THE POLICE.

[Before Mr. Alderman Beitler.]

Shortly Discharged.

The four colored persons, two men and two women, who were arraigned at the Central Station, a short time since, on the charge of purloining articles from the dwelling of Mr. John Livezy, have been honorably discharged. The defendants are waiters by profession, and have always borne most excellent characters. The few articles found in the possession of some of the parties, and which seemed to confirm the suspicion entertained by Mr. Livezy, were all satisfactorily accounted for by the most unimpeachable evidence. Hence the discharge of the parties.

Altered National Bank Note.

Joshua Pritchett, the keeper of a store at Second and Willow streets, was arraigned at the Central Station yesterday afternoon, on the charge of passing upon Mr. W. J. Barrett a bogus $10 note, altered from a genuine one, issued by the National Bank, Patterson, New Jersey.

Officer George Hast testified that on Tuesday night, as he was going off his beat, he stopped at the Red Lion Hotel; the defendant showed him a note, and asked his opinion about it. Witness replied that he thought it good; defendant said he did not think it was good. After this defendant tried to get the note changed at Mr. Franks' auction store; he then called upon Mr. Barrett, and said he would like to have the note changed, as he did not want to lose the sale of a dollar's worth of tickets.

Mr. Barrett was examined, and testified that he changed the note for defendant; it is a one dollar good note altered to a ten.

Officer Hart, on being recalled, stated that several of these notes have been passed up town within a day or two.

The defendant said that he knew the man from whom he obtained the note. The case went over for another hearing, to take place on the 26th inst.

[Before Mr. U. S Commissioner Smith.]

Resisting a Deputy Marshal

Joseph Keller, of Northampton county, was arraigned yesterday afternoon on a charge of resisting a deputy U. S. marshal and rescuing a prisoner from him sometime since in that county. The marshal had arrested a man for deserting an army service of the U. S. Government. It is alleged that the defendant placed a pistol at the head of the officer, and thus rescued the prisoner, who was, however, subsequently arrested, and carried back to the army. The case went over until February 11th for a final hearing.

House of Correction Wanted.

The only cases at the Union street station-house, yesterday morning, were those of a boy for Police Magistrate White, were vagrants, a small group of dissipated human beings upon whom rum and consequent exposure had made their marks. Cases such as these are brought to public notice almost daily. The vagrants are sent to prison for thirty days, but every now and then they are let out, only to return to wallowing in the mire of dissipation. The vagrant business, as it may be called, and as it has been practised for years, is conducted upon the principle of "Hop, hop, keep the mill agoing." These vagrants come in for a share of charity-soup as well as more worthy poor people, and the few pennies they get they spend for a dilution of compound called whisky. Reformation has been tried over and over again with some classes of miserable human beings, but all to no effect. They are past human redemption. Why should they be permitted to wander about the streets like a pestilence, tainting the public morality?

There should be a House of Correction for such persons, where they should be made to work to maintain themselves. Such an institution could be made self-sustaining. The miserable vagrants should be put to as hard labor as consistent with justice and humanity. Some people entertain an idea that a House of Correction should be erected on the principle of the Blockley Almshouse, where thousands of loafing paupers are fed at the public expense—where everything in the shape of food must be of the best quality, the mental instrument called a treadmill, by which could be ground into meal or flour, should be considered the fundamental principle upon which to base a merciful House of Correction.

The Custom House Robbery.

The recent robbery of gold at the custom house, was a daring piece of villainy. The story connected with it has not yet been solved, and the great probability is, never will be. On the side of the eternal far of justice, The Government, at present, will lose nothing by the transaction, as it holds the Collector responsible, as the custodian of the custom house revenue. He will make the amount up, but at his own loss.

Shoplifters Arrested.

Two mulatto girls, named Emma Deitz and Georgeanne Christian, were arrested last evening, after a hard chase, by Officer Landon, Second Police district, for shoplifting. They had taken a dress pattern from the store of Mrs. Mary West, in the neighborhood of Seventh and South, and dropped it during the race. They had a number of pawn tickets in their possession, one of which was a watch chain, key, and bell attached, probably the property of a soldier. Any storekeepers along South street who have lost goods by such thieves may have a chance to see the arrested parties, at the Central Station, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Burglary and Arrest.

The house of Isaac S. Bonsall, No. 146 south Ninth street, was burglariously entered on the night of the 18th, or morning of the 19th inst., and a variety of clothing, cards, watches, jewelry, and about sixty or seventy dollars in money stolen. The entrance was effected by forcing open a rear window. An old military cap was left on the premises by the thieves. Geo. Cooper, alias Batty, and Hugh Kelly, alias Clubfoot, both well-known thieves, were arrested yesterday, and enough of the property recovered to fasten the burglary on the parties, who were secured by Officers Keyser and Mackwell, of the Second Police district. A hearing will be held at the Central Station to-day, at 2 P. M.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Supreme Court at Nisi Prius—Judge Thompson.

The President and Managers of the Schuylkill Navigation Company vs. James B. Winpenny and Edward Preston. This was an action of ejectment, to recover possession of a certain property on the Schuylkill, at Manayunk. The defence pleaded the statute of limitations, and endeavored to show that the defendants and John Winpenny, deceased, from whom they claim title, have had adverse and undisputed possession of the property in dispute for more than twenty-one years.

In rebuttal, the plaintiffs gave in evidence a letter dated April 16, 1845, from John Winpenny, father of one of the defendants, in who was then in possession, on behalf of the company, stating that he was willing, this proposing to rent or purchase the property. They also proved the admission of Mr. Winpenny, as late as 1854, that he occupied upon the principle of "Hop, hop, keep the mill agoing." These vagrants come in for a share of charity-soup as well as more worthy poor people, and the few pennies they get they spend for a dilution of compound called whisky. Reformation has been tried over and over again with some classes of miserable human beings, but all to no effect. They are past human redemption. Why should they be permitted to wander about the streets like a pestilence, tainting the public morality?

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