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FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1865.

## THE CITY.

CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY—MILITARY VS. THE CIVIL.—The Military Court Martial, of which Maj. General Doubleday is President, have, as our readers know, been engaged for some time in the trial of W. B. N. Cozzens, charged with defrauding the Government as a contractor for furnishing tents. The trial was concluded last week, Mr. Cozzens, of course, going at large as usual. At a late hour on Monday evening a man in military costume went to the residence of Mr. Cozzens, and inquired for him but he was not at home. This same personage called at the store of Mr. Cozzens the next morning, but did not succeed in finding him there. Daniel Dougherty and Fred. Carrol Brewster, Esqs., counsel for Mr. Cozzens, called upon General Doubleday and informed him that Mr. Cozzens would appear whenever required, but, as he was a civilian, they knew of no law by which a military man could visit his house at night in time of peace. Judge Advocate Foster was officially notified to the same effect. Yesterday, Mr. Cozzens was arrested in Washington Square by a person calling himself Lieutenant John Milton Johnson, but subsequently acknowledged himself to be named Kauffman, without the title of an officer. Mr. Cozzens was taken to the provost marshal's office at Fifth and Buttonwood streets, which is presided over by Colonel H. A. Frink. During the day Justice Thompson, of the Supreme Court, issued a writ of habeas corpus for the production of the body of Mr. Cozzens.

Colonel Frink refused to acknowledge the writ until he obtained further orders. Justice Thompson then issued an attachment for the arrest of Colonel Frink and all concerned with the arrest, and the Sheriff was directed to execute his writ. A hearing will take place this morning, when further facts will be developed.

THE EXCURSION SEASON.—This season will commence to-morrow to the "City by the Sea," and in order to meet the emergencies that will arise at the heated term progresses, the Camden and Atlantic Railroad Company have made every arrangement. The road is in good order, the cars convenient, and the locomotives powerful. The public houses at the City are open, and nearly all fully furnished. A train loaded with furniture was taken down there yesterday. The great resort presents additional improvements since last season, and within the next fortnight thousands of our citizens and others, sweltering with the heat of the city, will seek refuge in the cool, delightful, and invigorating breezes of the ocean. Quite a number of the large houses are already open for the accommodation of visitors. Mr. George Hayday, of the Exchange, has been open for several weeks. He is a popular purveyor. The prices of board per week will range from $12 to $20. The following is a list of the excursions that will take place during the season, at the dates named:

July 1, Aramingo Mills.
" 3, Grand Lodge A. P. A.
" 4, Camden.
" 5, Spring Garden Mechanics.
" 6, Handel and Haydn Society.
" 8, Harding House Kier the nine.
" 10, Norristown Lodge I. O. of O. F.
" 11, Scott M. E. Church.
" 12, St. James Vincent de Paul.
" 13, A. Manship M. E. Church.
" 14, N. Baptist Church, Camden.
" 15, Decatur and Franklin Engine Company.
" 17, Union of Odd Fellows, Camden.
" 18, St. Philip's Sodality.
" 19, Grand Division Sons of Temperance.
" 20, Union Beneficial Association.
" 21, Fenian Brotherhood.
" 22, Shipwright's Protective Union.
" 24, Pequod Tribe I. O. of R. M.
" 25, Manayunk Lodge I. O. of O. F.
" 26, St. Patrick.
" 27, Vigilant Lodge I. O. of O. F.
" 28, Green Hill Library.
" 31, Empire Grove.
August 1, Trustees American Protestant Association.
" 2, Centennial M. E. Church.
" 3, St. John's Sodality.
" 4, J. Harker.
" 5, Junior Baldwin Assembly.
" 7, American Mechanics' Association.
" 8, Library Odd Fellows' Hall.
" 9, W. Plum.
" 10, J. Library, Third street.
" 11, Emory M. E. Sabbath School.
" 12, Merrick & Son's Employees.
" 14, American Mechanics' Association.
" 15, Shawtor Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men.
" 16, Arcanum Brotherhood.
" 17, American Mechanics' Association.
" 18, Huntingdon County Church.
" 19, Montgomery County Lodges of Odd Fellows.
" 21, Bricklayers' Association.
" 22, Wissahickon and Ottoway Tents of Red Men.
" 23, Thackara & Sharp.
" 24, Front-street M. E. Church.
" 25, Young Men's Christian Association.
" 26, Monday's Moonlight.
" 28, Yankirk's Employees.
" 29, Western Hose Company.
" 30, St. Mary's Library Institute.
" 31, Miquon Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men.

THE INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.—The closing exercises of the school session of the Institution for the Blind was held on Wednesday afternoon. The audience was quite large. The exercises consisted of music and the award of premiums by the President, Franklin Peale, as follows:

1. The "Birch Premium," consisting of a pin-type printing box (by which letters are made in relief for reading by the blind), to the following named junior pupils, for excellence in their literary classes during the entire term and in the public examination just closed: Miss Emma Howard, Miss Lizzie E. Hayes, Miss Smith, Miss Joanna Burke, Miss Jane E. Coulton, Miss Martha E. Roseberry, Miss Mary Shurtz.

This premium was established in memory of William Young Birch and bequeathed to the Institution.

2. The second premium, a copy of the New Testament, in embossed print, to Miss Anna E. Robinson.

3. The juniors' premium, a copy of the Psalms, in embossed print, to the following junior pupils: Masters George N. Beldeman, George W. Twining, James A. Hinds, Robert Babcock, Julian G. Packer, and John Maher; Misses Lisette Lafore, Sarah Guldin, Sarah Haner, and M. Agnes Madden.

4. Certificates of merit were awarded to all pupils in the literary department, those the latter were ninety or upward.

In the manufacturing department silver medals were given to Thomas Clark and Thomas Smith for the best specimen of corn brooms; and Miss Mary E. Knoonts for the superiority of her bead-work and crocheting.

Bronze medals were awarded to David Horton and Thos. Brown, for the second-best corn brooms; Peter Bennett, Patterson, (a dead, dumb, and blind man,) and John Nichols, for superior brushes; to Henry G. Stewart, for excellent door mats, and to Miss Emma Howard, for excellence of crochet work.

Certificates of merit, and honorable mention, were given to several other pupils for diligence and success in the several arts taught in this department.

FIRES.—Yesterday morning, about three o'clock, fire broke out in the warehouses of J. M. Mitchell & Co., Nos 24 and 26 North Front street. The firm are dealers in yarns and manufacturers' needs, needles, shuttles, pickers, dyestuffs, &c., and had on hand an extensive stock. The fire originated on the first floor of store No. 24, near the centre of the store. It soon found its way up stairs, and through the hatchway, enveloping the first and second stories of the building in flames, and these were completely burned out, with their entire contents. The counting-house, on the first floor, was also destroyed; but the books and papers, which were in a fire-proof, were saved.

The third and fourth stories suffered principally from smoke and water.

No. 26 was only slightly damaged by fire, but some loss will be sustained by water. Adjoining on the south is a store occupied by Cochran & Russell, dealers in wool. No damage was done by fire, but the stock was somewhat injured by water.

Messrs. Reese, Seal, & Co., wool dealers, No. 28 North Front street, sustained slightly by water.

Fire Marshal Blackburn is investigating the origin of the fire.

The loss of Mitchell & Co. will reach, it is supposed, $50,000. They are insured for $70,000, as follows: In the North American Company, $10,000; State of Pennsylvania, $5,000; London and Liverpool, $20,000; Security, New York, $20,000; Lorillard, New York, $5,000; Market, New York, $10,000.

The buildings belong to the Girard estate, and are fully insured.

We have learned the following particulars in reference to the fire at the establishment of Messrs. J. Fell & Brother, 120 South Front street, which occurred on Wednesday evening, shortly before ten o'clock. Messrs. Fell had on hand an immense stock, valued at $70,000, upon which there is an insurance of $50,000 in New York and New England companies, which, it is thought, will cover the loss. No. 122 South Front street was a building similar to that of Fell & Brother, and occupied by H. Robinson & Co., wool brokers. The rear portion of this building was damaged by fire, and the stock damaged by water. The origin of the fire is not known. During the day women were employed packing prices, and no fire was allowed in this part of the building. Mr. Fell left the store at six o'clock in the evening, having securely closed it. When the flames were discovered the building was found locked, and there was no evidence of incendiarism. Yesterday morning, about eight o'clock, the fire again broke out in the rear portion of Fell's store. The firemen were called out, but no further damage was done.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.—Common Council yesterday concurred in the resolution of the Select Branch, instructing the Committee of City Property to illuminate the public buildings. There will be in each window of Independence Hall a star, formed of gas-jets, and surrounding the name of a Union General, in gas jets. The whole will have a beautiful effect. Earle's, Bailey's, the Continental, and other stores and public buildings on Chestnut street, will be illuminated with gas-jets. The National Union Club, in Girard row, will be beautifully illuminated with gas-jets, forming an eagle and patriotic words. The Union League House will likewise be illuminated. A row of stars, formed of gas-jets, will run along the top of the building, and the words July 4, 1865. Lincoln, Johnson, Union, Peace, Liberty, formed of gas-jets, will decorate the front of the building. There will be a display of fireworks by the Union League in the evening, at Penn Square. All the newspaper offices will be illuminated, and it is thought the illumination will be a general one.

CONTEST FOR A FIRE-HORN.—A handsome solid silver fire-horn is being voted for at St. Anne's Festival, in Richmond. The horn is to be awarded to that fire company receiving the highest number of votes. The contest is growing more interesting as the festival draws to a close. The vote yesterday stood:

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| Globe Engine Company | 1,422 |
| Good Intent Engine Company | 1,369 |
| Kensington Hose Company | 1,328 |
| Northern Liberty Hose Company | 28 |

Open voting will continue until Monday evening at nine o'clock. From nine to 10 P. M. sealed votes will only be received.

IMPORTANT TO LOVERS OF ICE CREAM.—A number of cases of serious illness from eating ice cream has been reported within the past two weeks, and, upon inquiry, it has been ascertained that the cause was in consequence of venders retaining the supply which was left over the night before and refreezing it next morning, and disposing it for sale while in a rancid state. When cold it is impossible to detect this poisonous condition; but after it is taken into the stomach and dissolves, then it is that the rancid quality of the cream becomes perceptible, and disseminates itself throughout the system. Yesterday morning, Dr. Charles Smith was called to see a lady, whom he found suffering from every symptom of the severest cholera, and it was only by prompt application of the strongest remedies that her life was saved. She could only account for her condition from the fact that the night preceding she had partaken freely of cream, and that soon afterwards it made her sick, causing violent retchings of rancid substances, which continued to increase until the doctor was called in.

LINCOLN MONUMENT FUND.—The following sums have been received by James L. Claghorn, treasurer of the Lincoln Monument Association, at the office, 921 Chestnut street:

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| S Hartwell | $1 00 |
| Prospect Lodge, No. 187, I. O. O. F. | 20 00 |
| Independent Council, No 8, Junior O. U. A. M. | 5 00 |
| P. F. Frese | 5 00 |
| Covenant Lodge, No. —, I. O. O. F. | 20 00 |
| Mrs. F. A. D | 2 00 |
| Cooper Murray (colored) | 1 00 |
| Angeline Thomas (colored | 1 00 |
| Good Will S. F. E. Co | 100 00 |

SHAMEFUL.—Yesterday the citizens were somewhat shocked, and their sympathy deeply excited, upon beholding nearly two hundred and fifty crippled soldiers lying around loose in the vicinity of Thirteenth and Walnut streets, waiting for the pay due them. There was neither awning nor shed to shield them from the scorching rays of a tropical sun. Some of these poor fellows had lost legs, others arms, and others were wounded in their heads and various parts of the body. If such scenes are likely to continue, there are purple spirited citizens who will procure an awning to shield the "boys" from such intense heat of the sun.

THE RECENT SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—Mr. Samuel Daniels (not J. McDonald as printed), injured by the firing of a gun, a few days since, in respect to the memory of the late Admiral Dupont, is doing as well as can be expected, at the hospital. He has lost his right arm, below the elbow. His left arm was badly burned, but it is probable that it will be saved. He can work the fingers of his left hand. The unfortunate man has a family depending upon him for support. The benevolently inclined may forward contributions for the wife and children to any of the members of the Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon.

THE GREAT GUN TO BE FIRED.—The monster gun at Fort Mifflin will be charged with forty-five pounds of powder and fired off at noon (sun time) on the Fourth of July. Persons residing in Philadelphia, who may chance to hear the report, will thus know the cause thereof. All the old guns of the fort have been removed, and their places supplied with splendid forty-two-pounder rifles, all in perfect order.

THE PRISONERS AT FORT MIFFLIN.—There are about eighty-four prisoners at Fort Mifflin. Some of them having been drafted, and not responding, were arrested. These men are incarcerated with cut-throat looking bounty-jumpers, in a bomb-proof at the fort.

LOADED SHELLS.—Several hundred loaded bomb shells, some having the fuses attached, were displayed to the weather at Fort Mifflin yesterday—the sun shining down upon them from a cloudless sky. These shells were deposited there, a day or two since, by a Government man-of-war.

A GOOD EXAMPLE FROM A NOBLE FIRE COMPANY.—The Good Will Steam Fire Engine Company yesterday contributed one hundred dollars towards the Lincoln monument, through the Tenth-ward committee. This is the company which secured the $6,000 horn at the Sanitary Fair, last year. Its members always do their whole duty, both as firemen and citizens.

SALE OF PEWS AT THE SPRING GARDEN M. E. CHURCH.—On Wednesday evening the pews in the Spring Garden M. E. Church were sold. The premium for the choice selection was $25 each. The annual rental will reach $6,600. A number of the most desirable were sold; the balance will be disposed next Wednesday evening.

FAST LINE.—An additional line will commence running to Atlantic City to-morrow, starting at two o'clock in the afternoon. This train will reach Atlantic City two hours after starting, and will start from Atlantic City at eight minutes past seven o'clock every morning.

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.—The annual commencement of the Pennsylvania College of Pennsylvania will be held to-night, in Concert Hall. The speaking will be by distinguished citizens, and the music by the Germania Orchestra. A large audience is expected. No tickets are required.

OUR NATATORIUM.—Dr. Jansen has given notice that no lessons will be given at the Natatorium on the Fourth of July. The institution will be open for the use of the male members from six A. M. to six P. M.

## CITY COUNCILS.

A stated meeting of Councils was held yesterday afternoon, at which the following business was transacted:

### SELECT BRANCH.

JAMES LYND, Esq., President, in the chair.

Mr. BARLOW (U.) presented petitions from citizens of the Seventh precinct, First ward, asking a change of the precinct house of that ward; and one from the citizens of the Second precinct, First ward, asking for a division of the precinct. Referred to the Committee on Law.

The CHAIR presented a communication from the faculty of the Department of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, inviting Councils to attend their anniversary, on the 3d of July. Accepted.

Also, one from the City Solicitor, stating that the quota of taxes due the State by the city has not been paid for several years, and if not paid by the 1st of August an additional amount will be assessed against the city. The Solicitor recommends that a temporary loan be contracted for by the City Treasurer to liquidate the claim. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, one from Eli K. Price and J. B. Townsend, asking for be reimbursed for injuries to the wheel around the fortifications at Chestnut street and Darby road, so as to get rid of stagnant water. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. SPERING (U.) chairman of the Committee on City Property, made a report providing for the sale of market plots at New Market and Callowhill streets. Referred to the Committee on City Property to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor. It was stated, in discussing the subject, that the land was donated for market purposes alone, and the city had no right to sell it.

Mr. SPERING (U.) presented a report with a bill appropriating $12,000 for use of Fairmount Park; the appropriation being exhausted in consequence of the storm that destroyed the property there.

Council refused to suspend the rules to consider the bill.

Mr. FREEMAN (U.) presented a petition asking that the Resolution Hose be located at 1936 Germantown road. Referred.

Mr. JONES (U.) chairman of the Committee on Law, made a report changing the precinct house of the Sixth division, Tenth ward, from Race and Sixteenth streets to Madame Minnie's, Arch, above Broad. Passed.

Mr. GRAY (U.), chairman of the Committee on Water, made a report, with a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Water Works, stating that the supply of water at the municipal hospital was insufficient; also, a bill authorizing the Chief Engineer to lay water-pipe to the hospital. Postponed for the present.

Mr. JONES (U.), chairman of the Committee on Law, made a report changing the precinct-house of Sixth precinct, Twelfth ward. It was stated that the present place of voting is up an alley. Passed.

Mr. SPARKS (U.), chairman of the Committee on Surveys, made a report approving of the appointment of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and they were confirmed.

Mr. KING (O.) presented a preamble and resolution:

*Whereas*, according to the report of the trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works for the year 1864, presented to Councils in January last, the net profits for the year are stated to have been $351,000; the price of gas during eight months of the year having been fifty cents lower per 1000 feet than the price now being charged for it; and whereas, the profits for the present year at the price now charged must necessarily increase the aggregate amount of profits in the two years to nearly a million of dollars; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be directed to consult with the City Solicitor, with a view of taking measures to prevent the Trustees of Philadelphia Gas Works from increasing the debt of the city by negotiating the loan of one million of dollars, authorized by Councils in December last; and, also, to compel them to make such future improvements of works and mains from the profit derived from the sale of gas instead of allowing them to increase the debt of the city by obtaining loans for these purposes.

Mr. KING (O.) said that the Gas Works had one million of dollars on hand, sufficient for all purposes. He protested against the loan.

Mr. JONES (U.) said that the trustees were not using the loan. It had been discovered within a few days that the Democratic party had left a defalcation, but it could not be ascertained to what extent the losses would reach. By the next meeting of Councils the trustees would make a report showing the extent of the defalcation.

Mr. KING (O.) thought that the doors of the Trustees of the Gas Works should be opened to the reporters, and thus the public would know of the defalcation.

Mr. JONES said that the Democratic party had put $100,000 of the million dollars into the sinking fund.

Mr. ARMSTRONG (O.) propounded a series of questions to Mr. Jones as to how much money the works had realized up to June last, and what had become of a defalcation in coke for $40,000.

Mr. JONES said it was impossible to say at present. All the clerks were at work examining the accounts, and ascertaining how much coal was left in the bins. The claim for the coke was placed in the hands of W. L. Hirst, by the Democratic trustees, but nothing seems to have been realized from it.

The President now interfered and said that such queries as Mr. Armstrong put would do in committee but not in Council.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. FREEMAN (U.) offered a resolution instructing the Committee of Finance to close up the business of the bounty fund commission. Passed.

A bill to extend the wharf at Vienna street was passed.

The bill from Common Council making an appropriation of $2,705 to the City Commissioners for the enrollment and classification of militia for 1865, was passed.

The bill from Common Council to appropriate $115,000, for the purchase of the Germantown Water Works, was taken up and the amendment agreed to.

Mr. BARLOW (U.) moved to suspend the regular business to consider the bill to pay the expenses of receiving volunteers. The bill appropriates $6,968.50.

The bills for printing are as follows: *Evening Telegraph*, $129 99; *Evening Bulletin*, $81 25; *Daily News*, $65 62; Philadelphia *Ledger*, $79 31; *Sunday Transcript*, $2 20; *Sunday Times*, $2; *Sunday Dispatch*, $1 70; *Sunday Mercury*, $2 50; *Free Press*, (German), $32 10; *Inquirer*, $72 42; *Age*, $57 60; *North American*, $57 85. The bill was passed.

The bill relative to the adjournment of Councils was concurred in. Adjourned.

### COMMON BRANCH.

President STOKELY (U.) in the chair.

An invitation from the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania to the members of Council, to be present at the commencement of the Department of Arts on Monday next at Musical Fund Hall, at 10 A. M., was received and accepted.

The resolution to change the place of holding elections in the Seventh division of Sixteenth ward, which was under consideration at the adjournment on Thursday last, was taken up. On a motion to postpone for the present, the yeas were 3; nays, 22. Lost.

Mr. STANTON (U.) moved to amend by making the place of voting the southwest corner of Third and George streets.

Mr. HETZEL (O.) was opposed to the amendment. The citizens of the ward did not want the change, and the member who offered the amendment had no business to do so. He did not belong to the ward, and it was a work of supererogation for Councils to dictate to a ward the place where it should hold its elections. The citizens would conduct their elections where they pleased.

Mr. STANTON wished to know from the gentleman whether the precinct in question had seceded.

Mr. HETZEL called the gentleman to order.

The amendment carried finally.

The ordinance from Select Council changing the boundary lines of the Third and Ninth divisions of the Fifteenth ward, to create a new division in said ward, and to establish places of voting in the new division, was taken up.

Mr. FOX (U.) moved that the matter be laid upon the table. He believed that the whole concern was a political trick.

Mr. EVANS (U.) assured the gentleman that the matter was as bona fide, and not intended to affect the election as Senator of a friend of the gentleman who had just sat down.

The ordinance passed.

An ordinance to establish boundary lines in the Sixth division of the First ward was taken up and passed.

Also, an ordinance to change the place of voting in the Eighth division of the Ninth ward was taken up.

Mr. DILLON (O.) presented a remonstrance of citizens. The remonstrance states that there is no necessity for the change, and that three-fourths of the citizens of the precinct are opposed to it.

Mr. STOKELY (U.) stated that the place where the election had been held was in a dirty hole in an alley, and the room in which the election officers met was about eight by ten; that Democrats had signed the petition, and more would have signed it but they were afraid of having their hair pulled when they went to vote.

Mr. HETZEL (O.) wished to know who was best qualified to determine where the election should be held, the citizens of the precinct or the members of Councils?

Mr. STOKELY (U.) That's a matter of opinion—I think Councils are.

On the adoption of the ordinance, Mr. EVANS decided that it was adopted.

Mr. WOLBERT (O.) protested against the decision; the negative side of the question had not been taken.

The CHAIR called the gentleman to order.

Mr. WOLBERT. Maybe things can be gagged through the Legislature in this style, but it can't be done here.

The CHAIR rapped until the hammer broke.

Many members arose and moved to adjourn.

A vote on the motion to adjourn was taken, and the CHAIR decided the motion to be lost. Several gentlemen appealed from the decision of the Chair. The CHAIR decided the motion out of order. He had decided the question.

Mr. STOKELY, President, here resumed the chair.

Mr. HARRISON (U.) hoped that the passage of a bill in the way that the bill which had just been declared to be passed, had been put through, would not countenanced by the President or by this Chamber.

Mr. WOLBERT (O.) was glad there was one honest member of the Opposition.

The CHAIR said that he had nothing to do with what had occurred.

The ordinance changing the place of holding the election in the Fifth division of the Twenty-fifth ward, was taken up and passed.

An ordinance providing for the purchase of the Germantown Water Works, was taken up and passed.

Mr. WOLBERT (O.), chairman of the Committee on Reception of Philadelphia Regiments, presented the report of the committee, with an ordinance accompanying it appropriating $5,868 for the payment of the expenses incurred by the committee. Of this amount, $726 19 for six bands of music; $734.35 is for board of guests at the Continental; $607 is for advertising; $70 for wreaths, &c.; $4,239.33 is for lumber for stands.

Mr. HARCOCK (U.) was opposed to paying the Continental and any other hotel $734 for the board of a few men for three days.

Mr. KNUPP (U.) asked what had become of all the lumber that the city was charged $1,238 for?

Mr. HANCOCK was opposed to compelling the taxpayers to pay the cost of a banquet to the members of the committee or others; the city had better build a hotel. It would make money at it.

Mr. HARRISON (U) understood that the committee had made up the cost of lumber from the amount paid by them for the lumber and the amount received from its sale; but he would like to see the debit and credit side of the account.

Mr. HETZEL (O.) moved to postpone the bill for one week, that the members might have an opportunity of looking into the matter, and voting understandingly upon it.

Mr. WOLBERT (O.) did not care whether the bill was postponed for a week or a year. The committee had discharged their duties faithfully, and had reduced the cost of the bill $1,000.

The motion to postpone was lost, and the ordinance passed.

The resolution from Select Council, instructing the Commissioner on City Property to illuminate the public buildings, was taken up and passed.

An ordinance appropriating a lot of ground at the northeast corner of Twenty-second and Brown streets, for school purposes, was taken up and passed.

The bill making an appropriation to the Water Department, for extending the works and other purposes, was taken up and passed.

Mr. HARCOCK (U.) offered an ordinance appropriating $2,000 to the Building Inspectors to pay deficiencies. Passed.

Mr. BEADY (U.), from the Committee on Highways, reported a resolution providing for the laying of Forty-second street, from Chestnut to Woodland. Passed.

Also, an ordinance appropriating $1,000 for the grading of the streets in the Twenty-fourth ward, lying between Forty-second and Forty-fifth streets, and Market and Woodland streets. Passed.

Mr. NEWBOLD (O.), from the Committee on Fire and Trusts, presented the report of the committee, stating that they had visited the several engine houses in the Fire Department and found the apparatus in good order, and they recommend an ordinance providing for the payment of the several items of annual appropriation to the respective companies. The ordinance passed.

Also, an ordinance locating the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company as a steam-forcing hose company.

Mr. WOLBERT (O.), moved to amend by adding the Perseverance Hose Company, but withdrew the amendment.

Mr. SCOBLEY (U.), moved to make the annual appropriation $300.

The amendment was lost, and the ordinance passed.

Adjourned.

## THE COURTS.

### Court of Quarter Sessions—Hon. Joseph Allison, Associate Justice.

A COSTLY BLOW.

John Buchanan pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery on Wm. Early. Buchanan is a cartman, and it seems that he inflicted a severe cut upon Early, who was a child more than five years old, with his cartwhip. Sentenced to pay a fine of $10 and the costs.

LARCENY.

Washington Hooper pleaded guilty to the larceny of $650 from a countryman. Sentenced to an imprisonment of one year.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

John O. Major, a youth about eighteen years of age, was charged with embezzling the sum of seventy cents, the property of his employer, Peter H. Eckstein, the keeper of a tobacco and cigar stand, at Eighth and Coates street. Eckstein testified that having reason to suppose that small sums of money were from time to time being abstracted from his drawer, he consulted with one of the detectives, Mr. Levy, about it, and was advised by him to mark certain money, place it in the drawer, and watch himself from the store for awhile. He did so, and upon returning and examining the drawer he discovered that some of the money had been taken. He called in Detective Levy, who was near by, and the latter, upon searching the person of the defendant, found seventy cents of the money thus marked, in possession of the defendant, and identified by him as the very pocket of Major. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty, but recommended the prisoner to mercy.

ACQUITTED FOR LARCENY.

Thos. McDonald, a tavern-keeper, in St. Christian, near Fourth street, was tried on a charge of the larceny of between $200 and $300, the property of a discharged soldier named McDonald. McDonald testified that being drunk, he passed the night upon the kitchen floor of McDevitt's house; that when he fell asleep he had more than $400 in his pocket; that he was robbed of it when he awoke it was but to realize the fact that this considerable sum had dwindled down to six cents, which was all that was left him. Few defences have been known that many persons had access to the room where McConnell was lying during the evening, and could from the fact that the latter testified that McDevitt, they had nothing to indicate that he took the money. Good character was also shown, and the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

The jury was discharged till Monday, and the court adjourned till this morning.

## THE POLICE.

[Before Mr. Alderman Beitler.]

A NEW JERSEY SUBSTITUTE.

William Frame and Edwin Williams were charged, by Sergeant Andrew Vance, of the 7th New Jersey Regiment, with swindling him out of $440. The Sergeant testified that he enlisted in New York, as a substitute, for $675. Last Wednesday week he went to the house of Frame, at the northeast corner of Twenty-fifth and Dock streets, to pay with a man named Cummings, and being induced to play cards, was beaten out of $440. Frame and Williams denied that they had robbed the soldier, but boasted that he beat everybody in the army. The Sergeant was considerable, and never complained until he lost his money. The defendants were held, on a further hearing, so as to get the testimony of Cummings.

JOHN JONES BACKS DOWN.

Hamilton Johnson, a citizen of Camden, N. J., charged a man with attempting to pick his pocket. He testified that at the Kensington depot he found a man trying to pick his pocket.

Alderman Beitler to prisoner. What is your name? Prisoner. John Jones.

Alderman. Where do you live?

Prisoner. In Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Alderman. What are you doing here?

Prisoner. I am on my way to Washington.

Alderman. Do you know John McDonald?

Prisoner. I do.

Alderman. You are that man, are you not?

Prisoner. Yes, I am.

John was committed in default of $2,000 bail, and an image was taken to his cell he placed in the Rogues' Gallery, where a fine photograph of his adorns the walls.

[Before Mr. Recorder Enen.]

A BRIGHT ENGLISH LAD.

Henry Pollock is the son of the proprietor of a tavern located at 122 Dock street, and he was taken before the Recorder yesterday, on the charge of picking a pocket. Edward Johnson, a young subject of Her Majesty, testified that he was employed by Pollock, senior, but left him and went to boating. On Wednesday evening he fell asleep in Pollock's house, and found on waking that his pocket-book was missing in his pocket. Pollock turned to the boy in a rough manner, and asked him: "Where did you get the pocket-book you had yesterday?" Replied: "Why, I earned it boating, and here is more that you did not get!" and young Jonny Bull drew from his pocket a roll of greenbacks. The Recorder had Pollock in $1,000 to answer, the bill being returned immediately.

THE LIEUTENANTS' REPORTS.

The Chief of Police, Rugules, entered the office yesterday morning with a smiling countenance, and proceeded forthwith to business. The First District Lieutenant was called in. Fulper came up, having upon his report an account of an

ACCIDENT.

It seems that one of his constituents named Wm. Rabe, resident at Twelfth and Pemberton streets, proceeded to work, and jumped upon one of the Pennsylvania railroad cars to facilitate his progress thither. The unfortunate man slipped and fell, his foot so badly crushed that it is feared an amputation will be necessary.

Lieut. Hampton was the champion of the day by producing a formidable billy, sometimes called a black jack, which was taken from one of a

GANG OF SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

Officer Phillips, who went going his rounds, discovered three men in an alley running out from Passyunk road engaged in washing mud from their clothing. He approached them, when they fled, and he discharged a pistol at them, the ball taking effect in the shoulderblade of Michael Stoneman, the fellow who had the formidable billy upon his person. The ball lodged in the flesh, penetrating but 2½ inches. Stoneman's injury not considered very dangerous. The billy is about eighteen inches in length, loaded with a spunk or piece of lead, and is a deadly weapon of the worst character. Sergeant Neff came to the rescue of Officer Phillips, and the other two men were captured, giving the names of John Dougherty and Mike Burk. One hailed from Tuckerton, New Jersey, and the other said he had no home. They are supposed to be deserters from the United States Navy.

UNMANLY ACT.

The reports showed that Wm. McEsconer was arrested in Kensington Park for insulting females, and was held to answer.

Lieut. Goldey presented his report through Sergeant ——, and the counsel gave an account of a couple of fellows who attempted to

ROB A SOLDIER.

The names of the twain are Charles McCarty and H. Riley. The soldier testified that they attempted to rob him on the highway. The robbery occurred near Alderman Butler committed the parties, in default of $500 bail, which is certainly not correct, as the alderman is an editor and connected with the judiciary, and is aware that none but the court, the Mayor, or the Recorder can take bail for highway robbery.

The report also contained the fact of the arrest of one Pat Hughes, on the charge of stealing nine pounds of coffee, at the store of Messrs. Fell, during the fire.

THE RESERVES.

Sergeant T. Wood McKinney made a report of the action of the Reserves, stating that they were all present or accounted for.

Lieutenant Spear, of the unterrified Seventeenth ward, whose face is tanned by the sun of Mexico and of Virginia, he being a brave soldier in both wars, presented his report, but it contained nothing of interest. The lieutenant persistently refuses to use Emile de Paris to beautify his complexion, and so we let him move along, looking like an ancient soldier, as he is.

Lieutenant Bowers, of the Sixth ward, again came to grief. He has had an idea that the men who drive through his district, emptying hogsheads of water, would certainly wash it away, and leave him nothing to stand upon; but the fire at the wool store caused him to think of the loss of his district by that "worser" element. Poor Bowers!

### Another Insult.

*To the Editor of The Press:*

SIR: Sarah Ann Douglass, a teacher in the High School for colored youths, was refused admission in car (set apart for colored people) No. 10, Seventh and Ninth-street railway, on Wednesday afternoon, 28th inst., after having waited one hour. The car was hailed by several persons, but received no notice from the conductor, save a laugh at the car passed on. Mrs. D. lives in the vicinity of Thirteenth and Wallace streets, and was thankful for the convenience, even though extended by the company in so uncivil and humiliating a manner.

Cannot some other device be suggested? Mrs. D. is the daughter of Robert Douglass, one of the oldest inhabitants of the city, and a tax-payer—family and self—for over fifty years. T. J. B.

THE IRISH BRIGADES, raised under the auspices of Gen. Meagher, and at present consisting of the 63d, 69th, and 88th New York Regiments, and the 28th Massachusetts, are to leave Washington on Saturday or Sunday, to be mustered out of the service.

PROPOSALS.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, No. 1139 GIRARD Street,
PHILADELPHIA, June 27, 1865.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at 12 o'clock M., for furnishing materials and erecting sheds at the School Arsenal, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at the office.

Each bid must be guaranteed by two responsible persons, whose signatures must be appended to the guarantee, and certified to by a United States judge, attorney, or collector that the bidder or bidders will, if notified, enter into a formal contract and execute a bond, with good and sufficient sureties.

Bidders must state the price (which *should be written both in words and figures*) for each shed, and fix the time for completing the work.

The right is reserved to reject any bid deemed unreasonable, and no bid from a defaulting contractor will be received.

All proposals to be made out *in duplicate* on the regular forms, which will be furnished on application at this office.

Endorse envelope, "Proposals for erecting sheds at School Arsenal."

By order of Col. Wm. W. McKim, U. S. A.,
Chief Quartermaster Philadelphia Depot.
GEO. CROW,
Captain and A. Q. M.
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PROPOSALS FOR MAIL STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, June 26, 1865.

In accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress, approved May 28, 1864, which is in the words following, to wit:

"An act to authorize the establishment of ocean mail steamship service between the United States and Brazil.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to unite with the General Post-Office department of Brazil, or any other office of the Government of Brazil as shall be authorized to act for that Government, in establishing direct mail steamship service between the United States and Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, touching at Saint Thomas, in the Island of Cuba, and at such other intermediate or other Brazilian and intermediate port or ports as shall be considered necessary and expedient: Provided, That the expense of the service shall be divided between the two Governments, and that the United States government shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the performance of the round trips per annum, to be paid out of any money appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department.

"Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to invite proposals for the mail steamship service by public advertisement, for the period of sixty days, in one or more newspapers published in the cities of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, respectively, and to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the same for a term of five years, to commence from the day the first steamship of the proposed line shall depart from the United States with the mails of the Government of Brazil. That proposals for monthly trips—that is to say, for twelve round voyages per annum—and back—are to be received and accepted by the Postmaster General, be subject to inspection and survey by an experienced naval constructor, to be detailed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Navy, whose report shall be made to the Postmaster General; that the two Government shall be entitled to have transported, free of expense, on each and every steamer, a mail agent to take charge of the mails, and arrange the mail when suitable accommodations for that purpose shall be assigned; that in case of failure from any cause to perform any one of the monthly voyages stipulated for in the contract, a pro rata deduction shall be made from the compensation to be allowed; that in case of such failure, that suitable fines and penalities may be imposed for delays and irregularities in the regular performance of the service according to contract, and that the Postmaster General shall have the power to determine the contract at any time, in case of its being under or assigned to any other party.

"Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the mail steamships plying in the service authorized by this act, shall be exempt from all port charges and custom-house duties at the port of departure from and to the United States: Provided, That a similar immunity from port charges and custom-house dues is granted by the Government of Brazil.

"Approved May 28, 1864."

Will be received at the Post-Office Department, in the city of Washington, until 12 o'clock M., on the 1st day of MONDAY, the twenty-eighth day of August, 1865, for conveying the mails of the United States by a steamship of the class and tonnage specified in the act of Congress of 28 May, 1864, from the United States to Brazil, and back, for the term of twelve round voyages per annum between a port of the United States and Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, touching at Saint Thomas, in the Island of Cuba, and at such other Brazilian and intermediate port or ports as shall be considered necessary and expedient, provided, that the expense of the service shall be divided between the two Governments, and that the United States government shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the performance of the twelve round trips per annum, to be paid out of any money appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department.

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