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POLITICAL JOTTINGS.

At the Republican caucus held for the Fifth ward of this city on Dec. 23, David H. Reese received the nomination for common council and George H. Shires for school controller.

To the Voters of the Seventh Ward. At the request of numerous friends I have consented to become a candidate for common council of the Seventh ward at the February election. Timothy Burke.

Next Saturday the Republicans of the Fifth ward will caucus to nominate candidates for alderman and common council. It will be a red hot political event for there are a number of candidates for each office and they have been engaged in a spirited canvass for votes for weeks past.

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SPECIAL TERM OF CRIMINAL COURT

One Hundred and Ninety-one Petty Cases to be Disposed Of.

THE DOINGS OF THE FIRST DAY

William J. Byrne and William Loftus Acquitted in the Assault and Battery Case Preferred by Martin A. Dockerty--Felled with a Sour Ball. Woman's New and Deadly Weapon. Other Cases That Were Passed Upon Yesterday.

To dispose of 191 minor criminal cases, which have been left over from the last few terms, a special two weeks' session of criminal court is now being conducted in the court room of the federal building. Judge Edwards is presiding this week. Judge Gunster will preside next week. Fifty-five of the cases are assault and battery, seven are larceny, and the other sixty-one are divided among other minor crimes such as selling without license, malicious mischief, and the like. On Thursday, December 21, the courts will be held. Jury trials will be held in the federal court room and surety cases will be disposed of in the United States marshal's room.

District Attorney John R. Jones succeeded in disposing of thirteen of the nineteen cases set down for yesterday. William J. Byrne, and William Loftus succeeded in establishing that they were not guilty of the charge of assault and battery preferred by Martin A. Dockerty. The parties reside in Carleton and are all well known. There was a disturbance at the Anthracite one night and Byrne was among those ejected. An officer grabbed him and pinned him to a wall. When the explanations were made he secured his release. Returning down town he met Dockerty and a reference by the latter to Byrne's arrest caused a squabble during which Dockerty alleges Byrne and Loftus, who happened along, severely assaulted him. Byrne said he merely pushed Dockerty away from him and Loftus avowed that he simply held Dockerty to keep him away.

A NEW WEAPON.

Brooms and hat-pins will have to crowd up and make room for sour balls in the category of woman's recent weapons. Sure, at least, was the weapon with which Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, of Peckville, told the court and jury she defended herself and home on June last against the assaults of Constable Benjamin Harris. The constable had Mrs. Jenkins arrested for assault and battery. He said he rented a horse and wagon from Mrs. Jenkins and was on his way to the market when he returned and told her that he paid her husband for the horse hire she called him a real wicked name and when he protested that he was not such a thing as she described she hit him over the eye with a large stone, cutting his forehead and causing the blood to flow copiously.

This story is all wrong, however, according to Mrs. Jenkins' way of looking at it, or other way of telling it. She says Harris was drunk and that when she expostulated with him for abusing the horse he called her a vile name. Thereupon she drew from his place of concealment in her mouth a sour-ball and hurled it against his forehead with all the force she could command, felling him to the floor. In falling, his hand scratched her face and the blood spattered over him as he lay prostrate. The jury thought this was a case of assault and battery. Mrs. Jenkins not guilty and divided the costs. Joseph O'Brien was Mrs. Jenkins' attorney.

TWO CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

Andrew Harwin, of Priebeburg, was defendant in two cases of assault and battery and one of malicious mischief, in which his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Olszynski, were the accusers. They allege that on July 4 Harwin came to their house, where a party was in progress and started a fight, during the progress of which he knocked Olszynski down, hit him with a stone, struck his wife with a stone and smashed six windows and more or less furniture. The defense was that Harwin went to the house to see a young girl who was there and whom Harwin suspected of having his missing watch. While questioning the girl, Olszynski interfered and to protect himself Harwin knocked him down. He was found guilty of both counts of assault and battery, but was acquitted of the charge of malicious mischief.

A verdict of not guilty was taken in the case of Martin Walsh, charged with assault and battery by John L. Keogh, the defendant agreeing to pay the costs in consideration of the amicable settlement.

Joseph Wroblewski preferred a charge of assault and battery against Lodwick Jorzorski. The parties live on State Hill near the Continental. Mrs. Wroblewski went over to Jorzorski's house to expostulate with them for accusing her of keeping a towel which blew over her shoulder and she was madly expostulating, let drop the towel that people who would steal Vroppo Mikaviskis ducks should be the very next thing to do with a towel. Anyway, a jury went out at 4.30 to decide whether or not Mr. Jorzorski used more than a necessary force in ejecting Mrs. Wroblewski.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

The jury in the case of George Caneby, charged by Julia Jnesairg with assault and battery, was instructed to render a verdict of not guilty. Bridget Brady was charged with assault and battery by Maria Battle and Maria Battle charged Bridget Brady with assault and battery. Both cases were heard at once. The jury thought the litigants ought to eat quits and returned a verdict of not guilty in both cases. Upon the defendant paying the costs prosecution was withdrawn in the case in which M. H. Holgate charge W. S. Simpson with false pretenses.

Owing to the illness of the defendant a continuance was granted in the case of Catharine Vincenus, charged by Mary Sardmella with assault and battery.

PERSONAL.

Rev. L. E. Sanford, of Lake Ariel, was in the city yesterday.

John Coakley, of Pittsburg, is the guest of John Monahan, 69 Mineral street.

James Gilgoly, of St. Bonaventure college, is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Graham, of New York city, are visiting friends on Third street.

General Manager Wehrum, of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company, is in New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bellin, Jr., will give a dancing party next Wednesday night at the Scranton Bicycle club house for their son, Charles.

Miss Eva Barrett, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. John E. Barrett, returned yesterday from Eden Hall academy, Torrensale, to spend the Christmas at home.

Professor F. B. Hunt, of the Pettie Institute, N. J., while en route to his home, at Square Top, Wyoming county, is visiting friends on Olive street.

The fifty-fourth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Bishop O'Hara to the priesthood of the Catholic church took place yesterday. The golden jubilee of his ordination was celebrated four years ago.

A leap year german will be given to-night at the lodge of the Country club by a small party of well-known young people. It will be led by Miss Beth Archbold. There will be about fifteen couples present. Mrs. Anderson, Augusta Archbold and Simpson comprise the committee which has arranged the affair. The chapters will be Mrs. A. H. Storrs and Mrs. R. M. Seranton.

MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY.

Dr. L. & W. Coal Office Cash Drawer Looted of \$140 Saturday Night.

Some time during Saturday night the cash drawer in the coal office at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western station was looted of \$140. The only thing known about the theft is that the money is missing. Who took it or how it was taken is a mystery. The address of the office is as follows:

The supposition is that the work was done by no outsider, as every circumstance in connection with the disappearance of the money indicates that the thief was well acquainted with the office and had ready access to it.

THE NEW OIL INSPECTOR.

Judge Edwards Appoints David Pritchard, of the West Side.

Judge Edwards yesterday appointed David Pritchard, of the West Side, oil inspector of Lackawanna county, for the term of three years, to succeed John Maghran, whose term expired last Saturday.



DAVID PRITCHARD, Appointed Oil Inspector by Judge Edwards.

Pritchard is a well-known resident of the West Side and like his predecessor, Mr. Maghran, is a commercial traveler. He is 28 years of age and resides at 1003 Luzerne street with his wife and six children. He was born in Wales, but has lived here the greater part of his life.

AMUSEMENTS.

James A. Herne's delightful farcical comedy of New England coast life is announced for production at the Academy of Music on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Few native plays have won a greater success, and praise of Mr. Herne's work are heard on all sides. The play has no elements of greatness, for it portrays real life with a fidelity to truth that boldly casts the figures that deftly suggests, without labeling, the humorous, the grotesque and the life of the soul; that tints the sky and outlines the perspectives until the great canvas grows out of its gilded frame and softly, gradually, unbrokenly becomes the wonderful scene one may view from a dormer window in the house of observation.

DEATH CAME QUICKLY.

O. & W. Engineer Suffers Paralysis While Preparing to Go to Work.

While preparing to go to work early yesterday morning Francis Gladwood, of 120 Page place, an engineer on the New York, Ontario and Western railroad, was stricken with paralysis and died despite the efforts of physicians to resuscitate him. Gladwood was 52 years old and well known along the Ontario and Western road.

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CASE THAT LOOKS LIKE MURDER

Explanation of a Priceburg Man's Injuries Doubled by Coroner.

IT IS SAID HE FELL DOWN STAIRS

Coroner Longstreet Held a Post-mortem Examination and Found the Skull Fractured as if with Great Force--Man's Name is John Anderson and He is a Russian Police-inspect on Jan. 4.

Coroner Longstreet was called to Priceburg yesterday afternoon to investigate the death of a Russian Pole, who was supposed to have fallen down stairs while in an epileptic fit. The opinion of the coroner is that the man did not come to his death from that cause.

The man's name was John Andreitzk, Anglicized to John Anderson. He was a middle aged man and his wife and six children are in the old country. He worked in the mines at Priceburg and boarded with a countryman. On Saturday he drew his pay and returned to his home, where he was drinking until a late hour.

The boarding boss says that Anderson fell down the back porch. Dr. Kennedy was called and found the man fatally injured. He died yesterday morning. When Coroner Longstreet went to the house the boarding boss would not allow him to hold the post-mortem examination in the house, and they had to carry the body to William McLoughlin's barn.

Anderson could not have sustained the injuries found on him without having been hit with something nearly as heavy as a sledge hammer, or else having fallen out of a four-story window, the coroner said. Upon examination of the body there appeared over the right eye a severe bruise and the other eye was greatly discolored. On the back of the head was a ragged wound, as though done with a sharp instrument.

Upon making the incision across the top of the head and opening the skull there were several bruises and ecchymotic spots apparent on the skull. There was an opening in the skin beneath the ragged wound. When the upper part of the skull was removed the covering of the brain was found to be filled with clotted blood.

An extensive fracture was found, beginning at the upper margin of the occipital bone or back part of the head, and running to the base of the brain. At the point where the spinal cord enters the brain the fracture was large enough to admit the index finger. The general condition of the skull indicated that there had been an unusual amount of force applied to the back part of the head in order to produce it. It would be impossible, Coroner Longstreet said, for a man to receive the injuries this man received by falling down stairs.

The jury empaneled consists of Dr. A. J. Wierzbicki, Dr. J. J. Bilbrey, O. M. Custard, George A. Prokopovitch, William McLoughlin and Joseph Wyzon. They will meet at the Priceburg hall on Jan. 4 to hear testimony.

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