

A STABLE GANG BATTLE.

Night Fight in a Twenty-third Street Stable—A Drunken Rough and a Companion Attack a Watchman, Who Defends His Life with a Whiffletree.

John Corrigan, of 220 East Twenty-sixth street, is a giant rough in build and habits, very much like the late notorious Florence Scannel, Assistant Alderman of the Eighteenth ward, who met his death while attacking Thomas Donohoe, who was killed recently by Florence's brother, John, who is now on trial for the offence. Corrigan was formerly employed at the stable, 141 East Twenty-third street, as a hack driver and is represented by the police to be a quarrelsome bully, who aspires to the same notoriety that Scannel had in the ward. A number of times he has been discharged for drunkenness and other "irregularities," but on pleading reform has been reinstated in his employment. The last dismissal ended in the refusal of the proprietor to reinstatement, and the police seem to have induced him to greater discretion. About half-past eleven o'clock on Monday evening he and a companion named Thomas O'Connor, 217 East Twenty-sixth street, armed with a whiskey bottle, entered the stable at the above number, where Timothy Harvey is watchman. Knowing the desperate character of Corrigan, Harvey feared to order them out until they had emptied the bottle of its contents and had broken it and strewn the fragments upon the floor of the office. This occurred about midnight, he then ordered Corrigan to leave, and, as he refused, ejected him. Corrigan and O'Connor returned to the office, and Corrigan made a furious attack upon Harvey, O'Connor assisting in the assault. Harvey, driven to extremities, seized a whiffletree, and dealt Corrigan several blows with it that rendered him insensible, and put both men out of the count. Just at this juncture Officer Wainstead, of the Eighteenth precinct, put in an appearance and arrested Corrigan and Harvey. In spite of assistance, other officers joined him, and the prisoners were conveyed to the Twenty-second street station house. Corrigan was very drunk, and notwithstanding he soon became he fought like a maniac. The police surgeon attempted to dress his wounds, but could not get near him, so great was his violence. Several officers were called to hold him, but the doctor was unable to examine his wounds, and, as a desperate remedy, he was sent to Bellevue Hospital for treatment. Fearing the injuries might prove fatal, the cautious Captain Ryan dispatched officers to secure the third party to the assault, Thomas O'Connor, who was found and arrested. Harvey and O'Connor were arraigned before Justice Scott yesterday morning, when Officer Wainstead having presented a certificate that the wounds of Corrigan were not likely to be healed, Judge Howe and the Justice committed Harvey, on the officer's complaint, to jail in default of \$500 bail. O'Connor, on complaint of Harvey, was also committed to await his indictment for felonious assault upon Harvey. Both men were locked up in the same cell of Essex Market, where they were become good friends. A Herald reporter conversed with them later in the day in the cell. Harvey is a young, single man, who is represented by the police to be sober and industrious. He stated that he acted in self-defence in all he did, that being responsible to his employer for the stable, when Corrigan and O'Connor threw the species of the whiskey bottle about the office, he detected the party, who returned and made a furious onslaught upon him. O'Connor coming to his aid and striking Harvey several blows he felt that his life would be in danger, and, sending the whiffletree, he dealt Corrigan a blow on the head that rendered it impossible for him to do further harm. Harvey said that Corrigan had been frequently discharged and was quarrelsome and dangerous. O'Connor, who was present at the interview, reported the reporter to state that he merely interfered to prevent Harvey being the fight, Corrigan, with the whiffletree, the reporter subsequently called at Bellevue Hospital to see Corrigan. An Irishman being absent on business in Westchester county and the office discharge of a party, the only information as to Corrigan could be obtained after searching for half an hour for the doctor. Finally the orderly of ward four, where Corrigan is located, was found, and he permitted the reporter to converse with the man. Corrigan, as a matter of course, denied the statements of Harvey, and declared that he was attacked first by Harvey and not his boss in self-defence. Harvey placed in the whiffletree and dealt him several blows, that rendered him insensible. He denied that he was drunk or had thrown a bottle in the stable office. The police sustain Harvey's statement and Captain Ryan says that with the information he has of the case he thinks Harvey would have been indicted, under the circumstances, had he aided Corrigan outright. The Justice evidently has the same view of the case, or he would scarcely have ventured to fix Harvey's bail at the insignificant figure of \$500. The contrary of the writ is of the opinion that Corrigan will recover, although he did not knock Harvey down. O'Connor were dressed.

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