

PETITION OF FRANK MCGAUGHRAN.

Our remarks on Saturday in reference to the case of Frank McGaughran, convicted of shooting a small boy on Christmas Day, and sentenced by Judges Ludlow and Paxson to ten years imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary, have evidently inspired the friends of the badly-used man to take active measures for his release, and will be seen by the following petition which was picked up in the street this morning by one of our reporters, and which was taken to the office before the public. The arguments of McGaughran are certainly unanswerable, and he should meet with the prompt attention of his Excellency John W. Geary, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania; and in order that all who may be disposed to see equal justice done to poor as well as rich may aid in procuring McGaughran's prompt release from durance vile signatures to the petition will be received at this office. We expect an early visit from Messrs. Richard Ficken, William B. Mann, and Lewis C. Cassidy, three honorable gentlemen whose signatures to McGaughran's petition will undoubtedly have a potent influence with his Excellency.

To His Excellency Hon. John W. Geary.

Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: The petition of Frank McGaughran humbly prays and shews that he is a free and law-abiding citizen for a long time, to wit, ten years, unjustly and improperly deprived of his liberty and of that free and untrammelled communication with Society to which he is entitled by the wise and beneficent laws of this Commonwealth, as expounded and enforced by the said John W. Geary, Governor of Pennsylvania, in the leading case of The Commonwealth vs. Eicher & J. Ficken.

Your petitioner humbly prays and shews that, on the 25th day of December last, to wit, the day commonly called Christmas, while engaged in the festive but permissible occupation (see case of Commonwealth vs. Ficken) of shooting small boys, was rudely, violently, and maliciously seized and bound, and despite his persuasion, protest and resistance was against his will conveyed to the cell of one of the prisons in and for the city of Philadelphia, to wit, Moyamensing; and was there improperly and unjustly confined of his liberty, and was fed upon black bread and bean-soup, against all which his finer esthetic tastes revolted. Your petitioner further shews that, on the first day of March, instant, he was, of his own accord, removed and conveyed from his cell in said prison, and was greatly to the improvement of his dignity and his self-respect, thrust into a square box upon four wheels, painted of a sombre color and drawn by two horses, bays—said box being vulgarly known and described as THE BLACK MARIA; and that he was made to accompany therein certain common sneak-thieves, prostitutes, and other vulgar characters, to the Court of Quarter Sessions, where he was again bound with a person commonly known as John W. Geary aforesaid, upon his trial, his alleged offense being the aforesaid shooting of a small boy, to wit, one George H. Fury. Further, your petitioner shews that, in ignorance of the law of the land as writ and established by your Excellency, etc., in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Ficken, certain men, commonly called judges of the said Court, together with a person commonly known as a District Attorney, who your petitioner believeth and expecteth to prove to be a political opponent of your Excellency's, did, in contempt of the wise precedent set up by your Excellency in the case aforesaid, proceed to try your said petitioner, under the color and pretense that the shooting of small boys in this Commonwealth was an indictable and punishable offense, by virtue of certain acts of the common law, did try him at the bar of said Court, and did, upon conviction, sentence him, in mockery of justice as interpreted by your Excellency in the case of Commonwealth vs. Ficken, to an imprisonment of ten years of solitary confinement at hard labor in one of the prisons of this Commonwealth, to wit, the Eastern Penitentiary.

Your petitioner therefore prays for such relief as he is entitled to under the precedent established by your Excellency in the above cited case of Commonwealth vs. Ficken, by which all former laws or statutory enactments against the free and untrammelled shooting of small boys are forever abrogated, extinguished, and made void in this Commonwealth.

Further, your petitioner representeth that his case is identical with that of the said Ficken, excepting that the small boy shot by your petitioner did judiciously and wisely, while the small boy shot by the said Ficken did live, but he until this day remains a cripple, and will so remain during his natural life.

It being represented to your petitioner that your Excellency's legs are now and will always be the receptacle of many hundreds of bullets, viciously shot into them by the Rebels at the battle of Gettysburg, where, owing to your generalship and bravery, the hungry hordes of Lee were defeated, your Excellency will perceive that the fate of the boy who died was preferable to that of the boy who lives, as your Excellency does, with a lead mine in his leg. Your petitioner is assured that he need not prolong this part of his argument, because your Excellency "knows how it is yourself."

Your petitioner further sheweth, in order that his just and humble prayer for relief may be granted, that he is a poor man, and one ignorant of the ways that are dark, through which the obsolete laws against punishment for shooting small boys are evaded by rich men like Ficken. When your petitioner was incarcerated in a common jail, he was instructed and informed that it would be discreet and wise in him to employ certain men learned in the law to defend him against your Excellency's political enemies, to wit, the said William Shepard, District Attorney, and being so directed, he did employ said men learned in the law and powerful in debate and fluent in rhetoric, but your petitioner now learns and is informed that his proper course, established by well-known precedent, that is to say, in the case of Commonwealth vs. Ficken, would have been to employ certain men commonly known as and called PARDON BROKERS, namely, one William B. Mann and one Lewis C. Cassidy, who would through you have seen your Excellency. Your petitioner further sheweth that he is now for the first time made acquainted with the fact that the precedent in the case of Commonwealth vs. Ficken was bought at a great price, and that in addition thereto, certain officers of the "Row" petitioned that said precedent removing the penalty for shooting small boys should be rendered void.

Your petitioner representeth and prays that he is not now or never was a rich man, and that he cannot pay to the said PARDON BROKERS, to wit, William B. Mann and Lewis C. Cassidy, a large sum of money, but he is informed and verily believeth that if a smaller sum will serve to show to your Excellency the injustice of punishing a poor man for shooting small boys, that such smaller sum will be contributed by the direct managers out of certain election funds in their possession; it being shown to said managers that your petitioner, owing to his skill as a shooter, can be made of effective service to your Excellency about the time your Excellency is to be a candidate for the office of President of the United States, to which position your heroism and services in every battle of the Rebellion entitle your Excellency. Your petitioner is further informed that for the same reason various members of the Union League, the Sheriff, Receiver of Taxes, Register of Wills, and other officers of the Row are willing to sign any form of petition your Excellency may suggest, as likely to meet your Excellency's views, in case your petitioner can succeed in obtaining the amount of money necessary to satisfy your Excellency's conscience and enlighten your Excellency's luminous mind.

Your petitioner further prays and representeth that he now languishes in prison owing to the ignorance of the law displayed in his trial by the said judges and prosecuting officer, while the said Ficken is unrestrained of his liberty, refining sugar at a vast profit to himself; and is daily practicing with the pistol at a wooden eddy of a small boy, set up in his back yard and appropriately labelled "Pena's laws of Pennsylvania."

Your petitioner therefore beseecheth that relief

which is his due under the precedent established by your Excellency in the case of the said Richard J. Picken, and he further sheweth that, unless a pardon be extended to him, great scandal and infamy may be raised against your Excellency, your petitioner fearing that malicious people will say and aver that your Excellency sells pardons through the said PARDON BROKERS, to wit, William B. Mann and Lewis C. Cassidy, to rich men like Ficken, and refuse to grant them to poor men like your petitioner. That there may not be one law for the rich and another for the poor, your petitioner humbly beseecheth for Executive clemency. And your petitioner will ever pray. FRANK MCGAUGHRAN, March 4, 1871. Eastern Penitentiary.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

THE CITY AMUSEMENTS. At the ACADEMY OF MUSIC Rossini's opera of Willam Tell will be performed this evening, with Madame Lichtmay as "Matilda," Madlle Koerner as "Edwige," Madlle Hafner as "Albert," Mr. Himmer as "Arnoldo," Mr. Vierling as "William Tell," Mr. Franosch as "Walter," Mr. W. Fornes as "Melchiel," Mr. Habelmann as the "Fisherman," and Mr. Allstrau as "Rodolfo."

At the CHESTNUT Massinger's comedy of A New Way to Pay Old Debts will be repeated this evening, to-morrow, and on Wednesday, in order to gratify the general desire to witness Mr. Day's sport's recreation of "Sir Giles Overreach." Although Mr. Day's talent has played this part frequently before, his great qualities appear to have taken many playgoers by surprise, and during the last two weeks much enthusiasm has been manifested with regard to it, the theatre being filled night after night with large and enthusiastic audiences. It is certainly a superb piece of acting, which no lover of dramatic art should miss seeing.

On Thursday the play of St. Marc; or, The Soldier of Fortune will be performed. At the WALNUT Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams will appear this evening as "Mike Macarty" and "Maggie Macarty," in John Brougham's drama of The Emerald Ring, and as "Philo" and "Vivian Sprouts" in the farce of The Ladies from New York.

At the ARCH Lotia is announced to appear this evening and until further notice in the drama of The Little Deceit. At the ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS the two-headed girl, the Kentucky giant, and the Nova Scotian giants will be on exhibition every afternoon and evening during the present week.

At the MUSEUM, Ninth and Arch streets, Fanchon the Cricketer will be represented this evening. At the AMERICAN the Bedouin Arab troupe, Cool Burgess, the African Jester, Miss Ella Wesner, and other performers are announced to appear this evening. The entertainment will conclude with the pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk.

An EXHIBITION of paintings by Mr. Edward Moran will be opened to-day at the Galleries of J. S. Earle & Sons, No. 816 Chestnut street. This exhibition will consist of seventy-five works, and it will include a great variety of subjects. The entire proceeds of the exhibition will be devoted to the fund now being raised for the relief of the sufferers by the war in Europe.

The EIGHTH CONCERT of the West Philadelphia Choral Society, on Saturday evening, the 11th inst., will be the most striking and excellent musical association was given at the Musical Fund Hall. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the evening the house was crowded by an audience composed of the best people of the city, and the concert, composed of madrigals, solos, quartettes, etc., was listened to with the greatest pleasure. The madrigal of Morley, written in 1595, was well sung and well executed, as also were many of the other pieces. The whole affair was a decided success.

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