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ANOTHER HOWL.

In the last issue of the official organ (?) the very officious editor devotes over a column in an endeavor to prove that Councilman Mehan has no right to stop the almost continuous flow of public moneys into the coffers of the *Democrat* (?). He claims to have before found fault with Mr. Mehan's actions, and we remember that the reasons were of the same nature as at present. Mr. Mehan, as a public servant, can afford to defy a respectable critic, so it can be imagined what little effect the opinion of this man Hoffman is likely to have.

The *Democrat* (?) claims to be always on the alert that the interest of the tax-payers shall be served. If so, why take exceptions to an official whose every act has tended that way and who has no other object in the present move than that the city printing should be done as reasonably as possible? Mr. Mehan's motion was to advertise for bids; not to award any contract. The city, under the law, enjoying the same rights as an individual, should certainly be allowed to take advantage of the most favorable rates. If this course is detrimental to the interests of the people, then Hoffman is right; but as it is the only just and business way of settling the question, Hoffman has only again proved himself a most blatant prevaricator.

He dubs the ADVERTISER a little sheet; printed on a hand press; started in the interest of a clique whom the *Democrat* (?) opposed; that it has no circulation; is almost unknown; that it endeavored to gain notoriety by attacking Mr. Hoffman, the editor of the thirty-year-old and most respectable (?) sheet in Hudson County; that we could not get the contract in any case, etc., etc. Well, we trust this poor creature feels better after getting that load off his feeble mind.

The ADVERTISER is printed on a hand-press; but it owns the press. The ADVERTISER was never started by or in the interest of any clique or set "downed" or exposed by the official (?) sheet; and happens to be three years old instead of two. We, in fact, know of no party or individual whom the official (?) organ succeeded in crushing; but are aware of many instances where their support and influence was fatal to their favorites.

Without being extravagant at all we will guarantee that we circulate twice as many copies as the official (?) sheet, (and we don't give them away by the dozen, either). We may have referred uncomplimentarily to that apostate who furnishes the lies for the official (?) organ; but how could we write otherwise and be truthful? We do not deny that during and up to the time of our severance with the *Democrat* it was a pretty respectable journal; but it could hardly continue so

under the management of the amorous Bernard and the pugilistic Albert.

In reference to the law in this case, we presume to say that the City Council understand it—not as well as the official (?) editor, but much better; and we are about in that position ourselves, as the dignified scribe may learn ere long.

Hoffman, with most unblushing impudence, states that two years ago his employers attempted to secure the contract for the *English Journal*, owned by them, but failed owing to the *Democrat*, owned by the Hoboken Land & Improvement Company at that time, holding the appointment. The truth of this case is that it is over three years since Bayer & Kaufmann purchased the *Democrat*, and it was some months before that when they made a struggle for the city printing. At that time—the Spring of 1877—bids were invited; but Bayer, confident of bulldozing the Council, refused to send in a bid, and so the contract was awarded to the *Democrat*. They continued to fight, but were "downed" on every side instead of being victorious (as their truthful scribe asserts); and, after numerous failures, purchased the then official paper on the 3rd of December, 1877. The general law had nothing whatever to do with their failure, it was alone due to the dignified Bayer declining to send in a bid for the work. We can make no mistake in this matter, having unpleasant recollections of the unmanly course pursued by Bayer on that occasion, who entered what was then our headquarters at 9 o'clock on the morning aforesaid and, armed with the necessary papers, ordered the old employees out without a minute's notice.

To proceed further, Mr. Mehan has expressed no preference for any paper, and never in his life made the statement "that he would down the Dutch concern," but has always felt disposed to prevent the proprietors of the *Democrat* (?) from wronging the tax-payers—and that's where the shoe pinches. Mr. Mehan does, however, know all about the law of the case and the rights of the *Democrat* (?) and is making this move in the cause of the citizens of Hoboken, who have long enough suffered extortion. There need be no lawsuit, unless the official (?) sheet institutes one, and we hope they do not mean to insinuate that they are presumptuous enough to ask the city to pay the court expenses.

The frantic efforts of the official (?) editor to make out a case owing to their printing the Council proceedings for the past few months is too ridiculous to need much comment. The bare fact that no stated time was agreed upon we should consider sufficient evidence that the Councilmen intended to make better terms if an opportunity offered; besides, the official (?) printers gave the Council no notice of the expiration of their contract, which was their duty to do.

Again, the Council had no intention of ignoring the Mayor's authority by introducing this subject in the form of a motion. Councilman Mehan was in Trenton until a late hour, and reached the City Hall just as the meeting was about to adjourn. There was no time for drawing up preambles or resolutions, as this member was anxious to bring the matter before the Board that evening. It is surprising the anxiety displayed by the official (?) sheet in this instance over

the Mayor's rights. We can remember, only a short time since, when it was necessary for these consistent scribblers to devote an extra issue to abuse and vilify his Honor. How surprisingly their tune has changed in a few months!

The balance of the article savors of a big blubbering school boy, who fears that some person will take away his apple. Poor boy! Does he think the people of Hoboken are idiots enough to believe that they ever voluntarily saved a dollar to the city? Oh, no! That matter was taken care of by the Legislature, and caused the economical and just official (?) printers more chagrin than otherwise.

As regards returning to the extravagant order of things, the means devised by Mr. Mehan will not only prevent any such misfortune to Hoboken, but will tend to further reduce expenses, as any sane man knows if a contract is made for a year at a certain figure, and that settles it.

In reference to "standing in" with officials, we need only illustrate how the *Democrat* (?) struggled to re-elect a Republican Mayor, and we will also remind the tax-payers that during that gentleman's administration the cost for city printing amounted to an extra \$2,000 for unnecessary work.

How is this Mr. *Democrat* for "standing in" with the officials? Howl again!

The Mahon Burglary Case

The more we hear, read of, and investigate the Mahon burglary case, the more complicated and mysterious it appears. We expressed much sympathy for the victim of so many misfortunes, and were inclined to be extremely harsh toward persons who would be guilty of adding to the man's troubles by burglarizing his premises. It is none the less a very serious charge to make against a young man who has heretofore enjoyed a good reputation and, while we would favor severely punishing the culprits, we would want to be equally sure of making no mistakes in the matter, and certainly do not consider the fact of young Barnitt having a cut wrist any grounds at all for submitting him to such disgrace and annoyance. The accused has proved, by two or three witnesses, that he was home all night, and Mr. Mahon simply suspects him of being guilty without anything to support his suspicions. If the young man was guilty we would be the last to attempt to shield him; but his past record is in his favor. He has always enjoyed a good reputation, and we are really inclined to believe that in the excitement attending this occurrence, Mr. Mahon being of a decidedly excitable nature, and smarting under a multiplicity of misfortunes, has made a very serious mistake and done a great injustice to a neighbor which it will be difficult to cancel.

Another Victim of the Bottle

A very striking temperance lecture was furnished in the Fourth Ward on Tuesday last by an unfortunate man named William Preston, who, between the night of that day and morning of the next, died a raving, gibbering maniac, the effect of over-indulgence in alcoholic "beverages." The deceased occupied apartments in the building owned by Mr. Peter Kerrigan, corner Grand and Newark streets, and followed the avocation of peddler of different kinds of stimulants, those predominating in number being rye and rock, raw spirits, unrectified alcohol, &c. He lived the life of a strict recluse, his door, at very frequent intervals being locked for three days at a time, during which he would be inside "sampling"

part of his own stock in trade and sleeping off its effects. About twelve months of this kind of living was all nature would permit, and on Wednesday morning last he was discovered on the floor of his room stark and stiff in death. The landlord had the body promptly removed to the morgue, and, without delay, telegraphed to his friends at South Strafford, Vt. Mr. Kerrigan holds possession of deceased's property until the arrival of his relatives. It consists almost, if not entirely, of different sized full and empty bottles, sufficient almost in number to stock a large-sized drug store.

Obituary.

We sincerely regret the painful duty devolved upon us in the announcement of the death of our late friend Mr. Edward Brennan, an old and entrusted employee of Councilman Quirk, who died at the latter gentleman's home last Saturday after a short illness. The deceased, though not enjoying the best of health for some months past, continued to perform his duties up to a few days before his death, and little apprehension was entertained by his friends that the fatal hour was so near. During his illness, Mr. Quirk and family paid every attention to the wants and comfort of the deceased, and, though without relatives in this part of the country, nothing was forgotten that would tend to make his last hours on earth as peaceful as possible. The funeral took place last Monday from the corner of First and Washington streets, and was largely attended the Mayor and all the city officials being present. The deceased will be universally regretted, his agreeable, genial and gentlemanly bearing toward all with whom he came in contact making him a general favorite.

Pool Extraordinary.

The long-talked-of pool match between Major John Washington and Colonel Clark was played at Mehan's billiard parlor Monday evening, and, owing to neither player being very expert, excited much merriment. Bets were freely offered both ways, and just as freely—not taken. The first seven games were won by the Colonel with only four to the credit of his gallant opponent, and the former, being declared champion, was presented with the stakes and an elegant (?) alpaca umbrella. We have often had the misfortune to witness indifferent pool playing, but we consider the Clark-Washington match the most we have ever experienced. A very brilliant game was afterward played by two amateur experts, and this display, in a small way, modified the disgust occasioned by the great match.

—Treasurer Daniel Donnigan, of the Hoboken branch of the Land League, forwarded the January statement to Financial Secretary Daniel Northin, of New York last Monday, as follows:

Total receipts to date	\$170.70
Remittance to Ireland	\$100.00
Expenses	14.53
Balance	56.17

Considering the recent date of organization the above is a very flattering showing. The meetings for the present will take place in St. Mary's School every Monday evening.

—Justice Wm. F. Rusch, who is located at No. 93 First street, though only in the second year of his appointment, occupies a foremost place amongst the Justices of this county, and certainly enjoys a reputation second to none in his business in this city. Mr. Rusch has had many very serious cases brought before him within the past year, and has in every instance displayed a fairness and judgment which certainly assures him a long and successful career, which we trust will be the result of his attention and efficiency.

LACONICS.

—The George W. Dennison Association will dance at Old Fellow's Hall next Wednesday evening.

—The Schuetzen Lyra Singing Society are making extensive preparations for their grand annual masquerade ball on the 14th instant.

—The Unique Coterie have engaged Otto Cottage Hall and will celebrate their second anniversary by a grand ball and supper next Monday night.

—The Ferry Engineers' Association, with many members in this city, hold their first annual ball at Pythagoras Hall, 136 Canal street, New York, next Friday evening.

—Ex-Justice Thomas Smith, who died in St. Mary's Hospital from a severe attack of erysipelas, was buried from his late residence on Monday afternoon, the funeral being largely attended.

—Last Sunday a lace handkerchief, the gift of a deceased friend, was lost by a child on Garden street. Any person finding the same and leaving information at this office will be rewarded.

—The fourth annual three dancers of the Union Social Club takes place at the German Club House, Hudson and Sixth streets, on Thursday evening next. It promises to be a very "toney" affair.

—The bill introduced by the Hon James Curran, authorizing the erection of buildings for the use of the Fire Department, passed the House on Thursday and will go to the Senate on Monday evening.

—The ferryboats are having a hard struggle with the immense body of floating ice which has filled the river for the past four or five days, and a trip to or from the city is rather an indefinite journey as regards time.

—Water Registrar M. H. Murphy and ex-Councilman Patrick McGuinness were re-elected directors of the Hoboken Mutual Aid Association at its last meeting. The gentlemen have long and efficiently filled that office.

—The members of the Council did a good thing at their last session when they authorized the Street Commissioner to employ men to clear the ice off the different street crossings, many of which have long been not only impassible but dangerous.

—An interesting pool tournament is at present in progress at John Fleming's Grape Vine saloon, corner Newark and Washington streets. An exciting contest is expected this evening, when "Cap" Aldoretta and "Eddie" Kennedy will cross cues.

—James Hurley, a longshoreman, residing on Willow street, fell on the corner of Second and Bloomfield streets last Saturday morning and fractured his skull. He was conveyed to the police station and from thence to St. Mary's Hospital, where he died the same day.

—"Josh" Alworth has taken entire charge of the billiard and pool rooms attached to the Germania Garden, Hudson street, and will endeavor to make it agreeable to those who may favor him with a visit. "Josh" is a genial old chap, and will thoroughly appreciate any patronage extended.

—The ladies of the M. E. Free Tabernacle are making grand preparations for an entertainment and supper to be held on St. Valentine's evening, the 14th inst. A very amusing programme has been arranged including an impromptu post office. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Fund.

—Two alarms of fire were sounded yesterday afternoon within fifteen minutes. The first brought the fire boys to the corner of Second and Hudson streets, where, fortunately, it was discovered to be all a mistake. In the second case they went to First

and Clinton streets, where it was also found to be a false alarm.

—The revival continues in the First M. E. Church. The interest is very deep and widespread. The pastor, Rev. D. R. Lowrie, will preach to-morrow at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The subject of the evening discourse: "Will There be a Judgment Day?" Meetings will be continued every evening next week.

—The San Francisco Minstrels retain their popularity, and nightly turn away hundreds from their theatre, at Broadway and 29th street. Bryant & Hoey, clever musical artists, are the latest attraction, while Birch & Backus are always attractive and funny. The sketch "A Hot Night in the City," is considered one of the hits of the season.

—At the meeting of the Police Commissioners, on Monday evening, the charges against Aid Ringe and Officer Whalen, in connection with the Fitzpatrick assault, were dismissed. City Clerk Albars read resolutions of condolence on the death of the late Officer Steuben, and a copy was ordered forwarded to the family of the deceased.

—David C. Bogart, the young switchman, charged with leaving a switch open at Pen Horn, last November, by which two persons lost their lives, was yesterday convicted of manslaughter, with a recommendation to mercy. The jury also censured the N. Y., Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company for placing a minor in so responsible a position.

—Bartley Campbell's great success "The Galley Slave," is having a very successful run at Haverly's Fourteenth Street Theatre. It is mounted in the magnificent style for which this house is noted, and the representation has never been excelled in New York. Any who have missed witnessing this great drama should not lose this most favorable opportunity.

—The annual surprise of the America G. F. V. tendered to their lady friends at Old Fellow's Hall, Thursday night, was well attended, and must be scored among the successes of the pleasure season. John H. Steljes, an expert in such matters, ably managed the affairs, assisted by Messrs. E. D. W. Henshon, F. W. Deitering, R. Hausotter and E. Steinberg. The reception of guests was in charge of Messrs. E. A. Kraatz, Charles Steinberg and George Pope. Eckert's orchestra furnished the music.

—We are pleased to learn that our esteemed fellow citizen ex Alderman John C. Dahrkoop has been making a grand success of the agency of the celebrated Carleton Club whiskey, manufactured only by Hasbrouck & Sons, of New York. Mr. Dahrkoop is the man of all others to represent such an establishment in this county. His extensive acquaintance and genial manner, together with his acknowledged popularity, are sufficient to place any article, let alone the celebrated Carleton Club brand, which is recognized as one of the best in the market and needs only to be introduced to become popular.

—The Wareing brothers gave a rousing show at Webber's Germania Garden the past week, and promise even greater attractions for Monday evening. The three St. Felix sisters, who enjoy a metropolitan reputation, were secured at great expense, a fact, however, which the public appreciated by nightly thronging the mainense building. Miss Effie De Rock and Miss Connie Denier were also well received, and Miss Bartha Rowe, who is a standard favorite this side of the water, has lost none of her magnetism and met with an ovation from the first evening. John Denier, Andy Amann and George Holland, in their various specialties, proved valuable additions. The artists for next week, so far, are Miss Emma Hofmann, Mous. Vertani and wife, Miss Carrie Brower and Young America.

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