bootery, at the corner of Dunlap and Hamilton Road. Loss trifling.

JOSEPH LONG, a river man, was locked up at Hammond-street Station by Sergeant Bedinger, on a charge of having stolen two baskets from F. H. Tiesing's store on Front street.

JAS. GURREN, Councilman from the Nineteenth Ward, was fined \$30 and costs in the Police Court this morning, for disorderly conduct and resisting officers on Saturday last.

ANNA JOYCE, an old drunken vag, who yesterday afternoon shot little John O'Hara, a resident of the Big Missouri, this morning was sent to the Work-house this morning for thirty days and fined \$30.

MAYOR JOHNSTON will convene the Board of Revision Wednesday morning for the purpose of inquiring into the condition of the Wharfmaster's conduct and