

THE COURTS.

NEW MOTIONS IN OLD MANDAMUS CASES.

A Medley of Stationery Bills, Reform Expenses and Bank Claims.

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SHARKEY

Application for a New Trial To Be Argued Before the Supreme Court, General Term.

BUSINESS IN THE OTHER COURTS.

A Lawyer Charged with Attempt to Compound a Felony—Trials and Convictions in the General Sessions.

Wholesale Business in the Mandamus Line.

Stationery Bills Against the City—An Item of Reform Expenses—The Tenth National Bank and the Court House Commissioners.

The attention of Judge Pratt, holding Supreme Court, Chambers, was pretty much occupied yesterday in the mandamus business.

BILL OF STATUTORY AGAINST THE CITY.

This is the bill of E. Metzger for stationery furnished the Superior and Marine Courts.

SETTLING THE REFORM EXPENSES.

Next in order was an application by Mr. Dukes for three writs of mandamus against the Board of Apportionment to compel them to appropriate money to pay three clerks of the joint committee of Supervisors, Aldermen and citizens of the fall of 1871.

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JUDGE FOWLER'S SALARY.

The above finished the mandamus business. The only other case of public interest had reference to the claims of Judge Fowler against the city for salary.

SHARKEY, THE CONDEMNED MURDERER.

A Stay of Proceedings Granted—A Motion for a New Trial To Be Argued Before the Supreme Court, General Term.

Wm. J. Sharkey is not to be hanged after all on next week Friday. Application was made yesterday in Supreme Court, Chambers, before Judge Pratt, by Mr. Charles W. Brooks, for a writ of error in his case.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Pratt.

Bartlett vs. McNeill.—Motion denied, with \$100 costs, but on the evening of July 25, 1873, the defendant was arrested by the sheriff on a writ of habeas corpus.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

By Judge Harbison.

The Gutta Percha, &c., Manufacturing Company vs. Torrey et al. Judgment affirmed, with \$100 costs.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder Hackett.

A Lawyer in Probable Admittance Charging Him with Attempting to Compound a Felony—The Matter Sent Before a Grand Jury.

There was considerable excitement created yesterday in this court when Mr. Allen, chief clerk in the District Attorney's office, entered and informed His Honor the Recorder that he had an affidavit which he wished to read.

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A CAREFUL QUARANTINE.

The Danger from Disease Daily Decreasing.

The New Improvements at Quarantine—Commerce Encouraged—The Merchants Satisfied.

"THE CHAMPAGNE ISLANDS."

The present efficient manner in which quarantine is managed contrasts with the state of things familiar to all merchants two Summers ago.

Cuba, as well as the epidemic form of yellow fever now prevalent along the South American coast, detracts in no small measure from the great ratio of increase.

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"THE DEUCE TO PAY."

Labors and Clerks Included in the List.

A Broom in the Board of Apportionment—Stop-Cock on the Finance Stairs Gate—Only a Fig-leaf Hole at Work—The Mayor vs. Green—An Authority of Law—\$100 a Day.

Mayor Havemeyer had quite a number of calls at his office yesterday, but as a rule things were very dull in the municipal departments.

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ANOTHER CUBAN EXPEDITION.

General Quesada's Offer to the "Amigos de Cuba"—The Virginias to Take Another Expedition to the "Ever Faithful Isle."

General Manuel Quesada y Linares, one of the confidential agents of the Republic of Cuba in this country, but better known to fame as the successful organizer of two liberating expeditions sent to Cuba on board the American steamer Virginia, has just offered the use of the vessel to the Cuban society in this city known as "Amigos de Cuba" for the purpose of sending another expedition of arms, ammunition, medicines, &c., to the Cuban patriots, so nobly struggling for their liberty for the past five years.

The "Amigos de Cuba" possess a property of forty thousand dollars of subscriptions, including the liberal gifts made by the veteran abolitionist, Mr. Gerrit Smith, and the President of the "Amigos," and the eminent patriot, Miguel Alemán, who has expressed his willingness to accept the proffered use of the Virginia for her patriotic mission.

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"MARKET NUISANCES."

South Street To Be Reformed—The Veasy Street Dump—Fruit Dealers' Appeal for Space in Fulton Market—Nuisances in Through the City.

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THE BANCER MALPRACTICE CASE.

Coroner Herrman Commits Dr. Bancker to the Toms—He Confesses His "Error"—Talks About Kyrlething.

Sergeant Wilson, of the Thirty-third precinct, yesterday afternoon brought before Coroner Herrman, at his office, No. 40 East Houston street, Dr. William W. Bancker, of 118 West 124th street, who was arrested the day previous by order of the Coroner on suspicion of having performed an operation on his (Bancker's) wife, which resulted in her death, a full report of which has heretofore appeared in the Herald.

Dr. Bancker was committed to the Toms to await the result of an inquisition, which will take place as soon as the analysis shall be completed.

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