CIDER AND COOLEYS

Combine to Wreck the Health and Brain of a Fayette Farmer.

TERRORIZING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Starting on a Rip Van Winkle Chase for Blood With a Gun.

NEWSY NOTES FROM NEARBY TOWNS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 24.—Charles Gaigen, of near Morris cross roads, this county, through indulging too freely in hard cider and from fear of the Cooley gang, is a raving maniac, and for the past three days has been running amuck among the hills of Spring Hill township, armed with a double-barreled shotgun and a butcher knife, striking terror to the hearts of the peaceful citizens of that section. He was captured last night after a fearful struggle by one lone unarmed man, and is now confined in his home under close watch. He will probably be sent to Dixmont in a few days.

Gaigen is a farmer and has been very much worked up over the outrageous acts of the notorious Cooley gang. He has frequently expressed the fear that he would be robbed or murdered. For several weeks he has been drinking heavily of hard cider mixed with alcohol, and this, together with his anxiety about the Cooleys, has shattered his health and his reason.

Last Sunday it was first noticed by his friends that he was not sane, when he took his gun and started for the hills, saying that he was going to capture the Cooleys, dead or alive. He was dissuaded from leaving the premises, however, on that day, but on Monday he escaped unnoticed, and the first heard of him was that he had shot at a man named Lyons and then plunged into a thicket, yelling at the top of his voice.

A posse of citizens at once organized and hunted for him day and night, occasionally getting sight of him, but not near enough to effect his capture. Whenever he would catch a man alone he would fire his gun at him and then run to some cover.

Last night he slipped back to his home and finding his wife and children in bed, he dragged them from their beds and drove them out doors, saying, "Now, in with the Cooleys." Mrs. Gaigen ran to the house of Henry Jennings near by, and gave the alarm. Jennings, a daring young man, unarmed, went back with Mrs. Gaigen, to see if he could not pacify the madman. Just as he reached the front door, Gaigen opened it, and, pointing the double-barreled gun at Jennings' breast, both hammers cocked, he warned him to keep back.

Quick as a flash, Jennings ducked and made a spring for Gaigen. At the same both barrels of the gun were discharged just over Jennings' head, but doing no damage save to the trunk of a cherry tree. Jennings clinched the madman and a terrible struggle ensued, the latter fighting like a demon. Jennings was too strong for him, though, and after a short time succeeded in choking Gaigen into submission. Mrs. Gaigen had in the meantime ran into a neighbor's, and in a short time a crowd of citizens had collected. The madman was tied and locked in his room.

BRADDOCK BEVITIES.

The Pennsy Still Trying to Head Off the Beach Creek—A Copper Wire Mill.

BRADDOCK, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company have put 300 men to work between Turtle Creek and Wilmerding to establish a blockade to the cut of the Beech Creek Railway line that has been surveyed from Phillipsburg to Bessemer. It is stated here that Andrew Carnegie is one of the large stockholders in this line, and that its intended terminus is Wheeling. The Pennsylvania people are afraid their rivals will get into Wilmerding. The Reading Company, however, which is back of the Beech Creek, have another survey between Murraysville and Turtle Creek over which they can run their line if prevented extending it through Wilmerding and Walls.

The new copper wire mill, an extensive concern, started up this morning.

Willie Klouse, a 5-year-old boy, attempted to cross the track of the Braddock Street Railway at 8 o'clock last evening and was struck and instantly killed. The motorman was arrested.

Coroner McDowell held an inquest this afternoon over the body of Charles Coote, the 5-year-old boy who was run over and killed yesterday by a street car. The verdict was one of accidental death, and Motorman W. H. Sharah, who was under $1,000 bail, was exonerated.

Certain councilmen are urging a municipal building to cost $25,000.

A remonstrance is already in circulation against the proposed borough of "New Braddock."

THEIR CALCULATIONS DIFFER.

The 'Squire Makes Justice Safe by Holding Clarion's Ex-Treasurer for Trial.

CLARION, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—At the hearing of ex-County Treasurer McEntire to-day, the Auditor's statement for 1891 was offered in evidence, showing that at the end of the term he was indebted to the county over $15,000. Evidence was introduced, showing that subsequent payments have been made, reducing that amount to about $4,300, and against that are assets to reduce the deficiency to $2,800.

One bondsman testified that at the end of the second year he with one other bondsman made an examination of accounts, and found the county owed the treasurer $50. At the end of the term they again examined the books, and found the treasurer short $2,300. The difference between their calculations and the auditors was not explained, but the Justice decided that there was enough evidence of guilt of the crime charged to hold defendant for court.

Erie and Philadelphia Locking Arms.

ERIE, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—A large committee of the Philadelphia Commercial Exchange came here to examine the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad's facilities for handling freight and general business at Erie, and to confer with Erie Board of Trade members on plans for diverting the grain trade from Buffalo to Baltimore to the port of Erie and thence to Philadelphia over the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad. The statement was made that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company would not furnish cars for handling the traffic. Committees of the two cities agreed upon a plan of co-operation.

Bank Cashier Hoyt Under Arrest.

CHICORA, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—H. J. Hoyt, cashier and proprietor of the defunct Butler County bank, which recently failed with liabilities of $30,000 and nominal assets, was arrested to-day on two charges of embezzlement made by E. F. Hays and H. C. Litzinger, merchants of this place, who had each deposited several hundred dollars a few days before the closing of the bank. Hoyt waived a hearing before 'Squire Huselton, and gave $1,000 bail.

Pittsburgers Head Pennsy Printers.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—The State Printers' Union was organized at Scranton to-day. Delegates from all typographical unions in the State were present. The officers elected are: President, John Mathews, Pittsburg; Vice President, M. Lustig, Pittsburg; Secretary-Treasurer, D. R. Lowry, Pittsburg; State Organizer, E. J. Davis, Scranton.

The Dates of Two Important Trials.

JOHNSTOWN, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—Judge Barker to-day fixed March 9 as the date for the new trial of Elmer Bruner, charged with the murder of old man Reese. The argument for a change of venue in the suit of Strayer and Leckey against the South Fork Fishing Club was postponed to May 5 owing to the absence of the Pittsburg attorneys.

M'KEESPORT MATTERS.

A Colored Barber Arrested for an Old Crime—Craig for a Federal Building.

MCKEESPORT, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—Considerable excitement was caused here at 1 o'clock this afternoon by the arrest of William Boston, a colored barber, by two detectives, and when it was ascertained what Boston was wanted for, the surprise and excitement increased. The men were City Detective Charles Still, of York, Pa., and Detective Johnston, of Allegheny. He is wanted for waylaying and robbing a prominent citizen of York one night during the year of 1885, and also for breaking jail at York. Mr. Still said "Boston is a dangerous man. His York victim was beaten almost to death, and after being robbed of all his money and a gold watch, was thrown into a canal, but managed to recover after many months of suffering. Soon after his arrest he managed to make his escape, also liberating three other prisoners." Four years ago Boston was married in public at Lyceum Hall to a daughter of Rev. Sandy Christian, an old colored minister. Ten cents was charged admission, and many presents were received.

A. K. Craig, who expects to succeed Congressman Andrew Stewart, writes the Committee on Federal Buildings, that the contest case will go before Congress next Thursday, and that soon after he will do all within his power to assist in securing for McKeesport the federal building. He also says that immediately upon being sworn in he will consult with John Dalzell in regard to the matter.

John Potts, who was assaulted between 7 and 8 o'clock Monday evening, is in a fair way to recover, and it is expected that he will live. This morning Joseph Dietrich, a widely-known young butcher of this city, was arrested charged with the assault. Mr. Potts does not know who hit him, and Deitrich denies hitting him, but he says he pushed Potts away when he tried to pick a quarrel with him.

Mrs. W. Davis, who walked here from Braddock, and walked the greater portion of the distance from York, Pa., was sent to the County Home to-day.

THE BROKEN-UP BEAVER GANG

Believed to Be Connected Also With the Burgettstown Marauders.

BEAVER FALLS, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—The identity of the men who so desperately attacked Officers Cornell and Green last night, still remains a mystery. The man who was shot in the side gives his name as John Strickler, but the officers believe it is an alias. The man shot in the mouth gives his name as Robert Wilson, and this seems to be his proper name, as he claims Pittsburg as his home and tells of his friends there. The third man, shot in the elbow, says his name is Frank Brady. This is believed to be true, as Detective Lazarus identifies him as an oil well tool-dresser and says he is a hard case.

Detective Wilson, of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, says he is positive the men belong to a freight robbing gang who have been working in Burgettstown and along the Monongahela river, and believes the man Strickler is one of the leaders of the gang. There was a fourth man in the crowd, but so far he has escaped arrest. Wilson, who was shot in the mouth, says this man was also wounded, but slightly, and escaped with him to New Brighton, where he disappeared. This afternoon the three wounded men were committed to jail on the charge of felonious shooting. The man shot in the mouth is in a bad way. His jaws are torn away and he cannot eat. The ball in Officer Cornell's body was cut out to-day, and he will soon recover. Pittsburg officers will be here soon to identify the prisoners.

HIDDEN DANGER IN A CELLAR.

A Lighted Lamp Causes a Frightful Natural Gas Explosion at Charleroi.

CHARLEROI, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—About 7 o'clock this evening Mrs. Danner, living near the station, entered her celler, taking a lighted lamp. She had hardly descended the steps when a terrific explosion occurred, natural gas having evidently drained into the cellar from outside pipes. The building was totally wrecked and immediately caught fire, but the flames were soon extinguished.

Mrs. Danner, her child and a sister were the only persons in the house at the time, and all were seriously but not fatally burned. Mrs. Danner was the worst sufferer, being fearfully burned about the face and breast, blazing oil being thrown all over her. Fortunately help was near at hand, and the fire, which had nearly burned the clothes from her body, was extinguished.

DICK COOLEY HELD FOR TRIAL.

He Waives Preliminary Hearing and Goes Back to Jail Till March.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 24.—[*Special*]—The hearing in the case of Richard Cooley, brother of Frank, charged with being an accomplice in the highway robbery near Haydentown, this county, a short time ago, was set to take place this evening. At the time set the prisoner waived a hearing and was remanded to jail for trial at the March term.

Samuel Yeager, who was arrested in company with Cooley on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, was given a hearing at the same time and was held for trial. He is from Dakota and is known here as "Sam, the Cowboy." Cooley's sister, a rather handsome girl, accompanied him to the magistrate's office.

A Normal School Without Students.

ERIE, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—The students of the Edinboro State Normal School, who agreed to leave the institution in case Principal Cooper was not restored to his position, have kept their word. As soon as information was received that Prof. Cooper had been enjoined by the Court, the students called a meeting and proceeded to arrange for the exodus. To-night, where there were 250 students, there is naught but silent halls. The students, as they left Edinboro, wore badges and waved banners bearing the inscription: "Convicted without trial, not American. We stand by Cooper."

A Tannery Failure in Bedford County.

BEDFORD, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—Executions were issued to-day against A. L. Hench, of Alum Bank, this county, for $20,000. Hench is proprietor of a large steam tannery. His liabilities will reach $50,000, with assets of about $20,000.

Tri-State Brevities.

BURGLARS robbed the Freeport planing mill Tuesday night.

CALDWELL, O., has quarantined itself against the surrounding country to guard against diphtheria.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, about 13 years, fell from Fawcett's coal tipple, at Webster, Tuesday evening and crushed his skull. He cannot recover.

A BOILER manhead blew out at the Youngstown Steel Works, terribly scalding James Fury, who received the entire volume of hot water and steam.

WILLIAM S. MCJUNKIN, a farmer near Moravia, Pa., was found dead on the P. & L. E. track near New Castle yesterday, having probably been killed by a train.

FRANK CALLEN, who was arrested in Altoona last week on suspicion of having, under the name of Patrick McDermott, murdered Daniel Dougherty, at Edgington, Rock Island county, Ill., was released from imprisonment yesterday. Callen will sue for false imprisonment.

THOMAS POTTS, a Monongahela City man, is lying at the residence of a friend in McKeesport in a critical condition. He was assaulted in an alley Monday night, and was found some time after. The assailants made good their escape. What the motive of the assault was is a mystery. Potts' money and valuables were found on his person intact.

CHANGED THE DATE.

The Two Big Battles at New Orleans Will Not Conflict.

RYAN WILL RETIRE IF BEATEN.

Local Ball Club Officials Support the Interests of Players.

THE NEW YORK TEAM'S PROGRAMME

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—The conflicting dates of the two athletic clubs—the Metropolitans and the Olympics—which had fixed the Needham-Ryan and the Fitzsimmons-Maher fights for the same day and hour, March 2, have finally been arranged. A committee of the Metropolitans waited on Mayor Shakespeare yesterday and asked the Mayor to arbitrate, leaving it to him to decide which club should change its date. The Olympic Club, however, obtained the necessary permit from the Mayor to-day for their fight to come off March 2, changing its date. The Metropolitans got their permit for a fight on March 2 nearly a month agg, but to-day decided to change the affair to Monday, February 29, the day before Mardi Gras, so as to avoid a conflict and allow all to see both fights.

The contest between these famous welterweights will be much more important and of a much higher quality than is generally expected. The Fitzsimmons-Maher contest has simply put the welter-weights into the background, but good authorities are of opinion that they will make a better battle than Maher and Fitzsimmons. Everybody is pleased that the date of the contest has been changed so as there will be opportunity to see both events.

Both Ryan and Needham are in excellent condition and each is confident of victory. Ryan is slightly favorite and he states that if he is beaten he will retire from the ring.

There is little new regarding the big event between Maher and Fitzsimmons. The latter's friends are still holding out for odds and it is likely that Maher will go into the ring a favorite. All the city officials are much interested in the affair and there will be a strong force of policemen at the contest to preserve order. It is estimated that New Orleans will be thousands of dollars richer because of the battle, as wealthy sporting men from all parts of America will be here and spends lots of money.

The programme at the Olympic Club's arena the night of Wednesday, March 2, will be as follows: Mitchell will box four rounds with an unknown; Slavin will box four rounds with an unknown; Mitchell and Slavin will box six rounds, and then the great finish contest between Robert Fitzsimmons and Peter Maher will commence.

PREPARING FOR THE MEETING.

Directors of the Louisville Club Getting Their Programme Ready.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 24.—A meeting of the ball club here has been called for Friday next. The object of the meeting is to give the local delegates to the big conference in New York full instructions. They will be told what to favor in a new National Agreement. They will be ordered to demand Sunday games in tones which will not take "No," for an answer. Each city should be allowed to decide this matter for itself, according to the stipulation made to certain of the Association clubs, when the consolidation was made at Indianapolis.

However, the most important matter to come up at the meeting is the schedule. The local delegates will be instructed to ask for a great many favors. One point upon which they will be ordered to insist with unstinted vehemence is that Chicago be scheduled to open here. It is settled, Manager Chapman says, that the West—this means Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburg—where the weather is inclement in the spring—will inaugurate the season in Cincinnati, St. Louis and Louisville. All three of these latter cities are striving for Chicago to begin with, since "Old Anse's" team is recognized as the best drawing card.

Another matter will also come up at the meeting. Dr. Stucky, owing to pressing business at home, will decline his election as delegate and a new man will have to be chosen. Harry Means, the President's Secretary, will probably be selected as the third representative. Mr. Means' experience in baseball, as the directors recognize, will make him a valuable man for the club at the meeting.

THEY FAVOR DRAFTING.

President Temple and Manager Buckenberger Support the Players' Interests.

In talking about the League meeting Manager Buckenberger yesterday stated that he is in favor of Colonel Rogers' "drafting" scheme. He also said that President Temple is a supporter of it.

"It will be a great benefit for the players," said the manager, "and will not disturb the equality of the respective teams in the minor leagues. In my way of thinking, the minor leagues will not suffer by the exceptionally good players being drafted from them. Heretofore these good players have always been transferred from the smaller leagues to the larger ones and it is certainly not right to retain a good player in a small league at a miserably small salary, when a major league club will pay him well. If the minor league clubs would pay a good player as good a salary as would a major league club then there would be some reason in the minor league club wanting to keep him. We must not forget that the players will have to be protected as well as anybody else in the new state of things. What should be paid to a minor league club for a good player is another matter and I am not prepared to say what the figure ought to be."

WILL MEET AT MEADVILLE.

A Meeting Called to Reorganize the N. Y. and Pa. League.

MEADVILLE, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—A meeting will be held in this city on March 9 to try and reorganize the New York and Pennsylvania League. It is expected that most of the following cities will be represented: Erie, Olean, Bradford, Jamestown, Dunkirk, New Castle, Youngstown, Canton, Akron and Meadville.

Present plans are for the formation of an eight-team league, under the rules adopted by the Eastern and Western Associations, by which the salary limit will be obliged to be strictly observed. The gentlemen interested feel confident that the necessary capital can be raised, and that a strong league will be organized.

EXPECTS BIG CROWDS.

Harry Stevens Speaks Well of the Outlook of the Baseball Season.

Harry Stevens, who has secured the local ball park privileges this year, arrived in the city yesterday. Harry is always as busy as a bee in summer time, and if the patrons of the local club are not pleased with their score cards this year they probably never will be. He will remain in the city until he has completed everything ready for the opening, and he has, indeed, great prospects.

Since here last Sir Henri has visited the principal League cities, and he reports that the outlook for a great baseball season was never better. He said: "There will be some great ball playing this year and some big crowds all along the line."

Hotels for the Colonels.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 24.—The following hotels have been chosen as stopping places by the Louisville manager: Boston, United States Hotel; New York and Brooklyn, Grand Hotel; Philadelphia, Continental Hotel; Pittsburg, Monongahela House; Baltimore, Utah House; Washington, Randall Hotel; Chicago, Tremont House; St. Louis, Lindell Hotel; Cleveland, Weddell Hotel, and Cincinnati, Gibson House. Last year the Association selected the hotels for its clubs. This rule, however, was violated before the season was a month old. No such arbitrary action has been taken by the new league.

THE GIANTS' PROGRAMME.

They Are Getting Ready for Their Southern Trip Next Month.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—Manager Powers is making active preparations for the southern trip of the New York team. The men who will go to Richmond are Boyle, Buck Ewing, Rusie, King, Sharrott, Van Zant, Welch, Taylor, Coughlin, Sullivan, Fuller, Lyons, Tiernan, Gore and O'Rourke. Bassett will doubtless also be there. Ford's Hotel has been selected as the headquarters for the team. On March 24 the Washington League team will try its mettle against New York, and the Baltimores will follow on March 25.

The champion Bostons will meet the New Yorks on March 26, and on March 29 and 30 the Philadelphias will oppose the Gotham players. The New Yorks will then start for this city and open the local season with the Jaspers on March 31. Manager Powers will use his young pitchers in the preliminary games, so as not to endanger Rusie and King.

That John Ewing will not do any pitching for the New York team next season is accepted as an assured fact. Manager Powers takes that view of the case, but feels secure with eight other boxmen to call upon.

MR. RAPER'S JUDGING.

A Local Authority Says a Word or Two About It.

Local dog fanciers yesterday had much to say about the victory of Mr. Moorhead's bull terrier Streatham Monarch at New York. One gentleman who attended the Chicago show said: "I was confident that the Chicago judging was not correct, and that as soon as an authority like Mr. Raper, of England, judged the Pittsburg dog he would be adwarded first prize. The fact that Mr. Raper was the judge at New York makes the Pittsburg victory all the better. Raper and Frank Dole, owner of Carney, are intimate friends, and it was at Raper's request that Dole bought Carney in England, Raper claiming at the time that Carney was superior to Streatham Monarch. Moorhead paid $500 for his dog and Dole bought Carney for about $200."

Results at Guttenberg.

GUTTENBERG, N. J., Feb. 24.—The track to-day was very sticky and heavy. The weather was cold and disagreeable, and the attendance was small.

First race, five furlongs—Idea won, Marty B second, Count Luna third. Time, 1:10.

Second race, six furlongs—Innovation and Cascade ran a dead heat, Gradual was third. Time, 1:27.

Third race, one mile—Sir George II won, Yazoo second, Bias third. Time, 2:00¾.

Fourth race, five furlongs—Quibbler won, Shotover second, Picket third. Time, 1:03½.

Fifth race, four and one-half furlongs—Turk II won, Ballad second, Bolivar third. Time, 1:02¾.

Sixth race, seven furlongs—Algernon won, Sir Lancelot second, Jack Batchelor third. Time, 1:43¾.

Jackson Sails for London.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—Peter Jackson, who is matched to fight Paddy Slavin in London, May 30, left for England to-day by the steamer Britannic. He was accompanied by Con Riordan, of California, his trainer. Jackson will spend a couple of days in London, and then secure training quarters, probably at Brighton. Before the steamer sailed Jackson said that he knew he would get fair play in London, and hoped to beat Slavin. He said he was in excellent health, and was well satisfied with the outlook.

The Last Chess Game a Draw.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—No game was played in the chess match between Steinitz and Tschigorin Sunday. Yesterday the Russian opened the twenty-first game with the king's gambit, which was accepted by Steinitz. After 47 moves the game was abandoned as a draw. The score up to date is as follows:

Steinitz, 0, d, d, 1, d, 1, 0, 0, d, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, d—8

Tschigorin, 1, d, d, 0, d, 0, 1, 1, d, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, d—8.

Steinitz, 8; Tschigorin, 8; drawn, 5.

Ready for the Rangers.

A member of the Pittsburg Football Club called at this office last evening and left the following statement: "As Mr. Beddoes thinks the Roscoe Rangers can defeat the Pittsburg football team the latter are ready at any time to play the Rangers or any other team in Western Pennsylvania for any amount. First come, first served."

Wood Is Leading.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The score of the bicyclists at the end of the second day stood: Wood, 264 miles 8 laps; Ashinger, 264 miles 7 laps; Robb, 264 miles 4 laps; Lamb, 263 miles 8 laps; Prince, 256 miles 3 laps; Stage, 240 miles; Rowell, 220 miles; O'Flannigan, 200 miles.

General Sporting Notes.

THE Michigan University boys at Ann Arbor have installed Pete Conway as their coach.

PETER MAHER will leave his training quarters on Saturday for New Orleans. He is in excellent condition.

MANAGER BUCKENBERGER stated last evening that the local club delegates are determined to make a strong fight for Denny Lyons.

IT is likely that the Amateur Athletic trouble in the East will be settled. The A. A. U. Governors have a meeting on the matter March 8.

MANAGER WARD, of the Brooklyn team, wants Reddy Mason to accompany the team to Florida to attend to the rubbing of the players after exercise.

LOUIS ROGERS BROWNING has lots of assurance, although outside of the breastworks. He has announced that he will lead the League in batting this year.

PITTSBURG players cry in vain for a professional trainer. A gentleman with a club might do good execution in the ranks if he was given half a chance.—*Times-Star.*

ISN'T it about time for "Tommy" Esterbrook to appear on Broadway tied to a pug dog by a yellow ribbon? Or is he afraid Policeman "Jack" Lynch will run him in? asks O. P. Caylor.

THERE was a meeting of the members of the local football club last evening. All accounts for the expenses of Monday's game were settled and the team are wishful to tackle the Chicagos again.

WONDER if some of the goody-good clubs in the League won't come off their high horse against Sunday games before 1892 is very old? It is a lumber yard against a toothpick that two of the clubs that have given it out strong that under no circumstances will they engage in Sunday ball will forget their good resolutions when they get a good view of the receipts of games played on that day.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

HAPPENINGS IN POLICE CIRCLES.

JOHN MCNEILLY entered bail yesterday for a hearing before Alderman Donovan on a charge of assault and battery preferred by John Dougherty.

ROBERT DEVINE, a lad 17 years old, was arrested by Officer Conner last night for stealing a pair of trousers from a second hand store on Water street.

FRANK GROSS, of the Southside, was arrested yesterday on a warrant issued by Alderman McGarey, charging him with aggravated assault and battery. George Freyburger, the complainant, alleges that on Monday night Gross waylaid him at the head of South Twenty-sixth street and beat him with a coupling pin. The defendant was held for a hearing this evening.

JOHN TOMPOSE, a Polish laborer at Byers & Co.'s mill, entered suit before Alderman McGarey yesterday against Gus Sexaner, a boss at the mill, charging him with assault and battery. The prosecution alleges that the defendant undertook to give him some orders, and because he could not understand them struck him on the arm with a bar of iron. There will be a hearing this evening.

DAVID OSTROE, arrested by Detectives Demmell and Robinson yesterday on complaint of several people who alleged he had induced them to give him money on promising to teach them to paint, is still at Central station, and the police are hunting evidence against him. Hall Kohler and his brother and Joseph Wolf, of Dickson street, allege they gave him $5 for the purpose, and he continually put them off. Ostroe will be held a few days.

TO-DAY TO DECIDE.

The Case of George W. Delamater Now in the Hands of the Jury.

THE COURT FAVORS THE DEFENSE

In a Charge Accepting 14 of the 17 Points Raised by Counsel.

G. B. AND T. A. MUSTN'T BE CONVICTED

MEADVILLE, Feb. 24.—Nearly every seat in the Crawford County Court House was filled this morning at 9:05 o'clock, at which time Judge John J. Henderson began his 40-minute charge to the jury in the Delamater case. The defendant, who, throughout the entire trial, has preserved a cool demeanor, sat by the side of his counsel and eagerly listened. A pin-drop could be heard as the Judge reeled off his opinion affirming the points of law raised in behalf of the defendant.

The Judge began his charge by referring to the act of Assembly under which the indictment was found, and among other things said in that connection:

The act of Assembly, as you will observe, is new to criminal jurisprudence in this Commonwealth, and you are engaged in the trial of, perhaps, the second case which has come to the attention of the courts in the Commonwealth since the adoption of this act. The Commonwealth in the present case assumes the burden of satisfying you that the defendants are guilty under this statute and ask you to say from the evidence which has been offered that a case has been made out.

G. B. and T. A. Must Not Be Convicted.

The Judge referred to the lack of evidence presented against G. B. Delamater and T. A. Delamater, and said:

When the Commonwealth has all the evidence in and has failed to exhibit such a state of facts as would warrant the Court in permitting a conviction to stand if a verdict of guilty should be found, and to instruct the jury that under all the evidence a verdict of guilty ought not to be rendered, therefore the Court advises you at this state of the proceedings that as to G. B. Delamater and T. A. Delamater the Commonwealth has failed to present such evidence as would sustain a conviction, and that, therefore, your verdict as to them should be not guilty.

Judge Henderson then defined the meaning of the act of Assembly under which the indictments had been found, and for 20 minutes carefully explained the full and legal meaning of every word of the act and the duties of the jurors in their disposition of the case, saying among other things:

The act of Assembly provides for the evidence of four states of fact as indispensable conditions to the establishment of this offense. First, there must have been a bank, a banking institution or a banker; second, deposits must have been received, or a deposit must have been received; third, at the time such deposit was received the banker must have been insolvent; fourth, at the time of receiving the deposit the banker must have known he was insolvent.

A Big Task for the Prosecution.

You will observe that the burden cast upon the Commonwealth in establishing the indispensable facts necessary to support a conviction under this act of Assembly are heavy, because of the unfortunate conditions which surround the transactions from which the prosecution must necessarily make up its case. There must be a bank, a banker, a depositor, insolvency and a knowledge of insolvency by the accused.

The Judge then briefly reviewed the evidence as presented to the court, touching the four conditions noted above, after which he took up the 17 points of law as presented by counsel for the defense, and after denying the first three, as stated, "for the purposes of this trial," affirmed the remaining 14, which practically called for a finding by the jury of a verdict of not guilty.

While instructing the jury as to the manner of finding a verdict in this particular case, the Judge said:

You have, gentlemen, the evidence bearing on the question of solvency or insolvency as to all of the defendants, and this is the first proposition for inquiry; and second, the question of knowledge or lack of knowledge of insolvency. The question of the knowledge or lack of knowledge of insolvency involves the honesty of the belief of the defendant in his solvency, whether there were grounds on which he might fairly base his belief of solvency; whether the grounds were so clearly known to him beyond doubt up to and before the 4th of December that there is no reasonable doubt that he knew at that time, or each of them knew at that time, that they were insolvent.

Points for Acquittal or Conviction.

If the Commonwealth has failed to make out by clear evidence beyond reasonable doubt the fact of solvency or insolvency, the defendant should be acquitted. If they have shown you by evidence, which removes all reasonable doubt, that the partners were insolvent up to and before the 4th day of December, 1890, and if they further show you that they knew they were insolvent before that time, as bearing upon the defendant, G. W. Delamater, particularly; if that fact is established in your minds beyond all reasonable doubt, the Commonwealth has made out the case charged in the indictment.

After further reviewing the evidence presented touching upon the relevancy of testimony, the Judge referred to the good character established for the defendant by the counsel for the defense, and told the jury that among the other things to be taken into their consideration was the costs, which in all cases of the character presented were to be fixed by the jury. The jury retired at 9:40 A. M., but up to 8 P. M. nothing had been heard from their room. At 4:30 P. M. court adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow morning.

If a verdict is reached to-night it will not be made public before morning.

TALES OF THE TWO CITIES.

ANNIE VAN DICKON was knocked down and run over by a team at McKeesport yesterday. She was not seriously injured.

PRESIDENT EATON, of the Humane Society, addressed the boys of the St. Paul Parochial School on "Kindness to Animals" yesterday afternoon.

ALEXANDER CLANCY, an employe of the Ft. Wayne shops in Allegheny, lost three fingers of his right hand by a buzz saw while at work yesterday.

CORONER MCDOWELL was notified last night that a man named James Kuhn was struck by a train on the Allegheny Valley Railroad near Tarentum at 9 o'clock and instantly killed.

THERE were two new cases of scarlatina and five of diphtheria reported to the Bureau of Health yesterday. They were not confined to any particular locality, but scattered over the city.

MICHAEL KERNS, who was injured last Friday by someone throwing a crock on him from a window on Second avenue, was taken to the Mercy Hospital yesterday in a critical condition, erysipelas having set in. The person who threw the crock is not known.

ABOUT 5 o'clock last evening car No. 55 on the Wylie avenue line struck a lose guy wire that hung across Wylie avenue at Fulton street. The roof of the car was damaged and the passengers were badly frightened. One lady fainted, but no person was injured.

WILLIAM ISEMAN, of the East End, who has been lying very ill at his home for several days past with erysipelas caused by Charles Hughs, a waiter, assaulting him with a catsup bottle, was reported out of danger last night. His physician says he will recover.

THE lecture that was to have been given to-night in Old City Hall by General D. H. Hastings, has been postponed until Friday, March 18. The Woman's Christian Temperance Alliance had secured Old City Hall for the evening and General Hastings was to lecture for them on Johnstown. The citizens committee in charge of the soldiers' banquet could not find a hall sufficiently large enough to accommodate them and the ladies waived their right, gave up the hall and postponed the lecture until March 18.

THE WEATHER.

For Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia: Increasing Cloudiness and Light Rains; Warmer South Winds; Cooler and Generally Fair Weather.

Two areas of high barometer, with a long trough between, are the conditioning weather factors. The persistent Eastern high wave continues over the Atlantic States, with its crest in the Northwest. The Western high wave overlies the country from Manitoba to Mexico, and the intervening trough, inclosed by the isobar of 30.10 inches, covers a narrow belt from the mouth of the Mississippi to Lake Superior.

Rain has fallen along the Mississippi river and about Lake Michigan; also on the North Carolina coast. Elsewhere clearer, fair weather has prevailed, with overcast skies on the Atlantic from Virginia northward. An area of low barometer is south of Florida, and probably extends northward along the Gulf stream, causing the strong northeasterly winds in the South Atlantic coast, and especially in the vicinity of Hatteras. These conditions will likely cause a continuance of the cloudiness on the Atlantic coast.

With rain from Florida to Virginia and west of the Alleghenies from Tennessee to the lake regions, but succeeded by colder, clearing conditions, a north and south rain belt moves eastward and is followed by the wave of high pressure as the high pressure on the Atlantic coast diminishes and the winds shift to south. Much warmer weather will follow in front of the shallow low area.

TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

8 A. M.	38	Maximum temp.	60
12 M	48	Minimum temp.	25
2 P. M.	56	Mean temp.	48
5 P. M.	--	Range	25
8 P. M.	48	Prec.	0"

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items—The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 24.—Business good. Weather clear and pleasant. The river is falling slowly, with 8 feet 11 inches in the canal and 25 feet 5 inches below. The Grace Morris came in from Salt River this morning. The John K. Speed passes down for Memphis to-morrow. The Mariner and tow due up to-night. The Diamond departed for New Orleans with a tow of coal this morning. The Barrett is overdue up. Departures—Big Sandy, for Cincinnati; James Guthrie, for Evansville; Sherry, for Carrolton, and City of Clarksville, for Kentucky River.

What Upper Gauges Show.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION—River 13 feet 4 inches and falling. Clear and pleasant. No ice.

MORGANTOWN—River 5 feet and stationary. Clear. Thermometer 56° at 4 P. M.

BROWNSVILLE—River 6 feet 3 inches and falling. Clear. Thermometer 49° at 6 P. M.

WARREN—River 6.2 feet. Clear and mild.

The News From Below.

EVANSVILLE—River 24 feet 1 inch and falling. Clear.

WHEELING—River 16 feet 6 inches and falling. Departed—Courier, Parkersburg; Andes, Cincinnati. Warm.

PARKERSBURG—Ohio 19 feet and falling. Scotia due up. Andes will not be down until morning. Volunteer, up. Mild.

MEMPHIS—Departed—Ohio, for Cincinnati. River 22 feet 4 inches and rising. Warm and rainy.

CAIRO—Arrived—Golden Rule, New Orleans; Lilly above Cherokee, Memphis. Departed—Milligan, City of Monroe, Golden Rule, Cherokee. River 32.6 feet and rising. Cloudy and cool.

CINCINNATI—River 28 feet and rising. Departed—Henry M. Stanley, Kanawha; John K. Speed, Memphis. Fair and warm.

THE FIRE RECORD.

AT Youngstown, the shop of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad. Loss, $3,000.

AT Philadelphia the two-story brick finishing mill of Clark & O'Neill, table cloth manufacturers. Loss, $10,000. Origin unknown.

AT Baltimore, Cone Bros.' clothing house. Loss about $50,000. Fireman Leon Talbot perished in the flames and another man was badly burned.

AN alarm from box 31 at 7:30 o'clock last evening was caused by a fire at No. 1244 Penn avenue, owned and occupied by Esther Kabelinski, who runs a second-hand clothing store. It was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The loss will not exceed $300.

AT Nashville, J. J. Anderson's wagon factory, Bell's paint shop, Minton's tinnery and R. A. Jones' livery stable. Fully 100 mules were in Jones' stables, but all were safely taken out. Loss estimated at between $30,000 and $35,000; insurance, $6,500.

AT Scranton, the Lackawanna Valley House was damaged $5,000, and Reicherts' jewelry store on the ground floor an equal amount. More than 60 guests were in the hotel at the time and a panic occured among them. They all rushed into the street for safety, but as the fire did not damage the sleeping apartments they returned after the excitement had subsided.

Ocean Steamship Arrivals.

Steamer.	Where From.	Destination.
Teutonic	New York	Queenstown.
Majestic	Liverpool	New York.
Rhynland	New York	London.
Maine	London	Philadelphia.
Illinois	New York	Antwerp.
Bothnia	New York	Liverpool.
Elbe	New York	Southampton.
Lake Huron	Liverpool	Boston.
Belgravia	Glasgow	New York.
Wyoming	Liverpool	New York.

DUSKY GRADUATES AT CARLISLE.

Five Boys and Girls Representing Several Tribes Get Their Diplomas.

CARLISLE, Feb. 24.—[*Special.*]—The 13th anniversary of the Indian Training School here took place to-day, some 800 Indians participating in the exercises. The entire morning was devoted to inspection of the different industries conducted by the school by the visitors, among whom were United States Senator Dawes, of Massachusetts; Hon. T. D. English, of New Jersey; Messrs. Cartwright, Yeatman, Bradford and Ball, of the Indian Bureau at Washington, and many others.

This afternoon commencement exercises took place. The graduating class consisted of five boys and three girls, representing several tribes. Dr. James E. Rhoads, President of Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, in an interesting speech, presented the graduating class with their diplomas. Speeches were then made by Senator Dawes, Congressman English and the