

NEW YORK LETTER.

A Judge Flaps Over to Romanism—The Detective Police System—Details of the Pinkerton Detective Agency—Its Theory and Practice—How it Works, and by what Rules—The Reward—Sensation—Injunctions Granted by the Wholesaler.

NEW YORK, July 6.—One of our Democratic gossamer judges—who, withal, was once a buccannier on the high seas—has made himself for the manyth time, talked about, by making a loud bid last Sunday for the Irish Catholic vote at the next election. In order to be more in favor with the Hibernal element he has just ratified his conversion from Protestantism to Romanism, by switching off under the confirming hand of Archbishop McCloskey. In these degenerate days there is nothing to which men, not to all, will not stoop. Also, some men, not turned for the sake of office, but who are so sacred that they will not pollute it with their unholy hands for the purpose of making their political ends meet, and that this is only another instance of this kind of thing, the previous character of the judge referred to sufficiently attests.

Another term of our criminal court—the Court of General Sessions—ended last week. Notwithstanding the very long calendar, and the occurrence of many cases, not a case has been brought to trial through the instrumentality of the much-lauded and well-advertised "detectives." The truth is, our detective police is as absolute a fraud upon this community as any other band of corruptible scoundrels could well be. This is a fact, evidenced by the performances respecting the two or three great bond robberies, about which so much has been said and so little done. In these robberies, with what is called the energy and vigor of our detective police, who are, as it were, well known, and who happen to be brought into court, are brought, together by citizens, or police in uniform, or both. If Cardozo would issue an injunction restraining the Metropolitan Detective Police from operating in the city of New York, a great deal of crime in this city would at once suspend, and criminals not able to withstand temptation would have to leave the city, or take an express train to Sing Sing prison.

There is, however, one man who has demonstrated to the country that, in order to be successful detectives, men espousing that profession must be honest, and also zealous for justice. This personage is Mr. Allen Pinkerton, a Scotchman, who began his detective career in Chicago, and through many difficulties and discouragements has at length established one of the most reliable, thorough, and successful bodies of detectives which has ever been brought into being in our country, or any other country. What is known as the "stool-pigeon" system, this Pinkerton detective establishment ignores and contemns. Assuming the modest title of "National Police Agency," it sets itself forth as an independent and private enterprise, and is not in any way connected with or controlled by any municipal corporation or governmental authority. It was established for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime. The detection of crime is accomplished by means of a quite complete system of branches, which are located in various parts of the United States, which are in connection with the Central Office in Chicago. Only such business is undertaken as is strictly legitimate and right; and then only for the purpose of furthering the enterprise, and of bringing criminals to punishment. In his pamphlet of instructions to his employees, who are of both sexes, Mr. Pinkerton informs them that "the existence of the detective as an officer should be kept in mind by all who employ him, so far as being recognized as a detective is concerned, he should strive to be the very last person upon whom such a suspicion would be likely to fall." "Crime," says Mr. Pinkerton, "has become more scientific, and, in consequence, its matter of study how it can pass themselves of the property of others and yet shroud themselves from the chances of detection." The pamphlet goes on to say, very sensibly, that the detective must be a man of a high and noble mind, and must possess a clear, honest, comprehensive understanding, force of will and vigor of body, able upon any emergency, likely to lead to a discovery of his character or plans, to stand firm in adversity, and to be able to stand up from being detected by the criminal upon whom he may be operating."

Mr. Pinkerton claims for the profession "a high and honorable calling," and adds that "few professions excel it." "The detective," he says, "is an officer of justice, and must himself be pure and upright." He counts the old axiom "set a thief to catch a thief," and, after referring to the evils of that theory, he says:—"All such practice is ignored by this agency, which holds as its cardinal principle that crime is as foreign to the human mind as a poisonous insect, and that the only way to get rid of it is to exterminate it by its own means, and to guard himself against its attack, by the use of his strength, both mental and moral, by receiving therein an enemy which will always be on the watch to betray him—and which certainly will betray him sooner than the thief who is detected, and appears, and brings to bear upon the criminal all the armories of a superior intellectual and moral power. The detective, if he is to operate in the higher departments of crime, must be a man of constant and unflinching vigilance, and possess such a knowledge of human nature as will give him a quick insight into character. There is no stronger evidence of weakness or unfitness for his position than the continued resort to liquor, by the detective, with the criminal upon whom it is operating. A man who is not to be detected by the pure and honest mind obtaining a controlling power over that of the criminal; but in so doing he ought not to seek to weaken the mind he has to contend with by any excessive use of spirituous liquors. The detective must, in every instance, report everything which is favorable to the suspected party, as well as everything which may be against him. The object of every investigation made by this agency is to come at the truth, in all the cases that are submitted to it. There must be no endeavoring, therefore, to over-credit or exaggerate anything against any particular individual, whatever the suspicion may be against him. It is the true function of the detective to be impartial in all his operations, and to guard himself against prejudice on the one hand and favor on the other. He is to learn all he can, both for and against the person who may happen to be his quarry for the time being, and to be satisfied, accordingly. He must credit neither his good or ill of any man upon hearsay. His data should be founded on knowledge only, and, upon hearsay, the same must be fairly expressed. All suspicions must be verified by facts. No man ought to be made to suffer on suspicion only. Men alone are amenable to law and justice. These are fundamental axioms of this agency, and must be borne in mind by every detective who is attached to it."

Such is a fair picture of what a detective police would be like, if it were organized and operated upon a system so different, that the ventilation of Mr. Pinkerton's views may be of use both to New York and to other large cities, in determining that branch of the regular police service. As now managed, it is simply and solely a system whereby a policeman's position is used to screen the criminal and swindle the victims of robbery, and, so far as our own city is concerned, it is a mere mockery, which is merely the rope by which he is sure to be suspended himself; for at the next election

CITY ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE To Pay the Chief Engineer of the Department for Supplying the City with Water for services in extending the Water Works.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Department for Supplying the City with Water, be and he is hereby authorized to receive a salary of one hundred dollars per month, in addition to his salary already fixed by ordinance, for his services from January 1st, 1866, to January 31st, 1867, on the condition that he shall, in accordance with an ordinance creating a loan for the further extension of the Water Works, approved May 5, 1866.

Section 2. The warrants for the above shall be drawn from the item of incidentals of the appropriation of July 10th, 1865, in accordance with existing ordinances.

WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council.

JOHN ECKSTEIN, Clerk of Common Council.

JAMES LYND, President of Select Council.

Approved this seventh day of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (A. D. 1866).

MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

CITY ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE To Pay the Page of Select Council.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the page of Select Council for the month of July, be and he is hereby authorized to receive a salary of one hundred dollars per month, in accordance with existing ordinances.

WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council.

BENJAMIN H. HAINES, Clerk of Select Council.

JAMES LYND, President of Select Council.

Approved this seventh day of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (A. D. 1866).

MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

RESOLUTION

To Lay Water Pipe on America and Oiler Streets.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be and he is hereby authorized to lay water pipe on America street, from Master to Jefferson street, in the Seventeenth Ward, and on Oiler street, from Fourth to Fifth street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Section 2. The cost of the pipe and the laying thereof shall be paid by the owners of property fronting on said streets, in the Twenty-second Ward.

WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council.

BENJAMIN H. HAINES, Clerk of Select Council.

JAMES LYND, President of Select Council.

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MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

RESOLUTION

To Change the Place of Voting in Second Division of the Twenty-second Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the place of voting in the Second Division of the Twenty-second Ward shall be held in the brick building, corner of York and Market streets, in the Twenty-second Ward, in the Twenty-second Ward, in the Twenty-second Ward.

WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council.

BENJAMIN H. HAINES, Clerk of Select Council.

JAMES LYND, President of Select Council.

Approved this seventh day of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (A. D. 1866).

MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

RESOLUTION

To Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to draw certain funds.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be and he is hereby authorized to draw the sum of one hundred dollars from the fund appropriated for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Fire Department, for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Fire Department, for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Fire Department.

WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council.

BENJAMIN H. HAINES, Clerk of Select Council.

JAMES LYND, President of Select Council.

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MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

RESOLUTION

To Authorize a Contract to be Made with D. Cramer & Son for Building the Engine and Boiler Works at Roxborough Water Works.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with D. Cramer & Son, to build the engine and boiler works at Roxborough Water Works, for the sum of seven thousand nine hundred dollars.

WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council.

JOHN ECKSTEIN, Clerk of Common Council.

JAMES LYND, President of Select Council.

Approved this fifth day of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (A. D. 1866).

MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

RESOLUTION

To Authorize the Faving of Hancock Street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with a competent paver or pavers, to be selected by a majority of the owners of property fronting on Hancock street, between Norris street and Berks street, in the Nineteenth Ward, for the paving of the same.

WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council.

BENJAMIN H. HAINES, Clerk of Select Council.

JAMES LYND, President of Select Council.

Approved this fifth day of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (A. D. 1866).

MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

RESOLUTION

To Authorize the Faving of Hackley Street and Mascher Street.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with a competent paver or pavers, who shall be selected by a majority of the owners of property fronting on Hackley street, from Fourth to Fifth streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, and on Mascher street, from Third to Fourth streets, in the Seventeenth Ward, for the paving of the same.

WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council.

BENJAMIN H. HAINES, Clerk of Select Council.

JAMES LYND, President of Select Council.

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MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

RESOLUTION

To Authorize the Faving of Marshall and Franklin Streets.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with a competent paver or pavers, who shall be selected by a majority of the owners of property fronting on Marshall street, between Norris and Berks streets, and on Franklin street, from Columbia avenue to Berks street, for the paving thereof. The cost of the paving shall be paid by the owners of property fronting on said streets, in the Twenty-second Ward.

WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, President of Common Council.

BENJAMIN H. HAINES, Clerk of Select Council.

JAMES LYND, President of Select Council.

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MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

FOR SALE—STATE AND COUNTY RIGHTS

of (appewell & Co's Patent Wind Guard and Air Heater for Coal Oil Lamps; it prevents the Chimneys from breaking. This we will warrant. Also, we have a third oil. Call and see them, they cost but ten cents. No. 288 RACE STREET, Philadelphia. Goods sent to and part of a United States or foreign patents.

CITY ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE To Restrict the Loan of a Certain Judgment Specified Properties of Henry Simons, William McFadden, David Wallace, and Clement L. Hughes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby empowered to file an agreement of record that the lien of the judgment of the Court in the case of Henry Simons shall only operate on and against a certain four-story brick factory and lot or piece of ground, situated at the northwest corner of Sixth and Master streets. Also, lot of ground whereon is erected the premises No. 1222 Beach street. Also, all that certain lot of ground, wharf and buildings on the southerly side of the lot whereon is erected the premises No. 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, 1117, 1119, 1203 Front street. Also, lot of ground whereon is erected the premises No. 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 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