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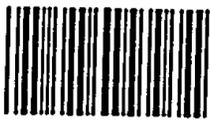
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DESCRIPTION:

McKendrich, Katie

DATE:

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WITNESSES.

Day of Trial,
Counsel, *HO*
Filed *14* day of *March* 188 *2*
Pleas *Not Guilty* 15

LARZENY AND BROOKING
GEORGE HARRIS

THE PEOPLE
vs.
Katie Hendrick

JOHN MCKEON,
District Attorney.
14 March 22, 1882
True & correct
A True Bill.
John Lamm R...
Foreman.

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Court of General Sessions

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Katie McKendrick

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

Katie McKendrick

of the CRIME OF LARCENY

committed as follows:

The said

Katie McKendrick

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

Eight pair of pantaloons of the value of five dollars each

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

Nathan Pullock

then and there being found, 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.

John M. Keon
District Attorney

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And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said
of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:
The said
late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the
year aforesaid, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said

by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said

unlawfully, unjustly, did feloniously receive and have (the said

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have
been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, against the form of the Statute in
such case made and provided, and against the pence of the People of the State of
New York, and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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BAILED,

No. 1, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,

Rev. 2nd, 2nd, 210 & 212
 Police Court, 1st District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Joseph P. Ryan
 525 1/2 St. E. W. 1st
Katherine Hendrick
 Offence, *Carney*

Dated *March 10* 188*2*

Prison Magistrate,
Leinberg Officer,
Central Office Clerk.

Witnesses

No. _____ Street,
 No. _____ Street,
 No. _____ Street

March 10 / 82
 Committed

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 *Katherine Hendrick*

she held to answer the same & that she guilty thereof, I order that *she* be admitted to bail in the sum of *five* Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden or Keeper of the City Prison until *she* give such bail.

Dated *March 10* 188*2* *M. J. Jones* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ 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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First

District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK. } ss

of No. *15257527 E 11th* Street, *37* Years. *Taylor*

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the *2^d* day of *February* 188*2*

at the _____ City of New York,

in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession

of deponent, _____

the following property, viz:

light pair of trousers
of the value of thirty two
dollars

Sworn before me this

10th day of

March 188*2*

the property of *Nathan Bullock and*
in deponent's care and charge

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 *Natie Mc Kendrick now*

present, from the fact that she
came to deponent for work on the
aforsaid day & having done some
work previously for deponent he gave
to her said property for the purpose
of finishing and returning when finished
that she did not return the same
but pledged them in different pawn
shops & tore up the tickets representing
them as she now acknowledges and
deponent believes the said acknowledgment
to be true

J. L. Dreyer

W. J. Davis
Police Justice

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Sec. 108-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Just DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

Catie Mc Kendrick

being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is *her* right to make a statement in relation to the charge against *her*; that the statement is designed to enable *her* if she see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against *her* that she is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that *her* waiven cannot be used against *her* on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Catie Mc Kendrick

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

18 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Scotland

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

Answer.

432 East 13 Street & about 2 weeks

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Cigar Making

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 was sent for the ^{property} ~~clothes~~ by a woman named "Dreuley" ~~and a woman named Farrell~~ ~~who was~~ induced me to pawn it and the money thus obtained was spent in her house. I got none of the money raised by the pawning of the ~~clothes~~ property

Taken before me this *10*

day of *March* 188*8*

Catie Mc Kendrick
ma

A. J. Owen Police Justice.

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McMahon, Francis

DATE:

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Wm. J. ...
19.

Day of Trial,
Counsel,
Filed *7* day of *March* 1882
Pleads

THE PEOPLE
vs.
27 traps
46 premises
Francis M. ...
from the ...
LARCENY AND RECEIVING
STOLEN GOODS

JOHN McKEON,
District Attorney.
Part no ... 1882.
Heads guilty
A TRUE BILL.
John ...
S.P. ...
Foreman.

WITNESSES.

Witness signature lines

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Court of General Sessions

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Francis McMahon

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

Francis McMahon
of the CRIME OF LARCENY *from the person*

committed as follows:

The said

Francis McMahon

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

two shoes of the value of fifty cents each

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

Mary Holland

on the person of the said Mary Holland then

and they being found.

from the person of the said Mary Holland

then and there ~~being found~~

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.

John M. Keene

district attorney

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BAILED,

No. 1, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,

Rec. 204, 200, 210 & 212.

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Walter J. O'Connell
Attorney at Law
Frank Mc Mahon
Sarcey from
the Person

Offence

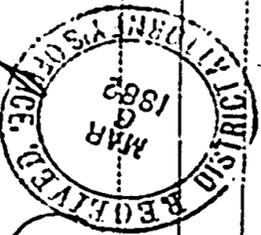
Dated *March 26* 188 *2*

Smith Magistrate.

Munro Clerk.

Complains to the
Magistrate in
reference of \$500 equity

No. _____ Street,
 No. _____ Street,



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 *Frank Mc Mahon*

guilty thereof, I order that he *be held to answer charge and* be admitted to bail in the sum of _____ Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden or Keeper of the City Prison until he give such bail.

Dated *March 26* 188 *2*

John B. Smith Police Justice

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

Dated _____ 188

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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Sec. 195-200.

15th DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

Francis W. Mahon being duly examined before the undersigned, 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 to 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. *Francis W. Mahon*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *Twenty seven years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Ireland*

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

Answer. *26 Greenwich Street*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Fireman*

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 took one of her shoes off at her request to find five cents. I threw them on the floor and she lost*

Francis W. Mahon

Taken before me, this 2

day of March 1888

Robert J. Smith
Police Justice.

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First District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss

Mary Holland

of No. 37 Baxter Street,

43 years Seneca woman

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 2d day of March 1882

at the premises 66 Mulberry St City of New York,

in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession

of deponent, and from her person in the

with her

the following property, viz:
One pair of shoes of the value of
One dollar

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 Frank McMahon (now here) for the following reasons to wit: While deponent was in the hallway of 66 Mulberry St. said McMahon unlaced and took from deponent's feet the above described pair of shoes, while another party, whose name is unknown to deponent held her, by placing his hands upon her neck and shoulders.

Mary Holland
her mark

Sworn before me this 2d day of March 1882
Severus J. Smith
Police Justice

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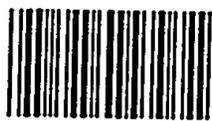
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McNally, Edward

DATE:

03/13/82



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Filed 13 day of March 1882
Pleads

THE PEOPLE
26th
Edward M. Nally
(vs Deafes)

John M. Keon

District Attorney
22 April 26. 1882
Mrs S. Amos
A True Bill.
for the same

S. P. 2 1/2 years, 21

April 17/82
a / Just

Bankruptcy No. 35 Deafes

Foreman

Court of General Sessions

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Edward M. Nally

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

Edward M. Nally of the CRIME OF Burglary and Larceny

committed as follows:

The said Edward M. Nally

late of the twenty second Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two with force and arms, about the hour of o'clock in the time of the same day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the Rail Road Car of the New York Central and Hudson River Rail Road Company

there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, by means of force, in which there were at the time certain goods and merchandise for the purpose of deposit and transportation

he the said Edward M. Nally

then and there intending to commit some crime therein, to wit: the goods, chattels and personal property of the New York Central and Hudson River Rail Road Company

in the said dwelling house then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to 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.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said

Edward M. Nally of the CRIME OF Burglary and Larceny

committed as follows:

The said Edward M. Nally

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,

Four pieces of cloth of the value of thirty dollars each one hundred and twenty yards of cloth of the value of one dollar each yard one rubber coat of the value of ten dollars one cover of the value of fifteen dollars each of the goods, chattels, and personal property of the said

New York Central and Hudson River Rail Road Company in the said dwelling house then and there being, 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.

District Attorney.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said
Edward M. Nally
 of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said *Edward M. Nally*

late of the Ward, City, and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in
 the year aforesaid, with force and arms, at the Ward, City, and County aforesaid,
Four pieces of cloth of the value of thirty dollars each
One hundred and twenty yards of cloth of the value
of one dollar each yard
One rubber coat of the value of ten dollars
Two covers of the value of fifteen dollars each

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *New York Central and*
Hudson River Rail Road Company
 by a certain person or persons to the Jurors aforesaid unknown, then lately before
 feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said *New York Central and*
Hudson River Rail Road Company
 unlawfully, unjustly, did feloniously receive and have (the said

Edward M. Nally
 then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels, and personal property to have
 been feloniously stolen, taken and carried 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.

John M. Keon
~~DANIEL G. RULINGS~~, District Attorney.

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BAILED,
Bill for Burg 30 days
Grand Jury
R. D. G.

No. 1, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____

Dec. 24, 1887, 110 & 112

Police Court District.

21673

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edmund McHally
St. Quentin St. N.Y.C. 10
925 10 Ave
Edmund McHally

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Dated March 7 1887

Magistrate

Officer

Clerk

Witness

No. _____
Street _____

Offence, Burglary and Larceny

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 Edmund McHally

guilty thereof, I order that he be admitted to bail in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden or Keeper of the City Prison until he give such bail until he be discharged according to law
Dated March 7 1887 R. P. Morgan Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1887 _____ 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 _____ 1887 _____ Police Justice.

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Sec. 108-200.

4 DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Edward M. Kelly being duly examined before the undersigned, 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.

Edward M. Kelly -

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

16 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New Jersey.

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

Answer. *503 West 50th Street - four or five months.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Errand boy from selling books.

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 not guilty.

Edward M. Kelly

Taken before me, this

day of *March* 188*8*

A. J. Morgan Police Justice.

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Police Office, Fourth District.

City and County of New York,

Joel F. H. [unclear] 35 years, agent of The New York Central & Hudson River Rail Road Company

of No. 925 10th Avenue Street, being duly sworn,

deposes and says that the premises [unclear] in the [unclear] 22 Ward, in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a

and which was occupied by [unclear] said Company for the carrying of personal property were **BURGLARIOUSLY** entered by means

breaking off the seal and lock of said car

on the day of the 4th day of February 1872 and the following property feloniously taken, stolen and carried away, viz.:

- Four pieces of cloth.
- Two Rubber horse covers
- One Rubber Coat, all

of the value of one hundred and twenty

dollars the property of the New York Central & Hudson River Rail Road Company. Ever provided under the laws of the State of New York, as contained in the property of Carriers,

and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid **BURGLARY** was committed, and the aforesaid property taken, stolen and carried away by

Edward McStally.

from [unclear] for the reasons following, to wit: that deponent is informed by Frank McEgan of No 274 West 60th Street that he said McEgan saw said Edward McStally break open and enter said car. Deponent is of

that he said Lee saw
in the possession of said
Edward McNally a portion
of the aforesaid property
to wit the Cloth. The aforesaid
Deponent has seen the
Cloth that Lee saw
in the possession of said
Edward McNally and fully
identified the same as
stolen from the aforesaid
Car. Gall Pike

Deponent before me
this 3rd day of March
1882
A. L. Haggan
Justice Peace.

of New York
Frank McGowan
of No 249 West 60th Street and
Michael Lee of No 227
West 60th Street being severally
sworn says that the information
given by them is true
of their own knowledge
I sworn to before
me this 3rd day
of March 1882
A. L. Haggan
Justice Peace.

Examination held this 4th day of
March 1862. at 1 o'clock P.M. -
at 4th District Police Court.

J. V. R. Cooper Esquire - appears for
the Defendants - who is present in
person.

City & County of
New York

I Frank M. Goran - a witness for
the People being duly sworn says:
I saw the defendant on 62nd Street near
11th Avenue. It was on a Saturday in
the morning - I saw him going in
to a closed car on the side - It
was opened by Mr. Kelly - he knocked
the wooden block from the door
with an iron bar about four feet
long. It was about 10 o'clock in
the morning - the season I witness
but the time is I went home
as soon as I saw Mr. Kelly
and on reaching home I saw
it was near 10 o'clock by the clock.
Goran Examination.

I live at 279 West 65th St.

I am 13 years old - I have lived at my present home 9 years - I am a milk boy - I carry milk around the neighbors - Patsy Gallagher was with me when I saw Mr. Kelly and he was alone - Patsy Gallagher went along with me to his home - I have seen Mr. Kelly since I saw them in the car - I have told only Mr. Pike and Clerk in the Court. I never told Lefty Lee about Mr. Kelly going into the car - The reason I told Mr. Pike was because of his asking me -

of Jimmy
 Frank W. Conner
 must

Deposited before me
 March 4th 1882.

B. J. Morgan
 Police Justice -

Adjourned to March 7th 1882 -
 Tuesday. at 2 1/2 o'clock P.M.
 at 4th District Police Court.
 on account of absence of witnesses.

B. J. Morgan
 Police Justice

Examination held this 7th day of March
1882, pursuant to subpoena, at the
District Police Court.

City & County of New York
New York

Michael Lee of No 227 West 60th
Street - a witness for the People being
Duly sworn says: I know the defendant
Edward M^{rs} Kelly (as here) for the last
six months past. I saw him some
time or four weeks ago - on a Saturday
I do not remember the exact date of
the month - it was a snowy day
and between the hours of 10 and 11
o'clock of that day - in a hallway on
60th Street - nearest to 11th Avenue - with
a roll of cloth - about 2 1/2 feet high,
5 or 6 inches thick - It was a light
cloth - black and white - black
across - with white dots in the middle
of it - I was passing by the door about
15 feet from M^{rs} Kelly - He was standing
with.

Case Examination

My right name is Malady -
 I was once arrested - It was before
 Christmas last. It was upon the
 charge of breaking open a car -
 Edward and I spent together some
 in a while - I know it was Satur-
 day because it was snowing and
 according to my best memory it was
 not more than four weeks ago.
 I do not know the number of the
 St. - It was the next house to where
 Mrs Kelly keeps a store that I saw
 Mr Kelly in the hall - The house stands
 back about 4 or 5 feet from the
 walk - The door entrance was level
 with it and only one door to the
 hall - He was at the entrance. There
 was another boy with him - He
 was little larger boy - I did not
 stop to look into the hall - It was
 snowing at the time - I was right
 opposite to him when I saw him.
 It was about a quarter to 10 o'clock -
 because I have to be at my work at
 about that time when I have
 cattle to drive - This morning I

I had no calls to drive - Mr. Kelly
 had the roll of cloth in his hand -
 I was about a second passing the
 doorway - I was not a witness here
 against Perry, who was arrested -
 I could not tell the cloth again -
 if I should see it - I know a brother
 whom they call Lefty Lee - He is
 now in prison here - There was
 another boy - larger than Mr. Kelly -
 with him when I saw him (Mr.
 Kelly) in the hall - way
 Mulberry ^{Street} Lee
 Court.

Subscribed before me
 March 7th 1884.
 J. L. Morgan
 Chief Justice.

Frank W. Cannon - recalled by the
 Council for the Defence - The car I
 saw Mr. Kelly go into - was on the
 second track east of W. Avenue
 near 62nd Street - I was on W.
 Avenue - I was near two blocks
 about blocks away at the
 time - I am not mistaken about
 it being Mr. Kelly - I saw him

in the morning before at 6^{1/2} Street
 with other buyers. It was two hours
 after I there saw him that I saw
 him break into the car. It was
 eight o'clock when I first saw
 him - and it was about 10 o'clock
 when I saw him at the car. He
 had old clothes on at the time.
 Not the same that he has now.
 I cannot tell what the color of the
 car was. I did not tell anyone
 that morning that I saw McHally
 break open the car. I did not
 see him come out of the car.
 I have known McHally for three
 years last past. I have never
 wanted for anything. There was
 a whole string of cars between me
 and the car McHally broke into.
 McHally asked me to ^{go} with him -
 to open the car. This was near 6^{1/2}
 Street near the house. I went up
 with him - he did not tell me he
 wanted me to open the car until
 he (McHally) fetched me up to the
 car. Then I saw him break into
 the car and I then left and went
 home -

Frank McHally
 10/12/1912

James S. Taylor was
 arrested by the FBI
 10/12/1912
 J. S. Taylor was
 arrested by the FBI
 10/12/1912

Yesterday morning - I was just com-
 mencing to snow. There was another
 boy with Perry - smaller in stature
 almost up to Perry's shoulder. It
 was ^{not} Mr. Kelly the defendant with
 Perry - I never saw Mr. Kelly with
 Anthony East.

Joate Briant

Sworn before me
 March 7th 1872

R. L. Morgan
 Chief Justice.

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McQuillan, Henry

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Meagher, John

DATE:

03/31/82



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WITNESSES.

Day of Trial,

Counsel, *Mat* *March* 188*2*

Filed *31* day of

Pleads *voluntarily* *April* *4*

THE PEOPLE

John J. Meagher

vs.

P

Case 33

Daniel G. Collins
Attorney for John McKeon
District Attorney.

Spied H. Conrath

A True Bill.

John James Conrath
J. J. Conrath
Foreman.
at New York City

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March 31
1882
from King's Bench

Court of General Sessions of the Peace
In and for the City and County of New York

The People of the State of
New York
Against
John J. Meagher

The Grand Jury of the City and County
of New York by this Indictment
accuse John J. Meagher of
the crime of Arson in the third
degree committed as follows.

The said John J. Meagher late
of the Twenty second ward of the
City of New York in the County
of New York aforesaid on the
seventh day of March in the
year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and Eighty two at
the ward City and County aforesaid
Certain ~~fixtures~~ goods wares and
Merchandise of him the said
John J. Meagher to wit Certain
fixtures in the Store of him the
said John J. Meagher and Certain

Liquors and regars then and there
being of the goods and Chattle
of him the said John J. Meagher
& feloniously and Wilfully did burn,
the said goods wares Merchandize
and further being then and there
insured against loss or damage
by fire by the Greenwich Insurance
Company with intent to
Prejudice the said Insurer to wit
The said The Greenwich Insurance
Company against the form of
the Statute in such Case
made & provided and against
the Peace of the people of the
State of New York and their
dignity

John McKeon
District Attorney

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THE PEOPLE

vs. *P. H. G.*

John J. Meagher

*Conced by Court
March 31/82*

ARSON. Fined \$100

DANIEL G. ROLLINS
John McKeon
District Attorney

A True Bill.

John Henry Crosby

Foreman

Richard [unclear]

*31 day of March
Judicial Court
Marshall St. [unclear]*

at

J. R. [unclear]

Court of General Sessions

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

John J. Mcagher

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

John J. Mcagher
of the CRIME OF *Arson in the first degree*

committed as follows:

The said *John J. Mcagher*

late of the *Twenty second* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid.

on the *Seventh* day of *March* in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty- *two* at the Ward, City and

County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the *night* time of the said day, a certain
Dwelling House of one *Mary Lynch*

then and their situate, there being then and there within the said *Dwelling House*
some human being, to wit: *The said Mary Lynch*

feloniously, wilfully and maliciously, did set fire to and burn, 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.

John McKeon
District Attorney

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April 18th

Dr. J. Meagher
Attord.

death of W. S. Sings

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 3.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York, }
City and County of New York, } ss: _____

of No. _____

being duly sworn, deposes and says: _____

John Meagher, charged with
having committed arson
at 587. 11th Ave on the night
succeeding the 6th day of
March ~~in~~ 1882, about 1. am
on morning of 7th
Building a 4 story brick
occupied on 1st floor by
Meagher as a liquor store -
for a dwelling house above
by several families. Floor
next above the store occupied
by Mr. Mary Lynch & family

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____, before me,

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 3.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss:

of No. _____

being duly sworn, deposes and says: _____

Consisting of nine persons.
all in bed & asleep at time
of fire.

Meagher had a stock
of about \$300 at time & it
i.e. the stock was insured for

\$3,700 in different Companies
The Greenwich Insurance Company
the Greenwich Ins Co of this city

“ National “ “ “

“ Aetna “ “ of Hartford Conn

“ London & Liverpool & Globe Ins Co -
of England.

“ Hartford Fire Ins Co. of Hartford Conn

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____

188 , before me,

Insert in
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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York, }
City and County of New York, } ss: _____

of No. _____

being duly sworn, deposes and says: _____

I suppose this to be Arson
1st-Day for setting fire to an
inhabited dwelling house
in the night time. And
Arson 3^d-Day for setting fire
to the contents of store for the
purpose of defrauding an
Insurance.

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____, before me,

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(John Meagher for H4 + 11 Ave
 Schedule of Goods on hand March 16/82
 68 Ave 21/82
 Liqueurs Demijohns + Empty Barrels &c)

1 3/4	gall Whiskey	@ 2.50	4.31
2 1/2	" " "	@ 2.00	5
10	" " "	@ 1.50	15
2	" Blackberry Brandy	@ 2.50	5
1 3/4	" Jam Rum	@ 3.25	5.68
1/2	" Sour Cider	@ .50	2 1/2
3/4	" Whiskey	@ 2.50	1.87
1 3/4	" Sherry Wine	@ 1.50	2.62
2 1/2	" " "	@ 1.50	3.75
1/2	" " "	@ 1.50	75
2 1/2	" Port Wine	@ 1.50	3.75
1	" Brandy	@ 5.50	5.50
7	" Scotch Whisky	@ 2.00	4
1 qt	Whiskey	@ .50	50
1 "	Fresh Whisky	@ 75	75
1 "	Whiskey	@ .50	50
1 "	Sherry Wine	@ .50	50
7	Empty Whiskey Barrels 8/-		7
20	Bottles Brandy Full @ 50/-		10
6	Bottles Scotch Whisky		3.50
75	Empty bottles		7.75
3	Empty Barrels 8/-		3
6	Empty 3 gall Demijohns		4.00
7	" 5 " "	Demijohns	
2	" 1 " "		
2	" 2 " "		

\$88.31

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N.Y. March 16/27

This is to certify that we the undersigned
have been at the place of business of John
Mcagher, and have made an inventory of Stock
and appraised as per Schedule to be the
amount of Stock of Liquors, Cigars &
Candy Bobs &c - contained therein this day
in good order

Ruben Stinner
Alex. D. Alcott

Witnessed by
Philip Melman
Com of Deeds
Kings Co
N.Y.

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Approval
of Keyman

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 3.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York,

ss: List of witnesses

for People in case of

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

John J. Meagher

Arson.

Officer Dalton. 22nd Feb.

Sam. B. Campbell Chief 7th Bat^{on}
N.Y.C.D. 304. W. 47th

Cap. William Hook Hall 4.
Cor 48th St & 8th Ave

Fireman Michael St. Roach.
Cor 48th St & 8th Ave

Fireman Wm. Jackson
Cor. 48th St & 8th Ave

Mason A Stone - Fireman Ins Co
161 B'way -

Alex O Alcott } 106 Murray St
Reuben Skinner }

Jas. D. Miner } 57 Dalton St.
Geo. D. Miner }

Subscribed and sworn to, this
188
day of

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Fire Department of the City of New York.
BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 3)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss:

Witnesses

of No. _____

being duly sworn, deposes and says: _____

Wm Florence 104. W. 30th

Philip Norris 104. W. 30th

Geo W Mariani. 155. Mercer

Fire Marshal Sheldon. 155. Mercer

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____, before me,

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Testimony in the
card of
John J. Meagher

filed

March

1882.

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Were you employed before that? In England. Do you know the prisoner? Yes sir. Did you live in the same house with him? He was my bed mate at 555 West Forty fifth St. I remember the night of the fire at the prisoner's place, I could not tell what time in the morning he came in. I heard the landlady call him to see the store on fire; he was undressed and in bed. I went to bed about ten o'clock, I woke up when the prisoner came in, I could not say what time it was I could not tell how long I was in bed before he came in. I was asleep and I was awake and when I felt him coming to bed. I must have been asleep a considerable time before she called him. James Clifford sworn. I live 585 Eleventh Avenue; the fire was next door; my father has a lease of the premises. I did not look in the premises, I passed by there at half past twelve or a quarter to one. I did not see any indications of fire then. Thomas Dalton recalled by Mr. Fellows. I first discovered the fire; there was a shade to the window, a kind of a faded blue shade; it was raised about two inches from the bottom; the gas light was in the back ~~part~~^{room} of the store; there was no gas

prisoner's store. Do you remember what time the prisoner came home that night, if you do remember his coming home at all?

Yes sir, I remember his coming home.

Were you there? Yes sir, I saw him come home.

What time did he come home? Between ten and fifteen minutes past twelve. Did you notice what he did? Nothing unusual to what he did on any night; he came in and sat down. How long did you remain in his company? I guess about 20 or 25 minutes. Who was there besides you? There was Mr. Fye, Mr. Campbell, James Brown, Patrick Brown and Edward Dyer; that is all I know. Cross Examined. Did you look at the clock? ~~Not~~ not look at the clock that night, I knew it was that time, I am not positive to the minutes what time it was. I heard the testimony of officer Dalton that he met the prisoner within half a block of the store at 20 minutes past twelve, I heard him swear that. Somebody must be mistaken, either I or him. I believe the clock to be right. Bernard Campbell sworn.

I live at 555 West Forty Fifth St. I work in Abraham Byres foundry South ave. How long have you been employed there? About eight months, since I came to the country.

house since I came to know him. What time did you go home that night do you remember? Yes sir, halfpast twelve o'clock. I passed his store going into my house and I looked in the window. There was nobody inside that I could see. I don't know what time the fire took place. I went to bed. At halfpast twelve there was nobody in the place and I saw no evidences of fire. I did not smell smoke or kerosene oil. Cross Examined. I did not see any shade on the window; it is an open window looking into the saloon; there was no cover that I saw; there was a gas light in the window fronting on the street. I went up stairs to bed about ten minutes after twelve. Any gas light burning back in the building. No sir only that gas light in the window. That gas light burns all night long, it is a regular thing? Yes sir, I always seen it there. Patrick McBride sworn and examined. Where do you live? No 555 West Forty fifth St. Who is the proprietor of that house, & who keeps it? I do not know the proprietor, I board with Patrick Brown; the prisoner lives there; it is near Eleventh Avenue. I remember the night of the fire at the

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brother of the last witness? Yes sir. Did you happen to look in the premises between twelve and one o'clock that night? I looked in the window from the sidewalk. Everything was quiet there and there were no evidences of fire that I could see. I neither saw smoke nor flame, nor did I smell fire. To the best of my opinion it was 25 minutes to one o'clock. Cross Examined. I had no occasion to look in, I was just passing along I was not expecting a fire. I could not say whether the premises were closed or not but the doors were shut. There was a light inside, but I could not tell whether it was gas or not. I don't know where the light was. Have you not been in and out of the store? No sir. You don't know whether they burn candles or gas? No sir; the only time I - Francis O'Rourke sworn and examined. Where do you live? I live right over Magher's store. Are you married? Yes sir. Have you a family? No sir. I do not live at the present time with my wife, but I did. Do you know the prisoner? Yes sir, I know him since I came to live there. Do you know what reputation he bears, good or bad? Yes, I always saw him a good decent man - kept a decent regular

were little piles of materials saturated with oil. There was paper, some rags and straw bottle covers. Here on the floor there was a quantity of kerosene oil. There was quite a number of cigar boxes, over forty and on and in some of those was kerosene oil. On this side of the room there were several barrels on skits, and on the floor was kerosene oil, and on seven or eight demijohns which I found standing in different places there was also kerosene oil. I saw Mr. Meagher at the place. I questioned him in regard to his movements and in regard to his stock and insurance. He exhibited policies of insurance to me in different companies to the amount of forty three hundred dollars. I afterwards subpoenaed him down to the office and took the statement from him under oath in which he stated that his stock and fixtures were worth at the time of the fire between three and four thousand dollars. I requested the adjuster who was employed by the Insurance Companies to settle this loss, to have an appraisal made of the stock in the premises and also to ascertain the sound value and also to fix the damage on the fixtures, and that was

done by the gentlemen who have already testified, Mr. Skinner, Mr. Alcott and Mr. Miner. On a subsequent occasion Mr. ~~Mc~~ ^{Mc} ~~Ke~~ ^{Ke} ~~ghe~~ ^{ghe} was subpoenaed before me, and he then testified that the value of the stock was only seven hundred dollars. I then exhibited to him the proof of loss which he had served on the Companies which showed that the stock was only five hundred dollars instead of seven, and asked him to explain the discrepancy, and he then explained that it cost him only five hundred dollars. I then asked him to explain why he had an insurance of \$3700 on the stock of \$500, and he said he expected at some time or other to get in more stock. These were the statements of the prisoner at different times. At the first interview, the morning after the fire, he stated the value of the stock to be between three and four thousand dollars; he afterwards stated it to be seven hundred dollars, and before he left the office, being shown the proof of loss, he admitted that it was not worth but five hundred dollars. He further stated that he formerly had a partner whom he bought out a few months before and

paid him \$125 for his half interest in the business, he assuming the partnership debts which amounted to about four hundred dollars; subsequent to that he increased his insurance about \$1800, also admitting that he did not increase his stock; that he never had more than a hundred dollars greater stock than at the time of the fire, which he finally admitted was but \$500. According to his own statement he never had more than six hundred dollars, and that he had not increased his stock at all from the time of the sale of his partner to him down to the time of the fire.

The case for the defence.

John J. Meagher sworn and examined in his own behalf. Did you set fire to your premises or anything that was in there? No sir. Daniel Lynch sworn. I live 587 Eleventh Ave. over the defendant's store. I know him; his character is good. I saw and spoke to him on the night of the fire; as near as I could tell it was about five minutes to twelve I spoke to him in the store, but I spoke to him after that. Cross Examined. I left him in the store and went up stairs. As near as I could tell he remained in the store about

ten minutes because I heard the man walking toward the hallway and opened my front window and looked out and spoke to the man on the sidewalk and bid him "good night." I did not hear him lock the door, I heard him going through the hall; he was the last man out. I could not say he was the last man out, I lived in the place, I heard him come out through the hallway. There was nobody in the store when I left him there. I could not say what time the fire occurred, but about an hour and a quarter after that I was on the sidewalk when the fire occurred. I went to bed a quarter or twenty minutes after 12 o'clock; the landlord's son woke me up. I did not leave my room again until after the fire occurred. The landlord's son did not wake me but my brother; it was through my brother that I got woke up. I could not say how frequently I talked to the defendant before on the sidewalk. Did you frequently do it? No sir.

Anthony Lynch sworn and examined.
 Where do you live? No 587 Eleventh Ave.
 When you live in this place you claim was set on fire? Yes sir. You are a

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William Florence sworn and examined.
From the time I took charge of the premises
at the fire until I was relieved by Mr. Voor-
his there was no change made in the
stock and fixtures in any respect. I took
charge, I slept there and never left the prem-
ises only for my meals and I locked up
and took the key with me. I used to go to
my breakfast across the street in the
morning and I went and got my dinner
and supper. I was absent one night. I could
not get in. I was absent from the premises
one whole night during the time I had poss-
ession there between the time of the fire and
the time that Mr. Voorhis came there. I ran
home to get some clean clothes. Mr. Meagher
was with me all the time during the week
I was there. I kept the premises closed. The
restaurant where I got my meals was across
the street and in view of the defendant's
premises, so that I could see anybody go
in and out. They generally brought my meals
over. A waiter boy came in and took my
order and fetched it over to me. I had
the place in view when I got my dinner.
I locked the door and took the key with me
when I got my breakfast. I never found
the premises open when I came back.

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I found no change in the stock of fixtures that were there during the time I was out, except what Meagher drank once in a while I never drank any myself, I might drink once Meagher might perhaps take a couple of drinks a day. I could not tell you what it was I drank, I drank some thing, it was pretty nice. John D. Miner, sworn and examined, testified. I am a carpenter and builder and have been in that business twenty years. I am familiar with all kinds of work pertaining to that business and its value I made an examination of the premises 587 Eleventh Avenue. I cannot give you the date, it was a few days after the fire. I found the insurance patrolman in charge, I think it was Mr. Florence, I would not be positive I made the examination at the request of Mr. Rankin, he is connected with the Insurance Co. I examined the fixtures and I should think they were worth in a sound condition about \$250. My estimate to repair the fixtures, not including the gas fixtures, was \$47. That was the estimate at which I was willing to do the work, it was an estimate I was willing to stand by. I sent an estimate to that effect to the man who sent me there.

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Mason A. Stone sworn. I am the Secretary of the Greenwich Insurance Co. I don't know the prisoner, but I know his premises, 587 Eleventh Avenue; the stock and fixtures of those premises were insured in our Company for five hundred dollars on the 23^d of Nov. 1887 for one year. Do you know of your own knowledge whether there was any insurance effected by the defendant upon the same stock and fixtures which are covered by the policy in your Company?

Yes sir. To what extent? I think the entire insurance was \$4300, that would be \$3800 something like that. Thirty eight hundred dollars independent of the insurance in your Company? Yes sir. Cross Examined. I never saw the defendant insure in any other Company than ours. I belong to the Greenwich Insurance Co. and I saw the insurance effected in our Company. George H. Sheldon sworn and examined. I am Fire Marshal of the city. I made an examination of the premises 587 Eleventh Avenue on the morning of the 8th of March. I found Insurance Patrolman Florence in charge of the place. I made a careful examination of the premises with reference to the origin of the fire.

and the extent and the condition of the stock. It is my duty to do that, and also to take testimony under oath in regard to fires. Tell the jury what you found as to the condition of those premises. I found that there had been a fire in the bottom of the closet; the fire had been under that shelf (pointing to the diagram) the under part of the shelf was burned and the doors were burned a little on the top of that shelf but not very much. I found in there the remains of a few bottles and a broken demijohn; the wicker work was nearly burned up, the glass was broken; it was a five gallon demijohn. A distance of four and a half feet between the nearest point of that fire and this under the counter which had burned the under side. At a distance of two and a half feet from that was a large ice box and the inside of that was burned. There was a partition in the middle of it. There had been two separate fires. There had been a fire in the bottom and a fire in the top very badly charred. On this closet here, on the floor and on the shelf

rear counter contained that I could not say anything about; we did not overhaul them. We do as little overhauling as possible in order that the Fire Marshal may make his investigation. We remove little of anything that is our orders. The premises are located in the Twenty Second ward.

William E. Florence sworn and examined
I am a member of the Fire Insurance patrol. I was present at the fire in the premises of Meagher on the night of the 7th of March. I reached there I should judge 1.15 about. I did not make an examination of the premises till the next morning. I remained there all night. I should judge the firemen left the premises about 1.25; that was after the fire was extinguished and after the Hook and Ladder Co. had made this overhauling as they described it. Then I took charge of the premises until the next Monday at 12 o'clock, six days. The Assistant Fire Marshal came the next morning about ten o'clock. Mr. Sheldon came there the next day about ten. There was no change made by me in the room or fixtures up to the time the Assistant Fire Marshal came any more than I cleaned up the broken glass and swept the floor up; there was no change till Mr. Sheldon came.

George W. Varian sworn and examined testified. I am aid to the Fire Marshal, I was at the premises of Meagher the next morning after the fire about eleven o'clock. I found Mrs. Florence in charge, I made an examination of the premises. I found that there had been fire in four different places. One fire was in the closet behind the counter, another fire under the counter about the middle, and two separate fires in the ice box, one on the bottom and one on the top. I also found in the closet near the beer pump on the shelf a little nest piled up of paper saturated with Kerosene oil ready to go off; also on the lower shelf some of this straw covering for bottles saturated with oil; the straw underneath the shelving was saturated also. I think there was two demijohns in that closet saturated with oil; we found several more though under the counter. There was a box full of that straw saturated with oil. There was an examination made of the stock and fixtures in my presence. I did not find any stock of any account there. I found 43 cigar boxes; there was not a cigar in any one of them. I think there was fourteen demijohns and I think

there were four found afterwards. There was two or three of them had a small quantity of liquor in them, I did not measure it, I could not tell. I do not suppose there was a gallon altogether. There was one of the demijohns in that closet burned and one or two under the counter was burned and six or seven cigar boxes were scorched a little; they were saturated with oil and there was oil on seven or eight demijohns; the wicker work was burned off - a little of the wicker work Reuben Skinner sworn and examined testified. I am in no business at present, I used to be in the wholesale liquor trade at 35 Murray street. I have never sold liquor to the prisoner. I examined the liquor in his premises 587 Eleventh Avenue about five or six weeks ago. I think it was in the second or third week in March; the Insurance patrol was in charge of the building. I made the examination at the request of the Insurance appraiser. Mr. Vorhis was in charge. As near as I can remember there was about three and a half gallons of sherry wine; half a gallon of Jamaica rum, a barrel of whiskey containing three gallons; three five gallon demijohns; two I think had about a gallon and a half in and the other had about

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three gallons; that would be about five and a half gallons altogether. There was another demijohn contained a mixture of gin and Scotch whiskey. I think it was three quarters of a gallon. There was a little case of brandy bottles. There was some ale and sarsaparilla in the cellar which we were not sent down to look at. The inventory now shown me is the one I took of the value of the contents in that place. I am familiar with the price of liquors of almost every kind. I made no examination of the value of the fixtures of the saloon. (The value of the stock of liquors appraised was \$88.31.) That is a fair market value. The inventory was made on the 16th of March. Phillip Voorhis sworn and examined. I am a member of the Insurance Patrol. I went to the premises of the defendant 587 Eleventh ave. on the 13th of March. I found Mr Florence in charge. I remained there sixteen days. From the time I received the premises from Mr Florence up to the time that the last witness came there to make the appraisement there was no change of any kind in the stock and fixtures. I permitted no change to be made in the premises. When you kept them exactly as you received them? Yes sir.

seemed to be already behind the bar; it seemed to be from the ice box down. Before I went behind the bar it was put out. Cross Examined I saw the fire when I was on the sidewalk after the door was open; when I struck the sidewalk I saw flame. I waited till the Engine Companies put out the fire; then the Hook and Ladder Co. went in and overhauled the premises, I was there when the doors were broken open. William Jackson sworn. I am a member of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 4 of the Fire Department of this city, I was present at the fire on the premises 587 Eleventh Ave. on the night of the 7th of March. I broke open the door that was leading from the Eleventh Avenue side on the south side, the main door; it led into the rear of the store; there was a partition from the front of the store. The large red spot on the diagram indicates the ice box. I hit the door two or three blows with the axe before it was opened; the fire, what there was of it, was all extinguished by the Engine Cos. Cross Examined. I broke the door open after the fire was extinguished; the Engine Cos. were in before we made an effort to burst open the side door; the Engine Cos. took their hose through the front door. There are two side doors; one leading from 44th

street and the other from this hall door. The door leading into the rear of the saloon was fastened; the door was tried, we could not open it, I hit it two or three blows; the fireman of the Company tried it, it did not yield to him and then he authorized me to break it open with the axe, which I did. Robert Williams sworn. I am an officer of the Fire Department of the city, Capt. of Hook and Ladder Co. No 4 I was present on the night of the 7th of March at the fire which was described here, we received the alarm at 1.16; we hitched up and proceeded to the fire; we arrived there in about four minutes after receiving the alarm. I reported to Chief Campbell; they were then bursting the lower door on the City fourth st. side; he ordered me to have the other door also open in the rear. I ordered fireman Brown to break a door and also my assistant fireman to take a man to open another door (pointing to doors on the diagram) I then proceeded with fireman Jackson around through hall way, I tried the door leading into the back room and I found it was very secure. I tried to open it but could not. I ordered fireman Jackson to open the

door; he struck the door two or three blows with the axe carrying away the door casing. Fireman Brady opened the shutters from the inside. When I got there all the doors and fastenings to that saloon were secure with the exception of the lower door where Engine Co No 2 had their line. That had been broken open by them. Previous to going in when passing that door I saw the flames from this door (pointing to the diagram). After getting inside fireman Gates overhauled this refrigerator and found fire at this casing along side the window. There is shelving up there and this shelving stands from the wall about twelve inches, and underneath that shelving is closet doors; the fire was in underneath this closet and it burned underneath the counter up at the rear of the shelving where the recess was between the wall and the shelving. Also I found smoke issuing from under the counter. In this counter here is a trough that they wash wine glasses and bottles in I suppose; on one side of it there were some boxes containing some straw covers which had been used for the purpose of covering decanters or bottles

they were on fire and I saw some on the other side. I picked these up myself and passed them over on the other side of the counter by Chief Campbell's orders; they were dropped on the floor where there was some water and extinguished by stamping on to them. Cross Examined. All that you actually saw on fire there, the goods in the store were those coverings of boxes? And flames when passing that door when we were in the act of bursting it from that rear counter shelf the counter that goes up against the wall behind the main counter. I saw these bottle coverings were on fire underneath the main counter. After the fire was extinguished by the water from two engines and making our overhauling we found the woodwork was considerably charred underneath the counter on the extreme end, under the counter where the closet is where the cigar boxes had been placed. We made an examination of those closets and found cigar boxes; they were passed out by the men; also one or two demijohns. They appeared to me to be empty the way they were handled. I should say there was twenty or twenty five empty cigar boxes. That the bottles on the

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The People
 John J. Meagher
 Court of General Sessions. Part I
 Before Recorder Smyth. April 29. 1882
 Indictment for arson in the third degree.
 Thomas Dalton, sworn. I am attached to the
 22nd precinct. I was on duty on the night of this
 fire at 584 Eleventh Avenue, the 7th of March
 of this year. I discovered the fire in these
 premises about 1/4 past one. I went to the
 fire box corner of fifty fifth st. and sent
 out the alarm; the firemen reached the
 place within a couple of minutes after
 sounding the alarm. I saw the light glare
 in the window. I did not enter the premises
 with the firemen. I went into the premises
 after the fire was out, about three quarters
 of an hour after I gave the alarm. I
 had to go to the station house to report it
 there and then I came back. I did not
 make an examination of the premises. One
 of the fire marshals pointed out where the
 fire was, but I did not examine it my-
 self. There were two places pointed out to me
 where it had been on fire, one at the
 show window and the other was at the
 ice box. I made no examination of the
 floor. Cross Examined. A portion of the
 shelving was turned. I should say the
 show window was about seven feet

wide and about five feet in height. All the paper that was around it and the paint seemed to be all burned and some of the wood was charred. I could not say that the wood had been burned, I did not examine it as close as that. The wood was charred, I don't know whether it was burned through or not. The ice box was burned and a part of the shelving near it and the counter was considerably burned, it was blackened anyhow. I would not be positive about it being burned. Samuel Campbell sworn and examined. I am chief of the seventh battalion of the fire department. I visited the premises 384 Eleventh Avenue on the morning of March 7th at a fire which occurred there. I would not be positive when I received the alarm, somewhere in the neighborhood of 1.10 or 1.14; it took me about three minutes to get to the premises. I first entered the premises by breaking in that door (pointing to the diagram). That is the side door on Forty-fourth St. There we found we could not enter the building from the fact that the smoke was so dense and the heat was so strong a

man could not live inside of it. He had a stream of water working on the side door on Forty fourth St. Hook and Ladder Co. No 4 was the first Co. that reported. I ordered them to break in the front door, partially on the Eleventh Avenue and partially on Forty fourth St. The fire appeared to be in the shelving. The instant these doors were broke in the fire jumped out; we entered the stream of water and in a minute we knocked the fire down. We found the fire was burning in these different places. We found the fire was under the shelving which forms little closets. Under the counter where the fire was there were straw covers for bottles apparently and made a good deal of smoke. We pulled them out and passed them over the bar and threw them on the floor. There was a fire in the ice box. On passing around the counter on the boxes I discovered quite a strong smell of Kerosene oil. There was a pillow or bag of feathers apparently in the ice box; they were burning. I made no investigation to find the location of the Kerosene. I believe the Fire Marshal did. We extinguished the fire. It was a liquor store; we found some demi-johns there that we removed from under the counter. I think possibly there might have

two or three passed over. I do not remember as to the number. I saw quite a number of cigar boxes but no cigars, the boxes were empty with the exception of one. Cross Examined. I could not say from the appearance of the store whether it was newly painted or not. All that it showed was indication of fire.

Thomas Dalton recalled. I know the prisoner and saw him on the night of the fire about 20 minutes past twelve between Forty fourth and Forty fifth sts. on Eleventh avenue about half a block from the store, about the middle of the block on the south west corner.

Michael H. Roach sworn and examined. I am a member of Hook and Ladder Co. 4. I was at the fire 584 Eleventh avenue on the 7th of March; our Company arrived there about 16 minutes after one, about two or three minutes after receiving the alarm. I overhauled one closet behind the bar. I took out two cigar boxes and a broken demijohn. There were no cigars in the boxes. The closet was shut and I opened it. I did not see any fire in there; it looked as if there had been fire there. There was no smoke in that closet, but there was smoke and heat in the premises produced by the fire. The fire

~~the lady's~~, but we would remember
that they had fulfilled the promise
of grace unto thy servant

light about the premises. Cross Examined
I am positive there is no gas light burn-
ing all night long in the front window
I should say the bottom of the window from
the street is about five and a half feet.
A man could look in when the shade
is in the condition in which I mentioned
it was. It was 20 minutes after twelve -
when I met the prisoner. I left the station
house five minutes past twelve; the
station house is in forty seventh St. between
Eighth and Ninth Aves. The prisoner's place
is at the corner of Eleventh Avenue and
Forty fourth St. I met him between 44th
and 45th St.; he was going towards
45th St.

The jury rendered a verdict of guilty
The prisoner was remanded for
sentence.

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Dr J Meagher
Carson,

Proprietor of
Eidman

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2.)

587. 11th Ave
Met 7/82. 1:15 am
(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York,

SS: Samuel Campbell Chief

of 7th Precinct N.Y.F.D.

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I was at fire 587. 11th Ave

Found all doors securely fastened. Had side door opened + tried to get in - the heat was very great - Fire did not show - opened front door and few fire showed up behind counter. There was fire under counter in a box of straw a little to rear of beer pump also a fire in closet against wall near front of store, also a fire at rear end of counter in ice box. The smell of kerosene was very strong as I passed between the counter and ice box. A feather pillow or bag of feathers was burning there. Saw a number of cigar boxes there but no cigars. Saw no demijohns in the closet where fire was. Saw one demijohn taken from under the counter - it contained something

Samuel Campbell

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 189 _____ before me,

0234

Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 3.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York,

} ss: Michael H Roach

of Ad 7

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I was at fire 589

11th ave. I overhauled closet
behind bar where fire was by
order of Lieut Falvey. Found
the doors of closet closed and
smoke coming out.
Opened the doors found some
rubbish in there - a broken
demijohn and some empty
segar boxes which I
took out

Michael H Roach

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____, before me,

0235

Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss:

Wm Jackson

of No. *6704*

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

*I broke open the door
of premises 587 11th ave leading
down the hallway to the
rear part of liquor store
did so by order of Capt
William after front door was
broken in. It was well
secured. I struck it several
times to break it open*

William Jackson

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188____, before me,

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 3.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York, }
City and County of New York, } ss: Lieut Falvey

of Arlo H

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I was at fire 587

11th Ave. I remember going behind the bar
out up to the front to find the gas
meter. The doors of closets behind
bar were all closed. I saw smoke
coming apparently from the front
closet behind bar and ordered Roach
to overhaul it. There was fire under
the counter opposite beer pump
there was a box there containing
straw & other rubbish that was
on fire and we lifted it up and
threw it over the counter. There
was also a couple of empty
demijohns there. Saw some
empty cigar boxes on the
back bar found no cigars
there at all.

John Falvey

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 1888, before me,

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York,

} ss: Martin Maloney

of No. 522 N 57 St.

being duly sworn, deposes and says: Saw in the dry

goods business with Stern Brothers have been with them since last August. - before that I was with Altman & Co & before that with Simpson Crawford & Simpson - I am a window dresser. I have known John Menzger for the past eighteen months. he was then with Peyton & Co dry goods in 8th Avenue. previous to that he was in the liquor business. One Sunday last May we were walking together & saw the store 587. it was to let. We saw the landlord, examined the place and concluded to go into business. he was to run the place and I was to go there nights after I got through with my business. We did very well up to last December. I found the people at the store were talking about it & I knew Stern Brothers would not like my having an outside

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____, before me,

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York,

} ss: business so I sold

out to him for six hundred

being duly sworn, deposed and says: and twenty five

dollars. we made a rough calculation of the amount of stock & fixtures when I sold out we valued the fixtures at about seven hundred dollars and the stock at about six hundred dollars. I think six hundred and twenty five dollars was as much as half the stock and half the fixtures were worth. I was satisfied to take six hundred & twenty five dollars for my share (one half) I think we owed at the time about four hundred dollars. Meagher was to pay that. I am responsible for my share of the debts of the old concern until they are paid up. I know of having \$75 thousand dollars insurance on the property when I was in the firm. I do not know how

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____

188 , before me,

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 3.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss:

much insurance

Meagher has got. I have seen
Meagher about once in two weeks
being duly sworn, deposed and says:

since I sold out to him. I know nothing as to how much stock he had at the time of the fire. I bought some fine liquors which I saw there I paid three dollars sixty or seventy for a gallon for scotch whiskey; fine rye whiskey for two dollars and a half. Meagher bought some for three dollars & a half and three dollars and seventy five cents. I bought some brandy for five dollars & sixty cents or six dollars and a half. I did not buy by the cask - bought five or ten gallons at a time. Bought goods from Edmund 106 Murray for Reid at 43 Broadway. He bought the cigars. Meagher has undoubtedly bought of these parties since. Our receipts from one hundred and seventy five dollars a week or more. I do not know how much of the firm in -

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____, before me,

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss:

deftedness Meagher

~~has paid up.~~ He paid me ~~two hundred~~
~~+ seventy five~~ dollars in cash and
~~being duly sworn, depose and say~~
and paid me twelve dollars a week
ever since up to last week. I
know nothing about his affairs
since I left. I have seen an
improvement in the place since
I left it. I know nothing against
Meagher's character in any way.
Only for my business I would
have been willing to pay
Meagher eight hundred
dollars for half the business
& pay the firm debts

Martin Moloney

Subscribed and sworn to, this
9th day of
March 1887, before me,

Superior Court Clerk's
this material

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York,

} 55: John Murphy

of No. 232 W 30th St

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I was in the employ

of John Meagher at 587 11th Ave
as barkeeper at the time of the fire
was with him about a month. I do
not know how much stock he had
nor how much money was taken
in from day to day. I do not know
how many cigars were in the place
at the time of the fire. Meagher kept
his cigars in different places
some were in the ice box and
some were on a shelf near
the window. The first closet
nearest front window & behind
the bar had nothing in it
but papers. I used to open it
some times to get paper. I
never saw any cigars or
liquors in there. Saw nothing
but papers. In the closet nearest
the ice box was paper. In the
ice box was some bottles
of medicine. I never saw any
feather pillows or sheets there

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____, before me,

0242

Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 3.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York,

ss:

We burned gas. Never used Kerosene. I never saw any Kerosene in the place. I was not in the employ of Mr. Meagher. I was not tending bar at 202. W 38th St. I was 17 years old. I went away at seven o'clock on the evening of the fire. I often went away as early as that

John Murphy

Subscribed and sworn to, this 19th day of

*John J. Sullivan
Fire Marshal*

1887, before me,

0243



1902
Dr. J. Meagher
587 1/2 Ave
Mch 7/82 1.50am

Carson

PORTLAND, OREGON, MAR 1902

0244

Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York,

ss: Hiry

of No. 587 11th Ave

being duly sworn, deposes and says: Mich 7, 1877 1¹⁵ AM

in liquor store occupied by
John J. Meagher -

4 story brick building.
3 floors occupied as dwelling
by different families
27 persons living in house
at time of fire -

9 in bed & asleep on floor above
store - viz Mrs. Mary Lynch
4 children, sister & 3 boarders

Place closed up by Meagher
about 12 o'clock.

Fire discovered by officer
on post. (Dalton) 2²⁵ P.M. -

Firemen found place securely
fastened up. Doors broken in
by them.

A dash of water put the fire out.

Fire found burning in different

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____

1877, before me,

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York, }
City and County of New York, } ss:

of No. places, & Kerosene Smeller,

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

On investigation by Fire Marshal
it was found that fires had
been started in closet behind
bar, under bar, & in ice chest
preparations to fire it were
also discovered in another
closet, & under some cashes. —
Kerosene was sprinkled on
the cashes, on the floor, on
the leg boxes, & on the drawers

Insurance on stock \$3,700
Confiscation .600
Total Insurance \$4,300

Meagher bought his parties
out in Dec. for \$625, there being
them \$2,500 insurance. Soon
after he increased it to \$4,300.

Value of stock at time of fire
less than \$500.

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____ before me,

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2.)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York,

ss:

Witnessed

of No. _____

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

*Officer Dalton 22nd Pct as to
discovery of fire, & seeing
meagher shortly before. —*

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____, before me,

*Saw
Chief Campbell. 304. W. 47th N.Y. Fire Dept. 7th Bat^{on}*

*As to place being securely
fastened - different fires.
Kerosene. Slight damage
by fire - Empty cigar boxes.
No cigars. No drawers
in closet where fire was. —*

*Capt William H. H. 4. 8th Ave 48th
as to condition of things at time
of fire - absence of stock -
separate fires etc.*

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss:

~~Mr Stone, Sec 1~~

~~of Greenwich Ins Co as to
insuring the property in his Co
being duly sworn, deposed and says:~~

~~(require dept. to produce all the
policies)~~

Michael H
Fireman Roach 14th St.
as to fire in closet & contents
of closet.

Mrs
Fireman Jackson 14th St.
as to breaking open door leading
to hall, which dept. locked when
he went out.

Mason A Stone, 166 Bway -
Fire Greenwich Ins Co as
to insurance.

J D Miner 57 Fulton St -
as to value (found) of ice box, backbar
pump, shelving, partition, counter
mirror & door screen.

Reuben Skinner & Alex O'Leary
166 Murray St, as to value of liquors
&c. & whether same as held to dept.

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 188 _____ before me,

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Fire Department of the City of New York.

BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL.

(Form No. 2)

(155 & 157 Mercer Street.)

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss:

of No. Amphorce Dupont
1024 W 30th Street Ave
being duly sworn, deposes and says

how long on duty & what he knows
about place being undisturbed
from time of fire till ex^d by Fire
Marshal =

Philip ~~Voris~~ Voris Dupont
relieved Amoree, when,
how long on duty - finding of
preparations to burn place -
bottles of water - paper boxes
saturated with oil, also, Coaly
floor. dangerous -

Fire Marshal Sheldon -
as to evidence of arson -
Examination by meager & R
Buring of building &c.

Geo W Varian. Fire Marshal's opinion -
as to evidence of arson &c.

Subscribed and sworn to, this _____ day of _____ 1888, before me,