# THE CITY.

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VIGILANCE POLICE.—The members of the Vigilance Police Association yesterday [illegible] the funeral of their organization, as stated in the Press, have been busily engaged in the work of ferreting out the villains who disturbed the peace of the city on the night of the 4th inst. Some twenty-five or thirty arrests have been made, and the prisoners have been committed to prison for trial, as the boys, with their badges, have been seen everywhere, quietly laying their hands on the shoulders of the rascals, and marching them off to the station-house. Some of the prisoners are well known to the police, and have been in the hands of the Vigilance Committee before, for similar offences, and have been "warned" to leave the city. The Committee have been in the habit of [illegible] the stolen property, and have found by Detective O'Neill, Sommers and Levy, of the Mayor's force, in their possession. The clothing taken from Mr. Bailey, broken open and burglariously entered in the middle of last February, was found on a portion of the goods which had been removed from the place at the time of the burglary.

Robert O'Neill and James Kilroy were jointly charged with the larceny of an overcoat and a pair of boots from Benjamin Underwood, Chestnut st. near Twelfth and Prime streets, on the night of the 4th inst. The prosecutor, Mr. Underwood, testified that the prisoners took a very unenviable reputation, that they had long been in the habit of the police, and that the stolen property had been found by Detective O'Neill, Sommers and Levy, of the Mayor's force, in their possession. The clothing taken from Mr. Bailey, broken open and burglariously entered in the middle of last February. The coat and boots were offered in evidence, and identified as a portion of the goods which had been removed from the place at the time of the burglary.

Officer Levy corroborated the testimony, but relied for an acquittal upon the fact that the Commonwealth had failed to produce any direct or positive proof connecting the prisoners with the actual commission of the larceny. Verdict guilty.

Henry Miller and Charles Mansfield were charged with the larceny of a lager-beer saloon. The latter defendant was charged the other with the offence. Verdict guilty as to both.

John Keefer was arraigned on the charge of the larceny of a black cloth cloak, the property of William Brewer. Verdict guilty.

Charles Brown, colored, plead not guilty to the charge of committing an assault and battery on Officer Cook. The evidence failed to convict him, with the defendant, and he was accordingly acquitted and discharged from custody.

Mark Scullion was tried on the charge of attempting to pass a counterfeit five dollar note on the Philadelphia Bank, dated June 1st, 1857, upon Mr. Isaac Davis. It was alleged by the prosecution that the defendant started to run after he had passed the note, when the alarm had been given to him that the note was not genuine. The defence denied all guilty knowledge of the character of the note, or such knowledge as was requisite to prove the charge laid in the indictment. Verdict not guilty. Scullion was then discharged from custody.

John F. Dougherty alias John F. Dougher was tried on the charge of the larceny of a black-cloth overcoat, valued at $15, the property of Mr. James Simpson, and was feloniously taken from the convertible-room attached to the District Court.

Officer Cook testified to the arrest of the defendant, and to his conviction of assault and battery with intent to ravish a little colored girl, named Maggie Smethers, only seven years of age. The details of the evidence adduced by the prosecution were too revolting for publication. The defendant was represented by Mr. John Goforth, who made an eloquent and earnest speech in his behalf. The defence attempted to establish an alibi by three witnesses, and to show that the contradictory evidence exhibited in the testimony of the prosecution. After speeches from the District Attorney and Mr. Goforth, the Judge delivered the whole case to the jury, who retired to deliberate. The jury remained in deliberation all night, and at 10 o'clock yesterday morning they came into court and rendered a verdict of guilty on the first count, and not guilty on the second count. Sentence will then be passed on the prisoner.

Judge Allison passed the following sentences:

Peter J. Bonner, larceny, six months in the County Prison.

Richard O'Neill and James Kilroy, larceny, one year in the County Prison, and required to enter bail at the expiration of that term, in the sum of $1,000 each to be of good behavior and keep the peace.

Henry Miller and Charles Mansfield, larceny, four months each in the County Prison.

Judge Allison read a lesson of warning when he passed upon the prisoner Keefer. He said he regretted that the value of the property stolen, being only five dollars, prevented him from imposing a heavier sentence than one year. Kilroy seemed to be next to the penitentiary character of the County Prison. The judge declined to accede to his request.

We may here mention, as a fact, that in a great majority of cases, male convicts prefer to be sent to the penitentiary, while the female sex prefer the County Prison. Why this is so we do not know; but presume that there is something in "hard labor" that will so employ the mind and hands as to materially lessen the terrors of imprisonment.

The court adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

COMMON PLEAS.—Judges Thompson and Ludlow.—The court sat yesterday for the hearing of argument in the application for the injunction to restrain the erection of a [illegible] in Twenty-ninth street, which runs through Fairmount Park, and part of the way through the park itself, to the Zoological Garden on unbroken ground. A number of motions were argued, and some unfinished business disposed of.

QUARTER COURT.—The argument list in this court will commence this morning, and continue for three days.

DISTRICT COURT.—The current motion list was taken up. No business of general public importance was transacted.

The Grand Jury of the Quarter Sessions yesterday, came into court with thirty-nine bills, twenty-three of which were returned as "true," and sixteen as "ignored." These latter were principally for trivial assaults and battery and petit larcenies.

Mr. Bernard Sharkey, the court clerk, is at present suffering from severe indisposition, doubtless superinduced by constant attention to the duties of his post. Mr. Philip Lee officiates in Mr. Sharkey's place, and fills the situation with great efficiency. His promptness and systematic method of arranging the business of the daily sessions is creditable to his uniform courtesy to the members of the bar, and the representatives of the press.

ELOPEMENT AND ARREST.—Last Friday afternoon a man named Jacob Weimer, who keeps a boarding-house and saloon in Palmyra, New Jersey, went to the city of New York in pursuit of his wife, who he suspected to have eloped in company with one Michael Lutter, a gas fitter, residing in the same place. The assistance of the police was invoked, and after a search of some hours, the missing wife and her male companion were found in a house in Roosevelt's alley, in Dock street, near the corner of Buffalo and Washington streets. The quiprite were arrested, and taken to the police office.

MRS. F. HOBBET'S house in Brandford, Conn., was struck by lightning on Friday morning last. The fluid descended by the lightning rod, made a desk at the breakfast table, scattered the cups and saucers, and knocked Mr. Hoadley and his daughter off a window seat. The latter was the most hurt, though they both recovered the next day.

## ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS.

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## THE COURTS

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

(Reported for the Press.)

QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge Allison presiding.—Yesterday brought with it a continuation of the myriad children who characterized the proceedings of that several days previous. Each week, which from present appearances, will be the prominent feature of the entire term of court. At ten o'clock in the morning, the docket was declared by a most miserable lot of individuals, charged with the "petty" offences, who had been brought up from the County Prison to answer their crimes. The youngest person in the collection, James Kilroy, was indicted for a more serious offence than any of the alleged assaults and batteries, inasmuch as the defendant had been twice before convicted of a similar offence, and has passed the best portion of his teens in the pole of Moyamensing. His appearance is quite juvenile, and calculated to induce much sympathy in his behalf. The detectives, however, regard him as an exceedingly dangerous character, being in fact one of the most expert thieves in the city at picking all kinds of locks, and planning and executing the most successful burglaries.

A young man named William Miller, was arraigned on the charge of the larceny of a book entitled "The Prince of the House of David," and a book called "The Physician's Visiting List, Diary, and Book of Engagements," valued at two dollars, the property of the Rev. Mr. Leady, of Kensington. Mr. Leady, who was represented by Mr. W. J. Budd, entered a plea of guilty in the request of counsel Judge Allison stated that he would defer sentencing the prisoner for the present. The prisoner is indicted for a second offence, Miller was in a state of intoxication. The defendant was at one time bail, singer in the Green House, and keep a good reputation.

Thomas Fagan, charged with the larceny of a gold watch, valued at $100, the property of Mr. Thomas Kerr, of Kensington, who was represented by counsel. Verdict guilty.

George Fisher, charged with the larceny of a gold watch, valued at $50, the property of Mr. Samuel Allen, colored, of Lower Merion, his counsel, moved that his client be allowed to plead to the charge of receiving the stolen property, knowing it to be stolen. The motion was granted. After some deposition, in which Mr. Fisher's counsel did not deny the fact of his client's guilt, he was sentenced to a fine of $1, and to be imprisoned in the County Prison for a period of two months.

Robert Bodey, charged with the larceny of a gold watch, valued at $100, the property of Mr. Jacob Weimer, of Palmyra, New Jersey, who was represented by counsel. Verdict guilty.

Thomas Fagan, charged with the larceny of a gold watch, valued at $50, the property of Mr. Thomas Kerr, of Kensington, who was represented by counsel. Verdict guilty.

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