MANY HOURS OF TALK

In the Argument of the Celebrated Penn Bank Case Yesterday.

SPICY ASSERTIONS AND QUERIES.

A Turtle Creek Firm Runs Up Against Some Financial Snags.

YESTERDAY IN THE VARIOUS COURTS

The arguments on the motion to set aside the report of Ex-Judge Hice as Master in the case of the Penn Bank was continued before Judges Ewing and White all yesterday. The opening argument was made by D. F. Patterson, who took up the thread where H. A. Miller finished on Wednesday. He endeavored to show that in the interval elapsing between the closing Wednesday, May 25, and the reopening, Friday, May 27, there were evidences of President Riddle's untrustworthiness of so remarkable a character as to render it impossible that he should be longer continued in authority by men of even the slightest caution.

In reference to the meeting of the Penn Bank directors and a number of outside prominent bankers on Wednesday evening after the closing of the bank, Mr. Patterson said: "There were present such men as A. M. Byers, Charles A. Speer, and when Mr. Riddle, as Mr. Byers subsequently testified, was asked for a statement, he produced one, in which, among other assets mentioned, were bills receivable to the amount of $953,000; cash on hand, $187,000, and moneys subject to check from other banks, $250,000. From this statement the outside bankers could not discover that the institution was in need of more than $150,000 or $200,000.

Needed for a Possible Contingency.

"In spite of all this Mr. Riddle asked for $500,000 or $600,000, while only $200,000 seemed necessary. Mr. Riddle explained that he might need it for a possible contingency. The outside bankers advanced $280,000 and in making it required the indorsement of the individual directors as security, and it was reluctantly given. While only the interests of 1,200 depositors were at stake the directors took their case, but when they became indorsers their own were involved and it was not until then that they began the investigation.

"They explored the vaults. Instead of there being $953,000 of bills receivable, as they had been assured, they found but $453,000 bills receivable and not a cent of ready cash, nor were the bills receivable considered of a good character.

The speaker said he confessed he could not see why the suspicions of the directors were not aroused after hearing the statement of Mr. Riddle and finding that he had lied. Yet they opened the doors on Friday with Mr. Riddle in full charge. If they did not suspect anything wrong, he said, it was simply marvelous.

D. T. Watson opened the case for the directors. He stated in opening that two masters had already decided the defendants not guilty of negligence, yet he would not set up former decisions as a bar or advantage to the present proceedings. "Perhaps," he said, "it is equity to punish men who are bowed with age, because years ago over a million dollars was stolen by a man in whom they had for years placed their confidence. It is easy to see after the lapse of years where mistakes were made or prevented. But the law does not require that in 1883 or in May, 1884, the directors of the Penn Bank should know William W. Riddle as they know him now. They were not alone the victims of the deception. The whole public was. Were they guilty of negligence in not knowing Riddle to have thieved? The entire public esteemed him. "Why was it that when the bookkeeper, the cashier, the assistant teller of the institution knew for months of the President's defalcation that they did not give the information to the directors?"

An Interruption by the Court.

Judge Ewing interrupted the speaker with: "Mr. Watson, as a matter of fact, if you had been a director would not your suspicions have been aroused by the President's statements in the newspapers when compared with the ones furnished the directors?"

Mr. Watson—Oh, Your Honor, I cannot affirm with certainty that they would.

Judge Ewing—I am positive, sir, that mine would.

A recess was here taken. At 1 o'clock Mr. Watson resumed his argument. He related how Mr. Riddle had worked for the Penn Bank with devotion, till, through his instrumentality alone, its deposits increased from $37,000 to $1,500,000; how when he was general bookkeeper he had reported President Hopkins for making an overdraft; how he reported a director, Mr. Hutchison, for attempting to make one, and how he was offered the Treasurership of the United States.

Judge Ewing remarked that he did not believe Mr. Riddle had been offered the honor and that he thought the report merely a current one and not founded.

Mr. Watson continued with a recital of how Mr. Riddle became a proverb of strict honesty and, above all, of self-sacrificing devotion to duty, and how any director might accept his statements as true. Mr. Watson then took up the matter relative to the fictitious accounts kept by Mr. Riddle, and which was allowed by the general bookkeeper. The entries in these fictitious accounts, the speaker said, "made a difference in the bank's standing of about $500,000. To secure cash for the counter at one visit of the auditing committee, I am informed that Mr. Reiber sent his check to the Workingmen's Deposit Company, got it cashed and then had plenty of money to show. It was no wonder the committee was deceived, the money was there before them. Every officer in the bank was in collusion to deceive the directors and auditing committee, and yet were the directors or the committee presumed to know this? We tried to get the oil of accounts Mr. Riddle. He was in New York and despite all our efforts we could not get them; otherwise we could have saved money to the bank.

When the Thefts Were Made.

"The thefts from the bank were made from May 15 to July 1, 1883. Between those dates the money went out and in that short time how could the directors learn of it or that the officers of the bank were all in league to effect the robbery. Under the oil resolution of 1880 not a dollar was lost and what is there in the resolution to let the directors infer that Mr. Riddle would rob the bank."

In regard to the overdrafts, the speaker said they were regulated by an ingenious individual ledger that contained the entries also of the fictitious accounts. Mr. Watson produced the ledger and handed it to Judge Ewing, remarking: "I do not think you will at first understand it. I have studied it for a year, and it is not yet clear."

In regard to the assertion that the suspicions of the directors should have been aroused by the difference in the published statements in the papers and those given to the directors of the condition of the bank, the speaker said that there was no evidence that the attention of the directors had been called to the published statements, or that they had ever seen them. Touching upon the closing of the bank, Mr. Watson said it was done without the knowledge of the directors.

Mr. Riddle explained that unexpected checking had caused it. The meeting was held; the great financiers of Pittsburg were present; Reiber said the liabilities were $918,000, whereas they were $1,800,000. The bankers present advised the opening of the bank. There was no warning that anything was wrong.

What Constitutes Real Negligence.

Mr. Watson then read numerous extracts from decisions and legal authorities defining what negligence on the part of a director is and to show that a judge is not to consider such a case purely in a legal light to force a conviction, but should place himself in the position of a practical business man, with hopes and inclinations to adventure into new fields and enterprises. Negligence of a director, he said, is that negligence bearing upon a primary cause of loss. The directors took the care that could be expected. They lost themselves over $500,000 in the wreck. They were deceived by all of the officers, and such another case is not known of.

Mr. Watson defined at length the difference between a director and a trustee, to show that directors cannot be held responsible in the same manner as a trustee.

When Mr. Watson finished his argument court adjourned to meet this morning, when the individual case against Thomas Hare, one of the directors, will be taken up.

CASES COMING TO TRIAL.

Fitzsimmons and His Gang Slated to Have a Hearing Next Week.

The following is the list of cases set for trial in the Criminal Court to-day:

Patrick Connelly, James R. Hudson, Owen McKay, James F. McCleary, William Wunderlich and John Carey, all for desertion; John Carey and Mike Noonan, for surety of the peace.

The trial list for the Criminal Court for the week commencing Monday opens with A. G. Budd, alias Fitzsimmons, Laura Hill, alias Snowden, G. B. Williams, Charles M. Clark, Emma Clark, Cora Wyatt and Daniel S. Deever, all of whom are to be tried either as principals or accessories in the charges growing out of the robberies that preceded and the shooting of the late Detective Gilkinson. The other cases are:

Commonwealth vs James Ninves, Peter Schaffer, Benjamin Williams, John Golden (2), C. B. Jordon, Albert Smith, James Harrington, William Watts, James Bartholomew, Charles Broden, Henry Smith (2), George Wilson, alias Anderson, William Reid, Charles Kay (2), Valentine Schneider, John Garrison, John Edmunds (2), Peter Herington, Albert Warner, Frank Graceton, John Craig, alias Graceton, Harry Chambers, D. Larimer, J. H. Wilson (2), Frank Robinson, Patrick McKale, N. T. Richardson, John Conlon, Michael Bennett, Edward Rubicom, Henry V. Wyant, Edward Lautner, Daniel Hines, Mrs. M. Bane, Samuel McFadden, Milton Blake, John Welsh, M. B. Hanlon, William Hanlon, William Miller, Henry Lewis, Thomas E. Hill, Daniel Guenther, Abner Copeland, Amos Beckroth, Joseph Geyer, Louis Hume, Hugh McGuire, J. R. Truell, Wesley Richardson, Joseph Karchufskie, Jackson Black, Harry Cohen, Augusta Dombrosky, Julianna Rawalski, John Krohmaley, Robert Maurer, Sebastian Smith, Mike Benkovitz, Catherine Benkovitz, Reuben Miller, Joseph Cramer, Joseph Alexnovitch, Teufil Kluezkowskie, Michael McCumiskey, Joseph Ogonowskie, (2), Harry McKee, John Parker, John McKee, C. J. Cassity, William Staley, John Shaub, Thomas Blackford, Robert Gibson, Abraham Hanry, John Hanker, James Johnson, Samuel Morison, Raymond Scherie, Alex Dugan, James Jackson, John Sill, John Moran, A. A. Alles, Jacob Wester, William Griffin, Frank Robinson, alias Shay.

SENTENCED ON FRIDAY.

A New Rule Put in Effect in the Criminal Court Yesterday.

Hereafter Friday afternoon will be the regular time for sentencing convicted prisoners in the Criminal Court, instead of Saturday morning. The new departure was instituted yesterday, and the following sentences were passed, Judges Slagle and Collier on the bench:

Philip Kennedy, larceny, six months to the workhouse, and for aggravated assault and battery, three months additional; Ellen Monahan, illegal liquor selling, 3 months and 30 days; Harry Farr, entering a building, sent to Morganza; William Forsythe, larceny, two years to the workhouse; Kate Cordell, receiving stolen goods, one year; John McGuire, entering a building, four months; Thomas Spoerline, Jr., and John Spoerline, assault and battery, $10 and costs each; Jerome Murray, same offense, same sentence; Charles Thornton, same offense, $20 and costs; John Slattery, same offense, $25 and costs; Violet Murray, larceny, 16 months to the workhouse; Patrick Herron, same offense, one year to the workhouse; Emery God rey, unlawful cutting, nine months to the workhouse.

TURTLE CREEKERS IN TROUBLE.

A Number of Sheriff's Executions Entered Against Jobe & Meanor Yesterday.

A number of Sheriff's executions were issued yesterday against B. A. Jobe and A. M. Meanor, doing business as Jobe & Meanor, at Turtle Creek. The executions were entered by Alex Douds and David Mackey, for $1,365; W. J. and James Gilmore, for $1,200; George M. Jobe, for $840; Elmer A. Jobe, for $765 79, and William J. Jobe, for $1,000.

There was also an alien execution entered in the Prothonotary's office by C. B. Willey against B. A. Jobe for $1,764 92, and in the Recorder's office a deed of assignment was filed by the firm of their real estate at Turtle Creek to J. M. Kinkead. The firm are planing mill operators.

AN IMPORTANT REPORT

Filed by Master Patterson Yesterday in the McFall-Pittock Case.

The report of Thomas Patterson, master in the equity suit of William and Sarah McFall against Clara, Thomas R. and Emma E. Pittock, for the partition of the real estate held by the heirs of John W. Pittock, was filed yesterday. The decision gives one-seventh to Harriet Stratton, one-seventh to Sarah McFall, three-fourteenths to Emma E. Pittock and one-half to Thomas R. Pittock.

The master also found that Mary Alice Pittock, grantor in the deed to Susanna Pittock, was not the wife of John W. Pittock, by reason of her previous marriage to John W. Banks, and that the deed of her dower interest in his estate passed no title of interest whatever.

Briefs From the Courts.

THE appraiser's statement in the assignment of John O. Slemmons was filed yesterday, and shows assets amounting to $14,050.

MURPHY & HAMILTON, contractors, entered an execution yesterday against the Ursuline Young Ladies' Academy for $2,108 76 for material furnished.

JOHN KIRSH had a hearing before United States Commissioner McCandless yesterday on a charge of violating the postal laws in sending obscene matter through the mails. He was committed for trial.

W. J. MCDONALD was appointed yesterday to take the testimony in the divorce case of John A. Austin against Annie A. Austin, and T. B. Alcorn to take that in the case of Anna M. Boyd against Robert B. Boyd.

ANOTHER foreign attachment was entered yesterday against the New York iron firm of G. W. Stetson & Co., at the instance of the Buena Vista Iron Company, of Virginia. The attachment is issued against the goods held by F. F. Vandevort.

JUDGE REED heard an argument yesterday in the United States District Court on a motion for an injunction to restrain John Robson and others from infringing on a patent of Sebastian Stutz for the washing and separating of coal by machinery. The court took the papers.

A PETITION for a commissioner in lunacy was filed yesterday by Mrs. Frederika Franzman to determine the incompetency of her sister, Elizabeth Bauss, to manage a small estate left her by her father. The Court appointed Thomas S. Parker to hear the testimony.

IN Criminal Court yesterday William Bates, charged with felonious assault and battery, was acquitted; Robert Bagley was found guilty of aggravated assault and battery; Henry Freedman of assault and battery; Charles Thornton of assault; William Ackerman of aggravated assault and battery, and Pat Herron pleaded guilty of larceny.

FUN—Bill Nye tells of his speculations in horse flesh for the benefit of the readers of THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

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PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

Pennsylvania Presbyterianism Is of the Most Stalwart Type.

BRIGGS HAS NO FOLLOWING HERE.

Some of the Topics to Be Discussed in Our City Pulpits To-Morrow.

GLEANINGS FROM CHURCH FIELDS

Pennsylvania Presbyterianism is of the most orthodox type. The delegation from this State at the Detroit Assembly was the largest of any State of the Union. There were 70 delegates from Pennsylvania, or more than one-eighth of the entire membership. Out of the 70 delegates from this State, only one voted against the resolution condemning Dr. Briggs. The one delegate, who must have felt lonely, was an elder from Lackawanna county. Pennsylvania is a stalwart State, both in politics and religion.

There is no field in this section for doubters and skeptics.

A half century ago the controversy between old and new school Presbyterians was at its height. Then Pennsylvania distinguished itself by its faithful adherence to the conservatives. Now, that a half century has elapsed since the controversy of old and new school, the same old questions are to the front, and our State still stands among the conservatives.

A prominent Presbyterian pastor of the city, in his comments last Sunday, spoke a kindly word for heretics. The substance of his remarks were that the Apostle Paul would no doubt have been arraigned as a heretic if he had been living at this day. Said he: "Some of the persecuted disciples in Jerusalem, after Pentecost, went forth to try more congenial fields. Antioch was one of the refuges for the persecuted Christians. There many of the disciples of Christ gathered and very soon a Christian church was organized.

"The great bone of contention in the Antioch church was the admissibility of other than Hebrews to the church. The Apostle Paul at first was in doubt as to whether Gentiles should be received into the Christian fellowship. But his doubts in this line were removed by the vision at Joppa, which taught him that no man was to be considered unclean.

"One of the grand utterances of Paul, and one that commends itself to the most advanced sentiment of our times, was this: 'Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but that in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.'"

Sunday Services in Pittsburg Churches.

OAKLAND U. P. CHAPEL—Preaching at 7:45 P. M., by William J. Reid, D. D., "An Absent God." No service in the morning.

AT Denny Church, Ligonier and Thirty-fourth streets. Morning, "Statement of the Method of Salvation." Evening, "Burdens."

THE First Unitarian Church, corner Ross and Diamond streets—Service at 11 A. M. by Rev. C. Howard Wilson, of West Newton, Mass.

AT Bingham Street M. E. Church, J. A. Ballantyne, pastor—Services morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Unity of the Church."

GRACE REFORMED CHURCH, corner Grant and Webster, Rev. John H. Prugh, pastor—Morning subject, "Our Public Schools." No evening service.

MR. WASHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. E. S. Farrand, pastor—10:30 A. M. "Faithfulness in Little Things;" 7:45 P. M., "Three Crucifixions."

POINT BREEZE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. DeWitt M. Benham, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Evening subject, "The Heavenly Kingdom."

ST. MARK'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, North Highland avenue, Rev. J. S. Nicholls—Services 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.; morning subject, "The Creator and the Creation."

FOURTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Ross street, Rev. H. C. Applegarth, pastor—10:30 A. M., "Dreamers and Workers;" 7:45 P. M., "The Faithful Witness."

EIGHTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. E. R. Donehoe, pastor—10:45 A. M., "Christians' Attitude Toward the World;" 7:30 P. M. "Fools, and How to Deal With Them."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Wood street, Rev. George T. Purves, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Evening subject. "Keeping the Faith."

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sixth avenue, Rev. E. P. Cowan, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:45 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Evening subject, "Ancient Faith in Modern Times."

SEVENTH PRESBYTERIAN, Herron avenue, Rev. C. S. McClelland, pastor—10:30 A. M., "Dem as Forsaking Paul;" 7:45 P. M., "How Much Owest Thou Unto My Lord?"

DEDICATING services at the new M. E. Church, Wilmerding, Dr. Roup minister in charge, Dr. I. C. Pershing will preach at 10:30 A. M. and assist in dedicatory services.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH—Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by Rev. J. L. Andrew, of Wisconsin, Curry University Chapel, Sixth street, near Penn avenue. Visitors welcome.

FIRST U. P. CHURCH, Seventh avenue—Preaching at 10:30 A. M., by the pastor, William J. Reid, D. D., "The Value and Danger of Expediency." No service in the evening.

FIFTH U. P. CHURCH, Webster avenue, Rev. J. W. Harsha, pastor—Services at 10:30 and 7:45 P. M. Morning text, "Your Fathers, Where Are They?" Evening topic, "Greatness in the Kingdom."

CHRIST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Rev. G. W. Izer, D. D., pastor—Preaching in the Bijou Theater. Morning subject: "The Human Soul in the Divine Likeness." No evening service.

THIRTY-THIRD STREET U. P. CHURCH, Rev. J. McD. Hervey, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M., "An Apostle's Idea of Giving." 7:45 P. M., "The Gospel of Labor. Children's Day exercises at 3 o'clock.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Forbes and Seneca streets, Rev. A. A. Mealy pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning, communion services. Evening subject, "Faith's Reward."

SIXTH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Collins avenue, East End, Rev. R. M. Russell, pastor—Services 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning sermon, "Fellowship With Jesus." Evening, "God's Method of Revelation."

CARSON STREET M. E. CHURCH, Southside, Rev. G. L. Guichard, pastor—Service 10:30 A. M. Subject, "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ." Evening service at 7:45 o'clock. Subject, "The Blotted Handwriting."

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, Grant street—There will be service forenoon and evening, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Edmund Heilfour, D. D. Anniversary of the Augsburg Confession in the forenoon.

LAWRENCEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Thirty-ninth street, between Penn avenue and Butler street, Rev. A. E. Linn, pastor—Subject, 10:30 A. M., "The Power of Christ's Word;" 7:30 P. M., "Understanding the Word."

LAWRENCEVILLE ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, corner of Forty-third and Butler streets, Rev. C. P. Harrah, pastor—10:45 A. M., "The Tongue as an Indicator of Spiritual Life;" 7:45 P. M., Children's Day exercises by Sabbath school.

SHADY AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, near Penn avenue, Dr. W. A. Stanton, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning subject: "The Old and the New in Religion;" evening subject: "The Authorship and Leadership of the Bible."

FORTY-THIRD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. H. H. Stiles, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Special evening services conducted by the Young People's Association. An address by Rev. J. G. Brown. Special instrumental and vocal music.

SHADYSIDE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Baum street, near Liberty avenue, Rev. J. K. McClurkin, D. D., pastor-elect—Children's Day, morning, 10:30, special sermon to children; subject, "White Harvest Fields." Sabbath school 2:30 P. M. Evening service 7:45.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT (Presbyterian), East End)—Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. Seth R. Gordon—In the morning, at 11, the Lord's Supper will be administered; subject of sermon, "Two Marks of a Christian. Evening, at 7:45, sermon on "Keeping the Heart."

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Penn avenue and Seventh street, Rev. J. R. Sutherland, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M., and 7:45 P. M. Subject in the morning, "Stirring Up the Mind by Way of Remembrance." In the evening, "The Reasonableness of Future Punishment."

MORNINGSIDE CHAPEL, Butler street, S. B. Linhart in charge—Sabbath school, 9:30 A. M. Morning service, 11 o'clock; subject: "A Sympathetic Friend in the Hour of Need. Evening service, 7:45 o'clock.

CHURCH OF GOD, Smith Hall, Highland and Ellsworth avenues, W. F. Cross, pastor—Services at 10:45 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning subject: "The Sword of the Lord." Evening: "The Greatness of Jesus Exemplified in Washing the Disciple's Feet."

SMITHFIELD STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, corner Seventh avenue, Rev. Charles Edward Locke, pastor—Services 10:30 and 7:45. Subject for morning, "A Walk About Zion;" evening, "Fashion and Morals." In the afternoon at 2 o'clock annual Children's Day exercises and infant baptism.

A SERVICE seldom used, but very beautiful and impressive, will be held on Monday, St. Peter's Day, at the Church of the Epiphany, Bellevue. In the morning this beautiful little church will be consecrated, set apart, to the worship of Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and separated from all unhallowed, wordly and common uses, as the instrument of donation has it. The church is free of debt, otherwise it could not be consecrated. The Bishop of the Diocese will officiate. Invitations to all the clergy in this vicinity have been given, and a number have signified their acceptance. The Rev. Mr. Grunge, of the Church of the Ascension, will preach in the morning. In the evening the preacher will be the Rev. A. D. Heffron, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hazelwood. The church people of Bellevue are to be congratulated on the successful issue, and especially the rector, Rev. Mr. Dyers.

Allegheny Churches.

WOODS' RUN MISSION, corner McClure and Shady avenue—Preaching at 7:45 by Rev. A. W. Whitmarsh.

ARCH STREET M. E. CHURCH, Rev. W. F. Conner, pastor—10:30 A. M., "In Remembrance;" 7:45 P. M., "Robbing God."

FOURTH U. P. CHURCH, Montgomery avenue—Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. by Rev. W. S. McClure, of Dean, Ohio.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, W. F. Richardson, pastor—Prof. J. M. Trible, of Bethany College, will preach morning and evening.

SECOND U. P. CHURCH, Rev. W. H. McMillen, D. D., pastor—10:30 A. M. "According to Your Faith," 7:45 P. M. "The Triple Sanctification."

NORTH AVENUE M. E. CHURCH, corner Arch street, Rev. J. T. Satchell, pastor—10:30 A. M., "On the Top of Tabor;" 7:45 P. M., "Forgiveness."

NIXON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, J. S. Hutson, pastor—Preaching at 10:30 A. M., by Rev. H. C. Hall. At 7:45 P. M., the pastor will preach.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, corner Stockton avenue and Arch street, Rev. S. Fichthorn, pastor—10:30 A. M., "Fruitful of Evil;" 7:45 P. M., "Not by Might."

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Liberty near Chestnut street, Rev. W. A. Kinter, pastor—Communion service at 10:30 A. M.; praise service at 7:45 P. M.

GREEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, Scott and Robinson streets, Rev. R. S. Laws, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 10:30 A. M.; subject, "Dangers in Delays." At 7:30, "Religion."

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner Franklin and Manhattan streets, Rev. S. D. McCorkle, pastor—Subject of sermon at 10:30 A. M., "Light;" at 7:45 P. M., "Almightiness."

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner North and Grant avenues—Morning, "The End of the Righteous and Wicked;" evening, "God in the Church, in Nature and in Heaven."

RIVERSIDE M. E. CHURCH, Kerr street, Rev. W. G. Mead, pastor—A sermon to the children at 10:45, and at 7:30 the Sabbath school will render an interesting Children's Day programme.

PREACHING in Reformed Presbyterian Church, corner Sandusky and North Diamond streets. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 3 P. M., conducted by Rev. J. A. Thompson. Sabbath school at 2 P. M.

MCCLURE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. S. J. Glass, pastor—Morning, "Apparent Failure—Real Success." Evening service has been discontinued until September 1. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:45 P. M.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner Lacock and Anderson streets, Rev. S. B. McCormick, pastor—Subject, 10:45 A. M., "The Peace of Reconciliation." Y. P. S., 6:45 P. M., "He Careth for You." No evening service.

BUENA VISTA STREET M. E. CHURCH, Allegheny, Rev. J. H. Miller, pastor—At 10:30 A. M.: "The Unchangeable." At 7:45 P. M.: "Forgiven as Forgiving"—the sixth in the series on the Lord's Prayer. Sabbath school at 2 P. M. Epworth League meeting at 6:45 P. M.

CENTRAL R. P. CHURCH, Sandusky street, Rev. J. W. Sproull, pastor—At 10:30 A. M., subject, "A Wise Man's Heart Is at His Right Hand, but a Fool's Heart at His Left." At 3 P. M., Sabbath school reunion. Evening service at 7:45. Subject, "A Savior's Absence, Evidence of a Savior's Love."

FELLOWSHIP meeting in Second Congregational Church, corner North and Grant avenues, Allegheny, Thursday evening, July 2, at 7:45. Questions for discussion: First—"What are the best means for promoting the growth and spiritual prosperity of a church?" Discussion opened by Rev. J. H. Young. Second—"What are some of the benefits of daily prayer?" Discussion opened by Rev. S. W. McCorkle. Third—"How can a Sunday school be made attractive and interesting to youths of from 14 to 20 years of age?" Discussion opened by Mr. Thomas Addenbrook. Those opening discussion will be allowed ten minutes, others participating five minutes each. Music will be interspersed with themes. As agreed upon, the pastor of each church where meeting is held will preside.

BIGELOW AT THE BAR.

The Public Works Department Chief in Court to Tell Why He Shouldn't Be Sentenced for Contempt—Decision Reserved Until To-Day.

Chief E. M. Bigelow, of the Department of Public Works, was present in the Criminal Court yesterday afternoon before Judges Slagle and Collier to show cause why he should not be sentenced for contempt of court for failing to comply with the Court's order in reference to the dumping of dirt along the wharves and the filling in of the channel. Major Moreland represented Chief Bigelow and Scott Ferguson, Esq., Mr. Hulings, the former prosecutor.

Mr. Ferguson opened by reading the petition of Mr. Bigelow and recounted the various steps that have been taken so far, and asked that Mr. Bigelow be made to comply with the sentence.

Major Moreland gave also an account of the proceedings previously heard and of the hopes Mr. Bigelow had in the Legislature through the wharf bill, and how the bill was vetoed, not on Constitutional grounds nor that the measure could not be of benefit, but that "it was vague and indefinite." "Mr. Bigelow has been left without any recourse," said Major Moreland, "and I think the Court should state what he can do in regard to this dumping."

Mr. Ferguson—There have been wagons dumped there lately. I heard of two public wagons there and can produce testimony to prove it.

Major Moreland—Mr. Bigelow denies this. If they were there it was without his authority. The wagons were likely stolen.

Judge Collier—He has to show reason why he did not comply with the sentence.

Mr. Ferguson—He had six months; the Court did not presume on legislation as a cause for extension of time. And now he comes and says he has tried to obey the Court and yet he has tried to flank the Court.

Major Moreland (hotly)—It is nothing of the kind; it is not so, and I object to such language. Mr. Bigelow is here and can state his position if the Court desires.

The Court did not call upon Mr. Bigelow. Major Moreland then stated that the nuisance alleged had been abated, and that the United States Government had commenced to fix the harbor here, and that further filling in would be thus prevented.

Mr. Ferguson stated that under the river and harbor bill passed in 1890, it was not sanctioned that dirt should be deposited in the river. A slight tilt occurred then between the two attorneys relative to their respective knowledge of that bill and its interpretation.

The Court took the papers and will give a decision this morning.

BROWN says you are about buying a typewriter. Why not look at the Caligraph? WS

THE M'DONALD POOL.

Operators Differ Widely in Their Opinions Regarding It.

SOME LIGHT WELLS DOWN AT MOON.

The Wells in the Wildwood Field Are Not Showing Up as Gushers.

OIL OPERATIONS IN BUTLER COUNTY

The McDonald field is puzzling the oil trade just at present. Ask an operator what he thinks of the fifth sand in that locality and he will instantly assume a sphinx-like expression and commence a desultory talk on sands in general. The fact is they don't know anything definite about it. One of the heaviest operators in the territory said yesterday: "There is no doubt that the McDonald is a breakfast bacon pool. The oil lies in strips and the successful operator will be the one who taps the strip with the most oil in it. There are now 30 odd wells going down in and around McDonald, and some of these will without doubt prove dusters. The majority, however, I believe will pay for themselves at least. The dry holes will be sufficient in number to define the sterile strips and consequently no operator need blame anyone but himself if he drills a dry hole after August 1."

Another operator advanced an idea that seems entirely plausible, and may yet prove to be a fact. He said: "I confidently believe that from the developments of the last two or three days, that all the oil which they are now getting at McDonald comes from the Gordon sand. It is a well known fact that the Sauters and Robb and McDonald farm wells of the Royal Gas Company were practically no good until they were shot. It has been given out that these wells were shot in the fifth sand, and that it is from that stratum that they are now making their oil. No doubt they were shot in the fifth sand, but they were also shot in the Gordon sand and it is from the Gordon that I believe they are getting their oil almost entirely. This may not be the case, but it looks very much like it now. All the wells in the field which have reached the Gordon have been fair producers naturally from that stratum, while they have not been improved perceptibly when drilled to the lower sand. My predictions I believe will prove true. I have a well drilling there, and if it makes any oil at all I intend to find out positively from what sand it comes."

The Field Reports.

MCDONALD—Clarke & Bannister's well on the Butler lot, near the churchyard, is flowing steady from the Gordon sand and is good for 130 barrels a day. The Royal Gas Company's wildcat on the Walker farm, in the southern end of Cross Creek township, is through the sand and dry. It is ten miles southwest on a 40-degree line from McDonald. The important wells in the McDonald pool at present are those on the eastern edge. Gailey Bros.' well, on the Sturgeon farm, is the farthest east. It is down about 800 feet. Hays & Co., on the Miller, come next. They are down about 1,000 feet, and Guckert & Steele, on the Mevey, follow at 700 or 800.

Some Light Wells.

MOON—W. L. Mellon's No. 3, on the Meeks, and his No. 3, on the Parry, are both in the sand and showing light. The Kanawha Oil Company's No. 3, on the Meeks, has 30 feet to go yet before reaching the sand. Their No. 1 on the George Springer is eight feet in the sand and showing for a 30 or 40-barrel well. J. A. Ferguson has bought Captain Grace's well on the Doty acre. He has shot it and is cleaning it out. It is showing for an eight or ten-barrel well. Boden & Co.'s well on the P. H. Stevenson is good for 40 barrels a day. The Harper No. 1, of the Orion Oil Company, is showing for 15 barrels after shooting.

Along the River.

THORN RUN—The Forest Oil Company's No. 4, on the Cooper, is showing for a 50-barrel well. It is 500 feet southwest of their Cooper No. 1. The Forest's No. 4 on the Curry is a fair gasser in the fourth sand.

On the Hill Tops.

MCCURDY—Patterson & Co.'s No. 7, on the McCurdy farm, is at the bottom of the Gordon sand. It is doing 43 barrels from the 30 foot. Hewitt & Botts' well, on the Cowan farm, is down 1,800 feet. Switzer & Co.'s well on the Shaffer farm on the eastern edge is on top of the sand. The casing in the Forest Oil Company's well on the Ewing farm in the southwest collapsed yesterday. They were drilling past the tools and had about 1,900 feet of casing in the hole. Patterson & Co. are down 500 feet in their No. 1 on the Adams and have just commenced to spurt at their well on the Harbison ten acres.

Put Off the Shot.

CORAOPOLIS—The shot which has been in the Forest Oil Company's well, on the Hoybar, was finally exploded yesterday morning and the well is now being cleaned out. It is showing for a fair well.

Another Small One.

MURDOCKSVILLE—The Forest Oil Company's well, on the Nancy Stroud, is completed and good for ten barrels a day.

The Pioneer Pool.

WILDWOOD—Bowman and the Augusta Oil Company's Nos. 4 and 5 on the Whitesell farm are deep in the sand and showing for light wells. They are thought to be too far to the west. Kennedy & Co.'s No. 4 on the P. & W. lot is due to-morrow. Ireland & Hughes' well on the Kummer is on top of the 30-foot sand. Finegan & Downing's No. 5 on the Rynd is 12 feet in the sand and no oil.

Under the Maple Trees.

CLIFF MINES—Andrews & Co.'s well, on the Marshall lot, will make a 25 barrel well. It is 600 feet north of Cliff Mines station. The Enlow Oil Company's No. 2, on the Alex. Adams, is in the sand, and will make a 20-barrel well. The Fisher Oil Company's No. 7, on the Stewart farm, is due to-day.

Touched Up for Gas.

ELIZABETH—The old Ray well, drilled a couple of years and abandoned, was drilled 190 feet deeper during the last week and is a sixth sand gasser. It is reported to have a capacity of 9,000,000 cubic feet per day.

Butler County Operations.

MILLERSTOWN—Titley & Co.'s No. 4, on the Downey, will make a seven-barrel producer. Their graveyard well is so small that it will not pay to operate. E. Workman & Co., on the David Shakeley, is good for ten barrels a day.

QUEENSTOWN—Fisher & Co.'s No. 7, on the Fisher farm, is light. Crawford & Co.'s well, on the Crawford, is dry. Wally & Co., on the McGarvey, is dry. J. C. Widger has finished a duster on the same farm. Pittsburg parties have completed a gasser on the Morrison farm.

CALLERY—Aiken & Hayes Bros. No. 1 on the George Marburger has been shot and cleaned out and the production increased from 5 to 35 barrels a day.

ZELIENOPLE—The actual production of this field is 645 barrels a day. There are four wells drilling and three rigs up, and there have been four wells completed this month. The Zelienople Oil Company's No. 4 on the West farm has made 35 barrels in the last 24 hours. They will clean out their old No. 1, which was abandoned, and give it another test. The Hebrew Syndicate's No. 2 on the Allen is in and dry.

HARMONY—One dry hole is the record of this field for the past month. The daily production is only 114 barrels a day.

PETERSVILLE—Dale & Thompson's No. 2 on the O. Rader is down 800 feet. Wuller & Co. are ready to start their No. 2 on the same farm. Hovis & Redd are ready to start their No. 4 Blakely. Black & Co. on the Nicholas heirs are 30 feet in the sand and showing for a fair well. The Oak Oil Company has shot and cleaned out their No. 2 on the Mrs. Welsh farm and it increased from 10 to 35 barrels a day.

BAKERSTOWN—The Clendennings No. 2, of the Butchers' Oil Company, is making 20 barrels a day and will be drilled to the fourth sand. The same company's No. 1, Pat Kennihan and their Richards No. 4 are making 20 barrels a day respectfully.

EUCLID—Linn & Co.'s well near this place is completed and a duster.

MARS—Reed & Co., on the Hespenide farm, are four feet in the sand and showing light. It is located between the Balfour and Dutill developments. Osborn & Co.'s well on the Cookson farm, is in the sand and showing for a fair well. The McCalmont Oil Company's well on the Waters farm is showing good.

PETERSVILLE—Black & Co., on the Nicholas heirs' farm, are 30 feet in the sand and showing for a good well. The Oak Oil Company has shot its No. 2, on the Mrs. Welsh farm, and it increased from 10 to 35 barrels a day.

JEFFERSON CENTER—T. W. Phillps' No. 3, on the Benewitz farm, is three bits in the sand and showing light. The Fisher Oil Company is building a rig on the Noulett farm, one mile west of Herman station.

GRAFF MILLS — The Pittsburg Plate Glass Company has a well in the sand near Ford City. Deitrick & Company have a gasser in the Butler sand at their well on the Smith farm.

GOLD—Guffey & Queen will get the sand in their well on the Glasgow farm Monday.