

FIRE FED ON PAPER.

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DRAWNS CROWDS AND STOPS CARS.

Superintendent Weir's Suits Against the Violators of the Liquor Law Come Up To-Day.

AN APPOINTMENT AT THE COUNTY JAIL.

Happenings of Interest Gathered in Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

Fire last evening partly destroyed the four-story brick building No. 937 Liberty street. It is owned by James Lockhart and occupied by B. F. Veach, dealer in paper sacks, and W. T. Chaffee, dealer in crockery and crockeryware.

The flames broke out shortly after 6 o'clock on the top floor of the building. They are supposed to have started from a boiler, though this is not definitely known.

The fire had a good start when the department arrived, and three alarms were necessary. It took an hour to get it fully under control. The fire occurred just about the time when the streets were crowded more than any other part of the day and attracted a large audience.

The crowd, as usual, interfered considerably with the work of the firemen, got wet under the showers from bursted hose and finally went home dazed and angry.

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The flames were hottest in the rear of the burning building. Directly across the alley from this is the big stable of T. C. Jenkins. It was feared for a time that this would catch fire and all the horses were taken out.

The entire loss on the fire will not exceed \$16,000. Mr. Veach is the principal loser in this. He had between \$12,000 and \$15,000 worth of stock, consisting of various kinds of paper sacks. This was all destroyed either by fire or water.

LIQUOR SUITS TO-DAY.

They Will All Be Ready for the Grand Jury When Meets.

The hearing of the wholesale liquor dealers, charged with violating the liquor laws by selling beer in less quantities than 12 one-pint bottles, will be held before Magistrate McKenna this afternoon.

The hearing before Magistrate Gripp on the same charge will be held on the 20th inst. These are the suits brought by Police Superintendent Weir. The liquor dealers, it is said, have formed a combination to test the constitutionality of the new law on this point.

U. P. Synod Next Week.

The Synod of the U. P. Church of Western Pennsylvania will convene next week in this city. The place of meeting is the Sixth U. P. Church, Collins street and Station avenue, and the session will continue for three days, beginning with a preliminary conference Tuesday evening.

One of the Jail Keepers Chosen.

Warden McAleese yesterday filled one of the two vacancies at the county jail, by appointing Charles Kramer a keeper. The appointment must be ratified by the Prison Board.

Burning His Wife's Wardrobe.

Officer Cooner, of Allegheny, was called yesterday to a house on Lovric street, Troy Hill, to arrest Peter Brabus, who was found calmly making a bonfire of several silk dresses belonging to his wife.

Royal Arcanum Day at the Exposition.

Splendid music will be played by Cappa's band to-day in honor of the Royal Arcanum. No days have been so successful as those set apart for societies, as their entire following always turn out.

New Hours for Police Hearings.

Mayor Gourley yesterday fixed the hours for Police Magistrate's hearings as follows: Gripp, Central station, 7 and 8 o'clock; McKenna, No. 3 station, 8 o'clock; Leary, 8 o'clock; Hyndman, No. 6 station, 7 o'clock; No. 4 station, 8 o'clock; Seep, No. 7 station, 7 o'clock; No. 8 station, 8 o'clock. Prisoners leaving forfeits must appear at 6:45 o'clock.

Diphtheria and Scarlatina Prevalent.

Diphtheria and scarlatina are prevalent and in a greater degree than a few weeks ago. During the past ten days nearly 100 new cases have been reported to the Bureau of Health.

The Best of All Cities on Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of New York, who preached a sermon on the evils of Sabbath desecration, at the Eighth U. P. Church Sunday, left yesterday for Toledo. He will return to New York in a few days.

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