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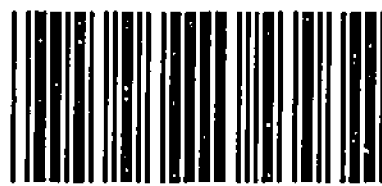
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DESCRIPTION:

Bannon, Thomas

DATE:

04/31/85



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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Thomas Cannon

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

Thomas Cannon
of the CRIME of *Grand* LARCENY in the second degree,
committed as follows:

The said *Thomas Cannon*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid,
on the *17th* day of *March* in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*five*, at the Ward, City and County
aforesaid, with force and arms, with intent to deprive and defraud one

Abraham S. Post
of the property hereinafter mentioned, and of the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to *his* own use, did then and there feloniously, fraudulently
and falsely pretend and represent to *the said Abraham*

S. Post,

That a certain paper writing, which the said
Thomas Cannon then and there exhibited to and delivered
to the said *Abraham S. Post*, in the words and figures
following, to wit:

No. 304

New York, March 16, 1885

The 5 1/2 Avenue Bank of New York,
through the New York Clearing House Association,
Pay to Thomas Cannon or Order, Thirty Dollars
\$30.00

John P. Allen

and which said paper writing was then and there duly endorsed
by the said *Thomas Cannon*, was a good and valid order
for the payment of money, and of the full value of thirty
dollars, that the said *Thomas Cannon* then well knew
John P. Allen, and that the said *John P. Allen* then had a
credit with the *5 1/2 Avenue Bank of New York* to the amount
of at least thirty dollars, and that the said *John P. Allen*
then made authority to draw the said order for the payment
of money upon the said Bank, and had no drawn the same,

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And the said *Abraham L. Post* —

then and there believing the said false and fraudulent pretenses and representations so made as aforesaid by the said *Thomas Barron* —

and being deceived thereby, was induced, by reason of the false and fraudulent pretenses and representations so made as aforesaid, to deliver, and did then and there deliver to the said *Thomas Barron*, a sum of money, to wit: The sum of thirty dollars in money, and of the value of thirty dollars,

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said —

Abraham L. Post
and the said *Thomas Barron* — did then
and there feloniously obtain the said sum of money —

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said —

Abraham L. Post
from the possession of the said *Abraham L. Post*.

by color and by aid of the false and fraudulent pretenses and representations aforesaid, and with intent to deprive and defraud the said *Abraham L. Post*

of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to his own use. **Whereas**, in truth and in fact, the said paper, to wit:

which the said *Thomas Barron* as an agent of his and was exhibited to and delivered to the said *Abraham L. Post*, was not a good and valid order for the payment of money, and was not of the full value of thirty dollars. And the said *Thomas Barron* did not then well know the said *John P. O'Leary*, and the said *John P. O'Leary* did not then have a credit with the said

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£2500 Queen's Bank of New York
to the amount of at least thirty
dollars, or to any amount whatever,
and the said John R. Allen did not then
have authority to draw the said order
for the payment of money upon the
said Bank, and had not so drawn
the same.

And Whereas, in truth and in fact, the pretenses and representations so made
as aforesaid by the said Thomas Barron
to the said Abraham D. Post, was and were,
then and there in all respects utterly false and untrue, as he the said
Thomas Barron
at the time of making the same then and there well knew.

AND SO THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID do say: That the said Thomas
Barron
on the day and year first aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, in the
manner and form aforesaid, and by the means aforesaid, with force and arms, he
sum of money aforesaid,

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said
Abraham D. Post,
then and there feloniously did STEAL, against the form of the Statute in such case made
and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their
dignity.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE

PETER B. OLNEY, District Attorney.

POOR QUALITY
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BAILED,
No. 1, by Frank Rump
Residence 186 E. 88th St.
Street
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
Street
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
Street
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
Street

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, N.C.,

OF THE COMPLAINT OF

Abraham R. Ruff

550 West 86 St.

Thomas F. Sammons

Offence

1885

March 24

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

Thomas F. Sammons

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated March 25 1885 Arthur J. White Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named _____ to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated _____ 1885 _____ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.

Dated _____ 1885 _____ Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 5 DISTRICT.

of No. Benjamin F. Wykoff
6 Sytton Place, My Street, aged 19 years,
occupation Bookkeeper being duly sworn deposes and says,
that on the 14th day of March 1885

at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

A certain check
was presented to the 5th Avenue Bank
for payment drawn by one
John P. Allen which was refused
for the reason that said Allen
had no account in said Bank
of which deponent is a bookkeeper.
Deponent further says that no
such person could have had
an account in said Bank without
deponent's knowledge.

B. F. Wykoff
Bookkeeper

Sworn to before me, this

188

day

Police Justice.

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As
Hanna Cannon
J10 E88
Henry Otting
For deposit only
A. L. Post
Hanna Cannon
J10 E88

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No. 3047

New York, March 16 1885

THE FIFTH AVENUE BANK

THROUGH THE NEW YORK CLEARING-HOUSE ASSOCIATION.

Pay to

Thomas Barron

or Order,

Thirty

Dollars.

\$ 30.00

John V. Allen

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, { ss

Thomas F. Barron being duly examined before the under-
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is h ^{is} right to
make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to
enable h ^{im} if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h ^{im}
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h ^{is} waiver cannot be used
against h ^{im} on the trial.

Question What is your name?

Answer

Thomas F. Barron

Question. How old are you?

Answer

28 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

N.Y. City

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

310 E 88

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

Contractor

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your
exculpation?

Answer.

I am guilty

Thomas F. Barron

Taken before me this

day of *March* 188*8*

Police Justice.

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Police Court—5 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No.

550 E 86

Abraham L. Post.

Street, aged 28 years,

occupation

Coal Dealer

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the

17

day of

March

1885

at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in the day time, the following property viz:

Thirty dollars good and lawful money

the property of

deponent.

and that this deponent

has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away by

Thomas Bannan (now here)

from the fact that said Bannan presented a certain check to deponent, and asked deponent to cash said check which upon the following representations made by Bannan, deponent did deponent says that said Bannan represented to deponent that said check was good and money in the Bank to meet it, said check being drawn to the order of Thomas Bannan by John P. Allen and endorsed by Henry Ostron on the Fifth Avenue Bank N.Y. deponent further says that said Allen had no account at said Bank

Sworn to before me, this day of 188-

Police Justice

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and that the undersigned of Henry Otting
is a ~~proper~~ grand juror and has been
informed that said Otting wherefore
opponent asks that said Paulson be held
away dealt with as the law directs under
Section 529 of the Penal Code.

Abraham L. Post

Sworn to before me this
24th day of March 1885

James M. White

Police Justice

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been
committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of
Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison
of the City of New York, until he give such bail.
Dated 1885
I have admitted the above named
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated 1885
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.
Dated 1885
Police Justice.

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

Offence—LARCENY.

vs.

Dated 1885

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

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Street,

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to answer

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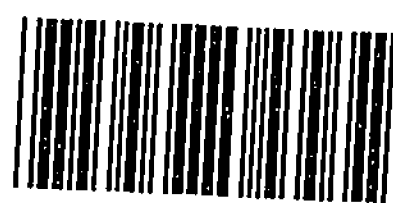
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Barrett, Elmer

DATE:

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Witnesses:

Edmund Blunt
115 Madison Lane
Officer for R. Henry
Circuit Office

Bail \$300.

Dec 9/87

From the reasons stated
in the annexed report of
Dep. Asst. Dist. Atty. and Gray
I recommend that ~~indictment~~
indictment be dismissed &
that bail be discharged.

Oct 7/1887

Randolph B. Martine
Dist. Atty

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Counsel

Filed day of

1888

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

Elmer Barrett

Grand Larceny 2nd degree

[Sections 528, 581 Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

PETER B. OLNEY,

District Attorney

28 Oct 1887

A True Bill

W. J. B. Berry

Feb 7/87

Indictment dismissed

Sept 7/87

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Emmer Barrett

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

Emmer Barrett

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the *second* degree, committed as follows:

The said *Emmer Barrett*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *thirtieth* day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*four*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one steam grage of the value of

fifteen dollars, and one oil-cup of

the value of twenty-five dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Edmund Blunt*,

then and there being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

Randolph B. Martine,

District Attorney.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK

against:

James P. Jones

Good

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

James W. Davis Esq
Ord of Probate & other

Proctor
Barnett

It appears in this case, that the defendant, having the property in his custody, acted as a thief, and the same for the purpose of raising a few dollars in an emergency.

There is no evidence as to his intention in so doing. He claims that it was his purpose to return the same at his first opportunity and that he had no idea of permanently depriving the owner of the same, or of the use thereof to appropriate it to his own use, ~~except for his own use~~.

Prior to the time of this alleged larceny the defendant had always borne a good character, and except as to the transaction now in which this indictment arose, is a person of excellent reputation.

Of course it is the defendant's contention that he is not guilty of larceny, or of any criminal offense, and in view of his good character

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This discharge of the plaintiff charged by
 the complaint, in which the plaintiff
 alleged and sought the right to which
 the property belonged - his success
 in the civil action brought against
 him in the Superior Court for damages
 for the alleged wrongful taking of
 the property - and all the circumstances
 in the transaction, it seems to me,
 in the absence of any further or
 more direct evidence tending to establish
 a prima facie case existing in the
 defendant's mind at the time of the
 taking, that no conviction could
 be had upon a trial of the issue
 of the defendant's guilt.
 I therefore recommend that
 the indictment be dismissed and
 the defendant be released.

Respectfully submitted
 J. H. H. H.
 J. H. H. H.

July 16/04

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M. H. BLISS,
Clerk of the Courts,
WEBSTER COUNTY, IOWA.

Fort Dodge, April 14, 1885

Dear Sir

Complying with request in your
letter of April 11th 1885, just received,
I herewith hand you certified copy record
entries Nos 157 & 158 State of Iowa vs
Martin H. Burnham, showing conviction
in each case.

Cost of preparing this promptly \$3.
which please remit

Yours

M. H. Bliss Clerk
By Sawyer

P. S. You will see, by inspection of
record, that Mr B. was not sent up for
10 years on one indictment - but for 4
years in No 157 & for 6 years in No 158,
He served out first term but was pardoned
by Gov of Iowa during second, because both
convictions were that to be for same offense

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having arisen out of same transaction
These are the only convictions of record
in this county against Mr. L. B. Burdett,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

New York,

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Mr. Byron Jewelry Business Maiden Lane
 was Partner with Frie in the Bountymoney
 While together Frie wanted him to consent
 to his (Frie) forging papers of enlistment &
 said they could make \$100,000 in 30 days
 He also told him that he had been in
 State Prison in Kentucky & elsewhere
 Mr. Byron refused to allow it & a few
 days thereafter was arrested by Detective
 Baker of Govt Service & sent Washington
 & held there for 6 or 8 weeks when he was
 discharged no charges whatever ^{being} made
 against him & never knew for what he was
 arrested. While away Frie drew all the
 money from the Bank & when he returned
 to N.Y. & saw Frie he made an ^{appointment}
 with him to meet him the next day

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to settle. At 12.4.00 the next day
Brie took steamer & left the country
at that hour carrying off all the ^{money}
he thinks some \$20 to \$30,000 belong-
ing to the firm of Lyon & Co.

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People vs. Brice.
Indictment filed.
Dec 23/85.
Certificate
Subject of the Indictment
Property of
Mrs. Hallam
Compt.

MS.
Superintendent
Exhibits in
Case No. 1000

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

New York,

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Mr Jayne detective in Equitable ^{building}
Had the Case of Winslow & Daniel Co
who were victimized by forged checks.
Brie informed who the forgers were
& was employed by him to furnish
the names of the parties. Jayne investi-
gated Brie & ascertained all about
him & found him a rascal but ^{made}
him fulfill his engagements.

I think Brie stated he knew the
forgers when he was in Prison
or got acquainted with them there
& said they lived or ~~stayed~~ stopped
with him when here (they were western ^{men})
Jayne went west & arrested them
& brought them here.

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METROPOLITAN HOTEL,

Broadway and Prince St.,

NEW YORK.

JOHN M. OTTER, Manager.

New York,

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History of E. H. Brie

Before the war was a "Card Writer"
in ~~Hotels~~ Hotels in Cincinnati, St.
Louis & New Orleans

While in Cincinnati was arrested &
convicted for robbing guests at Hotel
& was sent to State Prison at Columbus, Ohio.
Mr. Concklin atty gen B. Way & Thomas St.
saw him in Prison there & had some cards
written by him but cannot now recognize
him as the man but ~~was~~ remembers
the names & circumstances

again in New Orleans
When Genl. Butler captured New Orleans
Brie was in the Parish Prison & wrote to
Genl. B. that if he would let him out of
Prison he would give him valuable infor-
-mation against the Rebels. He was ^{released}

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& when Genl. B. ^{said he would again be put in Prison} left N Orleans Brie begged
him to bring him north with him after
being north two or three months when he
was discharged & came to N.Y. & went
in the bounty jumping business after
the war was over. Brie Forged Bonds
of ~~the~~ Richmond County bonds N.Y.
for which I am informed he was
indicted in the Dist. Atty's office. Brie
ran away & went to ~~Low~~ Iowa where
he assumed the name of Bernham
& was sent to State Prison for
forgery under that name in
Iowa (see letter & paper in your file)
for ten years. After serving five
years he was pardoned & came
back to N.Y. & was arrested by
Geo Elder (detective) upon a bench
warrant on 7c of Richmond Co
bonds. Was taken to Dist. Atty
Phelps who let him go on 7c of so
long a time having Chapin

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Thomas Booth
John Slattery
E. W. Brie

filed May 9. 1871

E. W. Brie

filed Sept 29. 1869

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Franklin D. Roosevelt

Robert

Wesley K. Lynde

Emile H. Brie

Applicant and

Order for Service

J. R. S. Hume

and John B. Biddle

as witnesses concerning

and (Applicant)

The Service of a copy

has been made

as admitted

Nov 19, 1944

Wm. W. W. W.

Com. for Rec.

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Court of General Sessions.

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The People :
- vs. - :
Wesley Lyon & Emile H. Brie. :
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It is hereby stipulated and agreed that the conditional examination of *Riland* D. Shannon and John B. Waddell shall take place in the office of the District Attorney of the City and County of New-York on the 19' day of December, 1884, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and that the testimony so taken ~~shall~~ ^{may} be read in evidence on the trial of the indictment herein and shall have the same force and effect as if the witnesses were present in Court and gave their evidence orally. *subject to all legal objections except as to leading questions*
Dated New-York, December 19', 1884.

Wm. Newman

Counsel for Emile H. Brie

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Court of General Sessions.

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The People :
- vs. - :
Wesley Lyon & Emile H. Brie. :
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Examination and deposition of Richard D. Shannon and John B. Waddill, taken conditionally upon consent of counsel for defendants and by order of Hon. Frederick Smyth, Recorder.

City and County of New-York, SS.:

Richard D. Shannon, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I reside in Louisiana, Missouri, and I was from 1873 to 1875 private secretary to Silas Woodson, who was then Governor of the State of Missouri.

Q. Have you seen Governor Woodson write?

A. Frequently.

Q. Are you familiar with his handwriting?

A. Yes, Sir.

Q. I show you a paper numbered 4771, containing in the right hand corner figures "\$1,953.00" purporting to certify that the State of Missouri is indebted to John B. Brady, Capt., in the sum of \$1,593.00 on account of service in company Co. Andrew Co., Regiment E. M. M., and purporting to be dated City of Jefferson, Missouri, October 24, 1874, and purporting to be signed "Silas Woodson, Governor of Missouri. State whether or not the signature is that of Silas Woodson, the former Governor of Missouri?

A. The signature on the paper to which my attention is called is evidently not that of Governor Woodson.

Q. Who was the acting paymaster general of Missouri in 1874?

A. John D. Crafton.

Q. Did you know Crafton?

A. Very well.

Q. Have you seen him write?

A. Yes, Sir.

Q. State whether or not in your opinion that is his signature?

Objected to on the ground that the witness has not shown his capacity to testify to that.

A. I was not as familiar with his signature as with that of Governor Woodson. In my opinion it is not his signature.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY W. H. NEWMAN-

Q. Have you ever seen Silas Woodson's signature to any of these certificates other than the one shown you by the District Attorney?

A. I have seen his signature on the original certificates themselves.

Q. Were you aware that it was claimed that a number of these certificates were forgeries, or that the signature of the Governor to them were forgeries before to-day?

A. I became acquainted with the claim in this case.

Q. You were aware that it was claimed that a number of these signatures were forgeries?

A. Yes, a year or fifteen months ago.

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Q. Wherein does this signature differ from the original signature?

Q. It differs materially in the initial letter ^{of} "Woodson"; it differs in nearly all the letters of his first name, and it differs in a slight degree in the last letter of the name "Woodson". Those are the principal differences in the signatures; scarcely any of the letters are made in such a way as to deceive those familiar with his handwriting.

Q. As to the other signature, how does that compare with the genuine signature; is it a good signature or is it a bungling one?

A. Its chief defect is in making an extra letter - ~~W~~^{na} instead of ~~R~~^{na} in the name "Crafton". I should take that to be a pretty good imitation.

Q. What do you say as to Governor Woodson's name, whether it is a good imitation or not?

A. I should say ^{one} seeing and comparing it for the first time ^{it} would seem to be a good imitation; to one familiar with it as I was it did not seem a good imitation.

Q. In what year were the original certificates signed by the Governor?

A. To the best of my knowledge all of them were signed in 1874. None of them I know later.

Q. How long were you associated with the Governor officially?

A. Two years.

Q. What two years were those?

A. 1873 and 1874.

Sworn to before me, this :
19th day of December, 1884. :

Richard D. Shannon

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Reck

John B. Waddill, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
I reside at Jefferson City, Missouri, and am Adjutant General of the State of Missouri, and Acting Paymaster General of the same State.

Q. Do you come to the City at the request of the present Governor of the State of Missouri to give your testimony in this case?

A. By his order.

Q. Do you have in your custody the stub books from which the genuine certificates of the State of Missouri for war claims issued under the Act of March 19th, 1874, were cut?

A. I have.

Q. Are they in your custody by virtue of the offices you hold?

A. They are.

Q. Will you produce the book containing the stub for certificate 4771?

A. I have it (Produced Book).

Q. According to that book to whom was the certificate 4771 issued?

A. To H. Carpenter, Mercer County, Regiment E. M. ~~1~~⁴. The letters "E. M. ~~1~~⁴" signify enrolled Missouri militia.

Q. And what was the amount of that certificate as appears by the stub?

A. \$696.77.

Q. And what was the date?

A. August 19th, 1874.

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- Q. Those books you bring from y ur office in Missouri?
A. Took them out of the safe a few hours before leaving.
Q. And are they kept there as a record of the certificates which have been issued?
A. They are.
Q. Have you found any record of the genuine certificate issued for \$1,593.00 to John B. Brady, captain, of date of October 4, 1874, of the number of about 4771?
A. I have never looked for any such ~~number~~ *Certificate*
Q. Will you look about the number 4771?
A. All in the neighborhood of 4771 are dated in August.
Q. Then this whole book from 4,000 to 5,000 the genuine certificates bear date of August, 1874?
A. They do.
Q.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. NEWMAN-

- Q. In whose handwriting is that book?
A. I can't say. I was not in office at the time.
Q. Is it certified in any way?
A. It is, by Silas Woodson, Governor of Missouri.
Q. Please read ~~the~~ the certification that you refer to?
A. " Executive Office, Jefferson City, August 22nd., 1874. The certificates embraced in this book will be delivered to the persons to whom they belong, or their duly authorized agents or attorneys, according to the instructions heretofore given upon the subject. Silas Woodson, Governor of Missouri".
Q. Is that the Governor's signature?
A. I think it is beyond doubt.
Q. I don't want your opinion. Are you familiar with his handwriting?
A. Yes, somewhat.
Q. What have you to say as to that being his genuine signature?
A. I have no doubt it is his signature.
Q. Was the signature and the writing to which it is signed written by the same person?
A. I think it was.
Q. The stub book produced by you contains stubs and the writing referred to by you, signed Silas Woodson, Governor of Missouri, and nothing else?
A. Nothing else in the way of record except entries on the stubs and the certificate of the Governor.
Q. That is to say the writing on the first page signed Silas Woodson. *From before me*
is 17 pages of evidence Ex. 4
John B. Waddell
MR. SHANNON re-called for the prosecution -
Q. I show you a paper numbered in the lefthand corner 8659, marked in blue ink "in evidence Ex. 4", and ask you as to the signature "Silas Woodson", whether that is the handwriting of Governor Silas Woodson or not?
A. That is his signature.
Q. Now, will you look at the signature of J. D. Crafton on the same paper and say whether or not in your opinion it is in the handwriting of John D. Crafton, the former Acting Paymaster General of Missouri?
A. I think it is his genuine signature.

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Q. Now, I show you paper numbered 6365, with the figures \$9.70 in the righthand corner and ask you whether the signature "Silas Woodson" is or is not the handwriting of Governor Silas Woodson of Missouri?

A. It is.

Q. In your opinion is the signature of J. D. Crafton the handwriting of John D. Crafton, formerly Acting Paymaster General of Missouri?

A. I think it is.

Q. Will you look at the signature in the stub book "Silas Woodson Governor of Missouri", and state in whose handwriting it is, if you know?

A. I know it to be Governor Woodson's.

Sworn to before me, this :

19' day of December, 1884. :

Richard D. Shannon

L. M. Smith
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Court of General Sessions.

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The People :
- vs. - :
Wesley Lyon & Emile H. Brie.:
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Upon the annexed affidavit and upon consent in open Court of the counsel for the defendants, and stipulation therefor, the Court being satisfied that the examination of the witnesses *Richard* D. Shannon and John B. Waddell is necessary to the attainment of justice, it is hereby ordered that the said witnesses be examined conditionally before me, at the office of the District Attorney of the City and County of New-York, on this 19th day of December, 1884, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and a copy of this order be served on the counsel for defendants, half an hour before the time fixed for the examination herein.
Dated New-York, March 19th, 1884.

Geo. Thompson
Recd

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Court of General Sessions.

-----X :
The People :
- vs. - :
Wesley Lyon & Emile H. Brie. :
-----X :

City and County of New-York, SS.:

Leroy S. Gove, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am Trial Assistant in the office of the District Attorney of the City and County of New-York. The defendants herein are charged with forgery in the first degree and have been indicted and pleaded not guilty. The indictment is pending but the trial has not yet been had. *Richard* D. Shannon and John B. Waddell are important and material witnesses on the part of The People, as I am informed and believe to be true, and their testimony is material and necessary for the prosecution upon the trial herein, as I am also informed and verily believe. The said Shannon and the said Waddell reside in the State of Missouri, and are about to leave this State to go to their homes, as I am informed and believe.

Sworn before me

L. Roy Gove.

19th day December 1884.

John D. Brennan
Notary Public 272
City & County New York

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B. N. Levy, advanced "Brie" money to get certificates printed.

Says he was to receive from Brie \$1000. has bill for printing Letters &c from B. He gave B. a check on an Eastern Bk which was paid to Seibert on % of printing. Check was Bogus & ret'd to Brie and paid for by him (Seibert will testify to receiving check & being ret'd

& good). He ^{formerly} used at 308 East 4th St. Your Supreme Clerk found him when case was on before.

Charles Seibert Lithographer 12 Warren St (up stairs) printed Certificates

Henry Seibert 12 Warren St Rec'd pay for them. Brie called upon him & Enquired if he had rec'd the money for them and said he had sent it by Wesley Lyon to pay him

Atty Genl Jamison of Mo will prove by Books of Stubbs of the originals & genuine Certificates. Showing these are forgeries

R D Shannon of Mo will testify signature of Gov Woodson is a forgery. Mr S. was Gov Woodsons private Secretary

Edward Hallen (plaintiff) purchased from "Brie" \$40,000 face value of Certificates for \$500. had paid over \$300 in cash & had due bill found they were forgeries & ret'd them to "Brie" & got his money but retained two Certificates ^{upon} one of which this indictment was found. He has Mem of all the W's & arnts & the Books of Stubbs - will prove them forgeries as far as the books here will cover the W's. Mr Hallen has other Mem & papers which it would be well to examine before trial. Also he purchased from "Brie" before the above \$40,000. \$100,000 of same & paid him \$1000. & holds his receipt for same. Sold them to "Thomas" 26 Broad St who sold them to John H. Tennant 57 Bway Room 18. This lot of 100,000 is still out & never been returned or heard from

John H. Tennant 57 Bway Room 18 Bought from Brie 100,000 of Certificates He borrowed money upon them from Wm Hastings Brown of Maiden Lane & South St who still has them. Tennant will be an unwilling witness. As he does not want his name connected with it he has been a large dealer in the genuine Certificates

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METROPOLITAN HOTEL,

Broadway and Prince St.,

NEW YORK.

JOHN M. OTTER, Manager.

New York,

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Wesley Syon (Witness)

You can prove by Syon that Brie told him he had an order from Missouri for War Certificates & wanted him to ^{introduce} him to some one to get them ~~presented~~ ^{introduced}. Syon being acquainted with Seibert ~~took~~ ^{took} him there & received a commission from Seibert for same as he had done often before on other jobs.

I am informed there is an indictment in your office against "Brie" found in 1871 or 1872 for forging Richmond County Bonds & that "Brie" ran away & went to Iowa & assumed the name of Bernhard where he was sent to state Prison for ~~for~~ 10 years for forgery. Was pardoned ~~and~~ after serving five years & then returned to N.Y. ^{on his return} was arrested by Detective Geo Elden who

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was connected with Head Quarter
at the time

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List of witnesses in Brice's Case

237. East 3rd St.

B. W. Levy ~~230 East 4th St.~~ He may have moved but
The Supraena Clerk found him when the case was up about 8 mo^{ago}.

Chas. Seibert 12 & 14 Warren St.

Henry Seibert 12 & 14 Warren St.

} up stairs

Edward Hallen Everet Hotel Chatham St.

J. J. Tennant 57 Broadway Room 18

W. Warner 39 Broadway Room 24

Wesley Syon

H. M. Lowenstein. House 157 East 94th St. & can be
found at 18 Rutgers Place between 10 & 12 o'clock a.m.

David Sheehan 602 West 69th St. between 11th Avenue &
North river. About 6 houses west of 11th Avenue I think he
lives in a shanty
on the North Side of Street. Supraena him to bring with

him the Missouri War Certificate he bought of Lowenstein
Sant. Owen 226 East 23rd St. Supraena him to bring
his Mo. War certificate

Wm Hastings Cor Maiden Lane & South St.

Thomas 26 Broad St. (will get his first name)

Detective M. G. Eder

Please subpoena.

these witnesses which I notify

you. except Levy whom I

want but here tomorrow

The man who subpoenaed him

last time. Can find him

you. D. E. H.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

The People, &c.

VS.

Emil H. Brie

OFFENCE
Forgery

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
District Attorney.

Trial Memoranda
& List of Witnesses

*Put this with
Brie papers*

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B. W. Warner 39 Broadway Room 24 bought #25,000 Certificates from Wm. Syon as broker for "Brie" & sold them to H. M. Sowerstein 157 E. 94th St & rec'd in payment Check of - Hargreaves ^(Sowerstein's attorney) in Equitable building & paid the same to "Brie" Check was dated a few days ahead & when due was not paid. "Brie" called upon Warner & said the certificates belonged to him & that it was a put up job by Syon Warner & Sowerstein to swindle him out of his property. The check was afterwards paid and Warner saw "Brie" receive the money. Sowerstein sold at par over 2000 of the certificates to David Sheehan 602 West 69th St between 11th Avenue & North River about 6 houses west of 11th Ave North Side of Street for property or mgt on property in Brooklyn & swindled - he is now under arrest for swindling Sheehan. Who is a poor Irishman working by the day driving ^{car} To make this case clear as against "Brie" you want to subpoena Sheehan & have him bring his certificates in Court. (The stubs books will cover the N^o) having sent purposely for said N^o Sheehan will testify he got them from Sowerstein Sowerstein that ^{he} got them from Warner Warner that he got them ^{from} Syon as broker for Brie & Syon who sold them for Brie. which makes a direct chain to Brie from Sheehan (present holder) to Brie Also Warner afterwards bought from "Brie" 100,000 of certificates and took recpt from Brie that they were genuine

See R. Schryock

You can prove by him the forgeries of both the Gov. & Adjt Genl Crafton He is well acquainted with both & knows that "Crafton" is a fugitive from justice having run away from Me about 1875 for frauds committed in relation to Missouri certificates while in office.

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E. R. Kirk Sail Maker West 5th near Duane 5th caused
the arrest of Brie, Lyon & Biggs in June 1883. All were held
for "Grand Jury" were indicted Oct 1883 & held to bail \$2,500
Each Brie & Lyon gave bail Biggs could not & died in Prison
Nov 1883. Brie was called to plead eight times before he died.

The only connection Lyon had in the matter was to
introduce "Brie" to the printer to get the certificates printed
and received commission from Printer for same and
acted as broker in Selling some of certificates to Warren

E. R. Kirk purchased from "Biggs" (now deceased) a
quantity of M⁴ War certificates (same as Brie had printed) all
of which are forgeries and paid for same about \$1,600
They (certificates) are now in Dist. Atty's office one of which
is the one upon which ^{this} indictment was found
we do not connect Brie with Biggs in this connection only that they were
the same certificates were got printed

Mr Charles Seibert No 12 Warren 5th (Lithographer) will
identify the certificates as the ones he printed for "Brie"
and will produce the stone from which he printed them

Evidence of R D Shannon of Missouri who was secretary
of Ex Gov Woodson has been taken & is with the papers, by
him it has been proven that Gov Woodson's signature is a forgery

Evidence of Jno B. Waddell Adjt Genl of Missouri has
been taken wherein he produced the Books of his
office showing that the original ^{& genuine} number of certificates
that was issued was ~~to~~ for a different amt and
to a different person. His evidence is with the papers

Edward Hallam 84 Chatham 5th (Hotel Everett) purchased
from Brie \$40,000 face value of certificates & sold them
He afterwards ascertained they were forgeries took them
back & returned them to Brie and demanded his
money. Brie at first refused to take them back and
said they were genuine Hallam told him where he
("Brie") got them printed He then took them back & paid
him his money Hallam had previously bought
\$100,000 from Brie, ^{and was paid for genuine \$25,000 Brie} sold them but does not know
whether they were forgeries or not

See Kirk's testimony
before Justice at Ponds Court

See testimony
before Ponds Court

Hallam's
See testimony
at Ponds Court

John H. Remond - 82-57 Broadway Room 18 bought from Brie \$100,000 of Certificates He borrowed money upon them from Wm Hastings for Maiden Sam & South 57 Mr H. still has them Remond does not want to be called upon to testify & will unwillingly do so as he does not want his name connected with it - was a large dealer in the originals & had a list of the issue

David Owen 226 East 23rd St bought in the market (of other parties) \$120,000 all of which are forgeries and the part of the lot Brie had printed as you will prove by Mr Siebert - the printer also Mr Owen showed them to Ex Gov Woodson & they were pronounced by him forgeries

B. W. Warner 39 Broadway Room 24 bought \$25,000 from Brie & sold them to ~~Henry A. Lovewell~~ Henry A. Lovewell \$22,500 East 79th St who sold \$2,106 worth of them at par for the purchase of property in Brooklyn, swindled the man out of his property & is now under arrest for same Brie gave Warner a certificate that these \$25,000 Certificates were genuine I have shown them to the printer who declares them part of the lot he printed for Brie

B. W. Geary 72-308 East 4th St loaned Brie the money to pay for printing the Certificates and was to receive \$1000 in return Brie had not paid him the last half from He told Hallam (above writing) if he did not pay but never done so. He is not reliable being of the same stripe as Brie yet he might tell the truth

Brie was convicted in Iowa & sent to State Prison under the name of "Bernhardt" Capt Walker knew him ^{in Iowa} was present at his trial & conviction & will recognize him as the same man

I am informed Brie was indicted in 1870 or '71 for forging the Richmond Co Bonds. He ran away & went to Iowa where he set up a Press for forgeries in 1871 before his return here he was arrested by detective Leo Elden. The latter can tell about him also most of the old detection

Harmons

Elden to
has been
subpoenaed
to prove the
authenticity of
the

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

PEOPLE

vs.

Bene

et al.

*Let the Depts have
until Nov 19. 1893
to plead*

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Land and Construction Co.
82 & 84 Nassau St.,

NY July 13/83

New York June 5th 1883

Received of J. A. Pepp. one
hundred & fifty four pieces of
Missouri War Scrip amounting
to about \$100000. for value
to get him the money he got
for me on them he further
agree to Return them to him
this day or to pay to him the
sum of Two hundred dollars
this day this I accept as
a sealed trust

John A. Waller.

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"List of Men who were Claimed"

No	Name	Date	Amount
393	John C. Arnold Col Aug	14th ✓ 1871	1.646.00.
1376	Samuel Parker Lt	" ✓ "	1.462.25.
4768	John J. Callahan Capt Oct	14th ✓ 1871	1.475.00.
4758	Samuel J. Craig	" ✓ "	1.288 ✓
4757	John C. Brandt	" ✓ "	1.640.40.
388	Henry Dawson Maj Aug	" ✓ "	1.311 ✓
1444	Richard Oldham Lt Aug	20th ✓	1.269 ✓
1445	James Wether Lt Lt	" "	1.460 ✓
4755	Robert Dally Capt Oct	14th "	1.360 ✓
4751	Samuel Carter Maj	" "	1.165 ✓
4750	George M. Brown Col	" "	1.640.50 ✓
1375	Capt W. H. Carron Aug	14th "	1.625.00 ✓
1402	James Bright Surgeon	20th "	1.460 ✓
4754	Henry Shower Capt Oct	14th "	1.462.50 ✓
1400	Col William Spencer Aug	14th "	1.793.40 ✓
1569	Simon Pickett Capt Aug	26th "	1.267.00 ✓
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Headquarters, State of Missouri,

Adjutant General's Office,

City of Jefferson, *July 1st 1885.*

Col. J. R. Fellows
New York, N. Y.
Sir:

I enclose certi-
fied copy of the Statute under
which the Mo. Certificates of in-
debtedness were issued. It may
be of use to you in the trial of
Brier indicted for forging Mo.
Certificates.

Very Respectfully
John B. Magdalen
Adj.

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N.Y. Dec 18th 84

Mrs Peter B. Olney District Atty

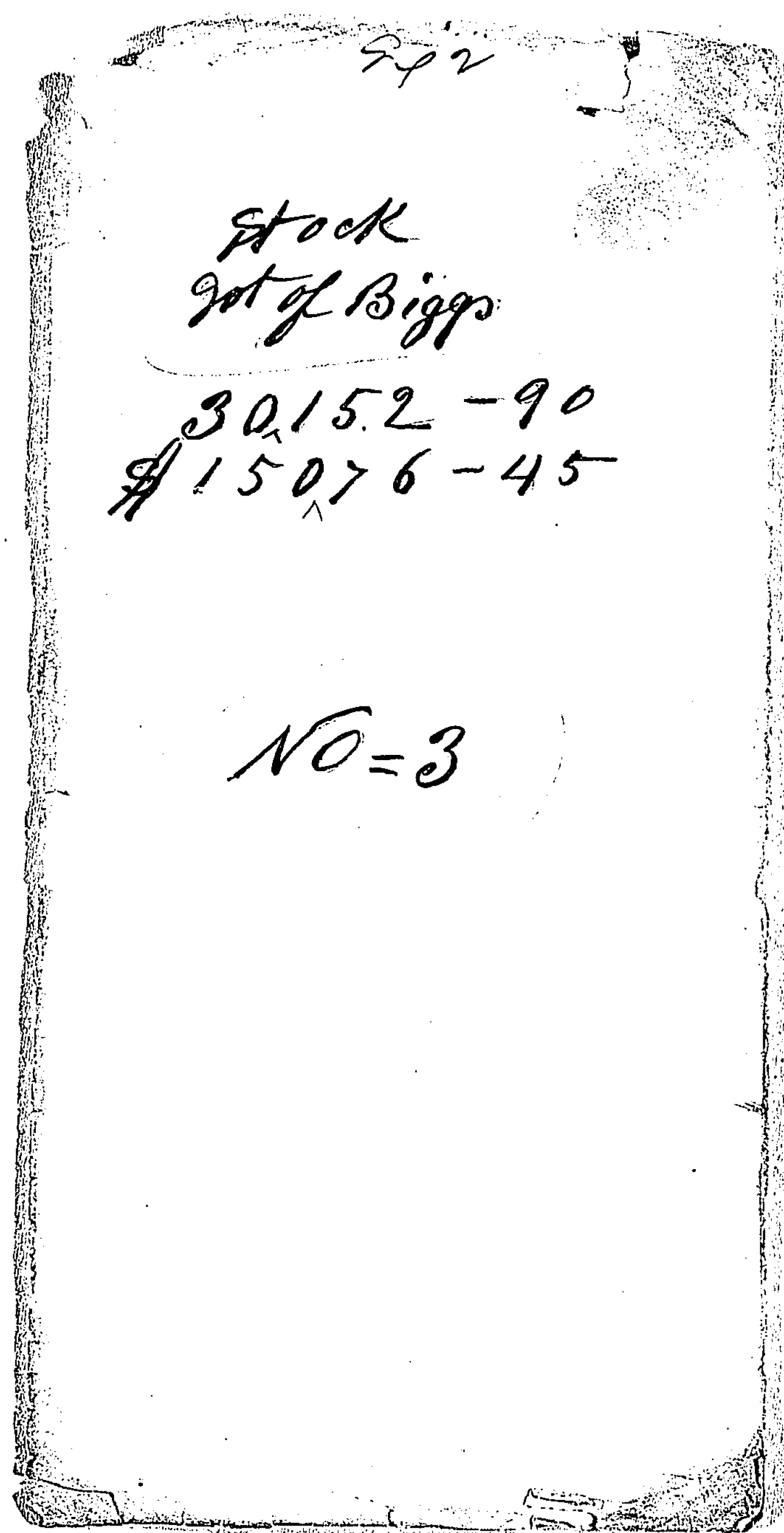
Dear Sir - Owing to my
being detained at my house
by sickness, it will be im-
possible for me to respond
personally to your summons
as a witness, ^{tomorrow} in the case of
Isaac A. Biggs. I will report
as soon as I am able to leave
the house

Respectfully

Daniel Owen

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20 clock Monday
July 2nd 1883

No 4771 out attached
to the Assistant of Kirk
left with the District
Attorney

No 1652 - \$1320.60
the officer has this
certificate.

Gen. Thine Officer
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17.45
174.50

No 8659 is a
Genuine Certificate
#136-39

Note all the Genuine Certificates
are for a small amount
paid to the Man for their services
for a short ~~space of time~~

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No. 388

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to Henry Dawson, Maj. in the sum of thirteen hundred and eleven Dollars

on account of service in Co. 39th Regiment Equal

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said Henry Dawson for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State; and then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 4th 1874

J. P. Thompson Acty. Paymaster Gen. Silas Woodson Governor of Mo.

No. 393

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to John C. Arnold Capt. in the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty six Dollars

on account of service in Co. Col 2nd Regiment Equal

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said John C. Arnold for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State; and then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 4th 1874

J. P. Thompson Acty. Paymaster Gen. Silas Woodson Governor of Mo.

No. 512

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to A. C. Adams in the sum of six hundred and sixty seven Dollars

on account of service in Co. C Regiment Equal

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said A. C. Adams for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State; and then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 10th 1874

J. P. Thompson Acty. Paymaster Gen. Silas Woodson Governor of Mo.

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No. 519

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to Alfred Denney in the sum of \$667.00
Six hundred & Sixty seven Dollars
 on account of service in Co. B 61st Regiment Drum
 This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said Alfred Denney
 for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and
 then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.
 City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 10th 1874
G. J. Munroe Acty Paymaster Gen.
Silas W. Woodson Governor of Mo.

No. 528

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to John D. Hoover in the sum of \$667.00
Six hundred & Sixty seven Dollars
 on account of service in Co. B 61st Regiment Drum
 This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said John D. Hoover
 for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and
 then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.
 City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 10th 1874
G. J. Munroe Acty Paymaster Gen.
Silas W. Woodson Governor of Mo.

No. 545

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to James A. Reinkens in the sum of \$667.00
Six hundred & Sixty seven Dollars
 on account of service in Co. B 61st Regiment Drum
 This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said James A. Reinkens
 for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and
 then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.
 City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 10th 1874
G. J. Munroe Acty Paymaster Gen.
Silas W. Woodson Governor of Mo.

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No. 546

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to John B. Cook in the sum of
Six hundred and fifty seven ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars.
 on account of service in Co. C 61st Regiment Green
 This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said John B. Cook
 for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and
 then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.
City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 10th 1874
J. J. Munroe Chas. Woodson
 Acty Paymaster Gen. Governor of Mo.

No. 547

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to Albert Robinson in the sum of
Six hundred and fifty seven ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars.
 on account of service in Co. C 61st Regiment Green
 This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said Albert Robinson
 for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and
 then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.
City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 10th 1874
J. J. Munroe Chas. Woodson
 Acty Paymaster Gen. Governor of Mo.

No. 1376

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to Samuel Parker Jr. in the sum of
Fourteen hundred and fifty two and ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars.
 on account of service in Co. B 30th Regiment Green
 This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said Samuel Parker
 for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and
 then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.
City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 14th 1874
J. J. Munroe Chas. Woodson
 Acty Paymaster Gen. Governor of Mo.

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No. 1375

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to Capt W. H. Carson in the sum of Eighteen Hundred & Twenty Five Dollars

on account of service in Co. F. D. " " Regiment E. 100

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said W. H. Carson for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 14th 1874

J. P. Thompson Acty Paymaster Genl. Silas W. Woodson Governor of Mo.

No. 1400

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to Col. William Spencer in the sum of Seventeen Hundred & Thirty Three Dollars

on account of service in Co. H. D. " " Regiment E. 100

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said William Spencer for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Aug 14th 1874

J. P. Thompson Acty Paymaster Genl. Silas W. Woodson Governor of Mo.

No. 1402

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to James Bright, Surgeon in the sum of Fourteen Hundred & Sixty Dollars

on account of service in Co. B. " " Regiment E. 100

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said James Bright for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. August 20th 1874

J. P. Thompson Acty Paymaster Genl. Silas W. Woodson Governor of Mo.

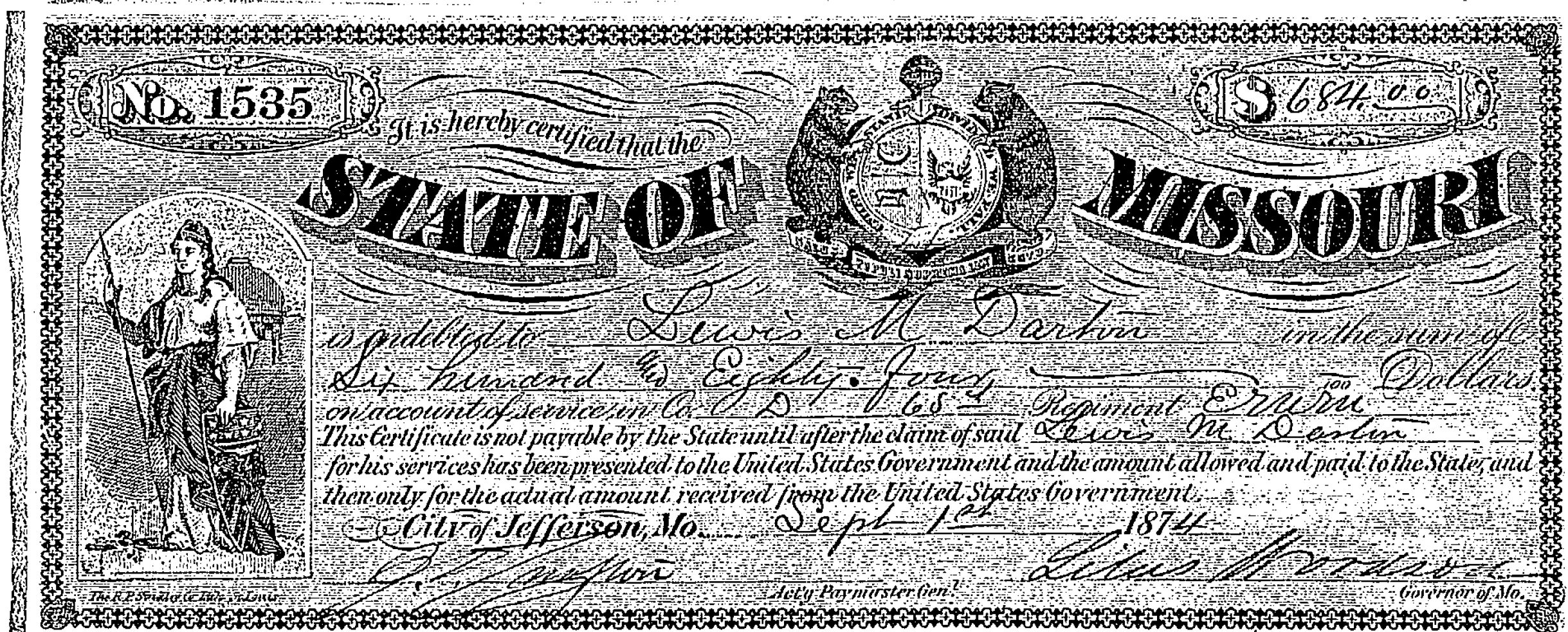
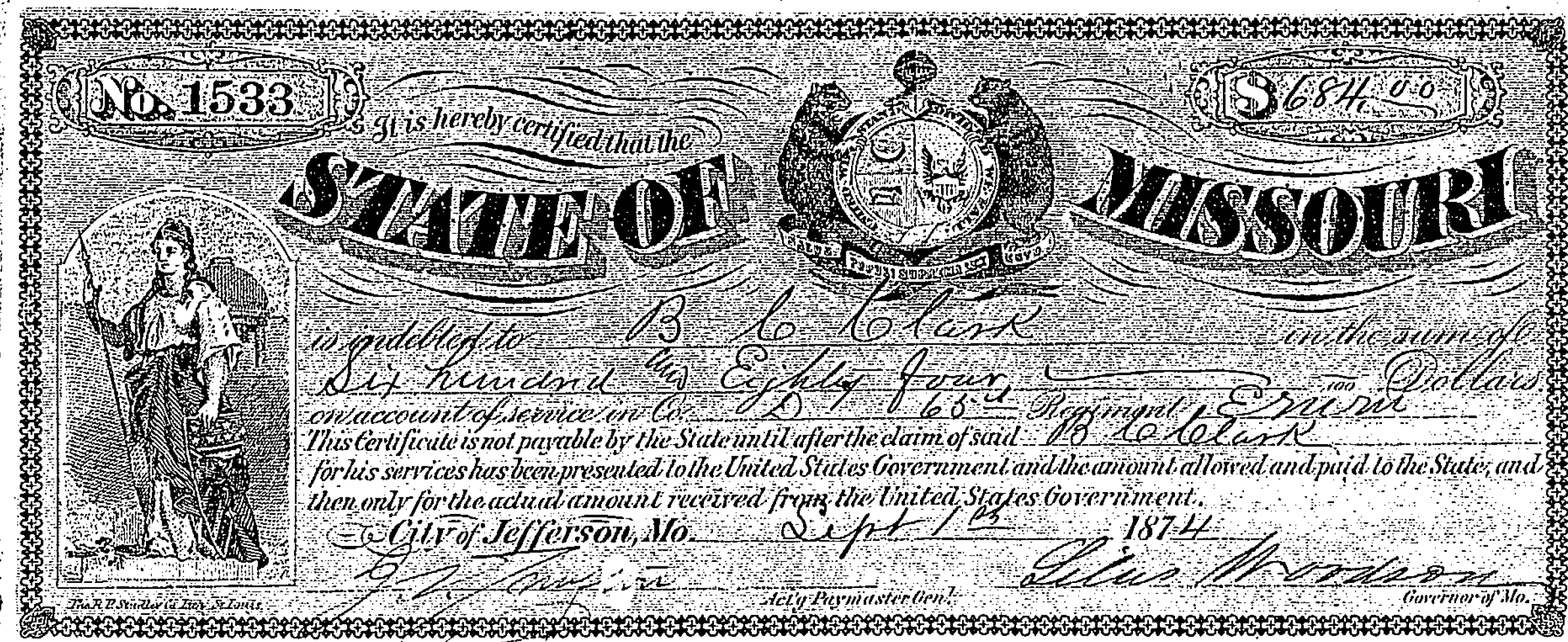
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No. 1539

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to George L. Hall in the sum of \$684.00

Six hundred and Eighty-four Dollars

on account of service in Co. D. 65th Regiment Emory

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said George L. Hall

for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and

then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Sept 1st 1874

G. J. Munfson Act'y Paymaster Gen'l. Silas M. Woodson Governor of Mo.

No. 1540

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to John B. Graham in the sum of \$684.00

Six hundred and Eighty-four Dollars

on account of service in Co. D. 65th Regiment Emory

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said John B. Graham

for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and

then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Sept 1st 1874

G. J. Munfson Act'y Paymaster Gen'l. Silas M. Woodson Governor of Mo.

No. 1541

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to Isaac Holman in the sum of \$684.00

Six hundred and Eighty-four Dollars

on account of service in Co. D. 65th Regiment Emory

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said Isaac Holman

for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and

then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Sept 1st 1874

G. J. Munfson Act'y Paymaster Gen'l. Silas M. Woodson Governor of Mo.

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No. 1545

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to *Albert Jones* in the sum of *Six hundred and Eighty four* Dollars
on account of service in Co. D 7 68th Regiment, Emma

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said *Albert Jones*
 for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State; and
 then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Sept 1st 1874

J. J. Harrison Acty. Paymaster Genl. *John Woodson* Governor of Mo.

No. 1546

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to *Wm. H. King* in the sum of *Six hundred and Eighty four* Dollars
on account of service in Co. D 7 68th Regiment, Emma

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said *Wm. H. King*
 for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State; and
 then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Sept 1st 1874

J. J. Harrison Acty. Paymaster Genl. *John Woodson* Governor of Mo.

No. 1547

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to *Oscar Knight* in the sum of *Six hundred and Eighty four* Dollars
on account of service in Co. D 7 68th Regiment, Emma

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said *Oscar Knight*
 for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State; and
 then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. Sept 1st 1874

J. J. Harrison Acty. Paymaster Genl. *John Woodson* Governor of Mo.

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No. 4768

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to *J. J. Callahan Capt.* in the sum of *Fourteen Hundred and Twenty five* ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars.

on account of service in *Co. Harrison Co. Regiment E 7th Ill.*

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said *J. J. Callahan* for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. *Oct 4th* 1874

J. J. Callahan *Acty Paymaster Genl.* *Silas Woodson* Governor of Mo.

No. 4771

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to *John B. Brady Capt.* in the sum of *Fifteen Hundred and Ninety three* ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars.

on account of service in *Co. Anderson Co. Regiment E 7th Ill.*

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said *John B. Brady* for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. *Oct 4th* 1874

J. J. Callahan *Acty Paymaster Genl.* *Silas Woodson* Governor of Mo.

No. 6365

It is hereby certified that the

STATE OF MISSOURI

is indebted to *Greenberry Lawson* in the sum of *Nine* ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars.

on account of service in *Co. E 45th Regiment E 112th Ill.*

This Certificate is not payable by the State until after the claim of said *Greenberry Lawson* for his services has been presented to the United States Government and the amount allowed and paid to the State, and then only for the actual amount received from the United States Government.

City of Jefferson, Mo. *Nov 9th* 1874

J. J. Callahan *Acty Paymaster Genl.* *Silas Woodson* Governor of Mo.

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Grand Jury Room.

PEOPLE

vs.

Emil H. Brie.

Forgery.

*I want to see the
Complainant.*

Dec 22/85.

V. M. D.

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WARDEN'S OFFICE,

IOWA PENITENTIARY.

G. W. CROSLY, Warden.

J. TOWNSEND, Deputy Warden.
J. G. BERSTLER, Clerk.
A. W. HOFFMEISTER, Physician.
W. C. GUNN, Chaplain

Fort Madison, Iowa, May 8th 1884

C. M. Simpson

New York City

My dear Sir

Yours of May 4th
at hand and in reply will say, that the Records
of this Office show that one "Martin L. Bernhardt"
Webster Co. Crime, "Knowingly wittingly & Pullish-
ing a false & forged deed with intent to defraud &
Knowingly cheating by false pretences and false
tokens" sentence 10 yrs. Oct 17th 1871 Age 49
years - Complexion Dark Native of Germany
Occupation Merchant Education Good
Religious Education Presbyterian Habits Tem-
perate, Single - 1st Commitment Pardoned
March 1876. If you desire a Transcript of the
conviction send to Clerk of Courts at
St. Dodge Webster Co Iowa and you
will get the desired information

I am Very truly Yours
J. G. Berstler, Clerk

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No 195 West-Street-
New York Nov 9th 1885

Delancy Nicoll Esq
Asst. Dist. Ct.

Dear Sir

I have been requested to inter-
fere in the matter of an indictment
pending against Emile H. Brie
found by a Grand Jury without notice
to me, and it has been represented to
me that one Charles M. Simpson
and one Dr Edward Hallum are
expecting themselves to procure Brie's
conviction on that indictment.

I procured Brie's arrest about
two and a half years ago, on the strength
of representations, made to me by
Simpson, Hallum and others, to
whom I was introduced by them,
that Brie had aided Wesley L. Fox
in procuring the printing of the
Missouri Certificates which I have
purchased from one Briggs who was
associated with Brie and Fox.

I had then no other proof that the
certificates were counterfeit, and
Briggs when I applied to him for the

return of my money, told me repeatedly that he had obtained the certificates from one John Wallace, to whom he paid over the money I have paid him. In my presence, on the examination of the men before Police Justice Smith, Biggs testified to this fact, and also that he did not know Bri and had never any dealings with him.

I can also state that I had bought the same kind of certificates or what purported to be the same from Biggs at an other time previous to the time these certificates are said to have been furnished, and which he also then claimed to have obtained from one Wallace.

Scipione called on me previous to the time of the arrest of the parties, and desired me to advance him money to prosecute in the U. S. Court a claim he said he had to some Mexican Bonds, which I have since learned Bri claimed as his property, offering me an interest in them if I would advance money to carry on the prosecution of his claim. I declined advancing any money, but

offered to aid him in procuring counsel and introduce him to Ex-Judge Erastus Cook, who took the case, but I understood, Judge Cook soon thereafter abandoned it upon the ground that Scipion had no valid right to the Mexican Bonds. It was during this negotiation with Scipion that he learned of my purchase from Biggs of the Missouri Certificates, and he volunteered the information that they were worthless, and afterwards that on which Poi was arrested. I then excused his statements, as he had introduced to me one Hallen and some others to corroborate him.

I thought this matter had long since been abandoned and I have no desire (as far as I am concerned) to provoke it further, having reason to believe that Scipion is trying to serve his selfish purposes by putting the case against Poi with a view of benefitting himself and others in the civil cases now pending in reference to the Mexican Bonds.

Respectfully yours

Samuel R. Kirk

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TO THE CHIEF CLERK!

SEND ME THE PAPERS IN THE CASE OF

PEOPLE

vs.

Price

Ward

Louise

Sherran

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LARSEN, B. J. ALIST. PRETENCE
Daniel Skeehan, of No. 600 East Sixteenth street,
in consideration of \$150 in money, \$850 in notes
and twelve Missouri State bonds, which he was
assured were worth their face value, \$2,100.20, trans-
ferred to Henry N. Lowenstein, of No. 225 East
Seventh street, on October 1, 1931, a second
mortgage amounting to \$1,500 on the property No.
225 East Seventh place, Brooklyn. After the transfer had
been made Skeehan ascertained that the Missouri
bonds were not worth what Lowenstein represented
them to be, and caused the latter's arrest on a
charge of larceny. The case came up in the Fifty-
seventh Street Court yesterday and was adjourned
for examination at the same time on Monday next.

Sharpeners in this
case will arrive
probably today
May 2nd

David Skeehan, 416 East 23rd St.
To produce ~~Missouri~~ certificates

Charles Fisher of Fisher Bros 14-14 Warren
Street has seen these bonds and identified them
as having been engraved by them, at the request
of Lyon & Brie. — see his affidavit in other case.

See R. Dehngeler 39 Bway
Knows Gov. Woodson's signature &
has seen these bonds & believes them to be
forgeries.

B.W. Warner - 39 Bway Room 24
Says is the brother of
Skeehan got these certificates from Brie &
paid \$25,000 to Lowenstein for \$250.

Brie told Warner at the time of the payment that
they belonged to him, and Warner says Lyon pay
Brie the money.

Chas W Sampson
62 Liberty St Room 12

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LARCENY. B. FALSE PRETENCE.

Daniel Sheehan, of No. 606 East Sixteenth street, in consideration of \$150 in money, \$850 in notes and twelve Missouri State bonds, which he was assured were worth their face value, \$2,105 20, transferred to Henry N. Lowenstein, of No. 235 East Seventy-ninth street, on October 27, 1931, a second mortgage, amounting to \$1,500, on the property No. 63 Sidney place, Brooklyn. After the transfer had been made Sheehan ascertained that the Missouri bonds were not worth what Lowenstein represented them to be, and caused the latter's arrest on a charge of larceny. The case came up in the Fifty-seventh Street Court yesterday and was adjourned for examination at the 'ombs on Monday next.

Sheehan in this case will arrive probably today May 2nd

Daniel Sheehan, 1416 East 23rd St.
No produce ~~certificates~~ certificates

Charles Richard of Section 14-14 Warren
certificates
Street has seen these bonds and identified them
as having been engraved by them, at the request
of Lyon & Price. — see his affidavit in other case.

See R. Schuyler 39 Broadway
knows Gov. Woodson's signature &
certificates
has seen these bonds & believes them to be
forged.

B.W. Warner - 39 Broadway Room 24
Lyon is the holder of
these certificates from Price &
sold \$25,000 to Lowenstein for \$250.

Price told Warner at the time of the payment that
they belonged to him, and Warner says Lyon pay
Price the money.

Charles Simpson
62 Liberty St Room 12

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"List of 'No War Claims'"

No.	Name	Date	Amount
528	John D. Hoover	Aug 10 th 1874	\$667 00
1529	A M Adams	Sept 1 st	74 668 00
1545	Albert Jones	Sept 1st	74 684 00
1546	Wm H King	Sept 1 st	74 684
1547	Oscar Knight	" "	" 684
1544	John S. Johnson	" "	" 684
1543	Jacob C Irvine	" "	" 684
1542	Jacob Haupt	" "	" 684
1549	Mo M. Martin	" "	" 684
1534	Amos Denning	" "	" 684
1548	Larkin Lewis	" "	" 684
1533	B. C. Clark	" "	" 684
1532	A. C. Chestnut	" "	" 684
1531	Henry H Barker	" "	" 684
1530	John Y Bordman	" "	" 684
1540	John B. Graham	" "	" 684
1539	George C Falk	" "	" 684
1538	Henry W. Francis	" "	" 684
1537	Isaac C. Ellsworth	" "	" 684
1535	Lewis M. Darton	" "	" 684
1536	Henry B. Eastman	" "	" 684
1541	Isaac Holman	" "	" 684
519	Alfred Denney	Aug 10 th	" 667
545	James A. Rankin	" "	" 667
546	John B. Root	" "	" 667
547	Albert Robinson	" "	" 667
513	John Amert	" "	" 667
		1875	18,220.00

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Forgery.
Grand Jury for Dec 23/85 Dec 22/85
Dec 19/85. U.M. Davies

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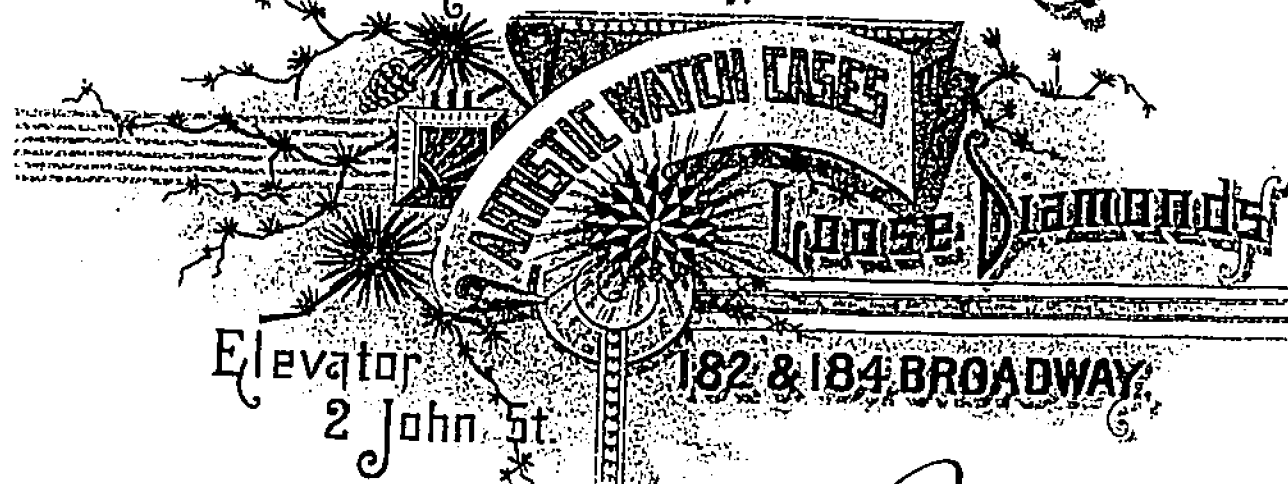
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M. PEABODY.



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MANUFACTURERS & PATENTEES OF



Elevator
2 John St.

182 & 184 BROADWAY.

A. PEABODY.

New York, July 10th 1888.

Refus D. Cowing
Justice General Sessions

Dear Sir

I am an Hungarian, residing more than twenty five years in this City. Although I returned for a while to my native country; my own love for this great land, and through the advice of one of the greatest Americans of today, whom I visited in Vienna - I refer to Mr. Olney - brought me back to New York.

In Hungary I knew the family of the unfortunate Loew, now in the Tombs. Here I have known him & his wife & children for years.

His father was one of the deepest thinkers of his race, a great leader of thought, a patriot, a scholar and an author of imperishable fame. His elder brother the Attorney General of Hungary. His younger brother a famous pulpit orator and the only Jewish Rabbi ever raised to Knighthood.

He the poor prisoner, I assure you is a good man. He was always a loving father, a true friend, a generous and a charitable man. How he could get into such serious trouble before the law, I cannot comprehend. I know he could not get into it out of moral depravity or turpitude, for I have known him to be upright and

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A Peabody & Co.

MANUFACTURERS & PATENTEES OF

LATEST WATCH CASES

Diamonds

Elevator 2 John St.

182 & 184 BROADWAY

New York, _____ 188.

honorable in all his dealings

I pray to your honor to pardon him, by sus-
pending judgment over him.

I am fairly well to do. And I promise and agree to secure to him means of earning an honest livelihood or I will see to it, that he is enabled to return with his family to Hungary.

And I will ever and ever pray that God may
bless you.

Yours
Mike Peabody

We, who sign our names and addresses below join Mr. Peabody in his Petition for judicial clemency and pray for poor Locis discharge under suspension of judgment.

A. J. Edwards.
 W. E. Gory.
 Solidarity Watch Care Co. B.
 Oppenheimer Bros. & Co.
 J. M. Myers & Co.
 Joseph Taylor & Co.
 Randall & Co.
 H. M. H. Jones.

St. Michaels Orthodox
 5 Maiden Lane
 Russian Orthodox
 12 Maiden Lane
 J. W. Friedman
 10 Maiden Lane
 Roscoe Long
 194 Broadway
 R. H. Hughes
 Roscoe Long
 194 Broadway.

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

Elmer Barrett.

April 2-1885

~~7. Bundle~~ too large for
regular ~~book~~ filing.

Filed in closet.

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To the honorable District Attorney Col. Fellows.
City

Honored Sir;

Kindly please excuse me if I venture to trouble you with my letter, as everybody advises me to address myself to you, in my troubles. I have brought a suit, in your Court last year, against Wm. N. Loew. lower 15 Centre Str for forgery. I and my witnessis were subpoenaed in the General session, several times, but sent home, without reason. Simultaneously I have also begun a suit in the same matter against the Brit. Am. Ins. Co in the Supreme Court, and as this Suit against the Comp. depends upon the decision of your Court against Wm. N. Loew. I am very much delayed. I am ~~very~~ sorry, to be compelled to confess my wholly destitute position, and great lack of means to you, but I have been deprived of all I possessed.

I am expecting my confinement in the very shortest time, so that it will no doubt, be impossible for me, to appear at Court next month.

For you as the Attorney of the Public and of the oppressed I address myself with the humble request to extend the benefits of the just Law which is equally for the poor, as for the rich, also on me, as a poor woman, and to rush my lawsuit against Wm. N. Loew as much as you find proper. If possible kindly do your best to get my lawsuit

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ended as I am in a very bad condition, Therewith
You would, honorable Sir, make me happy.
Hoping that you will kindly pardon my letter
I remain Yours very thankfull

Mrs. Clara Phulhof.

433. to 79 Str.

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Mrs. Clara Shulhof.

433. Co 79 Pte.

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In the Towns, Tuesday, July 30. 1888
Hon. R. B. Cowing:

Sir,

I beg of you very respectfully not to consider it improper that I dare to send to you these lines. I pray, that if you do find it to be a piece of indiscretion or even impudence to forgive me.

This letter is taken to you by my daughter Roxie - a girl of 15; my third child. I have six; her older sister however is blind and her older brother is a deaf-mute; her mother, my beloved wife, seriously sick with a disease which I fear is incurable - pericarditis or inflammatory rheumatism of the heart - cannot call on you and thus I entrust my letter to a mere child.

Honored Sir:

I appeal to you to be merciful to me. None know better than I, that your answer may be that almost all criminals attempt to shield themselves behind their "families" etc.; that they, the criminals, ought to have thought of their families before they did the wrong they stand convicted with; that the more educated the man the more revolting the crime and all this - - - but I pray to you to believe me that at the time I endorsed that check I knew to have had

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the authority and the direction to do so from the husband of C. Shubhof, more than this I honestly believed that it was my duty to do so as the assignee of Mr. Shubhof.

I know that a jury did not believe me but I feel it that had I had the right to go into the matter fully, the jury would not have convicted me.

I know that I am a convicted felon and had I not received a religious education, I would not write this letter, for death by my own hands would have ended all.

I say that Daniel Webster was never, never more mistaken in his life than when he said "and suicide is guilt." No! Suicide is relief from shame, disgrace, humiliation, misery and maybe cowardice, but in my case it would not have been a confession of guilt.

Alas I must live! for my dear wife's sake, for my children's sake, for my own sake to prove by my hereafter life, that I could not be guilty of the crime I was convicted of.

If there is such a thing as a comparative or a superlative of the term "Law-abiding citizen," you, Sir, must be the most law-abiding citizen of this country and therefore to you the verdict of the jury is final & you must abide by their decision which says I am guilty. Yet, Sir, you have the power to be

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merciful and for mercy I beg, humbly

I know you will answer J.: "Why you
"had a whole years time within which to
"arrange this matter, why didn't you do
it" - Sir. There has been or there will be
presented to you affidavits of three gentlemen,
all respectable, trustworthy, reliable, one
of whom you have known probably 20 years,
I mean Mr. John L. Lindsay Counselor at Law,
who swear that they tendered Shulhof the \$1750⁰⁰
the full amount of the check - nay they offered
him \$2500⁰⁰ - the full amt of the insurance
that they did this before my arrest, yet that
man Shulhof demanded in addition to
this amount \$500⁰⁰ for counsel fee and \$300⁰⁰
"for loss of time" for himself, in all \$3300⁰⁰
though I received only \$1750⁰⁰ of which I gave
him \$200⁰⁰. When I heard this I stopped
the interference of my friends and though
I was nigh on 4000 miles away, in Hun-
gary, I returned immediately, throwing up
very important professional engagements
abroad, to be here to meet & to repel the
attempt of blackmail then being levied
on my poor wife.

On the very day of my return I tend-
ered the payment into court of the
entire amount of the proceeds of that
check, to abide the decision thereof to

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Whom it belongs. It was refused
Then I was arrested - and now I am
convicted.

I pray to my good God to induce you
to be good, merciful, generous to me.

What I can get from you is either a
new trial, or a suspension of judgment,
or my sentence of not less than five years.

Believe me Sir, that it is not coward-
ice that implores you not to sentence me.

In begging, humbly and piteously, for mercy
I do so for the sake of that poor dying woman
at home, for that angelic blind girl, for that
unfortunate deafmute boy & for the four
little ones, who Thank God, are healthy but who
need me more and more daily. If I am sentenced
a poor woman and six children must become
paupers, beggars, outcasts.

Sir:

Pardon me, if for the first time in my
life I dare to boast with what I did in the
field of benevolence & charity; it may show you
that I am not a heartless, bad man.

Since 1871 I considered myself as the de facto
Attorney General of the poor Hebrew-Hungarians
of this city. I have given them advice, I tried
their causes, I compromised their differences
amicably, I was their counsel in the truest sense
of the word, without pay, for very little pay, and

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time and time over again by paying more out of my own pocket, than I made; here a fine, there the rent, here the wages withheld, there the expense incurred for this or that, of and by my "clients"

I have had occasionally as many as six boarders at my house, young men I clothed, fed, taught English, secured work, started them in life never, by God! never receiving pay!

Two years ago, two young students of a Roman Catholic Seminary came to N.Y. from the interior part of this state. I became acquainted with them, I was favorably impressed with them, I respected their learning and erudition and—when perchance they mentioned that they are desirous to leave the rom. cath. priesthood & study law, but that they are penniless—I took them into my house kept them there nigh on a year, found places for them in prominent law-offices, their salaries I would not permit them to touch, and only after they were on firm footing did I permit them to leave my house, refusing to receive, directly or indirectly, any pay whatsoever for board—lodging, washing etc. One of the young men had his mother with him an old lady of sixty or more, whom I also made a member of my household for 3 months!

The Captain of the City Hall Police Station had a young girl in his station house who had lost her way from Castle Garden, where she had

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arrived on that day with "friends". I was called in to act as an interpreter & found her to be a poor girl who had been led astray in the old country & came here to hide her disgrace. I took the poor girl home, hired a furnished room for her, my poor wife attended on her on her confinement, we kept the girl until she was well, then I sent her home at my expense & compelled the young man to marry her & to "adopt" the child as their own!

I was consulted as "friend" & as "counsel" by rich and poor, and had each "consultation" brought but very little into my coffers, I would indeed be a rich man.

Were it not indiscreet, I could give you the names & addresses of at least twenty men, now occupying excellent, fairly good, & good positions in society and financially, whom I "started in life", by taking them under the arm, keep them from want or crime, & securing them means of livelihood. One gentleman now earns \$50⁰⁰ per week as stenographer & secretary of a firm, who was few years a waiter of a cheap restaurant at \$2⁰⁰ per week, where I met him when I went there to foreclose a chattel mortgage. I found him ^{to be} a gentleman of culture & refinement, who however could not get along here being "green" etc. I took him to my home, cleaned him, taught him English, bought for him books, paid his teacher in Engl. Stenogr. (he was an excellent Germ. Stenographer) and

to day he is the Secy. of a chief of a large firm. Another gentleman is Manager & Cashier of one of the largest clothing houses in N.Y. for whom I paid a fine in a police court "for disorderly conduct". I spoke to the man, I found him to be bright, intelligent, with good impulses. For over a year and a half I kept him at my house and from drink & to day he is doing splendidly.

What I did in this way, well, I am ashamed to tell all, were my position not so supremely dangerous, I never would have alluded to it.

Ask men like Mr. Charles A. Hammer, John L. Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Browne, Dr. Ernst W. Hoebel, Dr. P. Waterman, Morris Ellinger, Sydney Rosenfeld, men who had been in and out my house, they will all gladly bear witness that the only crime I ever committed to their knowledge, was that I was generous to a fault, open handed and openhearted to everybody.

Do, pray, believe me, that I never wronged a man woman or child intentionally.

In this very matter I assure you, I acted in good faith.

Do, Honored Sir, take my position into consideration. I must pay the \$1750⁰⁰ anyhow, under the judgment of the Superior Court it must be paid, —

If you suspend Judgment, that expels me anyhow from the practice of law a severer punishment than prison!

Imprisonment would be punishment to

an innocent woman & to innocent children. To me, to me it would be "revenge" & "revenge" only. What shall become of my family, if your Honor casts my request, my prayer aside unheeded? God have mercy on them.

Sir: You have done it before, you will do it again, do it now! If you think that I am not entitled to a new trial, suspend judgment on me! I can go away from here, I can do something here, but at all times I will support my family. And I beseech you permit me to do so. They have no one in the world. My relatives are in Hungary, proud, aristocratic, who never forgave me that I married a poor shop girl; my wife's relatives here in the U.S. are poor and since 20 years I have partly supported them.

Would I have returned from Europe voluntarily had I not implicitly believed, honestly believed myself to be innocent, had I not known that I am innocent.

I know it is my fault that I could not prove my innocence; with all due regard to poor Col. Johnston & with all gratefulness for his intentions, I honestly believe that my defence, submitted in other form, would have carried conviction to your Honor's mind & to the mind of the jury that I am innocent.

Take all this into consideration and be merciful to me.

Shakespeare was in error when he said that the quality of mercy --- blesses twice, it blesses him that gives and him that takes; no! it blesses

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a thousand and again thousand fold.

God bless you and yours!

My child, the bearer of this letter, can tell you more about me, my house, my mode of life, my aims & my ambitions, my work done & to be done, pray ask her.

If from what you can learn anywhere about me, you come to the conclusion that I must be punished, than I bow in submission, than I have lived in vain.

I apologize once more for the liberty taken in sending this letter to you,

and I am with sentiments of my most distinguished consideration

Wm. N. Loew

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District Attorney's Office,
City & County of
New York

Feb 18th 1888

Messrs Langheim
Gentlemen

Could you give me
date for copy order of disbarment
of William N. Lavin a
lawyer of this City by our
General Term?

Would be obliged for any
information you may have
on the matter

May 26/76

over sent
Supreme Ct

Very truly
Yours
J. M. Goff
Asst. Secy

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WM. N. LOEW,
ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR AT LAW,
NOTARY.
No. 15 CENTRE STREET.

New York June 8th 1887

Mein lieber Herr Schulhof:

Ich bitte Sie freundlichst und
Herrn Frau Giniacini, morgen, Freitag
nach 1 Uhr N.M. herkommen zu
wollen. Mit Gruss

Hr Loew

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*District Attorney's Office,
City & County of
New York.*

*Meigs Lapham Bros
attys &c*

address

287 Broadway


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Dr. Emanuel Bock,
168 East 91st St.

New York, _____ 188

There is a maiden 18 years of age
at the head of a list of six children
she is nearly blind, then comes a boy
of 16 years he a deaf-mute! The mother
incureable, ill. the father in jail
I thought matters over, I feel it, I
religiously believe it, that Your Honors
mercy, if you can grant it may
restore to that home of poor Mr Leew
that only blessing to be united
I am not entirely unknown to your
Honors and hope that I have made
no error, in following the dictates
of my heart

Ever yours most obidiently
Emanuel Bock M.D.


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People
v. *ag. t.*
Loew

Donohue, Newcombe & Cardozo
Forgery Counselors at Law,
96 Broadway.

CHAS. DONOHUE.
RICH^d S. NEWCOMBE.
ALBERT CARDOZO JR.

New York May 22^d 1888

Hon^{ble}
John R. Fellows.

District Attorney

Dear sir:

In this matter the complainant *M^{rs}*
Schulhof has recovered from her sickness;
the witness *Blöcher* who was in Europe
has returned and the prosecution is ready
to press the case. Our *M^r* *Baldwin* can
give you some assistance in the case
if you need him, and a talk with him
before the trial might materially
aid whoever may be assigned to
try the case.

Very truly Yours

Donohue Newcombe Cardozo
A.

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M. SCHNITZER, PROP.
P. O. B. 548.

21 1/2 SPRUCE ST.

New York, February 10th 1888
Hon. John G. Fellows
Dist. Atty.

Sir:

Permit me to intrude on you with an earnest request, which you will more readily grant for the sake of justice than for me personally; though I have your promise to do all you can for me, who personally and with his paper did faithful service to you, and which paper even brought your picture without expectation of reward.

I and my paper have since the last seven years devotedly labored for our democracy.

Mr. Wm. N. Howe, a countryman of mine and formerly Editor of my paper confesses to me that he is in trouble. I know him (he edited my paper for years).

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New York, 188

to be one of nature's nobleman; as he is the
father of seven small children. I appeal
to you to be of service to him. - In
what may you can help him you know best
that I know that any favor you show him
I and my paper will gratefully appreciate
and acknowledge. -

I earnestly hope that my appeal will
do good service to him, as he deserves the
good will of all men. -

Yours very truly
M. Schnitzer

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CARDOZO & NEWCOMBE,
COUNSELORS AT LAW.
RICHARD S. NEWCOMBE.
ALBERT CARDOZO JR.

SCHERMERHORN BUILDING.
96 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK. 19 Sept. 1887.

John L. Lindsay Esq
Dear Sir,
140 Nassau Street

Yours of Sept. 17th reached
me this morning. Mr. Low's
statements to you are vastly different
from the statements made by Mr.
Schuloff. I am not corroborated by
documents. I regard any charge as
false such that I think the ends
of justice best answered by neither
rejecting or accepting your offer. Later
Mr. Low will have an opportunity
of making his explanation. If the
facts are as stated by him there will
be no difficulty so far as he is concerned.
Yours truly
J. R. C. (Cardozo)

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140 Nassau Street
New York Sep 17th 1884

Mr Loew has just returned from Europe, he is very much annoyed about the Shulhof matter. He says he was authorized to settle for \$1750 and to endorse Mr Shulhof name to the check and receipt and that he paid Mr Shulhof \$900 of the amount recovered, agreeing with her to wait for his return from Europe for the balance, less his fees. Mrs Loew, during the absence in Europe of Mr Loew, was unnecessarily alarmed by the statements of Mr Shulhof and would probably have raised and paid him the outrageous amount demanded by him, if she had been able. Mr Loew furthermore says that the statement, made to many people by Mr Shulhof that one Mr Schrab, as Commissioner of Deeds fraudulently signed a certificate of acknowledgment for a power of Attorney purporting to be made by Mr Shulhof to Mr Loew, was forged, is without foundation, and that no power

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of Attorney in writing or paper purporting
to be a power of Attorney by Mrs. Shulhof
to Mr. Loebe is in existence.

Mr. Loebe is ready to pay Mrs. Shulhof
the balance due her \$1550 less
\$100 for services in the matter, or
will deposit the entire amount
recovered by her from the Insurance
Company, with the Insurance Company,
Bank, or in the Court to abide the
result of any suit or proceeding that
may be instituted.

Yours &c
J. L. Lindsay

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Form No. 1
THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.
This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message. Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of Unrepeated Messages, beyond the amount of tolls paid thereon, nor in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after sending the message.
This is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE, and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.
THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
1	A. H.	19 Paid	

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Received at the WESTERN UNION BUILDING, 195 Broadway, N. Y. 7 17-1888.

Dated Sing Sing Depot NY 17
To John R. Fellows
District Attorney
City Hall N.Y.

Subpoena not received until eleven
thirty too late to get
down today. Shall be come
down tomorrow. S. H. Underhill

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RICHARD L. SHULHOF

MANUFACTURER OF ALL KINDS OF

Fur Trimmings, Collars, Pellerines and Muffs,

47 MERCER STREET,

New York, June 16 1887

Hochz. Herrn v. Lers

15 Centre St. N.Y.

Ich habe ich nicht die Gelegenheit haben sollte
 in diesem Briefe zu Ihnen zu schreiben, weil ich
 schon zu Hause so viel zu tun habe, dass ich
 Ihnen nicht schreiben kann, längerer Zeit, in Euro-
 pa zu reisen; und denken, dass mein Brief,
 mit der Versicherung, in gelassen werden
 sollte, denselben können Secondhand
 Lerner anzunehmen, nach dem ich in
 diesem Falle das zu Ihrem Vertrauen habe.
 Hoffe doch Sie meine Wünsche mitzufahren,
 und meine Entschlüsse verfolgen werden.
 Wünsche Ihnen zugleich ein glückliche Reise
 und besten der Bekundungen.

 (R. L. Shulhof)
 N.Y.

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A copy of this letter was sent by Schudack
to L. M. on Jan 16 1888. I
spoke to him about the letter & he said
it is all right.

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Indictment filed Oct. 18. 1888

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Part III.

The People &c.
against

WILLIAM N. LOEW.

Abstract of testimony on
trial June 26th 1888.

Am.

Wm N Loew

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS-Part 3.

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The People of the State of New York, :Before Hon. Ru-
against :fus B. Cowing and
W I L L I A M N . L O E W : a Jury.

Indictent filed October 18th 1888.

N e w y Y o r k, June 26th 1888.

APPEARANCES: For the People Asst. Dist. Atty. Jerome,
For the defendant Robt. Johnson, and Douglas
Levien Esqrs.

CLARA SHULOF, a witness for the People, testified:

Q I call your attention to People's Exhibit "A" which has
just been marked, and ask you if you ever received that
check? A. No sir .

The defendant admits that both the endorsement on
the check No. 802 drawn on the National Shoe and
Leather Bank of this city, by R. D. Alliger, being
the check set forth in the indictment on which
this p-trial is proceeding were made by him. He
also admits the receiving of \$1.750. on the check
mentioned in the indictment from the National
Shoe and leather bank. It is conceded that the
name of the payee, C. Shulof, was ,made by the
defendant.

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Q Did you ever authorize the defendant to put your name on the back of it ? A. Never .

Q Is that your signature ? (showing witness her own name on the back of the check) A. No sir .

Q Did you ever receive the proceeds of that check ?

A Never a cent .

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I did swear before Judge Gorman in the Police COURT that my husband had power to sign checks for me . My husband had not the power to direct any other person to sign checks in my name . I gave my husband a power of attorney to carry on business for me some time ago.

D E F E N C E

WILLIAM N. LOEW, the defendant, testified:

I reside at No. 1545 4th Ave. in this city . I am an attorney and counsellor at law . I know the complainant in this case . I have had two conversations with her in my life . I have had many conversations with her husband . I was assignee for Mr. Shulof in his business . I received a check from Mr. R. D. Alliger, the broker, for the insurance on certain property belonging to Mrs. Shulof which had been burned out . I received that check as assignee. The receiving of that check was the result of negotiations for settlement which I carried on with the insurance company under instructions from my clients Mr. and Mrs. Shulof. I had

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a conversation with Mr. Shulof regarding that check.

Q Did he authorize you to sign that check ? A. He did .

Q Did you believe you had authority to sign that check --
to sign Mrs. Shulof's name to it at the time you signed
it ? A. I believed at the time I signed her name
on the back of that check that it was my duty to do so.

Q Was any person present at the time that Mr. Shulof asked
you to sign that check ? A. Yes sir,. I signed Mrs.
Shulof's name under Mr. Shulof's direction .

Q At the time did you take \$200. out of it to give to
Mrs. Shulof and her family ? A. I drew a check for
that amount payable to her order .

Q Is that all you paid out of it ? A. Yes sir, \$200. out
of \$1750. I have been practicing law in this city since
1871 . . It was under an understanding which I had with
Mr. Shulof that I retained this amount of money in
bank. There was no intention whatever on my part to
defraud Mrs. Shulof. My intention was to keep the
money for the benefit of the creditors.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

Some of the \$1750. is in the hands of the attor-
neys who defend me in this case, and some of it has gone
into the hands of the grocers, bakers and butchers to
support my family since this charge was preferred a-
gainst me . This assignment which I have spoken of
was for the benefit of the creditors of Mrs. Shulof and
her husband . At the time when I went to Europe I
deposited \$1250. of this money with Mr. Gustav Amberg.

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I was at one time disbarred by the General Term of the Supreme Court. The charge against me was that in a certain case I falsely charged another attorney with having made an erasure in a verification. The Referee in the matter had found that there was no erasure in the verification made by the other attorney, and also found that erasure in the verification was not made by me but held me responsible on the ground of my having made an unfounded charge against another attorney. My usual handwriting is indicated by the words "For deposit" William N. Loew" on the back of the check People's Exhibit A.

Q Can you give the jury any good and sufficient reason why you signed the name of "C. Shulof" on the back of this check in a different hand from that in which you wrote the words "For deposit William N. Loew"?

A I cannot / . If you give me a pen and ink I will sign the same handwriting over again . I did not do it with any felonious or bad intent. I did not write them both at the same time . It may be that at one time I had a stub pen and at the other a fine pen. I claim that as matters stand now the \$1750. belongs to me as trustee mal-officio.

GUSTAV AMBERG, a witness for the defendant, testified;

I am manager of the Thalia Theatre. I know the defendant, Question as to the deposit of \$1250. ruled out.

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RICHARD L. SHULOF, a witness called by the People, in rebuttal, testified:

I am the husband of the complainant. The defendant never spoke to me about this check, People's Ex. A which is shown me.

Q Did you ever authorize anybody to sign your wife's name to that check? A. I have never known that the check was in existence .

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I never told Mr. Loew to take \$1750. from the Insurance Company in case he could not get \$2000. I did not tell him that I was in need of money.

DAVID RIES, a witness for the defendant, testified:

I reside at No. 192 Second St. in this city . I heard a conversation between the defendant and Mr. Shulof in regard to a check for \$1750. Conversation ruled out by the Court .

The jury found the prisoner GUILTY of Forgery in the second degree e.

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Statement of case of C. Shulhof.

C. Shulhof, insured in the British America Assur. Co. of Toronto ^{Canada} for the sum of \$2500. on stock of merchandise at 47 Mercer St. suffered loss by fire on March 9/87 to the amount of over \$2500. Proofs of loss ~~to amount of \$~~ ^{that effect} were served on R. D. Alliger, agent of the Company at 38 Pine St. this City. ^{Apr. 4/87} Claim was made on the company for \$2500. the face of the policy. No objections to the proofs of loss nor to any statement referring to the loss were ever made. ~~Proofs were served on~~ ^{On June 3rd 1887} ~~and sixty days thereafter~~ ^{service of Proofs of loss} ~~1887~~ demand was made for \$2500 on R. D. Alliger, who refused payment on the ground of C. Shulhof being a woman and that he would not have issued the policy, had he known that it was a woman.

Wm. H. Low of 15 Centre St., an attorney at law ^{and Notary Public} was consulted by Richard L. Shulhof, the husband of Clara Shulhof about bringing suit against the Company. Richard L. acted under power of ~~attorney~~ ^{attorney} dated December 22nd 1886, the power of attorney ^{being} witnessed by ~~Wm. H. Low~~ and the acknowledgment ^{being} thereof signed by Wm. H. Low ^{as Notary Public} the word Clara wherever mentioned ^{being} written with a "C" while the

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while the signature is written with a "K." The signature itself shows a German hand, especially the "U" having the German mark above, the "O" being entirely the German open "O", and the "ff" being entirely German.
X The proofs of loss were signed by

The complaint was signed and sworn to by Richard L. ^{Shulhof} under said power-of-attorney and served on the Company's agent about June 7th /87. On June ~~the~~ 8th Socow sent a letter asking husband and wife to call at his office. Richard went himself, when Socow told him that a certain Woodbridge, the lawyer of the Company, had made an offer, to compromise the claim for \$2000. The offer was rejected and the words to the following effect were made by Richard "If one cent is missing of the \$2500, I ^{would} ~~would~~ not take it." Socow thereupon said, that he must have a power of attorney signed by Clara authorizing him to settle, as the complaint had been signed by her attorney in fact. When asked what the power of attorney should contain, Socow said "a power of attorney as the law prescribes." Richard said "you can settle for the \$2500, but the money I

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I must take myself."

On Saturday June 11th Soew's brother-in-law,
a Notary Public, called at Richard's house with
three powers of attorney, filled out, and asked
to have Clara sign them, producing a little
note from Soew to that effect. Richard refused
to have the papers signed, as they contained
a full, unlimited, and unrestricted power.
On Sunday June 12th Richard went to Soew's house
with Mr. S. Fleisher ^{in want to} ~~have~~ a previous appointment
for the purpose of liquidating certain old
affairs where Soew was yet indebted to Richard
for collecting old accounts. When Richard asked
Soew, why he pressed so hard to get a power of
attorney which entitles him to collect the money,
Soew remarked that he only wanted it for
the purpose of showing ~~it~~ to the Company,
so that Richard couldn't take the money
from the Company and leave him in the cold
for the fees. When Richard told ^{Soew that} ~~him~~ he
would not have his wife sign such ~~Papers~~ ^{Papers}

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4. Low was ~~also~~ satisfied to have Richard sign such power. Richard refused

Nothing was further said about it.

On June 21st Fleisher Esq. No. 136 Greene St. received a note from W^m Ettinger, asking for the address of Mr Shulhof. Richard went to Mr Ettinger's office June 22nd where he ~~learned to his astonishment~~ ~~from Mr Ettinger's son~~ was asked by Mr Ettinger's son for the fees in the case. Richard said "the fees were not due yet, as he did not get his money from the Company," the Co. had been sued and that Ettinger must wait till the ^{case} ~~suit~~ has been ~~decided~~ tried. Richard was told by Ettinger's son that "it was no use fooling, the Company has settled with you for \$1750., and you have got your money." Richard denied all knowledge ^{and at once went with} W^m Ettinger ~~Richard Esq. & Fleisher~~ ~~sent~~ to Alliger's office. The latter was out, but one of the office clerks gave the information, that Mr Alliger had given Mr Low a draft on the Company ^{at Toronto} ^{to the order of C. Shulhof} that said draft had been

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brought back by Mr Low, endorsed "C. Shulhof",
whereupon Mr Alliger had given Mr Low a
cheque of \$1750. on the Shoe & Leather Bank to
the order of C. Shulhof. Said clerk further stated
that ^{the Company} ~~he~~ also had the policy and the power
of attorney. ^{Mr} ~~Mr~~ ^{Enger} saw at the Shoe & Leather bank
the certified cheque of R. S. Alliger to the
order of C. Shulhof for \$1750. Said cheque
is endorsed "C. Shulhof" also endorsed "Wm H
✓ Low."

Neither the draft nor the cheque has
the proper endorsement of C. Shulhof, nor has
any power of attorney been signed by her, nor
has any part of the \$1750. ever come in possession
of said Clara Shulhof. Mr. ^{Enger} informed Alliger's
office, the Shoe & Leather Bank & the Nassau
Bank where the cheque has been deposited
that the name "C. Shulhof" was a forgery.
The following telegram has been sent to
Canada. "Stop draft favor of C. Shulhof. Endorsement
forgery. Alliger's cheque in exchange for \$1750

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also forged endorsement. Send by return
full copy draft and endorsements. Forger on
steamer to Europe.

Company telegraphed June 22.

We have paid your loss & are relieved from further
liabilities. Refer you to R. S. Alliger.

June 22. Notified Lawrence, Frazer & Co of forgery.
Submitted following affidavit on request to Chas. & Leath
Danish.

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Mr. N. Loew.

filed by
Mr. Schurhoff

Statement of the
Case for the

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aff to W. 27

Statement of case
of Clara Schurhoff.

Ettinger Public Adjusting Bureau
194 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

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Complainant
Edward J. Kirk
and maker
Hed St. Street
and owner of Road
and floor

BAILED

No. 1, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____

No. 2, by William D. Hill
Residence 338 Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn

No. 3, by Charles W. Habibian
Residence West 10th Street
Brooklyn

No. 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____

Police Court 1st District 108

THE PEOPLE
ON THE COMPLAINT OF
Complainant for papers
of Edward J. Kirk
by Robert L. Hill
Isaac A. Biggs
Wesley Lyon
Emil H. Brie

Offence Forgery

Dated Sept 8th 1883

David H. Magistrate
Radford Officer

Witnesses
Charles W. Habibian
14 Warren St
Isaac A. Biggs Street
St. Street
Edward R. Stallan
No. 243 Broadway Street
Charles W. Habibian
145 Broadway
Isaac A. Biggs Street
St. Street
Edward R. Stallan
No. 243 Broadway Street
Charles W. Habibian
145 Broadway
Isaac A. Biggs Street
St. Street
Edward R. Stallan
No. 243 Broadway Street

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SEP 1883
ATTORNEY

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Isaac A. Biggs Wesley Lyon and Emil H. Brie guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Sept 8th 1883 Solon B. Smith Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named Emil H. Brie to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated Sept 8th 1883 Solon B. Smith Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Dated _____ 188 _____ *Police Justice.*

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Sec. 198-200.

1st District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Emile Bri being duly examined before the under-
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to
make a statement in relation to the charge against him, that the statement is designed to
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used
against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Emile Bri

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

31 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Germany

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

Stamford Conn. 15 mos.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Broker

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your
exculpation?

Answer.

I waive my right to
make a statement

Emile A. Bri

Taken before me this

day of

1888

John D. Smith
Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss.

15th District Police Court.

Wesley Lyon being duly examined before the under-
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to
make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used
against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Wesley Lyon

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

34 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

New York - Nelson

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Lawyer

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your
exculpation?

Answer.

*I do not desire to make
any statement at the
present time*

Wesley Lyon

Taken before me this

Day of

July

1891

John J. Smith
Justice.

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Silas Woodson St Josephs
Missouri lawyer 67 yrs of age
being July sum days
I was elected Governor of the state
of Missouri in Nov, 1872 and went
in office Jan 73 and went out
of office in 1875. An act was
passed March 1873 I believe. I
don't remember when it was approved.
The Certificate ^{made at} ~~Shum~~ ⁴⁴ was issued
by the State of Missouri. During the time
I was Governor and is genuine and
was signed by me and the Adjutant
General of the state and to the best of
my belief the signature of the Adj
General is genuine. The certificate now
^{attached to the} ~~Shum~~ ^{complaint} purports to be a certificate like the
other and has a fair imitation of my
signature. It is not my signature. It
is I do not think the other is the signature
of the Adjutant General. I think the
signature on the genuine certificate is
the signature of the Adjutant General.
The Adjutant General did not write his
name runfowl. I have seen change
in his hand writing. I can't state
beyond all question that it is his
signature to either paper. To the best
of my belief the signature on the
certificate attached to the papers
is not that of the Adj General. The
Certificate Shum purports to be
certificate issued to people having
claims against the state for services

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and for materials furnished to carry
on the war. No 1541 for \$684 - dollars
was never signed by me. Dated Sept 1. 1874
I have examined the signatures of those
I now hold. Some of them are most
excellent imitations, and it is a hard
matter to detect them by the general
formation of the letters and I see one
letter W in wooden runs up by the
the W and in 600 the word Sila the letter
a is more open than I generally make
them. In my opinion it is not
impossible in the time that I may
have made the a in the word Sila
as open as it is here but I do
not remember an occasion on
which it has been done.

It is possible I may have made
the W in the same way but I don't
think it probable.

When I see all the certificates I ever
signed I signed in 1874 when I was
Governor.

X & What is the market value of
the genuine certificates spoken of
objected to as imitations excluded
Exception.

My impression is I signed certificates
for about 1,250,000 dollars. but I
have no distinct recollection.

2 Were they negotiated in Missouri
- objected to - - question & exclude

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I think we have claim agents
in my state I know some of them & they
deal in these bonds. I have no
personal knowledge of any sales having
been made. I have heard of sales
at reduced rates and of large quantities being sent to
New York for sale.

I have not heard of any being sent
to New York for the last 6 or 7 years or more.
I could go into a more extended explanation
of it if it was evidence.

The name of the Assistant Guard is John
D. Grafton. I don't know where he is now.
He went out of the State in bad odor
and I believe he was charged with
issuing ^{illegal} bonds. I know a man
named Brown he lived in St. Joe.
at one time I don't know him personally
My impression is that he is in St.
Joe or that neighborhood.

I have heard ^{of} him as a claim
agent and an agent for all that
had recalcit in it. I heard of
his ^{connection with} ~~connection with~~ a man named
Bender but I have not heard of
as a rumor in St. Joe & Jefferson City
where I was.

Seen to before me }
This July 11th 1883 }
Giles W. Moxton

Solon R. Smith
~~Police Justice~~

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State of Missouri, ss.

I, **MICHAEL K. MCGRATH**, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby
certify that the annexed pages contain a full, true and complete copy of an act of the General Assembly of the
State of Missouri, entitled: An act to audit and adjust the war
debt of the state, approved March 19th, 1874.

as appears by comparing the same with the original roll of said Act
now on file, as the law directs, in this office.

TESTIMONY WHEREOF. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great
Seal of the State of Missouri. Done at office, in the
City of Jefferson, this Twentieth
day of September A. D., Eighteen
Hundred and Eighty-four.

Michael K. McGrath
Secretary of State.

An Act to audit and adjust the war debt of
the state.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the
State of Missouri, as follows:—

Section 1. The governor shall appoint two persons, who, with the acting quartermaster-general as ex officio chairman, shall be and constitute a commission to examine, adjust and audit the claims of citizens now on file in the quartermaster-general's office, or which may be filed up to the first day of August, 1874, and known as irregular or mixed claims, arising out of the war.

Sec. 2. That said commission shall hold two sessions: First, from the first day of May, 1874, to the thirtieth day of June, 1874; the second session to be held from the first day of September, 1874, to the thirtieth day of September, 1874—both sessions to be held at Jefferson City, Missouri; and said commission shall give twenty (20) days' notice of the time and place of their meeting, in six (6) newspapers of the State.

Sec. 3. That at their first session, said commission shall examine all claims mentioned in section one of this act, and allow all just claims that are sustained by the evidence on file. The commission shall be governed in the adjustment of said claims by the rules and regulations of the quartermaster-general's and commissary-general's office, United States army, and the third auditor United States treasury, so far as they may be applicable to the settlement of such claims.

Sec. 4. That when a claim is just, but defective in form or evidence, they shall notify the party

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filing the same of the deficiency therein.

Sec. 5. That all claims be in duplicate, and all indorsements shall be made in duplicate, and shall be signed by the chairman of the commission.

Sec. 6. That at their second session, said commission shall examine said claims, in connection with the additional proof thereon file, and shall take final action on all cases pending, and the acting quartermaster-general shall make a full report of their proceedings to the next general assembly.

Sec. 7. That the two commissioners appointed under the provisions of this act shall receive five dollars per diem for their services in the examination and adjustment of said claims, and the same mileage as is now allowed by law to members of the legislature.

Sec. 8. That the duplicate of all claims allowed or rejected by the commission shall be filed in the acting quartermaster-general's office—those rejected with the cause of their rejection indorsed thereon; and the original of all claims, with the indorsement of their allowance or rejection, shall be returned to the party filing the same, and on presentation of the original of any claim allowed, as aforesaid, to the acting quartermaster-general, he shall issue a certificate of state indebtedness for the amount allowed thereon, which certificate shall be signed by the governor and countersigned by the acting quartermaster-general, and shall read as follows:
No. — #—. It is hereby certified that the State of Missouri is indebted to — in the sum of —, on

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account of —. This certificate is not payable by the state until after the claim of said — has been presented to the United States government, and the amount allowed and paid to the state, and then only for the actual amount received from the United States government. — City of Jefferson, Missouri; —, 18—. — governor of Missouri. Countersigned: —, acting quartermaster-general of Missouri. —

Sec. 9. That said commission is prohibited from employing any clerical force at the expense of the state.

Sec. 10. That for the purpose of settling the claims of officers and soldiers of the Enrolled Missouri militia and Missouri militia for services rendered during the war, the acting paymaster-general is hereby authorized to examine the claims of all officers and soldiers whose names appear as not paid on the record of unpaid claims on file in his office, and if he find said claims correct and just, he shall allow the same and indorse said allowance on said claim, and if not correct he shall indorse such fact on the claim and return the same for correction: Provided, however, that whenever a person is reported on the record of unpaid claims as absent without leave, or deserted, the acting-paymaster-general shall not audit and allow said claim until he has presented sufficient proof that he was not absent without leave or had not deserted.

Sec. 11. That all payments for pay of the militia shall be made under the rules and regulations of the United States pay department, and at the rate of pay allowed by the United States at the time the service

claimed was rendered.

Sec. 12. That all claims for pay for services in the Enrolled Missouri militia, or Missouri militia, shall be made out in duplicate, and on the forms used in the paymaster's department, and all indorsements shall be made both on the original and on the duplicate.

Sec. 13. That the duplicate of all claims passed upon by the acting paymaster-general shall be filed in his office - those rejected with the cause of their rejection, and those allowed with the amount allowed thereon, and the originals of all claims, with the indorsement of their allowance or rejection, shall be returned to the party filing the same; and on presentation of the original of any claim allowed as aforesaid to the acting paymaster-general, he shall issue a certificate of state indebtedness for the amount allowed thereon, which certificate shall be signed by the governor and countersigned by the acting paymaster-general, and shall read as follows:

No. ——. It is hereby certified that the State of Missouri is indebted to — in the sum of — on account of services in company —, regiment —. This certificate is not payable by the state until after the claim of said — for his services has been presented to the United States government, and the amount allowed and paid to the state, and then only for the actual amount received from the United States government.

City of Jefferson, Missouri, —, 18—. —

—, Governor of Missouri.

Countersigned: — Acting Quartermaster General of Missouri, —

Sec. 14. The acting paymaster-general, in allowing

claims for services rendered by the Enrolled Missouri militia or Missouri militia, shall be governed by the record of unpaid claims on file in his office. Provided, however, that if any militia organization has rendered services during the war upon proper and competent authority, but payment has been refused on account of informality in the orders calling the organization into service, he is authorized to audit and allow the accounts of said organization in the same manner as they appeared on the records of unpaid claims.

Sec. 15. That no officer who was or now is responsible for stores issued to him during his term of service shall be paid any part of the amount due him, until he shall have exhibited to the acting paymaster-general a certificate from the acting quartermaster-general of the state, showing his non-indebtedness or the amount of his indebtedness to the state, which amount shall be deducted from the sum due him.

Sec. 16. That whenever it appears from the records of the adjutant-general's office that an officer of the Missouri militia or the Enrolled Missouri militia, was duly elected by his company to the position he filled, and the certificate of such election is on file in the adjutant-general's office, but that said officer has not been commissioned, it shall be the duty of the acting paymaster-general to audit and allow his account for the actual number of days he has performed service in the position to which he was elected, in the same manner as if he had been duly commissioned.

Sec. 17. That all claims for pay in the militia shall be filed in the acting paymaster-general's office on or before the first day of August, 1874, or be forever barred.

Sec. 18. That on the first day of October, 1874, or as soon thereafter as possible, the acting quartermaster and the acting paymaster-general shall make out schedules of all claims allowed in their respective departments, and for which certificates of indebtedness have been issued, and shall present said schedules, together with the claims, to the third auditor of the United States treasury at Washington City, for allowance and payment.

Sec. 19. That the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the pay and mileage of the two commissioners provided for in section one of this act, for the printing of the certificates of indebtedness, and other expenses arising under this act; but no account shall be paid by the auditor except after the same has been approved by the acting quartermaster or acting paymaster general.

Sec. 20. Nothing in this act shall hold the state of Missouri responsible for the payment of the certificates of indebtedness issued under the provisions of this act, provided the government of the United States does not allow and pay to the State of Missouri the claims allowed under this act.

Sec. 21. That all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

—Approved March 19, 1874.—

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GENERAL SESSIONS.

The People ex rel Edmund Blunt,

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1st. The defendant has been indicted for Grand Larceny in the second degree (See Section 531, Criminal Code).

2nd. The Grand Larceny consists in the alleged stealing of -

1 Steam gauge of the value of	\$15.00
1 Oil Cup " " " "	<u>25.00</u>
	\$40.00

3rd. As a matter of fact both articles new only cost \$17.00 (See evidence of Winter and Reed at the close of the record).

The question of value was made one of substance before Judge Gorman, and it was conceded by Mr. Schenck, the Complainants' Counsel, that the articles were not worth \$25.00, and thus the accused was simply held for Petit Larceny.

The facts and circumstances out of which the charge of Grand Larceny springs are as follows, to wit :

Blunt the Complainant was the owner of the

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pleasure yacht "Mascotte" of which young Barrett the defendant was Engineer.

On the 19th day of December, Blunt telegraphed to Barrett to lay the boat up at Johnsons at the foot of 118th Street, for the Winter.

Barrett undertook to carry out these arrangements, but on calling at Johnsons found that the boat could not be laid up there, because she was too large to be lifted over the sea wall, thereupon Barrett, upon his own responsibility, secured the services of some comrades and took her to the Knickerbocker Yacht Grounds at Port Morris.

After having done this, he Barrett, in company with one *Edward S. Moller* reported the fact to Mr. Blunt who at once approved of his decision and thereupon paid Barrett Ten Dollars for his services in that behalf.

Up to this point there is no dispute between the parties as to any of the facts.

At the time Blunt paid Barrett the Ten Dollars he claims that Barrett's relation to him as Engineer under salary ceased, although he does not claim that Barrett's relation to the boat and portable property ceased, except that he was not under salary as Engineer.

At the time Blunt paid Barrett the Ten Dollars he asked Barrett what he thought of the propriety of "Shipping" the boat, i.e. expanding or widening the deck, and upon Barrett approving of the idea, Blunt told him to get some estimates from boat builders therefor.

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At the same time that Blunt paid Barrett the Ten Dollars, he requested him to remove the portable property from the boat and to take to his, Barrett's house and there keep it until such times as Blunt should again use the boat. Such portable articles consist of the articles referred to in the indictment and the cushions and the common place tools, &c., loose around the boat.

It is proper for me to say that at this juncture in the narrative, the first disputed question of fact arises ; Blunt admits that he requested Barrett to remove the tools, but denies that he intended Barrett should remove the particular articles referred to in the indictment, they not being referred to. It was conclusively shown however, by all the witnesses called that it was customary to remove these articles whenever a boat was laid up, to prevent their being stolen.

This conversation took place on the ^{20th} ~~10th~~ day of December at Blunt's office, that being the same day on which the boat was laid up and it must be borne in mind that at this time the boat was at the Knickerbocker Yacht Grounds with all the articles intact upon her.

^{12/01/13 January 1885.}
On the ~~20th of December~~, Barrett visited the neighborhood of the Knickerbocker Yacht Grounds for the purpose of consulting a Yacht Builder there relative to the "hipping" referred to, and while there visited the yacht and ~~found that she had careened over striking against another yacht lying alongside of her called the "Siren" breaking a few feet of her guard rails.~~

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Barret did not deem the position of the yacht a safe one and determined to remove her as soon as practicable which he did a few days later by procuring assistance and towing her to the foot of 119th Street where he anchored her under the wall of Randall's Island intending to beach her at the foot of 119th Street when the tide and wind should permit.

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It may be asked why Barrett did not remove the cushions, and other portable articles from off the boat, but that is explained in the record that the weather was frightfully cold, Barrett had no conveyance, and they would have to be brought by boat through the Kills, or, overland, down the Southern Boulevard to Barrett's residence in 124th Street, a distance of 2 miles.

No other articles were taken from the boat *(except a flag, a high speed, a compass, a watch, a knife)* and these articles were removed in broad daylight by Barrett while in company with some young friends, openly and above board.

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for a small sum of money, arising, Barrett, in company with a friend of his, removed the articles from his house and pawned them for Two Dollars, intending to redeem them in a few days.

4th. The act of pawning, is the only wrong done by Barrett, and nothing would have been heard of this pawning but for the following circumstance :

While the boat lay at anchor under Randall's Island wall, she shipped water and sank ; the sinking was due to an unusually high tide and the passing boats, and to no act of Barrett.

Some of the neighbors sent word to Barrett that the boat had sank, and upon his visiting her it was found that she could not be bailed out by such means as he had at his disposal, and becoming alarmed he dispatched a messenger to inform Mr. Blunt of the sinking, and at the same time told the messenger to say that he Barrett was out of town.

This latter statement was untrue and was resorted to inadvisedly and owing to Barrett becoming alarmed at the gravity of the boats situation.

This notification was the first Blunt had that the boat had been brought down from the Knickerbocker Yacht Grounds, although it is admitted that Barrett visited Blunt's office the day the boat was brought down for the purpose of notifying him of it but, not finding Mr. Blunt there, and he having no representative, the message was not delivered, and as before remarked the first intimation was

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the intimation by Barrett's messenger that she had sank.

As soon as Blunt heard of the sinking, he telegraphed Barrett asking if it were true, and receiving no response he became suspicious that Barrett had removed the boat from the Knickerbocker Yacht Grounds for the purpose of enabling him to strip her of her portable property brasses &c., and that he had scuttled her for the purpose of concealing the crime ; and thereupon he had Barrett arrested on the charge of stealing the yacht, and while Barrett was under arrest on this charge it came to the knowledge of Blunt that Barrett had pawned these two articles, and Blunt naturally supposed that all the other portable articles would find their way to the pawn shop, and so stated to Capt. Barrett and to Mr. Hebbard in an interview had at his house but, on the boat being raised, everything was found to be intact just as Blunt delivered them in charge of Barrett except these two articles, and it was also found that the sinking of the boat was not due to any opening of the Cock or any other agency than natural causes.

As soon as young Barrett was arrested his Father and Mr. Hebbard an old friend called upon Blunt and ascertained for the first time that his Boy had pawned these articles, and he thereupon paid the \$2.15 to the pawn broker and redeemed them, but could not get possession of them for delivery to Blunt because the police had put a stop ticket upon them.

This was done before the present charge was preferred against the Boy and while he was awaiting trial

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on the original charge of stealing the yacht.

On the 21st day of January 1885, young Barrett was brought to trial on the charge of stealing the yacht and after the foregoing fact had been proved, Judge Gorman promptly discharged him.

In the interval between the arrest and the discharge - a period of about 10 days - there had been considerable talk between Mr. Hebbard and Mr. Blunt, and Blunt seeing that he had made a mistake was fearing suit for False Imprisonment.

As soon as young Barrett was discharged from the original charge and while he was in Court, the Complainant preferred the present charge of Grand Larceny, and after taking several hundred folios of testimony at several sessions, the Justice held him on the minor charge of Petit Larceny.

I suspect that the only motive in preferring this charge was to defeat the threatened action of False Imprisonment.

The foregoing are the facts as they were deposed to by the Complainant and his witnesses and respecting which there can be no dispute ; they appear by the record in your office.

There is one other subject which bears a relation to the legal question which I have discussed in my Brief, and it is this :

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The property was removed from the Boat Dec. 26th, and remained in Barrett's possession until Dec. 30th 1884.

On the 30th they were pawned, and the following is Barrett's explanation of that :

Q. Well after you took those articles off of the Boat where did you take them to ?

A. Home to my Father's house.

Q. And how long did they remain there ?

A. 4 days.

Q. Now from that time to the present have you been out of employment ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What was done with them ?

A. I took them out and pawned them.

Q. What was the necessity of pawning them ?

A. I was short and I thought as long as they were in my charge I could put them there and take them out in a day or so ; I needed money and I intended to redeem them in a day or two.

Q. When you say they were in your charge, what do your mean by that ?

A. I knew and mean that Mr. Blunt gave them to me and put them in my charge.

Q. Mr. Blunt I understand you to say had placed the movable articles in your charge until when ?

A. Next Spring.

Mr. Blunt told me to take them off for safe keeping.

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On Cross-Examination he was asked :

Q. I understand you to say that Mr. Blunt told you to take these things from the boat ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were there any other tools connected with the boat such as hammers and wrenches ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Would not they be easier to move than the others ?

A. No sir, it was a cold day and they were heavy and I could get nobody to help me row the boat and so would have to carry them two miles.

Q. Did you carry away from the boat any other articles except the steam gauge and oil cup ?

A. No sir.

Q. Who was with you ?

A. George Alexander and another person.

Q. When did you take them off of the boat ?

A. 26th of December.

Q. Didn't you pawn them the same day you took them off of the boat ?

A. No sir, three or four days afterwards. After I took them.

George A. Alexander :

One of the witnesses called by the prosecution was along with young Barrett when the articles were removed from the boat, and confirms the fact that they were removed on the 26th and taken to Barrett's house where they remained until December 30th.

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He also accompanied Barrett to the pawn shop and in speaking of that circumstance said :

Q. Now as to the time when they were pledged by Elmer ^{as to the reason} what did he say for pledging them ?

A. He did not really give me any reason.

Q. What did he say about redeeming them ?

A. He said he would redeem them as soon as he got money, he was expecting some money down in First Avenue where he was working, seven dollars.

Q. What was the name of the individual who owed it to him ?

A. I cannot tell the name it was for gas-fitting.

Q. Did he say anything to you in case he should not succeed in getting his money in First Avenue, was you to loan him the money to redeem them ?

A. He said he was very sorry he had pledged them, and I said if he didn't get the money I would lend it to him and he was to redeem them before the 30th of January."

I fear I have already trespassed upon your patience, but I deem this explanation necessary to demonstrate the point which I have discussed in my Brief on the Law which you already have in your possession.

The following are, therefore, the leading facts in the foregoing narrative, to wit :

RECAPITULATION.

I. Request by telegram to lay boat up for Winter at Johnson's.

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II. Not being able to do so at Johnsons, Boat laid up at Knickerbocker Yacht Club Grounds.

III. Approved by Blunt and Barrett told to remove portable articles to his house.

IV. He did so, and placed them in his Father's house where they remained from December 26th to 30th - 4 days.

V. No felonious intention at the time of removing them.

VI. Pawned them intending to redeem them in a few days.

VII. The pawning the only wrong, and on that circumstance alone must hang all the laws and the complaints.

VIII. The pawn ticket was not destroyed so as to prevent redemption, but on the contrary before the charge made, the pledge was redeemed, and pawn broker held the property subject to Blunt's order.

IX. There seems to be no force in the suggestion that Blunt did not authorize the removal of these particular articles from the boat. He did not forbid their removal, and admits that he authorized the removal of the tools. But, that difference is not now important because the Indictment is not predicate of the stealing from the boat on the 26th but, of the stealing from the possession of the Complainant on the 30th.

This concedes, that they were in Barrett's possession as Bailee on the 30th and would therefore reduce the offense to the acts and circumstances attending the

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event of the day of the pawning.

V The defendant is not indicted under Sec. 572
of the penal Code.

Dated April 9th, 1885.

Chas. Blandy,
of Counsel.

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The people ex rel

Edmund Blunt

against

Oliver Barrett

Defendants Brief

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BEFORE GORMAN, JUSTICE.

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DEFENDANT'S BRIEF.

The provision of law, under which the charge is made, is subdivision 2 of Sect. 528, of the Criminal Code, which is as follows:-

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A person who, with the intent to deprive or defraud the true owner of his property, or of the use and benefit thereof, or to appropriate the same to the use of the taker, or of any other person, either

1. Takes from the possession of the true owner, or of any other person; or obtains from such possession, by color or aid of fraudulent or false representation or pretense, or of any false token or writing; or secretes, withholds, or appropriates to his own use, or that of any person other than the true owner, any money, personal property, thing in action, evidence of debt or contract, or article of value of any kind; or

11. Having in his possession, custody, or control, as a bailie, servant, attorney, agent, clerk, trustee, or officer of any person, association or corporation, or as a public officer, or as a person authorized by agreement,

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or by competent authority, to hold or take such possession, custody or control, any money, property, evidence of debt or contract, article of value of any nature, or thing in action or possession, appropriates the same to his own use or that of any other person, other than the true owner or person entitled to the benefit thereof, Steals such property, and is guilty of larceny.

The Intent.

This is the only question to which I wish to direct myself, having discussed the merits orally.

"To constitute the crime of Larceny, there
"must not only be a wrongful taking, but also a felonious intent"

See P. 217 of Donnans Annotated Code of Criminal Procedure, and Penal Code, and cases cited under (a) on that page.

McCourt vs. People, 64 N. Y. 583

People vs. Baker, 96 N. Y. 345.

In McCourt vs. People, id:

Andrews J. said x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x

At page 587,

" In the case before us, the accused was guilty of a
" rude and aggravated trespass:-

" He persisted in entering the Cellar to draw Cider,
" although forbidden to do so, by the prosecutor's daughter;
" He offered to pay for it, if she would furnish it;
" He had procured Cider at the House before, and he was
" partially intoxicated.

" But these circumstances were no justification of

" his act; the daughter had a right to refuse to give him Cider, and his offer to pay for it, gave him no right to take it by force; and his intoxication, while it may to some extent account for his conduct, did not mitigate his offense, or excuse his crime, if one was committed.

But there was an absence of the circumstances which ordinarily attend the commission of Larceny, and which distinguish it from mere trespass:

There was neither fraud, stratagem or stealth.

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There was not only an absence of the usual indicia of a felonious taking, but all the circumstances proved, are consistent with the view that the transaction was a trespass merely.

To find this transaction a Larceny, it is necessary to over-ride the ordinary presumption of innocence, and to reject a construction of the prisoner's conduct, which accounts for all the circumstances proven, without imputing crime, and to impute a criminal intention in the absence of the ear marks, which ordinarily attend and characterize it:

Conviction reversed-

In People vs. Baker, id:

The defendant was convicted of the crime of obtaining money by false pretenses.

The prisoner had acted as Broker for the prosecutor, and had purchased Ten Thousand dollars worth of stock upon margin, which stock, he agreed to hold as Bailee of the prosecutor.

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The prisoner held the stock for some considerable time, and from time to time, the prosecutor made remittances to keep good his margin, and in the Fall of 1875, he remitted the prisoner \$575. This was the sum which he was charged with obtaining by false pretenses, for it appeared that on the 11th. of March 1874, more than a year previously to such payment, the prisoner, finding himself embarrassed, had sold the stock, treating it as his own property.

Earl, J., at page 346 says:-

"He ought not to have sold the stock, without Meek-
ers consent; but in doing so, he was at most guilty of
its conversion.

After he had sold it, he ought to have informed
Meeker of the sale, so that he could have withheld fur-
ther payments, or at his option, continued the payments,
relying upon the ability of the defendant, to furnish
the stock, when it should be paid for, but for withhold-
ing this information, he was not guilty of any crime.
He ought not to have used language in his letters and
statements sent to Meeker, substantially conveying in-
formation that he was still carrying the stock.

So far as his letters and statement convey that in-
formation, they were undoubtedly false; but a mere false
statement is not punishable as a crime.

It is not claimed that the defendant at the time
of the original arrangement with Meeker to receive his
money for the purchase of the stock, had then formed any
plan or intention to defraud or swindle. It is entire-
ly clear upon the evidence, that he intended then in good

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" faith to aid Meeker to make money, by operating in stocks
" There is not a particle of interest which justifies
" the inference that when he sold the stock he meant to
" defraud Meeker.

" There is no reason to doubt that he made the sale of
" the stock, to relieve himself from what he then believ-
" ed to be a temporary embarrassment, expecting to be able
" to replace the stock, and in any event to deliver it
" whenever Meeker should pay for it.

" It is not a just inference from the evidence x x x
" the defendant had conceived any design to swindle or de-
" fraud Meeker. He was evidently confident and sanguine
" that a turn in the stock market would bring him out
" all right, and enable him to perform his entire obliga-
" tion to Meeker in reference to the stock
" In order to constitute the crime x x x x x x x x x x
" it is not sufficient to prove the false pretenses, and
" that property was obtained thereby, but it must be prov-
" ed that the false pretenses were made with intent to
" cheat and defraud."

I say that in this case, the animus furandi is wanting,
and the distinction between this case and the ordinary case
of larceny, is that the property came rightfully into the
possession of Barrett, as a Bailee, and the only wrong he
was guilty of, was in pawning it. While in the ordinary
case of larceny, the property is obtained by the Bailee,
from the possession of the Complainant, with the precon-
ceived intention of making some use of it, other than the
use which the Bailee intends shall be made of it.

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In this case, the question was asked of Barrett, on cross-examination, whether, when he detached the articles from the boat, he intended to pawn them, and he said, "no" that he intended to take them home and had taken them home, where they remained from the 26th. to the 30 th. of December, when--as was the case in the People vs. Baker--his pressing necessities compelled him to raise money, which he did by pawning them.

And, as was also the case in "The People vs. Baker" it is not claimed that the defendant at the time of the original arrangement with Blunt, or at the time of the detachment of the articles from the boat, had formed any plan or intention to defraud or swindle, Blunt.

I say that this proceeding cannot be sustained unless it is shown by direct evidence or by circumstances from which the inference can be fairly drawn, that at the time the articles were detached from the boat, Barrett intended to commit the crime charged.

To illustrate:-

If A, hires a horse and buggy from a Livery Stable with a bona fide intention of taking a ride and returning the property, but after getting on his journey, suddenly conceives the idea of converting them to his own use, that is not larceny, unless it can be shown that at the moment the property was hired and driven from the stable, A had the design and purpose of converting it to his own use.

This is a familiar illustration, and serves to Bring out the point that I am contending for, to wit:- That Larceny cannot be predicate of the pawning, unless it can be

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shown that Barrett, at the time he removed them from the boat, intended to pawn them, and it is very clear that he had no such intention, otherwise he would have pawned them the same day, and not waited until the 30th., (four days.) As was said in the case of Loomis against the People, 67 N. Y., at page 327; "it is different where, with the animus furandi, a person obtains consent to his temporary possession of property, and then converts it to his own use"

It will be seen that embraced within this last sentence, are two essential factors;

- 1st. Obtaining the property animus furandi, and
- 2nd. The Conversion.

And without the concurrence of these two elements, the essentials going to make up the crime of Larceny are non-existent.

As was also said in the case of,

Wilson vs. The People,

39 N. Y. 459

"In order to convict of Larceny, the jury must be satisfied that the taking of the property was with a felonious intent; it is not sufficient to find, that, after the taking, it was converted to the use of the prisoner, with a felonious intent.

" It is necessary to find that the intent to steal existed at the time of the taking—~~accept~~ animus furandi"

Mason J. said:-

" The prisoner, the plaintiff in error, was tried in the Court of General Sessions, of the City of New York, upon an indictment for larceny, in stealing from the per-

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" son of another, and sentenced to imprisonment in the
" States prison, for the term of five years.

" The error complained of, is to the charge of the
" Recorder to the Jury. In his charge, he said, "as a
" matter of law, I charge you, it is not necessary in or-
" der to find a verdict of guilty, that the felonous in-
" tent existed at the time of taking the watch and money,
" but it will be sufficient if such intent existed at the
" time the prisoner actually converted the same to his own
" use.

" This charge cannot be sustained. The law is the
" very converse of the proposition stated by the Recorder.
" Lord Coke lays down the rule as drawn from the year books
" that the taking must be felonious "cum animo furandi",
" and "the intent to steal must be when it cometh to his
" hands or possession; for if he hath the possession of
" it unlawfully, though he hath "Animo furandi" afterward,
" and carrieth it away, it is no larceny" (3 Cokes Inst.
" 107) Such is the rule established By an unbroken cur-
" rent of decisions in England, and this Country. I will
" content myself by referring to a few of the adjudged
" cases in England, and in this State. (Citing numerous
" cases.)

" The rule has become elementary and is supported by
" Blackstone, Chitty, Russell, Roscoe Hawkins, Hale, Lord
" Coke, East, Leach, Starkie, Wharton, Barbour, and, in
" short, by all of the elementary writers that I have con-
" sulted.

" This is the rule in regard to Larceny generally.

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" and it certainly applies with greater force to an indictment under this statute, which provides that "whenever any larceny shall be committed by stealing, taking and carrying away from the person of another, the offender may be punished as for grand larceny, although the value of the property taken shall be less than twenty-five dollars" (Laws 1862, Chap. 374)

" The charge must be construed with reference to the case before the Court, which certainly was one where the Jury might have found that the prisoner did not, when he took the watch and money from Haffner, intend to steal it. Haffner was drunk, and wholly incapable of taking any care of them himself, and the same was taken in the presence of four respectable persons, whose attention he called to it, and wished them to see how much money there was, that Haffner might not claim any more of him than he took. It belonged to the Jury upon the evidence, to say, whether the prisoner intended to steal this property when he took it from the person of Haffner, and if the judge had left simply that question to the Jury, no ground of complaint would exist; but he told the jury, that, if he did not intend to steal the property when he took it from Haffner, but made up his mind to steal it afterward, at the time he converted it, they should still convict him.

" This will not do in a common case of larceny; much less under an indictment for stealing from the person."

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In as much as there is not a particle of evidence on which any Tribunal could prejudice an intention to steal at the time the articles were removed from the Boat, it seems to me that it would be idle and unjust to this Boy, to hold him for trial.

As I have already said, it was shewn by the Witness of the prosecution, who was present when these articles were removed from the boat, that they were removed openly, by being handed by Barrett to the Witness through ~~the~~ window, on an occasion subsequent to the laying up of the Boat, (viz.) Dec. 26th. 1884,) when Barrett visited her for the purpose of seeing the Boat Builder about "hipping" and they were taken to his House and there remained until the 30th. of Dec. --4 days.

The Boat was laid up Dec. 19th. 1884 or seven days before the articles were removed.

The Complaint ought therefore to be dismissed.

Charles Blandy,
of Counsel.

March 19th 1885.

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The People :
- vs. - : GRAND LARCENY IN THE SECOND DEGREE.
Elmer Barritt. :
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The defendant is charged with larceny of one nickel
ated steam gage of the value of \$15 and one lamp of the value
of \$25 from the yacht Mascotte, the property of Thomas Blunt, on
or about the 30th of December, 1884. The said yacht at that time
was lying at the foot of 119th street on the East River in this
City.

The defendant was in charge of the said yacht, as a ser-
vant, up to the 15th of December, 1884. Subsequent to the 30th of
December, 1884, the said yacht was sunk and subsequently raised,
at which time the above described property was missing. The lamp
and ~~steam~~^{gage} were afterwards found in the pawn shop of John L.
Granger, at No. 2108 Third Avenue, who said they were pawned with
him for \$2 by a person resembling the defendant but he could not
positively identify him. Officer James R. Kelsey of the Central
Office arrested the defendant on the 25th of January, 1885, who
then admitted that he, the defendant, had pawned the said property.
On the following day, in the presence of another officer, he
repeated the admission.

From the evidence the case appears to me to be a clear
case of larceny. I have carefully read the brief of the defendant's
counsel and differ decidedly from his conclusions. The rules
referred to and the cases cited by him apply to the law as it
stood before the enactment of the Penal Code, when trespass was
an essential element of the crime. All these objections are met by

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Elmer Barritt. :
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section 528 of the Penal Code, sub-division two. The testimony in the case tends to prove that the defendant was employed as a servant and was not a bailee. But ~~if~~ this reasoning, for argument's sake, was regarded valid there is no ground for it, as the crime is alleged to have been committed on the 30' of December and the employment of the defendant as servant ended on the 15' of December.

Respectfully submitted.

James H. Gault

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CHARLES BLANDY,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

Opposite Post Office,

229 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK, *Apr 10^d* 1885

Dear Sir

W Barrett

At what hour
today could you spare
me 15 minutes of your
valuable time?

Yours truly

Charles Blandy

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N. Y. SUPERIOR COURT, Part 2.

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vs

E L M E R B A R R E T T

New York, March 16th, 1886.

JUDGE FREEDMAN'S CHARGE TO THE JURY:

Gentlemen of the jury: This action is founded solely and exclusively upon an alleged wrongful taking of the steam yacht in question from the neighborhood of the Knickerbocker Club grounds. To recover, the plaintiff must establish a wrongful taking. But for that purpose it is enough if he has established a taking by the defendant without authority and without the color of authority. If the plaintiff has established such a taking, it is immaterial whether the defendant did or did not act with good intentions.

Whatever authority the defendant may have had for

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the use of the yacht prior to December 19th 1884 was revoked by the order contained in the telegram of that date, to put the yacht up at once for the winter. In consequence of that telegram the defendant did put up the yacht in the neighborhood of the Knickerbocker Club grounds; and the plaintiff, upon the report being made to him of that fact, approved of what the defendant had done.

Now, unless at that interview the plaintiff not only told the defendant to remove the tools or all the portable articles from the yacht, as the case may have been, but also said something in addition which authorized the defendant to continue in the general charge of the yacht, or from which the defendant could reasonably infer and believe that he was authorized to continue in such general charge, with power to remove her if in his judgment it became advisable, his subsequent removal of the yacht to the vicinity of 119th Street was not only without authority, but also without color of authority, and he is liable for the consequences of such unauthorized interference with plaintiff's property, no matter how good his intentions may have been.

In such a case you will render a verdict for the plaintiff.

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If, on the other hand, you should find that from what was said to the defendant at that interview, he could and did reasonably infer and believe that he was continued in general charge, with power to remove the yacht, if in his judgment it became advisable, and that he acted upon such inference and belief, your verdict must be for the defendant, (although he may not have been directly authorized.)

The same result must follow if he then and there was directly authorized to continue in general charge, with power to change the location.

In either such case, that is if there was either actual or implied authority, within the rules laid down by me, it makes no difference whether the defendant was or was not negligent, for the action is not based upon negligence, nor is the defendant to be deprived of a verdict for the reason that he purloined the oil cup and the steam guage.

Now, upon the main question in the case, the question of authority, you have the testimony of the plaintiff on the one side and the testimony of the defendant on the other side, as to what occurred at the interview in question. They contradict each other directly and positively. The plaintiff is not corroborated directly by any other witness;

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while the defendant has produced several witnesses who it is claimed testify to the effect that the plaintiff admitted to them that the defendant had the charge of the boat at the time she sank. Of the precise significance and value of that testimony you are the judges. Upon all this testimony, therefore, namely the testimony of both the parties, and of their witnesses, you will have to say which side has told the truth.

The burden of proof is upon the plaintiff, and he must establish by a preponderance of evidence that the removal of the vessel was without authority and without the color of authority.

But when I say he must establish this by a preponderance of evidence, I do not mean a preponderance of evidence in point of number of witnesses, but a preponderance of such facts and circumstances as carry conviction to your mind.

In case you find for the plaintiff upon the whole issue you will have to assess the damage to which he may be entitled. These damages you will have to assess upon the principle that the plaintiff is to recover the depreciation of the market value of the yacht caused by her sinking. For that purpose you have a right to consider the market value

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before the occurrence, and her market value after the occurrence and the difference between the two is the amount of the injury inflicted upon the boat by defendant's unauthorized act, if that act was unauthorized.

You will also, in such case, say whether your verdict is or is not to carry interest, or whether, in fixing the amount which you will return, you have already considered and included the question of interest.

You may now retire to deliberate upon your verdict.
Mr. Schenck: I except to that part of your Honor's charge wherein you say that the burden of proving that the defendant had no authority is upon the plaintiff. And I ask your Honor to charge the jury that by virtue of the telegram of the 19th of December 1884 the authority of the defendant to take care of the yacht was revoked, and therefore the burden of proof is upon him to show that he subsequently was vested with new authority with regard to taking charge of this craft.

The Court: I decline to charge otherwise than I have already charged.

Exception taken by plaintiff's Counsel.

The jury then retired and brought in a verdict for defendant.

Plaintiff's Counsel moves for a new trial on

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the minutes.

Motion denied; exception taken.

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Blandy & Hatch,
Counsellors at Law,
55 Liberty Street,

Charles Blandy,
Edward S. Hatch,

New York Oct. 9th, 1886

Hon. Randolph B. Martine,

Dear sir:

The People against Alma Barrett.---

I yesterday received from Mr. Schenck a letter enclosing a communication from Mr. Blunt in the following words: "H. J. Schenck Esq. Dear sir. Your copy of letter from Mr. Blandy received. Under no circumstances would I advise or interfere with the District Attorney in a criminal case to shield a criminal, especially where I received a benefit for so doing. Yours respectfully, E. Blunt."

Under the circumstances I will act upon any suggestion you have to make. I offered no inducements to Mr. Blunt in any way, but Mr. Schenck asked me if I had any inducement to offer in the way of discharging the judgment for costs against Mr. Blunt, but I declined doing so.

As I understand it, this case was left open until we could try the civil suit. The civil suit has been tried before Judge Freedman, a most careful judge, and the question submitted to the jury for their decision in that suit was, whether Alma Barrett's control of the boat ceased, or whether Mr. Blunt endowed him with control over the boat and the articles of personal property, and whether Alma Barrett had the personal property under his control with power to exercise dominion over it. This question was answered by the jury deciding in Alma Barrett's favor.

I also understand that Mr. Blunt wrote to Mr. Barrett Sr., that he had seen you some time ago and requested you to so arrange matters that the criminal proceedings would never again be brought up.

Of course I shall not ask you as a public officer to do anything but your plain duty, but my contention all along in this proceeding has been, that there was no felonious intent, that young Barrett had dominion over the property, and the verdict of the jury in the civil suit sustains my position. While Mr. Blunt will not formally advise you to enter a nolle prosequi, I am quite sure that he will consent, or rather, offer no objection. I will call on you and bring a copy of the Judge's charge at any time you may suggest, or upon Mr. Semple, who has charge of the prosecution, upon hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Charles Blandy

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3^d Dist. P. S. C.

Court.

The People on
Complaint of
Edmund Blum
vs
Oliver Barrett

BEFORE HON.

John J. Granger
February 7th 1888
Police Justice

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Oliver Barrett			

DAVID C. SELTMAN,

Stenographer.

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Second District
Police Court

The People ^{and}
Edward Blunt
vs
Oliver Barrett

Before Hon
John J. Gorman
Police Justice
Trib. of Ct 1885

Edward Blunt called on the part of
the people being duly sworn deposes &
says.

By the Court.

Where do you reside?
A 134 1/2 1st Street Brooklyn

What is your age?
A 43 years

What is your business?
A Paints and oils

Direct Examination

Q are you the complainant in this pro-
ceeding?
A Yes

Q are you the owner of the personal
property referred in your complaint
consisting of a nickel plated steam
garage and oil cup?
A Yes

Q What is the value of the steam garage?

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A Fourteen dollars

Q And the oil cup?

A about twenty five dollars

Q Are you the owner of the steam yacht
named "Massett"?

A I am

Q Was this personal property connected
with and as a part of said yacht?

A It was

Q Was he dependant at any time in your
employ?

A He was

Q In what capacity?

A He had charge of an engine for me

Q Engaged on board of this yacht?

A Yes sir

Q How long did he remain in your
employ?

A Under pay or not under pay?

Q Under pay?

A I think his pay ceased about the
latter part of November

Q When did he commence to work
for you in this capacity?

A I think it was in October last I am
not certain of the date

Q Where was this yacht at this time?
A In the Hudson River just out of

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119th Street

Q And was the steam gauge and oil
cup then attached to the yacht
A It was

Q The steam gauge was attached to
the boiler?

A It was

Q And the oil cup to the cylinder of the
engine?

A It was

Q Do you recognize the steam gauge
and oil cup?

A I had recognized it in the pawn
shop?

Q Do you recognize this (showing the
witness a steam gauge and oil cup
Arising that is mine

Q Who had charge of the yacht up
to the 30th or the latter part of Novem-
ber last?

A Elmer Barnett

Q Did he have anything to do with the
yacht thereafter?

A He did

Q What did he have to do with the
yacht?

A Up to the time it was laid up he had
general charge of the yacht.

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Q When was he ordered to lay it up?
A About the latter part of December
about the 30th

Q How long after the 30th?
A I cannot tell the date exactly
Q about when?

A a few days within that, it was before
Christmas

Q What were your orders to him?
A I telegraphed to him to lay the boat
up in winter quarters I cannot
tell whether I told him in the telegram
to lay it up at Johnsons or whether
I told him before

Q when did you see him then for the
first time?

A I think it was close to Christmas
time

Q Was it after or before you ordered
him to lay it up?

A after

Q Was it before Christmas or after?

A That I am not certain of it was
close by that

Q Close by Christmas last?
A yes sir

Q where did you see him?

A Down at my office

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Q State the conversation you had with him?

A He came down and reported that he had put the boat up at the Knickerbocker Club. And hauled it up above high water mark on the shore. And that he could not put it up at Johnsons on account of another boat being in the way.

Q Where is this Knickerbocker Club that you speak of?

A Its somewhere in Port Morris.

Q Did you pay him any money at that time?

A I did.

Q For what?

A For hauling the boat above high water mark at or near the Knickerbocker Club. And fixing her for winter quarters.

Q Did he say anything at that time or any other time prior to the 1st of January last as to either the steam gauge or oil cup in question being missing?

A He did not.

Q Did he say that any part of the yacht was missing?

Q. you say the steam gauge was attached to the boiler and the cup was attached to the cylinder?

Q Could they readily ^{have} been seen by any
body that would go aboard the
yacht?

Q When did you next see the defendant?
A She was down to my office about
the 9th of January;

A In regard to the threatened suit has
be expected to have with Mr Neil
of nothing in regard to this yet, I
am sure

Q He did not

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Aspoke to him at Paisie Headquarters

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A He did not.

Q If you say the steam gauge was attached to the boiler ^{and} the cup was attached to the cylinder?

A Yes sir.

Q Could they readily ^{have} been seen by any body that would go aboard the yacht?

A Yes sir.

Q When did you next see the defendant A He was down to my office about the 9th of January.

Q What was the conversation you had with him then?

A In regard to the threatened suit that he expected to have with Mr. Neil.

Q Nothing in regard to this yacht?

A No sir.

Q Did he make any remarks then about the yacht?

A He did not.

Q Did he tell you then about any ^{particular} business?

A No sir.

Q Since the arrest of the defendant have you had any conversation with him?

A Spoke to him at Police Headquarters.

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Q When was it?

A The day after his arrest.

Q The day of his arrest on a previous charge.

A Yes on a previous charge.

Q About when was it?

A On the 26th of January last.

Q State the conversation.

A It was a general conversation between him ^{and} his father.

Q In regard to the steam gauge ^{and} oil cup have you had such a conversation.

A It was a general conversation between him his father ^{and} Mr Skibbald.

Q State the conversation.

A It was objected to as being incompetent.

Q Was this in his presence ^{and} hearing of the defendant.

A It was.

Q Did he take any part in the conversation?

A That I don't remember.

Q Was he married?

Q Mr Blunt when did you prefer the present charge against the defendant.

A It was known to last Saturday.

Q You had preferred a previous charge.

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the same defendant?

A yes sir

Q You have had that previous charge disposed of before you preferred this?

A yes sir

Q And thereupon after his discharge upon that previous charge the present charge was preferred?

A I attempted to prefer the charge before that but I was unable to do so.

Q And after the previous charge had been disposed of by the defendant being discharged therefrom you preferred the present charge?

A yes sir

Q Did you not say in answer to my question a minute ago that the present charge was preferred against the defendant last Saturday?

A My impression is that I said sworn to last Saturday.

Q Do you claim that the defendant's connection with the boat of the property which belonged to the boat ceased when he ceased to draw pay from you as an engineer?

A yes sir

Q When did his connection with the

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boat. And the property of the boat ^{company}.
A After the boat was put up for
winter quarters for the winter.

Q And when was that?

A I don't remember the date it was
the latter part of December.

Q Did you claim that his connection
with the property forming part of
the boat also ceased at that
time?

A Yes - except -

Q Except what?

A As far as tools were concerned which
he informed me he had taken from
the boat for safe keeping.

Q He had taken?

A Yes sir.

Q When did he tell you he had taken
tools from the boat?

A When he came down to get his
pay for putting the boat up in
winter quarters.

Q The ten dollars that you spoke of
A Yes sir.

Q Where did he tell you the tools were then?
A He told me he had taken them up
to his house or home.

Q Did you personally direct him to

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Take those tools home?

A my impression is that I told him to
take the tools home or put them in
a safe place, away from the boat
Q That would be after you directed him
to lay the boat up at Johnsons?

Answer

Q Do you claim that your directions
to the defendant was limited to
the tools?

A Most certainly I do, tools or things
possibly, moveable things that
are around the boat;

Q If he had taken a cushion it
would not have amounted to much
A No it would

Q There are a lot of little attachments
connected with a boat of this
character that are to be found in
the locker of the boat are there
not?

Answer

Q It was a steam boat was it not?
Answer

Q Then Mr. Blunt it appears now from
your answer to the question or
two back that your directions to
Elmer were not limited to the

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tools but to general moveable property.

Q Not to any property fixed to the boat or made fast to the boat?

A In your directions to Elmer did you say to him you may take all the loose things off of the boat but under no conditions are you to unscrew anything of that kind from the boat?

A I said to him take the tools.

Q Is that what you said?

Answer Sir

Q You told us a moment ago that you said Hogg's ^{and} moveable property
A I said he could take the flags ^{property} of nothing turning that off the tools ^{and} flags you understood that there was such loose articles of property that could be readily taken away by thieves?

Answer Sir I like cushions has been taken or the tools stolen I would have blamed myself

Q You had given him directions to take the tools off of the boat?

A If he had taken those things I would have found no fault.

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Q Will you tell me in exact words what you said to him as to taking the portable articles off of that boat?

A My recollection is I wanted him to take the tools and put them in a safe place.

Q And you used the words tools and nothing else?

A Yes sir.

Q And you intended by that direction to convey his right to such things as hammers and monkey wrenches. And nothing else?

A Nothing else.

Q You had learned at some one time that this gauge and this oil cup had been removed from the boat?

A I did.

Q When did you learn that after the boat had been sunk?

A Yes sir.

Q Perhaps you can give me the day. A I think it was Friday.

Q Friday he was arrested?

A Yes.

Q It was then on Thursday on a forenoon.

charge?

Yes sir

Q If you can give me the date I would rather have it

A I think it was on the 24th of January I learned of the sinking of the boat on the 23rd

Q You say Eimers father ^{and} must have been at your house in Brooklyn on the Sunday following?

A I did

Q And you had a conversation with those gentlemen on the subject of the removal of this gauge ^{and} oil cup?

A On the subject of stealing the oil cup ^{and} steam gauge and pawning the same

Q At the time of that conversation you had heard that the cup ^{and} gauge had been traced to the possession of this pawn broker?

Yes sir

Q And when you saw Captain Rossett ^{and} spoke on that subject did you tell him that you supposed that that property was in his house

A No I did not

Q Did you have any such conversation

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with him in regards to things in his house?

Answer:

Q What did you say about it?

A I understood that the things and tools had been taken to Elmer's home or house.

Q What occasion was there to make any allusion to the tools, when the tools were on the boat?

A I didn't know it.

Q You have since learned that all the personal property, portable property connected with that boat except the two articles the subject of the proper charge were found on the boat when the wreckers raised the boat, have you made any effort to ascertain it?

A I have not examined the tools, it was so filled that I could not get into it.

Q Did you not ascertain since that all the personal property, portable articles, I mean those articles forming a part of the general fixings and fittings of the boat had been safely found on the

boat with the exception of the
2 articles in question?

A Shore mat

Q Then as I understand it Mr Blunt
you don't know 'We have not informed
ourselves whether all the other articles
were on board'?

A No Shore mat

Q You are not a practical engineer
I presume?

A I am

Q 'We' familiar with the running of a
steam launch of that kind?

A I am.

Q 'We' could a steam launch be run
with the 200 lbs mentioned in
the charge if they were missing?

A They could

Q It would not be safe would it?

A It is against the law to run it
without a gauge it is safe enough
in some respects. because there is
another valve that forces^{at} off at
a certain pressure

Q 'We' could it be run without this
oil cup?

A It could

Q The law requires that doesn't it?

A. It doesn't.

Q. Do you claim that this boat could be run in the absence of those two articles, I mean its machinery run on the day those two articles were taken off of the boat without any other attachment being put in their place.

A. I claim that the engine ^{and} boiler can be run without those things with absolute safety ^{and} absolute propriety.

Q. Or is not propriety, convenience would be a better word. Leaving the laws of the United States out of the subject.

Q. With the exception of the law you claim that the engine was in perfect running order notwithstanding these two articles being missing and so.

Q. Then why do you say the engine could be run about the same.

A. Because it could be run without them.

Q. Under ordinary circumstances the removal of those two articles would prevent the boat being propelled.

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without the agency of steam?

A. No, it would not.

Q. Could it be run any unlimited distance without those two things?

A. Certainly I am speaking of the particular boat I bore an oil lamp in addition to that.

Q. Was it at the time this was removed?

A. Yes, it is still on the cylinder.

Q. How many times?

A. Last Monday or Tuesday I went over to see the boat after it was raised.

Q. And at the time you went there to see about them you didn't see whether all the other things were in their place?

A. No, there was no one in the boat and I didn't go down to see about the fixtures. I was informed that somebody had been there and had taken a list of them.

Q. When you say you referred to tools do they mean something very valuable about them?

A. Not particular.

Q. Traded two dollars even their value?
 Amosui

Q. What did the tools consist of?
 A. Two monkey wrenches.

Q. How much are they worth more than
 12 1/2 cents a piece?
 Amosui.

Q. How much more. Five dollars a
 piece?

A. No sir. I suppose they come at 1.25
 or 1.50 a piece.

Q. And the bow wrench is that any
 more valuable than the other? How
 much more valuable is it?

A. I don't know.

Q. Anything else? There was I think a
 couple of chisels a plane
 and I think an axe an oil stone
 and cold chisel, I don't remember
 the rest of the things may be one
 or two knives aboard. I think I
 had an oyster knife and a clasp knife.
 Q. Are they worth more than twenty five
 dollars a piece?

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Q. Are they worth 25 cents a piece?
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Q. They come very much nearer to

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cents a piece than 5 dollars?

A very lively

Q anything else?

A I don't remember anything else oh
yes there was a baxter wrench.

Q How much is that worth fifty cents
Ans. \$1.25 or \$1.50

Q Now Mr. Blunt I want you to be
liberal to yourself but give us the
outside figures of second hand
tools?

A I cannot do it.

Q You could not come without one
hundred dollars of it?

A No sir without my bills.

Q Do you think ten dollars would leave
you any profit on them?

A No sir not to buy them I would
rather have my own tools.

Q I want you to give us the value
of the things now?

A I cannot.

Q Do you think ten dollars would
cover their value?

A No sir.

Q Do you think 50 dollars would?

A No sir I think about 25 or thirty
would.

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Q Now centering your mind on those particular items there seems to be 3 monkey wrenches and 5 other articles do you think centering your mind on those particular articles do you mean to tell us they were worth more than ten dollars.

A The tools aboard the yacht were worth ten dollars.

Q Do you mean to say that they were worth more than 10 dollars what you have named - are they all the tools that you can call to mind?

A That is all that I remember

Q Leaving out all the tools on the yacht and centering your mind on the articles you have enumerated are they worth over ten dollars.

A Yes sir

Q How much?

A Forty

Q Did you buy them?

A I did

Q New?

A Yes sir

Q Did you buy those two articles?

A They came with the boat.

Q Had you ever bought articles of this

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character?

A I have, I bought one for my other yacht that I had before this and I bought them for stationary engines
Q Do you mean to say you have bought so many of them that you could not tell the last time you purchased them?

A The last time I bought one was for my last yacht.

Q Did you ever buy one of the Boston & Photo Etched Steam gauge company Etched New York. Patented Jany. 3rd 1865. did you ever buy one of them?

A I never had occasion to buy any of them made except the one I bought that was included in the boat?

Q When you bought the boat you bought it for a lump sum?

Answer

Q Is there anything very peculiar in the make of this oil cup?

A It is similar to that of the Detroit Cup.

Q Did you ever purchase a duplicate of this oil cup?

A I have not.

Q Then when you gave your testimony of the value of these articles you didn't intend to come down to the lowest market price of its value?

A I don't know anything about the lowest market prices.

Q Then sir where did you acquire your knowledge that the cup and the gauge were worth \$39 dollars you say the cup is worth twenty five dollars and the gauge fourteen dollars.

A From dealers in the trade.

Q When did you go around to ascertain that?

A Before I made the affidavit Monday or Tuesday.

Q Did you take the Monday or Tuesday previous to preparing the charge?

A It was the same day Mrs Hubbard was going around.

Q Where did you go to make the inquiries?
A I went to Felix Campbell and to Dykmans and I went to another place on the corner of Goad and Fulton Street.

Q Did you find at those places that they dealt in the articles of the

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same make.

A They had a catalogue of the steam gauge
and oil cup not of that make.

Q What did you find at either of these
places that the net price of the
steam gauge was?

A The prices they gave me on the
steam gauge was fourteen dollars
and a silver plated or nickel plated
was a dollar extra.

Q Did you give them the same number
and the same horse power that I
gave you in my question?

A I don't ^{think} ~~mean~~ any horse power
was mentioned.

Q Pressure I mean? 100 pound pressure
and he told you that was 14 dollars
was that the net price?

A I don't know.

Q Where did you find out the value of
the other articles?

A The oil cup similar to this was \$30
dollars that is the Detroit make.

Q I want to know of this particular make.

A I cannot tell of my own knowledge
I know of my own knowledge that
they paid \$25.00 dollars for it?

Q 25.00?

A Mr Sanderson. the man I bought the boat of.

Q Who told you that?

A He did at the time I bought the boat.

Q Then your knowledge of the value of the two articles is based entirely upon what somebody else has told you?

A Yes sir and also of the printed catalogue of what I saw myself.

Q Have you any of those catalogues?

A I have and neglected to bring it

Q Now Mr Blunt referring again to the interview at your house on Sunday who was present?

A Captain Burdett myself ^{Mr Mr Shill}

Q Then you three gentlemen formed the party to the interview?

A Yes sir there were porters in the ante room.

Q Then the subject as to the charge against Elmer took place between you three gentlemen?

A Part of it was heard.

Q Who heard it?

A My wife and a young lady who was visiting there Miss Whittlesley it was not any intention for them to hear it.

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Q Did you tell Mr Hubbard or Captain Brackett at that time that you supposed this steam gauge and the oil cups was at his house or Elmer's house?

A I did not.

Q Did you tell Mr Hubbard or Captain Brackett at that time that you supposed that all the articles of personal property connected with the boat were at Elmer's house or Captain Brackett's house until you traced those things to the pawn shop and now you supposed that the boat had been stripped generally of all those articles and that they would be scattered around in the different pawn shops in New York?

A Those are not the words.

Q Is that the substance of it?

A Yes.

Q Did you make any allusion to it?

A I said I supposed the tools were at Elmer's house.

Q The point of my question was this was your conversation with Captain Brackett and Mr Hubbard confined to the 2 articles that you had traced to the pawn shop.

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Q At that interview ^{was} at that time?
if you have no knowledge nor information that anything other than the two articles forming the subject of this complaint had been removed from the boat?

A I did not.

Q Then what occasion was there for you to say that you supposed the tools and other things were at Elmer's house if you had no knowledge if they were there or not?

A Elmer Bennett told me the tools were taken to his house.

Q And you not say to Captain Bennett and Mr. Shepperd at that time that you heard of the two articles being in the pawn shop you supposed they were in Elmer's house?

A No sir I did not.

Re Direct Examination

Q Are the gauge and air cup in question tools?

A They are not.

Q Were they affixed to the machinery?

A They were.

Q Are you a licensed engineer?

A Yes.

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Q Kinross United States Engineer?
A I am

Q When you were questioned by me
you stated that the value of the
steam gauge was \$14.00 dollars
and you refer to the steam gauge
inspecting the nickel plate?

A I did it is \$15.00 dollars with the
nickel plate.

Q And this steam gauge in question
is nickel plated?

A Yes sir

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Q What is the value of that article of
your own personal knowledge
about known only from the catalogue
the catalogue of the manufacturer
shows \$14.00 dollars and about one
dollar to get a nickel plated one.

Q of your own personal knowledge
what is the value of that article
the oil cup?

A I am informed they are sold for 1-

Q Now that is your own personal
knowledge now what is your
personal knowledge

A My personal knowledge I get
by inquiry

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Q Do you call that personal knowledge
A I never manifested one

Q And you find out from the Catalogue
what discounts were allowed?

A I don't know.

Q You didn't want to find that out?
A I don't remember.

Q You went there for the purpose
of swelling this up to grand larceny
answer

Q Did you go there for the purpose of
bringing the value down to the
lowest possible market price.

A I went there as I stated the value
I had before I went there. As I went
there to make certain I was correct

Q Did you go there with a view of bringing
down those articles to the lowest
possible value?

A I went there to get the prices

Sworn to before me
this 9th day of February 1885 } E. B. Hunt

Police Justice

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John D. Granger called on the
front of the people being duly sworn
deposes ^{and says}

Q By the Court

Q Where do you reside?

A 2108 3^d Avenue

Q What is your age?

A 37 years

Q What is your business?

A Pawn broker.

Direct Examination

Q Did you ever see the steam gauge ^{and}
oil cup in question before (showing
witness)?

Answer

Q When did you see them?

A 30th of December

Q Under what circumstances did you
see them the first time?

A A young man brought them in ^{and}
showed them.

Q How much did you loan him
on them?

A \$2.00 dollars

Q Was he the first young man that
called upon you at your place with
reference to these things?

A The same young man came twice

I offered him \$500 dollars on them ^{and} he refused to take them ^{and} he came back half an hour after words ^{and} took it.

Q Did you look at him?

A Yes sir.

Q Have you seen him since at your place?

A I have a doubt about it.

Q What was the appearance of this young man that pursued the others?

A Fair complexion, his mustache was light.

Q Did you not describe this young man to the detective?

A When detectives come there we give them all the information we can.

Q Look at Elmer P. Bennett ^{and} say if that is the man?

A I have seen him ^{and} I have a slight doubt as to its being him who put them in.

Q Now although you have a slight doubt don't you believe he is the man upon your oath?

A I would not swear to it positively.

Q Don't you believe he is the man?

A I would not say that; he looks something

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like the man but I cannot swear
he is the man.

Q Does he look a good deal like him
as the man who pawned these ar-
ticles "and that you have seen since
this time?"

A Yes sir.

Q Was this same young man in
your place subsequent to the 30th
of December with reference to
these articles or with reference to
having them to pawn?

A He was not.

Q Was some other person in your place
with reference to these articles?

A Yes sir.

Q Look at Captain Barrett and state if
he was one of the gentlemen?

A Yes sir he was one of them.

Q Did you understand Mr Barrett
to be the father of young Elmer Barrett
or did not until lately?

Q How many times has he called upon
you with reference to these articles?

A Possibly 2 or 3 times.

Q Was he not in your place prior to
yesterday last in reference to these
articles?

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Answer

Q When was he there the first time
A It may be 3 or 4 days after the
detective was in there? possibly
several days.

Q It was more than a week ago?

Answer

Q Sir Captain Barrett bore a pawn ticket
with Captain him for those articles?

A No sir. I didn't see any pawn ticket
with him at all.

Q Had the pawn ticket been surren-
dered to you before Captain Barrett
called the first time?

Answer

Q The first time Captain Barrett called
was the first time the pawn ticket
was surrendered to you

A I have a doubt.

Q Wasn't the pawn ticket surrendered
to you on one of Captain Barrett's
calls?

Answer

Q Who was with him at the time it was
surrendered?

A His son was with him (the prisoner
and possibly another gentleman.

Q Wasn't that the time when that

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pawn ticket was returned to you?
Answer in the time I took it from -
of from whom?

A the other party.

Q who was the other party?

A I don't know.

Q Do you see him in court (Is he the
man sitting with these two? (referring
to Mustibard?)

Depts Counsel admits it was Mr
Hebbard.

Q And you had a conversation with
them and they with you about
those articles?

Answer in

Q And as a result of that conversation
they returned you the pawn ticket
and paid you \$2.00 dollars?

Answer in \$2.25 the 25¢ being for the
storage and safe keeping

Q You didn't ask him any questions
about it?

A He brought in the cup & gauge and told
me to take good care of it, they
put it in for safe keeping

Q Now since you remember that conver-
sation don't you remember you
had that conversation with Elmer

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Barnett?

A I don't know it may be him and it may not be him. I am not positive
Q Does it look like him?

A It does.

Q Doesn't it look a great deal like him?

A It does.

Q Now when Elmer Barnett called two weeks ago ^{and} ~~was~~ ^{wasn't} he accompanied by his father and another gentleman, didn't you recognize him as being the man that peddled the articles with you?

Answer

Q Didn't you tell the detective it was him?

Answer I gave him a description of him the best I could

Q Where was this defendant when the ticket was returned, and the others?

A In the office

Q Do you know the reason why he peddled the articles with you?

Answer

Q There was some conversation about that time?

A They wanted the goods delivered to them ^{and} the detective put a stop on

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them.

Q They wanted the goods and you refused to deliver them?

A Yes sir without an order from the police court or officer.

Q And you say at that time they returned the pawn ticket for the goods?

A Yes sir.

Cross Examination

Q You have been in the pawn broking business how many years?

A 23 years.

Q And pawn brokers are supposed to know the value of almost every ordinary article of personal property?

A Yes sir.

Q You brought these two articles down from your store to day under a subpoena?

A Yes sir.

Q What are they worth?

A Second hand?

Q Yes sir.

A I have seen them sold second hand at auction for \$4.00 each.

Q Now when you loan money upon articles second hand articles you know of course pretty much their

original value?

A Well not exactly we give a pretty
~~good~~ guess at it

Q None no one of your pretty shrewd
guesses. Will you tell me what the value
of the cup is over the the gauge ~~some~~

A I think a steam gauge would be
about about like that for 7 dollars
the other thing I am not so well
fostered about.

Q Now you loaned \$200 dollars and
the articles in the usual way
and you kept them there since?

A Yes sir

Q When was the amount which you
loaned on those articles repaid to
you?

A I don't know I didn't take much notice
of it I am told by my book, ~~without~~
that I cannot tell

Q Was it last Saturday?

A The last Saturday I was not down
here it was I think last Wednesday
or Thursday.

Q And was the money paid to you then
yes sir

Q And after the money had been repaid
to you why did you not surrender

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the two articles to the individual?

A The detective put a stop ticket on them.

Q And since that time you held the articles subject to the order of the complainant?

A Precisely.

Q as his custodian?

A Yes sir.

Q I understood you to say that the gentleman who pledged those articles with you came in first and asked you if you loaned money upon such articles and then asked you how much and then left the store and returned again in about half an hour and pledged them?

A Yes sir.

Q And whoever the individual was who composed those two interviews or performed those two services was the same individual?

A Yes sir.

Q How you ever bought and sold steam gauges?

A I sold two at auction.

Respect Examination

Q Do you know whether it was a patent

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Steam gauge?

A I don't know.

Q Have you ever dealt in oil cups?

A No sir.

Q Did you ever loan any money on an oil cup like this?

A No sir.

Q Then you have testified to what the oil cups was worth as old brass?

A Brass is only worth 20 cents a pound.

Q Then you don't know anything about the value of what the oil cup is worth?

A I would not give a dollar if it was brought in to me again.

Q If you never saw an oil cup like this before of this kind how do you consider yourself competent to testify to what it is worth?

A To the best of my opinion as a friend guess ^{and} for what they bring at a pawn brokers auction sale.

Q Do you know whose name this steam gauge was that you sold for such a small sum?

A I cannot tell.

Q Do you often loan money on Steam gauges?

A I don't take in more than what is my

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Q. When did you take any other steam
gauge except this one? without
reference to this one?

A. 3 or 4 years ago.

Q. When you don't know ^{much about} the value of
those articles?

A. Only the way I explained ^{by guessing}
and by the pawn brokers auction sale

Sworn to before me
this 7th day of February 1885

Police Justice

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George A. Alexander being duly sworn deposes and says.

Q By the Court

Q where do you reside?

A 123 East 118th Street.

Q what is your age?

A 23 years

Q what is your business?

A Photo Engraving business.

Direct Examination

Q Do you know the defendant Elmer Barrett?

A Yes

Q were you in his company in December last at any time?

A Yes

Q did you ever see Elmer Barrett with those articles in his possession?

A I did.

Q was that in December last?

A It was.

Q where was it?

A on 3rd Avenue

Q did he have them with him on the street?

A He did.

Q and it was the 30th of December last?

A Yes sir.

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George A Alexander being duly sworn deposes and says.

Q By the Court

Q where do you reside?

A 123 East 118th Street.

Q what is your age?

A 33 years

Q what is your business?

A Photo Engraving business
Direct Examination

Q Do you know the defendant Elmer
Barnett?

A Yes

Q were you in his company in December
last at any time?

A Yes

Q did you ever see Elmer Barnett
with those articles in his possession?

A I did

Q was that in December last?

A It was

Q where was it?

A on 3rd Avenue

Q did the boys then with him on
the street?

A He did

Q and it was the 30th of December last
A Yes sir

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Q Did you go with him to the pawn
brokers?

A I did

Q And did the dependant then ^{and} there
pawn those articles?

A I didn't see him

Q Did Barrett ^{and} you enter this
place together?

A We did

Q And he then had these clothes in his
hand?

A He did

Q And did you ^{and} he leave this place
together?

A We did

Q And he did not have them then?

A He did not

Q He left the articles in Mr. Ganges
place?

A It is supposed to be so there is a part-
ment in that pawn shop that separates
customers

Q And you were in one of the apartments
was he in another?

A Yes sir I simply turned my back

Q But you saw him go into one of
these apartments?

A I did

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Q And have some talk with the man behind the counter?

A Yes sir.

Q And while you were there, did he ever in one of the conversations you turned your back?

A Yes sir.

Q And didn't he inform you that he had got 200 dollars for those articles?

A He did.

Q And didn't he tell you he had pawned them?

A He did not.

Q So he tell you in what way he got the 200 dollars?

A He told me he had those things. I didn't see them with him. And that I supposed he had pawned them. He did not say that he had pawned them.

Q Didn't he leave the place with you at he remarked to you that he got 200 dollars?

A That was all.

Q Previous to your visiting Granger's place did you and the Defendant visit any ^{other} pawn shop?

A We did not.

Q And you visit Granger's pawn shop?

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more than once? on that day?

A. Once.

Q. Was the first time you visited the place the defendant kept it without these articles?

A. The second time.

Q. What did he go there for the second time?

A. The second time he went there, ^{he passed} these things I didn't see him do it.

Q. Is it true that the time you and he visited Snuggers place the defendant had passed the articles?

A. He did not.

Q. Did he show you any traces?

A. He did not.

Cross Examined.

Q. You have known Eimer for some years?
Yes sir.

Q. And you knew what his relation to that boat was?

A. I did.

Q. You had been out with him on this boat?

A. I have.

Q. You were with Eimer at the time this steam engine and oil cups were removed from the boat were you?

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Ayes si

Q what did he do with the steam gauge
and oil cups after removing it from
the boat?

A he took it up to his house

Q how many days was it from the
time that they were taken to his house
before they were taken to the power
shop just spoken of?

A 4 days

Q when they were removed from the boat
about the 26th of December?

A yes si

Q was that a very cold day?
A not extra cold

Q at the time Elmer took those things
off of the boat she was lying at Port
Morris wasn't she?

A yes si

Q did he say about removing anything
else from the boat?

A I don't believe he did

Q you met him casually, and having
nothing else to do accompanied him

A I did just for company's sake

Q now when you met him on the 30th
of December the day those articles were
passed where did you first meet

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him?

A 124th Street and 3rd Ave.

Q That is at the corner of the street of his residence?

A Yes sir.

Q What did he say to you then?

A He asked me if I would take a walk down town as far as 14th Street with him.

Q As a matter of fact when you reached this pawn shop the prisoner who first went in with those two articles and asked if they would receive them and how much they would give on them?

A Yes sir.

Q Now up to the time when they were pledged by Turner what did he pay as to the reason for pledging them?

A He didn't really give me any reason.

Q What did he say about redeeming them?

A He said he would redeem them as soon as he got money. He was expecting some money down in First Avenue where he was working.

Q How much was he expecting from the place in 14th Ave?

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A 7 dollars

What was the name of the individual
who owned it to him?

A loan must tell the name.

What was it for?

A loan fitting

Will he say anything to you in case
he should not succeed in getting
his money in front of me. was
you to loan him the money to
redeem them?

As he said he was very sorry he had
pledged them and he said if he didn't
get the money I would send it to
him and he was to redeem them before
the 30th of December. Jimmy Brown.

I went to help him }
the day of Feb 1885 }

Peace Justice

Edmund Blunt Recalled:

Q By Mr. Blundy,

Q Mr. Blunt the last you saw of the
two articles in question before the
sinking of the boat was sometime
prior to the time that you were
either informed orally or in writing
requesting requesting Elmer to lay
the boat up?

A Yes sir.

Q And were they in their proper places.

A Yes sir.

Q They were in the vessel forming part
of the running gear of the boat?

A Yes sir.

Q Had you ever laid the boat up for
winters?

A I had not. I had not owned her before

Q Had you ever owned a steam launch
before that you laid it up?

A Yes sir at Frank Boes in Brooklyn.

Q That was in an enclosure was
it not?

A Yes sir we landed it up on the
beach and took off the smoke
stack and covered it with a tarpaulin.

Q And you entrusted to Mr. Boes the
manner in which she

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should be laid up?

A Left it to his judgement.

Q Now when you informed Turner to lay this boat up you did the same thing didn't you?

A No I gave him directions as Salvendy told you to take her up to the rail road track on the beach.

Q Anybody came down broken into the boat and taken away the tools and property on there?

A Yes.

Q Don't you know that the gentlemen in Brooklyn took all the property off when he laid it up?

A Yes all the tools were taken off and placed in the chest, and -

Q And did you take the gauge off?

A Yes.

Q Why did you take the gauge off?

A For fear it would be broken.

Q What did you do with the cup?

A Left it on the boat.

Q Wasn't the oiler just as likely to be broken as the gauge?

A No sir because there was no glass around it.

Q Reason in fact to say that you

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Cabin was so enclosed that it would
be safe to leave the ailer on the
boat?

A I don't want it done I don't wish
him to take it off.

Q You know that Elmer Barrett is
a man 23 years of age?

A Yes sir I believe he is.

Q You gave him credit as having
some knowledge of engineering?

A I gave him great credit

Q If he had asked you about removing
that steam gauge and oil cup would
you have objected to it?

A I would have told him to leave
it where it was.

I swear to before me
this 7th day of February 1885

O. Blunt

Justice

February 24th 1885.

Examination Resumed.

All parties present.
Edward Hunt Deceased. on the
part of the people.

Direct Examination.

Q In regard to the oil cup in question
was it a patented oil cup?

A It was.

Q Whose make was it?

A I don't know except the Union Company.

Q And its composition was brass?

A Yes sir.

Q And was it just as good as a new oil cup?

A It was just as good.

Q Since the last examination have you
made inquiries in regard to the
oil cup?

A I have.

Q What is the value of them?

A From 25 dollars to 35 dollars.

Q This was a pint oil cup?

A Yes sir.

Q In regard to the steam gauge was it
as good as new?

A Yes sir.

Q Whose make was it?

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A The Utica steam gauge company
Q Was this oil cup as good a make as
any other manufacturer?

A I find it as good; although I never tested
any other manufacturer.

Q Show your any catalogues here of the prices
of pint oil cups?

A Lubricator; it was a lubricator that I
was speaking of

Q In connection with the steam gauge?

A Yes sir. Here is one something like it
(Referring to the Detroit lubricator)

Q That is something like the lubricator in
question that cup is on page nine of that
book?

A Yes sir

Q What is the price on that book?

A Thirty dollars.

Book offered in evidence?

Marked Puff Ex. 5.

Q That is correct? A Yes sir

Q Anyone refer to page 9 of Puff Ex. 5?

A Yes sir

Q There is another lubricator on page 16 of
that book is this like the one you have?

A Very nearly like it

Q And the price of that is what for a pint?

A Thirty dollars.

Q In regard to the steam gauge? whose
more was your steam gauge?

A Utica steam gauge company.

Q You now produce a pamphlet of the
Utica steam gauge company?

A Yes.

Q What is the price there?

A Fourteen dollars.

Q And for nickel plated how much?

A One dollar extra.

Q That is the price list of the Utica steam
gauge?

A Yes sir.

Offered in evidence and marked Off.
Exhibit 5.

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Q Mr. Beut what was the capacity of this
oil cup?

A A pint I think it was.

Q Did you ever measure it?

A I did not.

Q The testimony that you have just given as
to the value of the cup based upon the
Inquiries you have made and as corrob-
rated by this pamphlet is based upon
a pint cup.

A Yes sir not entirely also in regard
to the price paid.

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Q Did you buy the cup?

A When I bought the boat I did

Q Did you buy the cups separate?

A Yes

Q Did doctor Plato at any time bear any relation to that boat?

A Yes he owned it

Q And I understood you to say that the cups were manufactured by the Utica Steam gauge company?

A Yes

Q Did you know from whom doctor Plato bought it?

A Yes

Q I direct your attention to a letter from the Utica Steam gauge Company "George F. Barnett Esq"

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 13th, gauge No 33078 sold to doctor Plato was a number three brass case nickel plated also we will make price for one like it \$9.00 dollars or we will sell you a number 1 gauge which is the same size but with iron case japanned nickel plated for \$7.00 dollars hoping to receive your order Respectfully Utica Steam gauge

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Company; You have read that letter
indeed I have just read to you ^{and}
which is a letter from the Utica Steam
gauge, now in face of that letter in
referring to that article which is the
same article mentioned ⁱⁿ goes to doctor
Plato do you still persist in saying
that that gauge is of the value that
you have mentioned? that that gauge
was ¹⁵ dollars.

A I say most assuredly that the price list
of that cup is fifteen dollars mis-
placed.

Q Did you ascertain who the ^{agents} gentlemen
were of the Utica Steam ^{gauge} company
in New York?

A Yes

Q What are their names?

A Messrs. ^{and} Halland.

Q Did you call on them?

A I did.

Q Who did you see?

A I don't know.

Q Did you see one of the firm?

A I think it was a clerk I saw.

Q Did you call there with a view of ascer-
taining the value of the cup?

A I did.

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Q When?

A I said it several times I said it a week ago Monday I think was the last time

Q Did you ask what the net price was?

A I got their list prices I cannot tell you their net price

Q You didn't ask?

A No I did not.

Q You didn't go there with a view of ascertaining at what price you could get it and did you go there simply to find out how much they cost?

A With a view to price to it to purchase

Q Did you know there was forty percent off of the list price?

A No sir

Q Didn't you ask if there was?

A No sir

Q Did you make any inquiries as to the net price any more than what they would sell it to you for?

A No I did not

Q What size was this steam gauge?

A I understood it is a six inch gauge

Q Do you know the number of what your gauge is?

A No I do not I never noticed it

Q This letter referred to it would indicate

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the number to be 3378. do you know
anything about that?
Answer:

Q. Did you buy the boat from Doctn. Plato
Answer: I bought it from W. J. Sanderson
Q. Did he buy that from Doctn. Plato?
A. I cannot tell you that.

Q. You said you understood that he bore
a relation to the boat?

A. I understood that.

Q. Do you know whether Doctn. Plato purchased
that particular steam gauge from the
Ertter Steam gauge Company?
Answer: I do not.

I sworn to before me
this 24th day of February 1885 } C. B. Smith

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George P. Barnett being duly sworn
deposes and says: called on behalf of
the defendant.

By the Court.

Q Where do you reside?

A 157 East 150th Street.

Direct Examination

Q The defendant is your son?

A Yes.

Q How many children have you?

A Eight.

Q This is your eldest son?

A Yes my daughter is older than he is.

Q Mr. Barnett since your sons arrest
in this case and on this charge you
have had several interviews with the
complainant Mr. Blunt?

A Two interviews.

Q Where did you have the first?

A In his house in Brooklyn.

Q Who was with you?

A D. M. Hubbard.

Q When was that?

A That was Sunday evening on the day
that this arrest was made? where
was your son then?

A Over at Police Headquarters.

Q Did you have a conversation with Mr.

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Blunt at that time 'on the subject of Elmer having charge of the boat during the summer and especially having the custody of the articles in question and had.

Q Will you state just what took place between yourself and Mr Blunt and Mr Hibbard; - was anybody else present when that subject was talked over?

A There was nobody else present except the two gentlemen and Mr Blunt which I have already named there was a general charge.

Q You went there to see Mr Blunt on the subject of the charge did you?

A I certainly did that was what brought me there I never had Mr Blunt's acquaintance until that time; As soon as I heard of my son's arrest I went to Police Headquarters I found my son there and as I knew nothing of the particulars of the ~~later~~ arrest I thought I would seek Mr Blunt out and ask him with reference to it, I waited at Mr Blunt's house the best part of an hour before he came in and then we repaired to the dining room off of the parlors the doors were closed and we sat down

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and the conversation opened. He told me that although he found that the boat was sunk and stripped and that he found the oil cup and steam gauge had been pawned and he expected to find the rest of the things the same way. He said I thought that those things were at your house; of course expressed my amazement for I could not believe my son would be guilty of doing anything wrong.

Q Now what was said as to Elmer having the custody of them?

A Well he said he left them in his charge and that he supposed they were in my house.

Q As a matter of fact Mr Barnett the two articles in question were at your house when they were taken off of the boat?

A Yes sir.

Q The subsequent disposition of them being placed in the pawnbrokers had you any knowledge of that?

A At the least I had no knowledge of their being in my house. He told me that, I don't know what arrangements my son had with him.

Q That all you recollect of any removal of the items in reference to the boat

and the property being intrusted to Elmer's care?

A It is

Q I find the prepayment of this charge against your son you have been around among the trade getting the market value of the Utica steam gauge company's goods with a view of ascertaining the value of those two articles?

A None.

Q How extensive has been your inquiries among the trade in the city of New York?

A My inquiries in reference to the oil cup has been with Manning Maxwell and Moore that is considered the first house in New York City Rogers of 19

John Stett who are the leading house for machinery supplies this as a specialty with reference to the oil cup.

I had Mr. Winters of Manning & Co

make a sketch of the cup and make a

book showing the dimensions of the

cup and also the value of the cup.

The cup is known as a $\frac{1}{8}$ of a pint

Q On page 13 of the book called the far famed American lubricator on the first line not which is sketched with a blue pencil does that relate to this by

Q It does.

Q What have you ascertained to be the market value of that cup?

A The market value of that cup is 14 dollars discounts to individuals 15% ^{and} 20% cent ^{and} to the trade 40% cent. They offered to furnish me with a cup for \$13. dollars.

Q Now what was the result of your inquiries at other places?

A The result of my inquiries at Manning Maxwells ^{and} Moores, was they appeared to furnish me with an American Rob. Subscribers press 1/3 of a pint for \$3.00. It was then Mr. Munters also made the sketch ^{and} found out the capacity of the cup.

Q You have spoken of a discount what would the discount reduce that too?

A Individual buyers would get it at 15% 20% cent off to the trade it was 40% cent. forty percent would reduce it to \$8.50/100 dollars.

Q Did you find that to be an old style or a new style?

A Old style.

Q Was the new style any more expensive?
A The new style costs \$3.00 dollars more long families ^{and} the same discounts.

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the new style cup named be 14 ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ dollars
with 15% off ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ 20 off. Maxwell, Moore
⁴⁵/₁₀₀ Manning would replace this identical
cup the cup they named firminth me
was a better cup; in every way they agreed
to furnish me with a metal plated
cup for four dollars ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ fifty cents nett.
⁴⁵/₁₀₀ Mr Winter their man went with me
to make a sketch of those two articles I
took the number of the gauge

Q what did you find the number of the
A No 33078 I wrote to the manufacturers
of the gauge?

Q How many letters did you write them
A Two.

Q Show you the copies of the letters sent?

A Yes sir here is one dated February 10th
1885 ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ and one of February 13th.

Q and you received this letter in reply to yours
under date of February 16th?

A Yes sir

Papers offered in evidence ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ marked
depts Exhibit 12 ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ 3.

Q What was the result of your investigation
In the trade as to the value of the gauge

A after the Utica steam gauge company
had replied to my letters I found out
their agents in New York Messrs

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Holland 56 John Street Mr Reed the
agents of Thaxmill Manning & Co. of N. York.
Mr Holland, they offered me the identical
gauge \$7.25 dollars. & a 45/100 dollars
for the gauge and 75 cents for a nickel
plated one.

Q Mr Barnett after your son had been arrested
in this proceeding and after you learned that
the cup and gauge had been pledged
and before your son was arrested on the
present charge what did you do in
the way of redeeming these articles
A I gave my son the money and told him to
pay the charges to pay the storage charges
Q I leave them to account for whom it
may concern?

Q Why didn't you take them away from the
pawn brokers?

A They were stopped by a policeman they
were delivered to Mr Blunt five days
before this charge was made.

Cross Examined

Q What do you understand by the size of
a $\frac{1}{3}$ of a pint oil lubricator?

A The cup that holds the oil holds one third
of a pint.

Q Did you measure the cup in question
in order to ascertain whether it was a $\frac{1}{3}$ of

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a print or not?

A Charles Winters did it

Q Were you present when he measured it
Amosin But I was when he took the
sketch ^{and} he told me

Q and all you know about it you derived
from him?

Amosin

Q Have you made any effort to subpoena ^{and}
produce Mr Winters here?

Amosin He was here before as a witness
^{and} he was not called I requested him to
come two weeks ago

Q you expected to introduce some testimony
here to-day for your son did you not?

Amosin certainly

Q When your estimations of the value of
the cup in question are predicated
upon the assumption that this is a
1/3 of a pint lubricator?

Amosin

Q of course if you will admit if it is a
pint the price is more?

A certainly

Q Did you tell Mr Winters the predicament
in which your son was in?

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Q you told him he was under arrest?

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Ayesen

Q And you told him a great deal depended upon the value of the testimony of the articles?

A I did not

Q Or point thing to that effect? I did not.

Q Did you tell him why you wanted him to make a sketch?

A Yes in order to ascertain the size of the cup.

Q What did you say he told you about the value of the cup was?

A He said this was a number one $\frac{1}{3}$ cup and it dropped a drop to the minute and he told me the price was 14 dollars discount to the trade forty per cent.

Q Did any other dealer examine this cup?

A Not that identical cup was in

Q And when you made inquiries of other dealers you stated to them that it was a $\frac{1}{3}$ cup

A I told them it was a number one anisee in

Q Mr Manning makes a different kind of a cup?

A I don't know

Q Is he in the business of selling oil lubricators? Ayesen

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Q. What does he sell this particular style of cup?

A. I don't know they furnished me with a list.

Q. Don't you know that this was a different make of a cup than Maxwell & Co makes or sells?

A. I don't know anything about that. I had no interview with Maxwell about it.

Q. Do you know if he makes or sells this particular kind of a cup?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you know whether or not this steam gauge was owned by Doctor Platts or was sold to him?

A. I don't know. I took the number.

Q. You don't know that steam gauges do not bear the same numbers day on?

A. I know nothing about this only what I took off of it. I saw a number 3 on it I saw the figure three on it.

Q. You don't know anything about steam gauges?

A. I know nothing only what I found out in the last 2 or 3 weeks.

Q. How long have you known Mr. Wenters?

A. I knew him by sight but only knew what his name was 2 weeks ago.

Q Where is the place of business of Maxwell Manning & Co. in Moore?

A Liberty Street in this city they told me if I wanted them they would come if it was necessary.

Q I understood you to say that you did not see the oil lamp or the steam gauge in your house?

A Mr. Blunt told me so, he told me he thought they were in my house & that my son agreed to put them there.

Q Did you know as a fact that they were in your house?

A I did not.

Q Did you find any flags in your house?

A I did not find them my son showed me some flags.

Re direct

Q You have given us the conversation that you had with Mr. Blunt at his house on this Sunday when did you have your next conversation with him?

A The next conversation I had with him was in the police court at Jefferson market.

Q Did you have a conversation with him on the subject of the articles being in Elmore's custody just state what conversation

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took place between ~~them~~ ^{and} Mr Blunt
A Mr Blunt said to me Mr Barnett will
make a charge against your son for
stealing this boat ^{and} we will have
it ~~sequestered~~ ^{sequestered} for a couple of days for
the purpose of investigation ^{and} if I find
out he is not guilty of stealing my
boat I will make his exoneration
as broad as the charges that was
almost word for word of the conver-
sation

Q Is that all?

Yes that is all. that same day he had
the same conversation in the same
place with Mr Hibbard so Mr Hibbard
told me I didn't hear it

Q That was before the charge ^{was} made of
Grand Larceny?

Yes sir

Q ^{and} before your son had been arraigned
before the magistrate?

A We all stood in front of the dock
Mr Blunt hesitated about making
a charge ^{and} he and I returned to the
foot of the step ^{and} he then made that
remark

Q What did you say to him?

A I don't remember. but I told him

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before I left the court I wanted investigate
the thing myself. And started to do it

I want to before me
this 24th day of February 1885

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Q Isaac N. Hubbard passed by the defendant being duly sworn says where do you reside?

A 344 East 116th St. My place of business is at 253 Pearl St.

Q How long have you known the defendant?

A I have known him since he was a few weeks old.

Q you were associated to by Mr. Barrett as a friend when the boy was arrested on a charge of stealing a boat?

A yes sir.

Q did you accompany Mr. Barrett to the house of Mr. Blunt on the Sunday of 4/10/11?

A yes sir.

Q I want you to tell the Court all that took place at that interview?

A We arrived at Mr. Blunt's house and we waited some little time for Mr. Blunt to return home when he came in we retired to what I understood to be the dining room the doors were closed and we had an extended conversation lasting perhaps an hour the subject of that conversation was to this effect Mr. Blunt stated that

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Elmer Bassett the prisoner had been
 in his employ as engineer and had charge
 of his yacht. After the season was over
 he left the boat in Elmer's charge and
 told him he might use the boat if he
 could make any money out of it.
 Sometime in December he sent word
 to Elmer to put the boat up for winter quarters
 shortly after he sent this word to Elmer
 he reported he had put the boat up at
 the Knickerbocker Club house and that
 he could not put it up at Johnsons.
 Mr. Blunt paid Elmer for his services
 and the services of two men that had assisted
 him in laying the boat up. He stated
 that he directed Elmer to take the things
 off of the boat and to take charge of them
 He also said he had great confidence
 in Elmer and he was trying to get him a
 position of some kind and that he offered
 to let him take the boat down to Florida
 if he could make any money out of it.
 He stated that he had been informed
 that this property had been pawned.
 Mr. Bassett Jr. expressed great sur-
 prise at that statement and said that
 he did not think it was possible
 that his son would be guilty of a

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such a thing Mr. Blunt said it is true
 I have already found some of the things
 in the pawn brokers in 3d Avenue near
 115th Street. And he said I do not think
 that the boy ever intended to steal my
 boat I don't think he ever intended to
 borrow it I think its being sunk is
 a pure accident. He stated many things
 in regards to Elmers connection with
 the boat passing. And that he was
 informed that Elmer had played cards
 on his boat which was contrary to
 his wishes. And he had young men there
 in the morning playing cards with
 him. And that he was acquainted with a
 lady. And he thought that perhaps this
 was the cause of his going wrong.
 I think that was the substance of the
 conversation that night. On the next
 morning a similar conversation was
 had between Mr. Blunt. And myself in
 reference to the matter. I think the
 substance of the conversation the
 next morning from Police Headquarters
 to the Court was of the same character
 as the night before. At the Police
 Court Mr. Blunt hesitated to make
 a charge. He came to me a little

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north of the sailing where I was standing
 and stated that he had said to Mr Bonnell
 for that he would make the charge against
 Elmer for stealing the boat. He said I
 don't think there is any thing in it
 I don't think I can prove it but he says
 I will make it for the purpose of holding
 him. I shall investigate the matter and
 if I find that he that he didn't do it I
 shall exonerate him as broad as I
 make the charge against him. I said
 Mr Blunt I would not do any
 such thing as that you have no
 right to make a charge if you cannot
 make it in good faith. I said you
 will find yourself liable in heavy
 damages and he snapping his finger said
 that don't amount to anything I will
 take the risk. The following day the
 he came to my store and I introduced
 him to Mr Baxter my partner we
 were having a conversation in regard
 to this steam gauge and oil cup. Mr
 Baxter it seems had just been buying
 a cup. Mr Baxter said his cup was
 a spirit cup and that he had been
 around and ascertained the value
 of the cup and gauge and he found

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they were worth Twenty Eight dollars
I think that was the substance of the
conversation. There is a portion in
the first conversation I have omitted.
It was suggested at that time Mrs
Blunt withdrew any criminal
Charge ^{now} of Mr. Elmer Bonsett had
damaged Mr Blunt's boat in any way
that Mr Bonsett would in some way
indemnify him ^{now} Mrs Blunt said I
fear that one of the young men who
was associated with Elmer his mother
has some property and I think she ought
to be made to contribute towards it.
The young man's name was Anthony
Bohm. The next conversation I
had with him was on the stilt in
Pearl and Cliff Stills we had quite
an extended conversation there ^{now} I
stated to Mrs Blunt that Elmer's mother
was very ill ^{now} that this was an act
of indiscriminate on the part of the
boy I thought it was better to ask
look it, he knew in what way he had
charge of the boat ^{now} he said he
was certain he was the Bailie of
the boat - he then said there was
great excitement among the yachts

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men and that he was going to the District
attorneys office in reference to this
matter and that he had been sent for
by Col. Fellows he subsequently returned
to my store and requested me to go and
see his lawyers and I told him I would
not do anything of the kind and that I
did not wish to complicate myself
with it and in addition to that I did not
want to. I then stated to Mr. Blunt
from his statements to me that he
made a great mistake when he made
this charge and that he held himself
liable for he swore to a charge that he
had no faith in and that was the end of
it.

Q In your first conversation with Mr.
Blunt I understood you to say that
Mr. Blunt said that he requested them
to take those articles off of the boat
and that he supposed they were in his
father's house instead of which the
boat had been stripped of all its
property and he supposed that all the
articles would be found in pawn
shops or as much as those articles
had been traced to pawn shops is
that what he stated?

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Ayesen he said he told Lamer to take the things off of the boat.

Q What things were you talking about?
 A I don't know what things Mr. Blunt had in his mind. (Mr. Blunt stated to you in court Mr. Skibbald you have done wrong you told the judge that he had taken the steam gauge and oil cup and painted it. You said you ought to know better than that. I made a charge in reference to that he will send him up for 5 or 7 years I stated to the judge that I was informed that he had taken the steam gauge and oil cup and painted them.

Does Gammit.

Q With reference to the penalty you have spoken of didn't the judge suggest that himself was not Blunt?

Ayesen.

Q Didn't the judge say that in open Court Ayesen he said nothing about the penalty. I said to the judge that the only charge as I understood it was taking some property that he had in a peddling capacity and I asked him if it was a criminal offense and he said it was under the code.

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Q Did you hear Mr. Bassett make a statement that Mr. Blunt said that he wanted Rose being arrested on a charge of stealing the goods. And if he found out that the defendant had not stolen his property he would make his exoneration as broad as he made the charge?

A Yes sir.

Q You heard him use the word property in connection with that? What Mr. Blunt said?

A I did.

Q You have talked with Mr. Blunt considerable about this bailer matter?

A Yes sir, only once.

Q Have you not at the time of that conversation stated that you thought the defendant was the bailer and could not be held on this charge?

A I suggested it the first time I had this conversation was over at Jefferson market.

Q Did Mr. Blunt tell you from whom he received the information as to where the property was?

A Yes sir.

Q And you at your second interview

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with Mr Blunt your self suggest that Elmer Bennett was the Bailor?

Answer

Q Where did this interview take place that Elmer Bennett, was requested by Mr Blunt to remove the things from the boat?

A At his house those were his words to remove the things from the boat.

Q Didnt he use the words tools?

Answer

Q Did you hear Captain Bennett say he said the words articles at this same interview

Answer I was out of the room part of the time and dont know all that he did say

Q Say you remember every word of that conversation?

A I do not I only state the substance of it he stood next to Mr Bennett & I said I found some of the things

Q Did he tell you he requested Elmer Bennett to remove some of the things off of the boat? the to remove any of the machinery off of the boat

A I dont think he used the words machinery he said that they could not bring the boat down as the articles ^{any thing}

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were all off after unless they plugged the bow.

Q Did he say at the time he made the proposition to Elmer that he would take the boat down to Florida that it had been put in quarters quarters ago or so?

Q You then understood the boat was in Port Morris?

A He said Barnett promised to look after the boat for him ^{and} he promised to do it.

Q Do you still adhere to the statement that he did not expect to load Elmer upon this charge of stealing the boat?

A I swear to that positively ^{and} unqualifiedly without any reserve that he did ^{before} he made the charge this was in course he stated that to me.

Q Did you see any detective in court then?

A No sir.

Q Do you know how far away he was from you?

A No sir.

Q Would you tell Mr. Blunt that if the defendant is held upon this charge that you would have it proven to be

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In the district attorney's office
Answer I don't use the word pigeon
holes.

Q Have you expressed your ability to have
him pardoned in case of his conviction?
A I don't think I ever made any such
statement.

Q You have taken a personal interest
in this matter?

Answer only I am a witness ^{and subpoenaed}
regularly I come here at the request
of his father.

Q Are you related to the defendant?
Answer I know him very well.

Sworn to before me
this 24th day of February 1888

Peace Justice

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William M. Baxter being duly sworn
deposes and says.

Q where do you reside?

A I reside at 47 St Felix Place Belya
and am in the paint business.

Q you have no connection with this
transaction have you sir?

A None at all sir.

Q do you remember Mr Blunt calling
at the office where you carry on business
sometime after the arrest of the
defendant?

A Yes sir.

Q will you state to the court the conversation
that you had with him at that
place on the subject of the stealing
of the boat and the subject of the boy
and about taking charge of the personal
property on this boat?

A They spoke to me having supposed
I owned a yacht that I knew something
of it I told them it was the usual
custom of boat owners to strip their
boats and give their stuff to somebody
to take charge of and I understood Mr
Blunt to state that he authorized his
young man Barrett to take the oil
cup and steam gauge and to look after

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- it to take charge of it that is about all I recall of it I didn't come in there until after we were discussing it for some time they were discussing the value of the articles Q. I told them I just bought an oil cup which Rhoda in use for the last two months which was put in my engine to be tested before I bought it and the price of it was 20 dollars and it was a nickel plated patent gauge and it was used on a one hundred horse power engine Q. I went to several firms to see if I was overcharged for it I went to Jamison Q. and Jamison and they went 22 for it Q. What was said as to the value of the articles that were taken off of the boat A. Something was said about the value of the steam gauge that I don't recall what I paid for it it was so long since I bought one Q. Now you recalled in that interview the fact that Mr. Blunt stated at that time that those articles were still entrusted to the care of young Mr. Blunt while the yacht was laid up. A. Yes understood it
- Cross Examined

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Q You have twice made a statement that you understood Mr Blunt to say that he entrusted the care of the steam gauge & oil cup to the defendant will you state and swear positively that he so stated?

A I don't know that I can swear positively to it but to the best of my knowledge and belief I will.

Q You have twice testified that you understood Mr Blunt to say so?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you mean by that that this was an impression that was produced upon your mind during the conversation? Yes sir that is all I know they were talking sometime before I came in. I didn't pay very much attention to their conversation.

Q Since then ^{have} you talked with Captain Barnett or Mr Skifford?

A I have not talked with Mr Barnett.

Q Were you not talking to him on the subject of the oil cup & steam gauge having been entrusted to the defendant?

A I don't recollect that I have.

Q Will you swear you have not?

A I don't swear either way.

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Q Show you don't remember the conversation you had with him?

A I do not

Q How long have you known Mr. Hubbard?

A 10 or 12 years ago intimately

Q He was talking somewhat with you about this case?

A I don't recollect if he was or not. I don't swear either way. I didn't take much interest in the case at all.

Q At the time you had this conversation with Mr. Bennett and Mr. Hubbard present?

A He was engaged with somebody else.

Q Was Captain Barnett present?

A Yes. Mr. Hubbard is my partner.

Sworn to before me
this 24th day of February 1885

Per J. J. J. J.

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Harriet A. Williams called by the
dependant being duly sworn deposes
Q. says

Q. where do you reside?

A. House of Refuge, Randall's Island.

Q. what is your business?

A. I am employed on the boat which
ferries between 120th Street and Randall's
Island, the refuge.

Q. How long have you filled that position?

A. 9 months about.

Q. Do you remember the yacht "Mascott"
being towed to the place where she
was sunk? Answered by a row boat.
I know that Anthony Bohm was one
of them. I don't remember the day
she was brought there and I saw her
sink.

Q. what caused her to sink?

A. She got down it was extra low tide and
a heavy wind was blowing the way
the vessel would have seen for some
time there and a side wheller came
along and washed the water into
her and filled her and she sank.

Q. The trips you make from 120th Street
to Randall's Island are very numerous
during the day are they?

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Answer ^Q Was she pass within sight of where this yacht was when she was placed there originally. She appeared to float all right and she was placed when I saw her first in her right position.

Q Had anybody been aboard her to your knowledge for some time before she went down?

Answer

Q Had you seen Elmer Barrett on board after or this boy Anthony Bohm from the time she was anchored until she went down? Answer

Anthony Bohm came on our boat and told him what happened that she sank. And he must have told Barrett. Answer Examined

Q How far from the foot of 120th Street was it you saw this boat the morning? A It was a little below 120th Street it was near Rockwell Island. The distance between 120th Street and our flock is between 50 and 90 feet.

Q Was this a fit place to put a boat for winter quarters? ✓

Answer because there is a sort of a cove there. And if it was not the way

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it happened it was a very good
place it happened because she
shifted her anchor, and there was an
extra wind blowing

Q Was it not a bad place for a boat
in such a wind?

A Yes sir

Q Was it not a place where this boat
would be liable to go ashore and shift
her anchor in a stiff wind?

A Yes sir

Q Do you know any thing about putting
boats up for winter quarters?

A Yes sir

Q Did you consider this yacht was put up
in winter quarters?

A She was not at that time

Q You say that Anthony Bohm carried that
yacht there? did you see any young
man before that time on board
after the defendant

A I don't know if it was the defendant
or not

Q Could you see the other young man?

A Yes sir they went across in the boat

Q Did you at that time see the defendant
on board of the boat after she was
anchored at Randall's Island.

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A I have seen them on the boat
Q you saw quite a number of young
men take this boat to Randall's Island
A yes sir

Q Was there 2 or 3? A yes sir

Q Was there more than six?

A I cannot say. There were 4 or 5.
Q Did you or do you recognize any
other young man who was there
excepting Robbin?

A no sir

Q Do you know the defendant personally?
A I do, but I don't remember seeing
him

Q Do you know why they anchored that
boat in that place?

A I don't know anything about that

Q How long have you been an engineer

A a licensed man for 14 years

Q Do you know the defendant?

A yes sir

Q Quite familiarly with him?

A yes sir

Q Do you know the young man Robbin too?

A Slightly acquainted with him

Q Is it the reason you remember
that Anthony Robbin was there?

A I do.

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Q where did they take the boat from when
they anchored it?

A About 11 miles the first I saw of her was
when they were turning her and she was
anchored.

Q After that time had you seen her
on the dock?

Answer

Re direct Examination

Q How is the rice there?

A There was none when she was full
there.

Re cross

Q There is now rice there?

Answer

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this 24th day of Feb'y '85

Per J. J. J. J.

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Edward J. Mullen being duly sworn says

Q Where do you reside?

A 592 Pleasant Avenue

Q What is your business?

A Camrasser.

Q Do you know Elmer Barnett?

A Yes sir.

Q What had you to do with the laying up of this boat for the winter?

A I helped Elmer lay her up.

Q What conversation did you have between Elmer and Mr. Barnett in reference to the laying up of this boat for the winter?

A We went down to the office and Mr. Barnett was not in and we went out and came in again and he was there and he shook hands with Elmer and he asked him if he laid the boat up and he said yes and he asked him about the price and he said it was all right and Mr. Barnett paid him 10 dollars and Mr. Barnett requested him to take the things home and he had a conversation about hippering his boat.

Q When he spoke of taking the things off what things did he refer to?

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A He didn't refer to anything
Q when you came home in the train in
the elevator. did you have a conversation
with him as to how the things should
be stored?

A Yes sir

Q State where it was?

A Objected to

Q Where you laid up yachts after the disaster
before the winter?

A Yes sir

Q How many times?

A 3 or 4 times

Q Is it customary to take the steam gauges
and oil cup off?

A Certainly it is

Q And other articles besides

A Yes sir we take off everything that
is movable from the boat?

Q You were with Elmer at the time
these two articles were taken off of the
boat?

A No sir

Q You were with him at the time the yacht
was put up at the Knickerbocker Club.

A No sir they were not taken off that day
because it was so cold our my house
were very stiff and we wanted home to

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row them over to Port Morris and then carry them 5 blocks so we left them on the boat.

Q Did you intend to go back for their things some other time?

A Yes sir if I was making business I would keep him take the things off of the boat

Q Was there any arrangement made with you that the large goods should be stored in your house?

A Yes sir I gave him the permission to put the machinery in my house in the cellar.

Cross Examined

Q How many yachts here you put up 4 winter quarters?

A 3 or 4.

Q When did you put up the last one?

A The mascot was the last one and before that the Irene for Esneal at Port Morris

Q Did you remove any thing off of the boat?

A I saw the steam gauge and all

Q What did you do with the things?

A Took them to the annex house

Q Did he tell you to do it?

A He told me to steam up ^{and run the boat}
^{over} and take every thing off after.

Q Did the owner tell you to move those things?

A He did not

Q Was that a cabin boat?

A It was

Q Did it have a steam gauge ^{and} a rail cap?

A Yes sir the same as Mr Blunt's boat

Q How many other boats?

A The gypsy the year before

Q Is that a steam yacht?

A Yes sir

Q Was it an open boat?

A Yes sir

Q Did you remove every thing?

A Yes I took the engine out I took the engine out to protect her from rust.

Q And I put the love Smith up 3 years ago

She was an open boat I took the engine out ^{and} dis connected it it

was done to protect her

Q Have you put up any other boats?

A That was all the steam boats

Q ^{and} that is as far as your experience extends?

A Yes sir

Q You say that Mr Blunt used the words

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things?
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Q^{ues} when you went there with Elmer Donut
the steam gauge and oil cup were
not detached?

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Q were they detached subsequently when you
went with Elmer to Mr. Blunt's office
and told him the boat was laid up
for winter quarters?

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Q you assisted Elmer in putting the
boat in winter quarters?

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Q^{ues} was that a good place for her?

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Q The screen which you put up was
that lying right along side of Mr.
Blunt's yacht?

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this 24th day of May '88

Procurator
The further hearing was adjt to Mich 10 20 1/2

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Examination Resumed March 10th
All parties present.

Charles Winter called on behalf
of the defendant being duly sworn
deposes and says.

Q Where do you reside?

A 168 South 3rd St. Brooklyn

Q What is your business?

A Engineer.

Q What firm are you connected with

A Manning Moore and Maxwell. 111 & 113
Liberty Street

Q What is the line of articles that they
deal in?

A An engineers machinery machinery
supplies. Railroad supplies, that
includes the marine interests as
well.

Q And from your connection with that
firm are you familiar with all
those articles and their value?

A Yes sir.

Q You have seen the two articles the
subject of the present charge the
cylinder and the oil lubricator?

A Yes sir.

Q You have been here once before.

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Ayes sir

Q What is the market value of the two articles mentioned?

A I had not informed myself so much about the ~~cup~~ gauge as about the oil cup because they are manufactured by the Utica company. I am under the impression from 6 to Eight dollars

Q You measured the oil cup did you not

Ayes sir

Q And you also measured the gauge?

Ayes sir

Q What is its measurement?

A Nine inches in diameter

Q And you have made a sketch of it?

Ayes sir that is the sketch (showing)

Q And what is the value of the oil cup?

A There are no cups made like it to day

Q But assuming it to be still in the market what would it be worth?

A The oil cup is sold now for \$14.00 list new. Improved pattern And 30% discount that would reduce it to 10.50 dollars

Q What is its capacity?

A Its less than a 3/4 of a pint ordinarily called a third of a pint I measured it with a view of testing that question

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Q We measured it carefully.

A As examined

Q Do you deal in cups?

A Yes in not only dealers but manufacturers of them

Q What do you mean by saying that you had not prepared yourself in regard to testifying to the value of the gauges?

A Because I thought it was all settled I had not refreshed my memory

Q Then your memory is not good in regard to gauges?

A Yes; it is

Q In order for you to be prepared to testify yourself, your memory would have to be refreshed and you would have to make an examination?

A Undoubtedly

Q And that examination you have not made?

A No sir not any special examination of this case.

Q Do you know whose make that is?

A The Utica Steam Gauge Company

Q Do you deal in such gauges?

A We do when called for; we manufacture our own goods.

Q You manufacture a different kind of goods?

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Yes sir the Ashcroft.

Q And that firm or company is in opposition to the Utica Steam Gauge Company?

A To speak.

Q And you consider your goods better than the Utica Steam Gauge Company's goods?

A Undoubtedly.

Q How many of the Utica Steam Gauges have you sold in the past year if any?

A I don't know that I personally sold any.

Q You don't know that your family firm sold any?

A No sir.

Q Have you ever the same cup as this is for \$20 dollars?

Yes sir and for 5 and 4 dollars this size.

Q Have you any cups of this size that you sell for more than \$20 dollars?

Yes sir 3 or 4 times that it all depends in the amount of the finish that the cup has.

Q It is in good order isn't it this cup?

A I don't take that in consideration.

Q Do you know whose made the oil cup is?

A As near as I can trace it it's made by the Detroit Automatic Lubricator Company.

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Q How do you know that?

A From people in the business

Q You say that cup is out of the market?

A Yes sir

Q Do you state positively that that is a
detroit oil cup?

A I do

Q How long is that cup out of the market?

A That I cannot tell you.

Q Have you ever sold any detroit oil cups?

A Yes sir

Q When did you sell the last one?

A I cannot tell you the date

Q Did you sell it yourself or did somebody
else connected with your firm?

A Somebody else in the firm

Q You didn't sell it yourself? A Yes sir

Q Did you have it in your store for
sale?

A Yes sir

Q Do you know who sold it?

A The party in charge of that department

Q You heard it had been sold?

A Yes sir

Q Have you got any more detroit oil cups
in your place at this particular time?

A No sir That company is in the hands
of the American Company now

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Q Don't it a fact that the company that made the oil cup is out of business?

A Yes sir. the patents are held by the American company.

Q Don't that a fact that that is a fireproof oil lubricator?

A Yes sir.

Q Will you swear it isn't?

A Yes sir.

Q Did anybody tell you it was a Detroit lubricator?

A Yes sir.

Q Who told you?

A Mr. Joseph Beggs.

Q When you don't know that it was made by the Detroit company only from what he told you?

A Yes sir.

Q Who is Mr. Beggs?

A Also engaged in the same line of business?

Q When did he tell you?

A A day before yesterday.

Q Did he also tell you what the value of the cup was?

A No I didn't ask that.

Q If you knew all about this cup and gang, why did you make an inquiry?

of Mr Beggs whose name it was?
 A Simply to have myself informed about
 it.

Q I sent your testimony in regard to the
 value based upon the assumption
 that it is a Detroit cup. which information
 you received from Mr Beggs?

A No not in particular I simply wanted
 to know who was the special maker
 of that cup.

Q Say you felt warranted in assuming
 positively that that is a Detroit cup?
 In consequence of the information
 that you derived from Mr Beggs who
 the real maker of the cup was?

A I should feel warranted in relying
 upon Mr Beggs.

Q Has Mr Beggs been in business any
 longer than you?

A Yes sir.

Re direct

Q That is a price list of the gauge in
 question isn't it (showing)? A Yes sir.

Q Issued by the Union Steam Gauge Company
 A Yes sir.

Q Now the number 3 in blue pencil mark
 is the price of the cup?
 A Yes sir.

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Q 10-15/100 dollars?

A Yes sir

Re Brass

Q Is there a percentage in favor of the dealer in

A General percentage yes sir
Q Is that percentage merely given to the trade?

A Yes sir

Q Do you remember what the dimensions of the cup were?

A 1 1/2

Q Do you remember what the cylinder was?

A 1 1/4

Q Did you measure it carefully?

A Yes sir

Q Do you know how many cubic inches there are in a pint?

A 28 1/2

Sworn to before me
this 10th day of March '88

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Edwin M. Reed called by the defendant being duly sworn deposes ^{and} says

Q where do you reside?

A 403 D. Knab Avenue Brooklyn

Q what is your business?

A Salesman for Knab Manufacturing Company. 56 John Street manufactures of Brass and Iron goods

Q Is that the firm ^{who are} the agents of the Erie Steam gauge company of New York?

A Yes sir

Q Mr Reed what is the value of the gauge in question?

A I don't see the gauge.

Q you have heard it described?

A Yes sir as a number three

Q what is the price of it?

A 10.75 dollars ^{and} there is a discount of 40 cents that reduces it to \$6.45/100 dollars

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Q What would be the market value of
of a number 3 nickel plated gauge
1075 is the list price then 40% off
makes it \$6.45 and a dollar and fifty cents
for the nickel plate that would make
it \$7.95/100 nett?

Answer;

Q Is that discount allowed in all cases
of private persons?

A That is our printed discount that we
sell to any party.

Q Does your list show that it says any
thing about 40% discount?

Answer

Q Therefore the list shows that the price is
\$10.75 doesn't it? for brass.

Answer W a dollar and a half for nickel
plate that is what is charged extra

Q Don't you frequently sell this No 3 brass
case at 10.75 which is the list price?

Answer

Q Don't you sometimes do it?

Answer

Q If the discount of 40% is allowed
why don't the list show it?

A We don't always put discounts on
our list; as a matter of fact we
don't issue that list it is revised

by the Utica Steam gauge company.

Q Then do you mean to say that although the price of a No 3 brass gauge is mentioned in this circular at 10⁷⁵/₁₀₀ it is not worth it?

A No sir it's merely the price list

Q Then you list goods at more than their value?

A Yes sir

Q Do you know whether the Utica Steam gauge company does that?

A Yes sir

Q You say that they do?

A Yes sir

Q How long have you been selling these gauges?

A 10 years.

Q I understand you to say that you never saw this gauge?

A No sir

Q Then your testimony of the value is based on this being a number 3 gauge

A Yes sir

Reverend Examination

Q You read this system of list prices as so down in this case of in question is a custom and is furnished throughout the hardware trade isn't it?

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Q And everybody dealing in that trade knows
its one of the customs of the trade?

A Of course.

Q You don't know anything about the
subscribers?

Answer

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Q Mr Reed you came here at Captain
Barrett's request he called at your
store for the purpose of pricing these things
and in that way you came here as a
witness?

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Q There was another gentleman who also
came there and made inquiries about
it?

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Q Did you give him the prices Ayessii
Q Mr Blunt not being present here today
of course you could not identify
the gentleman?

Answer

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This 10th day of Feb 1885

Palmer Justice

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Elmer Barrett the defendant
being duly sworn deposes & says:
Q you are living home with your parents
A yes sir

Q you have always lived home with them
A yes sir

Q when were you first employed by
Mr. Blunt?

A about the middle of October 1884.

Q in what capacity?

A as Engineer of the steam yacht Muscat

Q now after Mr. Blunt had ceased
to use her as a pleasure yacht.
what conversation had you with
him on the subject of laying her
up? or of taking charge of the boat?

A after laying this boat up I went
to his office to report with Mr. Mallett

Q I told him I laid the boat up and he
paid me ten dollars; he asked

me where she was laid up, I told
him I went to see Mr. Johnson and

showed him the telegram I received

Q he said if I were to put the boat up
there it would cost more than she

was worth Q when I went there I asked

him if he had any place to lay her

up and he said he had not, and I

asked him if I could not put the boat up on the beach and he told me it would cost more than she was worth so I took the ^{misadventure} boat. And I went down to Mr. Blunt's office on Saturday afternoon and I saw him and he asked me where I had laid the boat up and I told him at the Kuck's ^{boat} yard. And he was satisfied I then went to his private office and he said the things are aboard the boat and you better take them off and take him home and we started for home and agreed with Mr. Miller to take the cushions and put them in his cellar and I would take the boat home.

Q And you have any conversation with Mr. Blunt about buying the boat?

A He asked me my opinion as to buying her out and covering her and he said to me to get estimates and I went to Mr. Coffey several times and he was not home he was down town and I went over and looked at the boat and I saw she was in a bad condition and I saw the rail was stoned. W

Q What boat lay along side of her?
A The Sireen.

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Q And what occasioned the damage to the
rail?

A High water an extra high tide came &
threw her against the pier.

Q Did you intend to remove her to save further
damage?

A Yes Sir I went over ^{and} saw an Acting Boatswain
^{and} Frank Dykman ^{and} James Shutz & the
next morning ^{and} we took a row boat
we got there before high water ^{and} we
examined her ^{and} if she laid there 8 hours
more she would have been a total wreck
so we made a proposition to move her
^{and} we moved her on that day and brought
her over to 119th Street.

Q How did you get ^{her} there?

A By a row boat two mened her ^{and} two
stayed aboard of the boat to keep her
from getting ashore.

Q You brought her over the hills?
Yes Sir.

Q There is a very high current running
there?

A Yes Sir ^{and} then we anchored ^{her} at 120th Street
Per Randall's Island.

Q Is that an anchorage ground?
Yes Sir.

Q How did you stake her?

Q We anchored her with the anchor and
tied her to a buoy.

Q Was that a good position for her?

A Yes sir.

Q While she laid at the Kruiser bocker
yacht grounds had you taken any
of the personal property off of her
A Yes sir are taken the steam gauge
the oil cup and the flag the flag stone
off before I laid her up.

Q Were those the only articles of personal
property that you removed from her?

A Yes sir.

Q Why didn't you take the balance of the
things off?

A It was so cold I had to get a row boat
and go there and I could not get
anybody to help me
and I was waiting for Mr. Moller
to help me.

Q Then it was your intention to remove
all the portable property off of that
boat?

A Yes sir.

Q What caused you to bring her over to
the Kruiser bocker yacht club grounds
at 119th Street?

A To save her from being a wreck.

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Q After you had anchored her at 119th Street
did you take any of the portable property
off her?

A No sir

Q If you were not aboard after from
the time you left her? A No sir

Q After bringing her to the foot of
119th Street what was your intention
what would you have to do to beach
her?

A We would have to have a North East
wind to beach her.

Q When did you visit Mr Blunt's office
after bringing her to the foot of 119th Street?

A I visited his office the same week
with Frank Dykmund I went there
to tell Mr Blunt I had moved the boat
and was going to put her up at the
Kew-Forest Yacht Club.

Q Did you see Mr Blunt? A No sir the
cashier of the firm said he was out.

Q Did you communicate with the cashier
what your purpose was the object of
your visit? A No sir I did not.

Q Do you know the cashier's name?
A No sir

Q Now what was the next thing that you
saw in connection with that boat

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A The next thing I heard was on Wednesday night that she sunk.

Q Who told you?

A John Conklin he lives at the foot of 120th Street.

Q When Conklin told you she had sunk what did you do?

A I went and seen Anthony Bohm and asked him to meet me at 7:30 in the morning and take her out at low water and you go down and bail her out.

A I went down and tried to bail her out. When I got there I found her bow under water at low tide and I could not bail her out. And I told Anthony Bohm to go down and tell Mr. Blunk the boat had sunk.

Q Did he go down? A Yes sir.

Q Well after you took those two articles off of the boat the cap and lubricator where did you take them to?

A Home to my father's house.

Q And how long did they remain there? A Days.

Q Now from that time up to the present time have you been out of employment? A Yes sir.

Q What was done with the tools after that?

the oil camp and lubricator?

A I took them out and paraded them

Q What was the necessity of parading them?

A I was short and I thought as long as they were in my charge I could put them there and take them out in a day or so. I needed money and I intended to redeem them in a day or two.

Q When you say they were in your charge what do you mean by that?

A I know what I mean that Mr Blunk gave them to me and put them in my charge.

Q Mr Blunk I understand you to say had placed the movable articles in your charge until when?

A Next spring.

Q When you removed those two articles from the boat you removed them in pursuance of what authority?

A Mr Blunk.

Q He told you take them off for safe keeping? Answer.

Answer Examined.

Q You say that Mr Blunk told you something about tipping the boat - was that not before you received the telegram from him telling you to lay her up?

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Q It was one day he spoke to me but
when I told the boat man Mr Blunt
asked me what I thought of hiring
the boat.

Q What else did he say?

A He told me to get estimates

Q Did you get the estimates?

A No sir I did not.

Q Did you report to him that you had
made an effort to get any estimate?

A No sir

Q Didn't he say that he might at some future
time hire that boat?

A No sir

Q When was it he said something about
hiring the boat?

A After Stock prices Commissioner
Partridge and for a while. And he said the
bank would not do because the
prices could not get around fast
enough.

Q Did he ever tell you he intended to
hire the boat?

A Yes sir when I went to his office
and he paid me and he told me to get
some estimates.

Q What else did he tell you about
hiring the boat the last time?

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that you referred to?

A He told me to get estimates about
hitting the boat from some boat
seals?

Q Is that ^{all} he said?

A Yes sir

Q Now at that last occasion that you
referred to didn't he say something
about your going to Syracuse ^{and}
obtaining some kind of a position?

A Yes sir

Q Did he say he wanted to ^{get} secure a
position for you? A Yes sir

Q Did he say anything about the boat
at that time?

A I believe he asked how the boat was

Q Did he say anything more about the
boat?

A Not to my recollection.

Q What occasion is this that you refer
to was it at the ^{after you} ~~next~~ time that
you put the boat up in the Knickerbocker
basin?

A Yes sir

Q Did you have a talk with Mr. Shurt
about the boat after that?

A I believe not.

Q Didn't you on the 19th or so of

December last receive a telegram from Mr. Blunt. that he wanted you to put the boat up at Johnsons for the winter at once?

Ayes sir

Q And come to his office on the following Monday?

Ayes sir

Q Where was Johnsons place?

A Foot of the street

Q Understood you applied to Johnsons for accommodations for the boat

And he said he could not for it.

A Told him to let me pull the boat over the stone wall And he said it would cost more to pull her over the stone wall than she was worth

Q In regard to the knickerbocker basin. is it a place where boats are laid up for the winter?

Ayes sir

Q And it is a very good place?

Ayes sir I put her up in the swamp

Q Didnt you say you put her up in the basin?

A I said not I said swamp, in the swamp beach.

Q Is it where boats are laid up for

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the winter ?

Ayesii

Q Did you beach this boat ?

Ayesii

Q Did you haul her up above high water mark ?

Ayesii

Q Did you haul her up on the beach ?

Ayesii

Q If you would have hauled her up on the beach don't you think it was easier to haul her up a little above high water mark ?

Ayesii

Q How far out of the beach did you haul her ?

A She was lying up on the beach

Q Did you not see other boats that were hauled over on the beach ?

Ayesii

Q Wasn't half of her on the beach and the other half in the water ?

A Her bow was in the water

Q Did you haul her up above high water mark ?

Ayesii

Q At that time how close was Mr. Plumb's boat to the pier ?

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A 5 or 10 feet.

Q When was it you saw this yacht next time
A I should judge about 2 weeks. Perhaps
3 weeks.

Q And was this yacht close to the Sinein?
A Yes sir.

Q And she collided with the Sinein?
A Yes sir.

Q What was the cause of it?

A She got twisted around with the extra
high tide.

Q Was it not easier to pull this mascot
up on the beach?

A We could not have done it unless
we waited for low tide we pulled
her out high enough the weather
was unfavorable.

Q What do you mean by unfavorable
weather?

A Not with such storms as we are
having.

Q Before you went to this basin the Secret
Service you reported to Mr. Blunt that
you beached the boat?

A Yes sir.

Q And he expressed himself as being
satisfied didn't he?

A Yes sir.

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Q I understood you to say that Mr. Blunt
told you to take the things from the box.
A Yes sir.

Q Were there any other tools connected
with the boat such as hammers wrenches
A Yes sir.

Q Would not they be easier to move
than the ark?

A Yes sir. It was a cold day. And they were
heavy. And I could not get nobody to help
me row the boat. And I had to carry
them 2 miles.

Q Did you carry away from the boat
any other articles except the steam
gauge and oil cup?

A Yes sir.

Q Who was with you

A George Alexander. And another person.
Q When did you take them off of the
boat?

A 26th of December.

Q Did you pass them the same day
you took them off?

A Yes sir. 3 or 4 days afterwards after
I took them.

Q You could have removed the other things
A Yes sir.

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Q Now say that you took the boat to the
front of 119 W. Street. How long did she
lay there?

A About 12 days.

Q So that when she was sunk?
A Yes sir.

Q Did you look after the boat after you
removed it to this place? How many
times did you go to the dock and look
at her?

A About 5 times.

Q Did you see any other yachts that were laid
up there in winter quarters?

A No sir.

Q How far was she from Rensselaers Island?

Q And if there any eddy running through
there any current?

A An eddy runs through there.

Q Did you put her up where the eddy was?

A Yes sir inside of it.

Q You knew it was probably the ice would
make its appearance?

A I didn't expect to see any ice there
winter in the river.

Q Do you remember any winter you
have had no ice in the river?

A Last winter we didn't have any.

Q And was that the reason you

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Q didn't expect any ice last winter?

A yes sir

Q didn't you put up any lights at that place before?

A yes sir

Q didn't you know it was against the law to leave a light in that place without a light at night?

A yes sir

Q And how long have you been an engineer?

A I have been trying to be one for 6 years.

Q Do you know what the law is in regard to putting lights up?

A She would have a light if she was lying in the channel.

Q This was a fork of the East River was it not?

A yes sir

Q And you say she was 30 feet from shore

A yes sir

Q Do you know how far a vessel must be from shore to render it necessary to put lights upon her at night time?

A yes sir

Q Do you know if she must be 30 to 60 or 90 feet?

A She must be in the stream she must be in the channel

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Q say you think that is the law?

A I am pretty sure.

Q Does you know that all boats anchored in the Tharleen river must have lights at night time?

A I do not I never saw it done. not where this boat was.

Q How deep was the water where this boat was?

A 8 feet.

Q Don't small yachts go there?

A Only to anchor.

Q Don't they go sailing around there?

A Yes sir.

Q And you say you had a right to put this boat there at night without a light?

A Yes sir.

Q How you pay any attention to this boat when you carried her there?

A No more than going there to look at her.

Q What did you intend to do with her?

A Pull her over to 119th Street.

Q Why didn't you do it?

A We had no time to favor us.

Q And you watch the tide to ascertain?

A Yes sir.

Q And during that whole time you didn't

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Q. I think it was necessary to report to Mr. Blunt. You didn't even leave word with him?

A. I had nobody to leave it with.

Q. You could have left him a letter?

A. I suppose I could.

Q. Can you write? A. A little bit.

Q. You knew where Mr. Blunt's office was?
A. Yes.

Q. When did you receive this telegram from Mr. Blunt to lay this boat up? On the 19 of December where was she?

A. I had the boat at the Kaiser Locker Quay.
Q. Where had the boat been previous to that?

A. Connecticut.

Q. How long was she in Connecticut?

A. We went away Wednesday morning and got back Thursday night.

Q. How had you used her previous to that?

A. Not for weeks.

Q. Do you remember when you left on this trip for Connecticut?

A. I left about 10:30 on a Wednesday morning and on Thursday received the telegram and came home at 6 o'clock at night.

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Q I understand you to say that your mission in removing this yacht to the Kricherbrook yacht club was to bring her in a safe place

A Yes sir

Q And when you anchored her in the place where she sank until she sank you had not visited the yacht at all?

A Yes sir

Q Did you do any work on the yacht in the way of painting her stove or any thing of that kind

A After lunch I painted the stove stove and painted the brass and oiled her up

Q And this place where you anchored her was inside of River?

A Yes sir in the cove.

Q When I understand your instructions from Mr. Blunt to put up the boat at Johnsons for the winter was sent by telegram

A Yes sir

Q And when you found out you could not put her up Johnsons you took her to the next best place?

A Yes sir

Q How long after removing the boat did you call at Mr. Blunt's office?

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A 20 or 3 days afterwards. I went down
to tell him I was going to move the boat.
I don't have a chance to go down before
Q. you didn't apprehend any damage to the
boat?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Was it your intention to remove the stills
from the boat after putting her up
at the Keweenaw dock club?

A. Yes sir.

Q. You say the weather was cold?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What was the point of the thermometer
and I thought it must have been about
20 below zero sometimes the day I
last saw it.

A. Yes sir.

Q. Was Mr. Blunt's boat drawn up above
high water mark?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you heard of any boats being
drawn up above high water mark
in that basin?

A. Yes sir a sail boat and the ice
came over and smashed it.

Q. You didn't know that this sail boat
of your own knowledge was drawn
up above high water mark?

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of Bunker

If you didn't attempt to lay this boat

up above high water mark?

A Madri. I had no directions

Garbat would it ever to lay her up above

high water mark?

A Remond bore to bore a 1/2 dozen men

a vessel - I don't know a great

deal

from to before me

this 11th day of March 1885

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Edmund Blunt Received by the
Dependant being returned says.

What is the name of the bookkeeper
that Elmer has referred to?

A James T Lee

From inquiries Mr Blunt you have
learned that Elmer did call when
he says he did and saw this book-
keeper or cashier?

A I asked the cashier and he said that
one of the men was in there who
he thought was my engineer and
I thought it was him. It was immediately
after the first examination that
the next day I spoke to him about
it.

Did you learn from Captain Borrett
or Mr Sheppard that Elmer had
been down and seen this bookkeeper
and had enquired for you?

A Yes sir I asked if any message
was left and he said no.

In front of me }
this 11th day of March 1884 } C. Blunt

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The further leaving a day to March 1884

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March 14, 1885.

Edmund Shaw recalled;

I never told either Mr. Barnett Dr. or Mr. Hibbard that in my opinion the defendant was a bailee of the articles in question.

I never said to either Mr. Barnett Dr. or Mr. Hibbard that I did not expect to sustain the complaint of stealing the bank.

Heard E.

After having heard that the Boat had sent I sent the telegram to Dept.

Ex D. Mich 14/85

I heard that the Boat had sent by receiving a note which purported to be signed Anthony Barron, and also verbally by J. H. Lee Boatkeeper of Detroit & French before I had read the note but the same afternoon. He heard through Barron & a Mr. L. H. H.

Sworn to before me this

14th day of March 1885 W. H. H.

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By Mr. Plouffe Defendants Counsel

The defendant having been arrested on a charge of Grand Larceny and the evidence demonstrating that it is Petit Larceny and the concession by Plaintiffs counsel being Petit Larceny and the court having held it being Petit Larceny I move more for the discharge of the defendant upon the ground that no warrant was issued in the first instance when he was here in court answer the charge of Grand Larceny in the stealing of the yacht, having been acquitted of that charge he was detained without having been arraigned upon this charge

By the Court Motion Denied

Counsel Exception

I David C. Feltman Stenographer of the 2^d District Police Court do hereby certify that the within testimony of Edmund Blunt John C. Cranger Geo. Alexander Geo. P. Barrett Isaac W. Hubbard Walter F. Williams Edward S. Master Chas. Winter Edwin M. Reed and Elmer Bennett are true and correct copies of the original testimony as taken by me on said examination on said Larceny David C. Feltman

Dated March 20th 1885.

John C. Feltman
Stenographer

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Bell, Arthur J.

DATE:

04/17/85



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Witnesses:

John Johnson
1 Franklin Sq
Albert Kulle
Officers & Const.

W. J. Johnson, \$
\$1000.00
\$1000.00
Complainant has
with him, stating
that he does not believe
that the defendant had
any criminal intent.
The officer who was not
arrested & was handcuffed
Lancency. Recalling his
own mind. There were
with some point about
the defendant of the officer
that mind. His mind
appears to be good. I see
no reason that he is
charged on his own record
nowhere. I believe these

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May 26
W. W. Johnson
Counsel,
Filed 17 day of April 1884
Pleads. I beguile. (Allegedly)

THE PEOPLE
vs.
B
Arthur J. Bell
INDICTMENT.
Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree
(MONEY.)
(15184531)

PETER B. OLNEY,
JOHN MCKEON

District Attorney.

I & J. W. Johnson
Bel dock.

A True Bill.

28th March 1884
J. W. Johnson

John M. O'Leary Foreman

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
against

Arthur J. Bell

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment accuse

Arthur J. Bell
of the crime of GRAND LARCENY IN THE second DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said Arthur J. Bell

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid,
on the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and eighty-four at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

two promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the
kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars
each; four promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and
unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value
of ten dollars each; nine promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due
and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five dollars, and of the
value of five dollars each; ten promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of two dollars,
and of the value of two dollars each; ten promissory notes for the payment of money, being
then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination
of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar each; two promissory notes for the payment of
money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty
dollars each; four promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank
notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars each; nine promissory
notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of
the value of five dollars each; one promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind
known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of two dollars; one
promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and
unsatisfied, of the value of one dollar, and divers coins, of a

number, kind and denomination to
the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown
of the value of ten dollars.

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of one

John Johnson

then and there being found,

then and there

feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against
the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

PETER B. OLNEY,

JOHN MCKEON, District Attorney.

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State of New York,

_____ being duly
sworn, says that he resides at No. _____
Street, in the City of _____ that he is _____
years of age and upwards, and that on the _____
day of _____, 188 , he served the within _____
by leaving a copy thereof with _____

Sworn to before me,
this day of _____ 188 . }

Bank of General Sessions

the People

against
-vs-

Arthur J. Bell

Affidavits of good
character of Arthur
J. Bell

WILLIAM W. PEARSON,

Attorney for at Law

69 William Street,

New York.

Attorney for

I admit due and truly served a copy of the
within.

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Court of General Sessions

The People

vs

Arthur J. Bell

City & County of New York: George William Hall being duly sworn deposes and says that he resides at No 436 Clermont Avenue in the City of Brooklyn, that he knows Arthur J. Bell the above named defendant and that defendant has known him for the last ten years and that said defendant has a good moral character.

Sworn to before me
this 28th day of April 1885

Geo W Hall

Charles H. Hays

Granville J. Hays

Justice Marine Court

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Count of General Sessions.

The People
vs
Arthur J. Bell

City & County of New York ss:

H. S. Chinnoch

being duly sworn deposes & says:

that he is a merchant
doing business at Nos 57 & 59 William
street in the city of New York.

that he is acquainted with
the defendant Arthur J. Bell
and has known him for the
last fourteen years and defendant
has never heard any thing
whenever said against the
character of said Bell and
defendant verily believes that
said Arthur J. Bell has a
good moral character.

Sworn to before me
this 28th day of April 1885

H. S. Chinnoch
Notary Public,
N.Y. Co.

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The People

vs

Arthur J. Bell

City & County of New York fo:

Reuben J. Bell

being duly sworn deposes & says
that he is a brother of Arthur
J. Bell the above named defendant
that defendant has a place of
business at no 3. Vesey street
in the city of New York and has
a Homeopathic Pharmacy at
that place, that said Arthur
J. Bell has never been
charged with any crime
before and that he has a
good moral character.

Sworn to before me
this 28th day of April 1885

A. H. Bullock

Notary Public

Reuben J. Bell

Ref. G.

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camp of General Sherman

Court of General Sessions.

The People

vs
Arthur J. Bell

City & County of New York:

Arthur J. Bell

being duly sworn deposes & says:

That he is the defendant
in this matter that he is forty
four years of age and has
three children 6, 8 & 11 years of
age and defendant has a wife,
and that defendant has never
been charged with any crime
before or indicted, and defendant

I am to before me & believes he has a
this 28th day of April 1885 } good moral character
and says if he is

A. J. Buedwee

given the opportunity

Notary Public he will give his
best efforts to make it

Arthur J. Bell

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

Arthur J. Bell.
G.L. 2^d

In this case if
def't. pleads guilty
I think the ends
of justice would be
served if sentence
were suspended.
Randolph B. Martine
Dist. Atty
Apr 27, 1885

New York General Sessions of the Peace

The People vs
John Johnson } Grand Juror
Alfred J. Bell }

Aged 30 Years, ~~Residing at~~ ^{City of County of New York}
Doing business at 110 1/2 Franklin
Square, in the City of New York
John Johnson says -

I have examined
my books and find that the
defendant herein, by such
Kammatia never at any one time
took from me more than three
dollars - That the amount of
claim that was taken from me by
defendant forty ^{five} dollars, was
taken by defendant during a period
of about three months - I never
intended that defendant should
be charged with Grand Larceny
as I have since been informed

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that Defendant's place
is legally but Dep't Lacey
I believe from the information
I have received that the defendant
is not quite sound mentally
that I understood as
much about Defendant's history
as I have since learned,
I never would have made any
complaint against him.
I am prompted to do this
now to discharge the defendant
because I believe his family
will suffer, and also because
I am now satisfied there
was no real criminal intent
in his Mental Condition as
I have reason to believe from information -

Worabe firm this
25 Apr 85

Wm. J. Mason

John C. Mason
Notary Public
W. J. C.

W. J. C. Mason
John C. Mason
Notary Public

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

OFFENCE	
The People, &c.	vs. <i>Arthur J. Bell</i>

RANDOLPH S. MARTIN
District Attorney.

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New York General Sessions.

PEOPLE ON MY COMPLAINT,

VERSUS

Arthur J. Bell.

As complainant in the above case, I beg to recommend the defendant to such leniency and clemency as the Court and District Attorney may see fit to show; but I expressly assert that my reasons for so doing are not controlled by any advantage to myself. I have no desire to prosecute the complaint as the defendant was in my employ for a long time and always found him honest up to the time of the ~~offense~~ commission of the offense charged herein. He is well connected socially and of good parents, who would suffer very severely from any sentence or punishment meted out to the defendant. I desire by this withdrawal to give him an opportunity to redeem himself and to give him a chance to do better; and believe this is a lesson to him which he will not forget.

Dated New York April 25th 1885

Witness: —

Rudolph L. Schaaf

J. M. Mason

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BAILED,
No 1, by Arthur J Bell
Residence 109 5th Avenue Street.
No 2, by _____
Residence _____ Street.
No 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street.
No 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street.
Witnesses John Barnett
No. 119 Bowler Street.
No. _____ Street.
No. _____ Street.
\$ 500 to answer Bailed
Dated 5 April 1884
Magistrate. Robert Bruce Officer. 4 Precinct.
Police Court 1st District
THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF
John Johnson
1st Avenue
OFFENCE Grand Larceny
APR 7 1884
RECEIVED
CLERK OF THE COURT
NEW YORK

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Arthur J Bell

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of five Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated 5 April 1884 J. D. Duffy Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named defendant to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated 5 April 1884 J. D. Duffy Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated _____ 1884 _____ Police Justice.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK } ss.

Arthur J Bell being duly examined before the under-
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is h is right to
make a statement in relation to the charge against h un; that the statement is designed to
enable h un if h un see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h un
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h is waiver cannot be used
against h un on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Arthur J Bell

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 48 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Scotland

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. 76 Palmetto St Bklyn about 1 week

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. BookkeeperQuestion. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your
exculpation?Answer. I am not guiltyArthur J BellTaken before me this
day of July 1888

Police Justice

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First

District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

John Johnson, 35. Manufacturer
of No. 1 Franklin Square Street,

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on, the 1st day of February 1884, ^{and divers other days}
in at the day time at the City of New York,
in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession
of deponent, with intent to deprive the true owner of the
use and benefit thereof
the following property, viz:

Good and lawful money of the United
States to the amount and value of
forty five dollars and forty six cents

the property of Deponent Samuel H Johnson
and Christopher C Huchingson copartners

and that this deponent

has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken,
stolen, and carried away by Arthur J Bell (now here)

from the fact that defendant was in deponent's
employ as a Bookkeeper and that said defendant
acknowledged and confessed to deponent in
the presence of John Barrett the he said
defendant did take steal and carry
away the aforesaid property

M. J. Johnson

Sworn before me this

Police Justice,
1884