THE CITY POST.

MONDAY MORNING.....MARCH 6.

Important Decision.—Sunday Liquor Selling.

Judge M'Clure, in the Court of Common Pleas, on Saturday morning, delivered an opinion on the appeals which had been taken from Alderman Steel's decision in the Sunday liquor cases brought before that magistrate. The principal exception taken to the decision of the Alderman, was that the law was unconstitutional. As will be seen by the following opinion of the Court, read in the case, the judgment of the Alderman has been affirmed by the Court:

Casey vs. the Commonwealth; No. 161 October term, 1853.

These are several writs of certiorari, to the proceedings of the Alderman in different cases. Several sets of exceptions to his proceedings have been plead in various cases by different counsel. The exceptions may be resolved into the following—some of them apply to one case, and some to others:

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Second. The Alderman did not make return of his record in writing under his hand and seal.

Third. He erred in overruling the plea to his jurisdiction.

Fourth. The witness was interested. Misnomer.

Sixth. Error in the terms of his judgment. Incomplete record.

Seventh. That the Alderman nullified the Constitution in refusing an appeal, thus depriving defendant of a trial by jury.

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The act of Assembly under which these proceedings were had, is in these words:

"If any innkeeper or other person shall sell or retail any spirituous liquors, or make liquors on the Sabbath day, except for medical purposes, he, or they, upon being convicted thereof, before any Alderman or Justice in and for said county, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, the sum of $50, one moiety of which shall go to the person prosecuting and suing for the same, and the other moiety to the use of the Commonwealth; and in case any person or persons so convicted shall neglect or refuse to pay the fine, and no goods or chattles can be found whereout to levy the same, by distress, he or they shall be committed to the county jail for a term of not less than ten, nor more than thirty days, at the discretion of the law."

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The second exception alleges a matter of fact which the record itself contradicts.

As to the third exception, the act of Assembly expressest confers jurisdiction on the magistrate, and his overruling the plea to his jurisdiction could not be erroneous.

So far as regards the fourth exception, the record of the Alderman exhibits the fact, that upon demand made by the accused, to meet the accuser face to face, the accuser then and there actually met him face to face.

Exception Fifth.—As to the witness being interested—the act of Assembly made him a witness, a competent witness, which is enough. In every case of misdemeanor tried in the Quarter Sessions, the prosecutor is a competent witness, and yet he may be said to be interested, for the verdict of the jury may impose the costs of prosecution upon him, which is often the case. As regards the misnomer, Charles Instead of Christopher, this should have been pleaded in abatement; going on to trial was a waiver. It is too late to take advantage of it now.

With respect to the sixth exception, there is no error in the terms of the judgment of the magistrate; it is remarkably full, exact and specific, and in careful conformity with the act of Assembly.

The record is also complete in the opinion of the Court; but if it was not, the proper method of proceeding would have been to have alleged diminution, and pursued the usual mode pointed out for completing it.

As to the seventh exception, that this proceeding is a summary conviction. Summary convictions were known and practiced before the constitution was adopted, and in this respect "the right of trial by jury" remains as heretofore. This mode of justification, summary convictions, was borrowed in this country from the English law. Its uses were familiar. Its practical exercise was experienced in our own country before the formation of our written constitutions of government. The constitutional provisions which guard with so much jealousy and care the right of trial by jury, not content to protect persons the benefit of proceedings by indictment, and common law forms have been held not to prohibit the use of adjudications by summary convictions.

And in the progress of society, with the increase of the varied affairs and pursuits of men, summary convictions have been applied by our own and other Legislatures, for the punishment of many minor offences in cases in which the delay and expense of ordinary forms of proceeding in the courts of record would be inconsistent with the due and efficient administration of justice, and with all experience. The Courts have in cases without number recognized the validity of State laws extending such jurisdiction, and lent their aid in carrying such laws into effect.

The act is constitutional.

The proceedings and judgment of the Alderman are affirmed.

There are four cases, which will be ruled by this decision—these of Scely, Casey, Vierheller, and Wilhelm. A large number of persons were arrested for the same offence and likewise appealed, but we presume the decision of Judge M'Clure will also govern these cases.

Merchants' Exchange.

The following ticket has been carefully made up, "with out the aid of secret canvassing," and will be strongly supported this afternoon, for election, by independent voters:

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THE CANAL SHIPPING.—The water has been let into the Canal, and on Saturday we noticed a number of boats receiving flour from the warehouses at the basin. There is a large amount of flour stored away in the warehouses, awaiting shipment to the East.

MESSRS. Clark & Thaw, one of our heaviest forwarding firms, have removed to their old warehouse, on the corner of Wayne and Penn street. This building it will be remembered, was destroyed by fire last autumn; it has been rebuilt, one story high, and finished in such a manner as to leave no doubt of its strength.

DISORDERLY HOUSE.—Alderman Parkinson, of the Fifth Ward, a few days since, held a man named Philip Schumble, his wife, and a Mrs. Curry, to bail for keeping a disorderly house, in the Fifth Ward. They were held to bail for their appearance at Court. The prosecutor was John Terral.

Afterwards, on an information made by Mrs. Schumble, Terral, and two others, John Daly and Richard Oryer, were arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. Terral and Daly were committed in default of bail, and Oryer discharged, on payment of the costs.

RAILROAD INDE.—The Philadelphia North *American*, states that Gov. Johnson, President of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, has purchased ten thousand tons of Pennsylvania railroad iron, which will complete his road to Brookville, Jefferson county; and that he has effected favorable negotiations for the entire payment out of the securities now held by the Company. We are gratified that our own State furnishes the iron for this road; for, though costing something more originally, it is so far superior to the foreign article, both in durability and general qualities, as to be far cheaper in the end.

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CINCINNATI TO PITTSBURGH.—The Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company have appointed Alexander Hamilton as their passenger agent in Cincinnati. The *Enquirer* says a more proper appointment could not have been made. Two trains leave Cincinnati daily for this city—one leaving at 6 A. M., and arriving here at 8 P. M.; the other departing from Cincinnati at 5 P. M., and arriving in this city at 11:40 A. M.

FAST WORKMANSHIP.—We have been informed that Mr. H. M. Myers, of Lippincott's axe and shovel factory, Pennsylvania Avenue, made, on a recent occasion, seventy axes in nine hours and thirty minutes. This is the fastest work of the kind on record. A New York workman, we believe, made sixty axes in the same time, but Mr. MYERS beat him, and appears, at present, to stand at the head of the list as a fast workman.

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WATCH HOUSE.—The watch house on Saturday contained eight persons—all of whom were sent to the hill, by Mayor Vols, for terms ranging from twenty-four hours to thirty days.

THEATRE.—Jack Sheppard is the play to-night.

FIRES.—Incendiaries seem to be devoting their attention at present to printing offices. One day last week, an attempt was made to fire the *Gazette* office, but the flames were happily extinguished before any further damage had been done than the destruction of a lot of waste paper. On Saturday, a like attempt was made to fire the *Post* buildings. About one o'clock in the afternoon, it was discovered that a lot of printing paper in the press room had been set on fire. The fire was extinguished, but not before several bundles of paper had been destroyed or damaged.

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COMMERCIAL POST.

DAILY REVIEW OF PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY MORNING POST,
Monday, March 6, 1854.

Business on Saturday was quiet and generally dull. In the market we find no material change to note from Friday.

FLOUR.—There were but one or two very small lots on the wharf, which were held at $7. From stores we have sales reported at $7,12½@7,25, for superfine. The market is still unsettled, but it is hoped the steamer with Liverpool dates to the 18th, now fully due, will settle it one way or the other.

GRAIN.—There was very little offered to-day, and prices remain unaltered. We quote:—Corn ready sale at 40@42c; Corn 60@65c; 125 bus Oats, from store at 45c.

SEED.—The demand for Clover Seed is less active and prices have a downward tendency. We quote at $5,25, as the outside figure from first hands.

BULK MEAT.—We note a sale of 8000 lbs hog round at 6c.

BACON.—We have no change to notice in this article, but quote at 6@6½c for Shoulders, and 9@9½c for Hams, with sales of 30,000 lbs at these figures.

SUGAR CURED HAMS.—Sales of 8 tierces at 11.

DRIED BEEF.—Sales of 10 tierces at 9¼.

LARD OIL.—Sales of 5 bbls at 75 for No. 1; this is a decline.

SUGAR.—We have sales of 18 hhds in lots at 8@8¾c.

MOLASSES.—Sales of 55 bbls at 33.

CHEESE.—Sales of 60 boxes at 9@9¼.

FISH.—Sales of 9 bbls white at $9,25.

HAY.—15 loads sold at the scales at $12@15.

SWEET POTATOES.—Sales of 15 bbls choice at 75 cents per bushel.

CANDLES.—Sales reported of 200 boxes dipped at 10½c cash.

APPLES.—Sales of 23 bbls Pippins at $2,75.

BANK NOTE LIST.

CORRECTED DAILY FOR THE MORNING POST BY
Hoon & Sargent, Exchange Bankers,
Corner of Wood and Sixth streets, Pittsburgh.

PENNSYLVANIA.		OHIO.	
Pittsburgh Banks	par.	State Bk. and branches	¾
Philadelphia "	½	Other solvent Banks	¾
Brownsville "	par	Bank of Sandusky	¾
Banks county "	¾	Granville	50
All solvent Banks	¾	Norwalk	50
Bank of Middletown	¾	Wooster	50
Bank of Chambersburg	¾	Zanesville	25
Carlisle Deposit Bank	¾	INDIANA.	
Carlisle Bridge Co	¾	State Stock Banks	¾
Danville "	¾	State Bk. and branches	¾
Delaware co. "	¾	Other solvent Banks	¾
Doylestown "	¾	State Stock Banks	¾
Easton "	¾	State Bk. and branches	¾
Germantown "	¾	Other solvent Banks	¾
Lancaster Banks	¾	State Stock Banks	¾
Lebanon "	¾	State Bk. and branch	¾
Montgomery co. Banks	¾	Bank of Illinois	¾
Northumberland "	¾	KENTUCKY.	
Pittsburgh "	¾	All solvent Banks	¾
Reading "	¾	MISSOURI.	
Schuylkill county "	¾	State Bk. and branches	½
Wilkinsburgh "	¾	MICHIGAN.	
West Branch "	¾	All solvent Banks	1
Wyoming "	¾	WISCONSIN.	
Carlisle	¾	Marine & Fire Insurance Co. at Milwaukie	2
Chambersburg	¾	TENNESSEE.	
Erie	¾	All solvent Banks	3
Gettysburgh	¾	NORTH CAROLINA.	
Harrisburg	¾	All solvent Banks	1
Honesdale	¾	SOUTH CAROLINA.	
Middletown	¾	All solvent Banks	1
Pittsburg	¾	GEORGIA.	
Rail Road	¾	All solvent Banks	1½
United States Bank	¾	FLORIDA.	
Allegheny City Scrip	par.	All solvent Banks	5
Allegheny City	par.	LOUISIANA.	
Allegheny Co. "	prem.	All solvent Banks	1¼
NEW YORK.		EXCHANGES.	
New York City	¾	New York	par.
Country Banks	¾	Philadelphia	par.
NEW JERSEY.		Baltimore	par.
All solvent Banks	¾	Cincinnati	¼ dis't.
DELAWARE.		Louisville	¼ dis't.
All solvent Banks	¾	St. Louis	¼ dis't.
Small Notes	¾	VALUE OF COINS.	
MARYLAND.		American Gold (old coin)	par.
Baltimore Banks	¾	American Gold (new)	prm.
Country Banks	¾	Sovereigns	$4 83
VIRGINIA.		Napoleons	7 80
Bank of Va. & branches	¾	Fredericksdors	7 80
Farmers' Bk. & branches	¾	Ten Thalers	7 80
Valley Bk. & branches	¾	Span. Doubloons	15 70
Exchange Bk. & branches	¾	Louisd'ors	3 25
Wheeling Banks	¾	Napoleons	15 70
Solvent Banks generally	¾	Doubloons, Patriot	15 70
NEW ENGLAND.		Doubloons, Spanish	16 25
All solvent Banks	¾	Sovereigns	4 90

PRICES OF STOCKS.

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LOANS.	Bid.	Ask.	For Tax.
United States 6s, 1868	$ 110,00	$ 120,00	$ 100,00
United States 6s, 1853	100,00	101,00	100,00
Pennsylvania, 1870	92,00	95,00	100,00
Pennsylvania 1868	95,00	97,00	100,00
Allegheny county 6s		100,00	100,00
Allegheny county coupons	99,00	100,00	100