

NOT A BOROUGH YET.

The Charter of Incorporation for Turtle Creek Refused.

BECAUSE OF A TECHNICAL POINT.

A Decision on the Law and Order Appeals Expected To-Day.

COURT PROCEEDINGS BOILED DOWN.

Judge Porter yesterday handed down an opinion refusing to grant a charter for the incorporation of the borough of Turtle Creek. He said: "While we believe that incorporation of the proposed borough would be beneficial to the territory proposed to be included within its limits, we are constrained to hold that the requirements of the act of Assembly with regard to notice of the intended application for a borough charter by publication 30 days before the presentation of the petition have not been complied with in the proceedings."

IN THE FEDERAL COURTS.

J. M. Clark Takes General McClelland's Place as Jury Commissioner.

Judge Baughman appointed S. C. McClelland Commissioner to take testimony in the standard case of W. S. Reno vs. Fred Keefe yesterday. An argument was held before Judge Acheson yesterday in the case of the J. L. Mott Iron Works vs. the Standard Manufacturing Company, an injunction case to restrain the defendants from infringing on a patent water bath, bath tub, etc.

THE ORIGINS OF HAITI.

Alleged to Be Deported in a Dog in the Hill District.

The section known as the Hill district of this city was greatly worked up a day or two since over the report that a lot of young colored boys and men had caught the sons of two prominent citizens and taken them into a den somewhere on Pasture street, or rather in an alley near by, with intent to do them injury of some sort. Some people asserted that the den was one where orgies are celebrated similar to those we read of in Haiti and Santo Domingo. It is said that an attempt was made to strip the lads, but one succeeded in breaking away, and summoning help, had his companion in misfortune released.

ABOUT FORTY VICTIMS NOW.

The Newfoundland Fishermen's Disaster Worse Than First Reported.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 2.—Two more dead bodies have been brought in from the ice. Thirteen men are still missing and the remaining eleven are in a precarious position. They are supposed to have been carried away on the ice. It is reported that fires were seen on the ice at Chapel Head. The steamer Labrador is searching Trinity Bay and has the ice with her. It is hoped that the loss of life will be under 40. Subscription boxes have been opened for the bereaved relatives. Much sympathy is felt for them.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Street cars are again running in peace in Indianapolis. Earthquake shocks were felt at Santa Anna, Cal., Tuesday. Work on the Tebanepoee Railroad will be begun immediately. The National Republican delegates will vote for Harrison. Arizona miners are flocking to the Hamburg district, the newest gold El Dorado. The Trinidad Colonial Legislature has approved the West India trade reciprocity treaty with the United States. D. R. Anthony, the rabid free silver Kansas editor, announced before the Kansas Republic League his conversion on that subject.

Location of a Locust Post.

Attorney H. L. King, while examining a title to a piece of property in the Seventeenth ward, yesterday unearthed a peculiar section of the English language. It was in a will, dated 1841, in which the testator bequeathed part of his property to an heir and it was partly described as follows: "Forty rods on the Allegheny river on my farm to be ascertained from the center of the same to and Lawrenceville."

The Sanity of a Soldier.

An inquest in lunacy was held in Common Pleas No. 2 yesterday on Robert Pollock, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Erie. He is 65 years of age, and a number of years ago was a practicing attorney at the Allegheny county bar. The inquest was held at the petition of his daughter, Miss Josephine H. Pollock. He was found to be "lunatic and to have been such for over two years. The principal part of his estate is a pension of \$20 per month.

A Verdict in an Oil Case.

In the case of C. A. Smith vs. M. Finegan, an action on a contract, a verdict was rendered for the plaintiff for \$737.37. The suit arose from the sale of a half interest in an oil well, the plaintiff claiming that Finegan knew a dry hole had been drilled in the same vicinity before making the contract to sell.

A Decision Expected To-Day.

Judge Porter will hand down an opinion this morning in the appealed newspaper cases from the decision of Alderman Robe.

To-Day's Trial List.

Common Pleas No. 1.—The Commonwealth vs. Berenger; Daniels vs. Pittsburgh and Ormsby Railway Company; Thomas Wolf Carter vs. Hertz; Sloan vs. Catherwood; Downey vs. Leveny; the Commonwealth vs. Home at Bank vs. Jones; Hoffman vs. Smith; Briggs vs. Reinegan; Kirsch vs. Knox et al.; Schrock vs. Sullivan; Baier vs. McDonald; Coster vs. Krush. Common Pleas No. 2.—The Commonwealth vs. Lorch vs. P. & L. E. R. Co.; Brownlee vs. O'Neil; Easthope vs. Parry Milk Company; Steffler vs. Barnes Sale and Lark Company; Douthett & Lovell vs. Dunlap.

Briefs of the Courts.

The case of Jutte & Co. vs. C. W. Paul, an action on a coal contract, is on trial before Judge Clark.

A verdict for the defendant was given in the case of A. B. Young against A. J. Phillips, an action on an oil lease.

The suit of F. J. Oesterlin against A. M. Jenkinson, a suit to recover architect's fees, is on trial before Judge Stowe.

In the suit of J. F. Maeder against J. H. Covert, an action on a contract, a verdict was given yesterday for the plaintiff.

E. J. Donnelly yesterday was appointed assistant stenographer for Common Pleas Court No. 2 at a salary of \$1,800 per year.

The suit of Mary M. Coulter against John

SWARTZWEIDER, a suit on a contract to recover for a buggy, is on trial before Judge Ewing.

A verdict for the defendants was given yesterday in the case of A. Blackley against A. M. Hertz and A. A. Heiner, a landlord and tenant case.

A verdict of \$201.80 for the plaintiff was given in the case of Hopper Bros. against A. A. Milligan, an action for damages for an alleged breach of contract.

In the case of Henry Brinker vs. Louis Michel, an action for slander, the plaintiff was given a verdict of 50 cents and the defendant ordered to pay costs.

Cross Allen got a verdict of 50 cents against the Pittsburgh Traction Company yesterday. The plaintiff was put off a car after he claimed to have paid his fare.

The divorce case of Lena Adler against David Adler was issued on the husband's motion to show cause why he should not pay his wife money for support and counsel fees.

In the suit of J. C. Dunlevy against the McClelland and Duquesne Bridge Company, to recover for land appropriated, a verdict was given yesterday for \$75 for the plaintiff.

The official order was made yesterday detailing Judge Collier to preside in the Quarantine Court for the next term, to be held on March 10th.

Judges Stowe and Sigler to assist him, if necessary.

Ex-Mayor Wyman was a witness in a suit in Judge Stowe's court yesterday, and exercised considerable interest. The case was that of John F. Holmes against police officers Snyder, Binney and Starnegat for false arrest.

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WHAT OIL WELLS COST.

McDonald Operations Require More Money Than Elsewhere.

OUTLOOK FOR SISTERSVILLE.

Wells in That Field Increase When Relieved of Salt Water.

OIL IN WILDCATS BELOW McDONALD.

There is no oil field in the country in which it costs more on an average to drill a well than it does at McDonald. In the great depths of the third or Gordon and the fifth sands below the surface, it is frequently happens, three strings of casing must be put in. Salt water is liable to be found in almost any of the sands from the salt sand 500 feet to the fifth, which is 2,300 feet below the Pittsburgh surface. This has to be cased off and involves a heavy expense. Some of the wells which have been drilled from 2,500 to 3,500 feet in this field have three strings of casing in them, and it is not safe to say that the initial cost of a well is seldom less than \$5,000 and it frequently, through prolonged fishing jobs, runs as high as \$8,000 and \$9,000.

MILLIONS HAVE BEEN INVESTED.

There was no business to speak of, and fluctuations were few and far between. The opening, lowest and closing for the April contract was 20 1/2, the highest was 20 3/4. The market was marked down a point at Liverpool, to 15 1/2, but was unchanged elsewhere. Clearances were 10,000 barrels. The National Transit corporation opened at 50c, 46,000 barrels; lowest, 50c; closed, 50c; sales, 46,000 barrels; clearances, 22,000 barrels; production, 27,400 barrels. Badrock, March 3.—National Transit corporation opened at 50c, 46,000 barrels; lowest, 50c; closed, 50c; sales, 46,000 barrels; clearances, 22,000 barrels; production, 27,400 barrels.

A FAMILY QUARREL.

No One Left Able to Tell the Story to a Neighbor Who Was Called.

SHERMAN, TEX., March 2.—A terrible tragedy occurred Monday night at the home of William Smith, two miles northwest of the city. The story is told by Mr. Smith's father as follows: On the night in question one of Billy's little girls came over to my house and stayed all night. She went home in the morning about 5 o'clock, but she had hardly been able to go there when she ran up to me crying, exclaiming: "Papa and mamma and my brother have all been killed." She went there just as soon as I could, and a terrible sight met my gaze. Bill and his wife were both lying in pools of blood. Bill managed to mumble out a few words, but the others were inensible. Bill could not say anything. The highest doctor in the county was called, but he was unable to do anything. There was blood all over the house. There was no one there who could tell me anything about the accident.

Free Sons of Israel Adjourn.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—The Independent Order of Free Sons of Israel held their concluding session this morning, when the new officers were formally installed. The convention adjourned to meet in Chicago in 1897.

Where the Case is Reversed.

The case is reversed, of course, where a well is allowed to stand without the salt water being exhausted. At the Kanawha Oil Company and the Miller's Oil Company's well on the Mitternigh farm, located 1,000 feet west of the No. 1 Stewart, it started off at 55 barrels a day, but the salt water finally forced it down to 20 barrels a day. J. C. Foyant's No. 1 Stewart well on his old No. 1. He then put down a well on the C. Russell farm, three-quarters of a mile west of the original Stewart well, which started off at 30 barrels a day, and has since been forced down by salt water to 60 barrels a day.

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One of the latest wells in the field and the one which has given rise to all kinds of reports from the field recently is J. C. Tennant's No. 1, on the Tennant farm, but stopped flowing after it had put out a couple of hundred barrels. It is located a mile southwest of Stewart No. 3. It is now making 30 barrels a day from the third pay.

The development of a good 500 barrel well will greatly accelerate the movement in the direction of the Pittsburgh field.

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Southwest Wildcats Showing Oil.

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