

IMPETONGA BALL GAY AND BRILLIANT.

Beauty and Fashion at Brooklyn's Great Social Event.

NEW YORK PEOPLE THERE.

Assembly Rooms of the Academy of Music Elaborately Decorated.

MUSIC BY TWO ORCHESTRAS.

Cotillon Led by Lea McIlvaine Luquer and Mrs. A. A. Low—Supper Served by Delmonico After Midnight.

A large number of New York society people attended the Impetonga ball in the Art Association and Assembly Room of the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, last night. It was the twelfth annual ball, and equaled any of its predecessors in gayety and brilliancy. The decorations were very elaborate and profuse. Those of the big ball room were done in pale pink, white and gold. Broad frames of ivy and pink roses encased the mirrors. At the base of the white pilasters were huge vases of American Beauty roses and white lilies. These pilasters surrounded the four sides of the room at regular intervals, supporting an arabesque cornice, studded with hundreds of incandescent lights. Antique Flemish and Arabuson tapestries were set in narrow gilt moldings on the pink background.

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REV. DR. HALL WILL ACCEPT.

Brooklyn Clergyman to Be President of the Union Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Cutbush Hall, of the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, will accept the presidency of the Union Theological Seminary, of New York, of which he is now a director.

He was nominated unanimously a week ago and the election will take place in a few weeks.

Dr. Hall yesterday notified the directors that he would accept the nomination. He will succeed the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hastings.

Hebrew Charity Ball.

The greatest social event of the year in aristocratic Jewish circles, the charity ball for the benefit of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, Ralph avenue, corner Dean street, Brooklyn, will be held at the Academy of Music this evening. The ball will be opened at 10:30. Mayor Wurstler leading the procession, followed by the officers of the asylum, city officials and dignitaries.

Whereas, It does appear that this people have and are supporting as regularly organized government; It should be recognized by the United States.

Whereas, This people have sustained a war for a period of two years, and have, so far as facts have revealed, done so under adverse circumstances, still their actions have been honorable, just and patriotic, and deserving of Christian and civil recognition.

Whereas, Their opponents and oppressors have and are carrying on a policy of disunion, oppression, destruction, murder and general carnage, and should be deterred by the restraining hand of civilization.

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ASK CLEVELAND TO RECOGNIZE CUBA.

Resolutions Introduced Yesterday in the New Jersey Legislature.

GREAT RUSH OF BILLS.

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MONEY FOR STONE ROADS.

Bill Appropriating Seventy Per Cent of the State Treasury Balance Yearly for the Purpose—For Equal Taxation.

The session of the Legislature today was a very short one, both houses convening at 10 o'clock and adjourning for the week at noon, after rising from a joint session, at which a State Treasurer and a State Comptroller were elected.

Last night bills were introduced for the first time, and, although the Legislature has been in session only five hours, seventy-five bills have already been introduced—forty-three in the House and thirty-two in the Senate.

The first action in the House to-day was the adoption of a resolution offered by Mr. Seavel, of Camden, requesting the New Jersey representatives in Congress to vote for the bill increasing the pay of letter carriers, and then the following resolution of sympathy with Cuba, offered by Mr. Righter, of Morris County, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations:

Whereas, We, the members of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, do heartily sympathize with the Cuban people in their struggle to obtain the inalienable boon of civil and religious liberty;

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Dentist Hawley of Brooklyn Made a Ludicrous Mistake.

USED THE WRONG KEY RING

Twenty-four Assorted Molars and Bicuspid Snapped Off in the Hole.

THEN HE RANG THE DOOR BELL

Absence of Mind, Lateness of the Hour and the Peculiar Arrangement of Dental Supplies Cause the Mishaps.

The lock on the front door of Dentist Robert Hawley, of Brooklyn, is full of teeth due to the absentmindedness of that gentleman, and the peculiarities of the dental business.

As the ethics of the profession prevent the doctor from pulling teeth from his own door lock, and as none of the implements, now in use will reach the offending molars, the family will probably have to employ a side door until a smith can be called in for consultation.

Monday night Dentist Hawley went downtown for a couple of teeth to replace the pair missing from a plate he was repairing.

Teeth for the dental trade are slung on a ring like keys, and come in bunches of two dozens.

The doctor bought one of these rings, containing various designs in size, shape and color, and started home. On the way he stopped at the Clarendon Hotel and chatted with a number of brother professionals. Hawley exhibited his ring of teeth

and made himself agreeable in other ways. It was late when he reached the house and the night was dark. Dr. Hawley is also noted for preoccupation of mind, so it was quite natural that he should dive into the wrong pocket for his bunch of keys. There was no trouble in finding the keyhole, but the keys did not fit.

First one and then another broke off in the hole. A left inferior molar snapped close to the ring, and two canine tried in succession yielded at the first turn. Half a dozen eyeteeth failed to slip the bolt. None of the bicuspid was fitted with wards, and, of course, snapped off close to the fingers of the doctor, who was trembling with cold and impatience. Grinders after grinder slid into the insatiable lock, and as three wisdom teeth—the last of the bunch—dropped off in the hole, the dentist muttered:

"I never knew my keys to act that way before. It must be the cold weather."

Feeling ruefully in his pockets with both hands, the fingers of the absent-minded man came in contact with jangling metal. But it was too late then. The lock had been so completely stuffed with showcase teeth that Hawley rang the bell and had the portul opened from the interior.

But for the lateness of the hour he would have administered gas in an effort to extract his teeth without pain.

DON'T UNDERSTAND AN OATH.

As a Result Men Accused of Robbing a Deaf Mute Cannot Be Tried.

Two fellows, said to belong to the Why gang, of New Brunswick, N. J., are likely to escape trial on a charge of highway robbery, because their alleged victim does not understand the nature of an oath.

On Monday last, Leopold Zimmerman, a deaf mute, was held up on Burnet street, New Brunswick. He says John Kinney and John Donnelly took \$2.75 from his pockets and left without securing another considerable sum he had with him.

When the case came up in court yesterday, Lawyer George Silver, defending the prisoners, asked the interpreter, Charles Hodapp, friend of Zimmerman, if Leopold understood the meaning of an oath. Upon being told that he did not, the hearing was adjourned for one week. It is generally understood that the case cannot be prosecuted further.

PIANOS AND ORGANS.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

UPRIGHT PIANO, STEINWAY & SON, \$6 men list until paid.

SQUARE PIANO, \$45 CHICKERING, \$3 monthly until paid.

ORGANS.

75 MASON & HAMLIN, \$2 monthly until paid.

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32 monthly until paid.

VARIETY OF UPRIGHT AND SQUARE PIANOS.

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Special Sale of Sheet Music this week.

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ONE BLOCK FROM ALL CAR LINES.

BOY ARRESTED AS A FIREBUG.

Walter Hicks Accused of Burning the Merrick, L. I., Depot.

FRIGHTENED BY DETECTIVE

Lad Admitted He Threw a Cigarette Under the Station.

LOCKED IN A DARK CELL.

Little Prisoner Said to Have Had a Grudge Against the Agent—Depot and Building Adjoining Burned to the Ground.

Merrick, L. I., Jan. 19.—This town is aroused to a pitch of indignation over the arrest of a boy for incendiarism.

The prisoner is Edward Walter Hicks, fifteen years old, colored. The boy is short of stature, slight of figure and not ordinarily bright.

He is locked in a dark cell in the Queens County jail, and is almost frightened out of his wits.

The depot and freight house were burned to the ground early this morning, and detective Sarvis, who arrested the lad, is trying to fasten the crime on him. The

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