

August, February

THURSDAY, 29th 22nd

1877.

Washington's Birth day. The ~~pla~~ day not very much observed. I believe I received an invitation from George O'orman to spend the day with him but I did not go. Our court was open for only half a day. Bayard Brasher is occupied night and day on the Grand Jurors Alexi's and Aristarchine of Russia who are in New York. In the evening sent to report a Cooper Union meeting. There were a number of speeches addresses &c by the students of about the average. Peter Cooper was on the stage. The Hall was overcrowded. I did not wait the performance out. On night duty and did not start for Brooklyn till after two. I went around the stations (police) after one or two, a task I do not care for. I did not get any important facts.

Friday, 23rd

I was not on night duty last night but to night. I had three or four little things to report to day in the court. Excitement in New York. The State of Oregon declared for Hayes. This settles the Presidential question. About this time I heard from little Sue. She writes a short letter. Her handwriting is improving. Loafing around the office till quite early in the morning. Last night I guess I was home rather early. My bill for this week was cut down from what I asked. I think it amounted to \$21 or over. I forget which.

Saturday, FRIDAY, 30. 24th

I keep dreadfully late hours at Badger's. Bought a Rural Gazette today. It has an article from my pen on the Union Base Ball Club. Had some cases to report from police court today. In the evening sent to the Mercantile Library for a book. A disagreeable day and night, raining and sloppy. I think I travelled to Brooklyn earlier than usual.

Sunday, 25th

Bought the Sun Herald & Eagle. The last named a worthless sheet but I buy it to send to Aunt Jim. To the Court late as they do not today hold only in the morning. H. Brewer a young fellow with military mustache nice eye but queer expression who does manifold for the city press kept a look out for me and left me a note of the proceedings. So I escaped. Brewer & I get along nicely. On to night in a Mr. J. E. P. Doyle's place. Read copy and travelled around the police stations. Poor Jim Aveilhe is dead. He died on the 5th and in Savannah Ga. An obituary notice in the death column ^{of 15 days} was the first intimation I received of the sad news. Poor Jim. I have pleasant recollections of him. God grant him rest. I liked him well and miss him greatly. To Brooklyn at a late hour or early in the morning.

Monday, SATURDAY, 31. 26th

Last night I wrote a short obituary of Aveilhe. It appeared in today's Herald. Poor Jim. To the Court I do not think there was much going on. Home or to Badger's rather, at an early hour, or a late hour I do not know which. It is so long since I have written I do not know what occurred.

Tuesday, 27th

On night duty in Hamilton's absence and not to Brooklyn in consequence till very early in the morning. Had some few cases to report from the court. Little Lotta plays here on the 2nd & 3rd of next month. Yesterday I tried to buy tickets. I could not as the box office was not yet opened.

Wednesday 28th

Do not think there was much going on in the Court today. I believe I did not write anything for tomorrow's Herald. I think I was told last night by J. E. P. Doyle that he would have me dismissed from court duty as I was being continually beaten. In the first place he lied & in the second he has nothing to say about my removal. Doyle is often drunk. To Herald Police Hdqrs. to send about a missing girl. To Downing St. saw missing girl's brother. Saw the girl who had been away but had come back. To Herald office. Tried to keep the girl's name out of paper and succeeded. About this time Mr. Meighan our city editor lost a copy. We have had another temporary editor.