

"SORE EYES IN THE SCHOOLS,"

The Following Item Appeared as an Editorial in the Philadelphia Inquirer of October 17.

"The news that there are 100,000 scholars in the public schools of New York suffering from trachoma, a very infectious disease of the eyelids, is one that calls for action in this city. This disease, while usually not dangerous, is often tedious in recovery and entails suffering on the victim. If it is epidemic in New York it may well become so in this city.

"We have no doubt the health authorities, the educational authorities and the ward physicians are looking after the matter, but it is one which all calls for the closest scrutiny by the teachers, who have the best chance to investigate the subject.

"Any appearance of the disease ought to be promptly reported so that immediate action may be taken."

What applies to the school children in New York and Philadelphia may likewise be the condition here. The eyes of school children should be cared for—an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Any child with trachoma should be kept from school until entirely cured, as trachoma is a most contagious disease.

The eyes of every school boy or girl should be examined at least twice a year—at the beginning of the year and about six months after. In tender age the eye ball is most subject to changes, creating either near, or far-sightedness. A child which is backward in studies is not necessarily dull or lazy, in most cases some eye trouble is the cause.

I have made an exhaustive study of the eyes, giving particular attention to the examination and treatment of children's eyes both in Germany and this country. I am a graduate of the University of Berlin, Germany, and an honor graduate of the Philadelphia Optical College.

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In and About The City

Terwilliger's Challenge. William Terwilliger announced last night that he challenges Frank B. Rice to run 100 yards for a side bet of \$100.

Quarterly Meeting. The Economic Construction company held their quarterly meeting yesterday afternoon in the office of Attorney Charles E. Daniels.

Committed for Ten Days. Patrick Roche, who was arrested for creating a disturbance at the Coyne house, was sent to jail yesterday for ten days in default of a fine of \$5.

Man's Ingratitude to Man. John Boland, of South Scranton, formerly in the employ of Joseph Reddington, of 334 Penn avenue, was arraigned in police court yesterday morning, charged with the larceny of a pair of lace curtains valued at \$2.50. Boland was out of employment and Reddington provided

FOUR YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

SENTENCE IMPOSED UPON MICHAEL JORDAN.

He Was Convicted of Burglarizing the House of Michael Vail in Scott Township—John Lenahan, of Sugar Notch, Tried for Shooting Michael Reilly in the Leg—Generoso Spiotta Convicted of a Serious Crime. Charles Kuhlman Pleaded Guilty and Got Three Years.

Michael Jordan was placed on trial before Judge E. C. Newcomb, charged with burglarizing the house of Michael Vail, in Scott township, on the 23d of May, last. The evidence offered against him was principally from the mouth of Alfred Reese, who was in company with the defendant at the time when he was arrested with him for the offense. Reese testified that in the early morning of the day in question the defendant, who had previously worked for the prosecutor, and knew where he kept his money, entered the house, and after returning the considerable money, a portion of which he gave to Reese. It appeared that the following day the defendant left \$94 for safe keeping at the Grand Central hotel in this city, and had spent a considerable sum for clothing and for drink. The amount taken was \$125.

After the commonwealth rested, the defendant took the stand and admitted taking the money, whereupon the plea of not guilty was withdrawn and a plea of guilty entered. The court imposed the extreme sentence allowed by law, four years in the penitentiary at separate and solitary confinement. Attorney John J. Murphy was counsel for the defendant.

RESEE NOT GUILTY. In view of the statement made by Reese in reference to the Jordan case and in view of the fact that the commonwealth had no evidence against him other than that given by him and the other case, a verdict of not guilty was taken.

John Lenahan, of Sugar Notch, Luzerne county, was tried on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. The prosecutor, Michael Reilly, an old man, testified that on May 29, last, the defendant, while visiting him, took a revolver from his pocket and discharged it, the ball entering the old man's leg. The defendant testified that the revolver had been handed to him immediately prior to the shooting. He was discharged as usual. He was represented by Attorney John J. Murphy. The jury was out at adjournment.

John Troy was tried on the charge of having stabbed Frank Gardner, on September 6, last, with intent to kill. Gardner stated that he left Park hotel, on the South Side, about 11 o'clock at night, going towards his home, when he was attacked by the defendant, who struck him first with his fist and then with a knife. The blows knocked him down and he bled profusely. The knife penetrated the left side, just below the shoulder, and the physician, Dr. Quinn, testified that the wound was about a half-inch in length and deep enough to be serious. Various witnesses identified the defendant as the man who did the stabbing.

Joseph Gardner, prosecutor and father of Frank, testified that he had a conversation with the defendant at the jail, when the latter told him he didn't know it was Frank that he was excited and sorry for what had happened.

ADMITTED THE STABBING. The defendant admitted the stabbing, but stated that he did so in self-defense; that he was attacked by the man who pursued him and that he turned and struck with the knife when the crowd was upon him and he was in fear of bodily injury. He did not know, he said, who the man was, and did not realize until afterwards that it was Joseph Gardner who was the injured party. Attorney John J. Murphy represented the defendant, and Attorney John R. Jones, the prosecution. The jury went out just before adjournment.

The trial of Generoso Spiotta, charged with attempting to criminally seduce Mrs. Marie Zicardi, at her home on South street, Dunmore, was resumed before Judge McClure yesterday morning. The defendant and three of his friends were in the courtroom on the night of the alleged assault he was in in Gregory's saloon and remained there until a late hour. Joseph Mechetti went home with Spiotta and they occupied the same room that night. Spiotta did not leave the room after they retired. Spiotta's sister was in an adjoining room, caring for a sick baby. On the night in question, and swore that her brother did not leave his room that night after he retired. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. Attorney C. E. Daniels was private counsel for the prosecution.

DENIED THE CHARGE. Leonard Curtis was convicted of an assault on Benjamin Clark, at Parkville. The case was out of court at adjournment before Judge Kelly. Curtis is a police officer of Parkville, and his testimony that Clark and other young men were loitering on a corner and he told them to move along. They moved slowly across to the other side of the street, and then began to swear at him and call him names.

Charles Miller was tried before Judge Kelly for stabbing Andrew Jerry, of old Forge, in the neck. It was alleged that Miller boarded with Jerry and was so boisterous one night that Jerry had to put him out. On the porch Miller stabbed Jerry in the neck. The defendant denied the stabbing and said that Jerry attacked him without cause and hit him on the head with a piece of gas pipe.

Charles Kuhlman pleaded guilty to breaking into the store of the Abington Dairy company, on Linden street, on June 27, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. He is an old offender and is suspected of having committed a number of burglaries heretofore. At Washington, D. C., he served four years for burglary.

John Batten was tried for stealing scrap iron from the Starick Creek Coal company. He admitted that he took some scrap iron on one occasion, when he went there with John Dolik, who pleaded guilty Wednesday. He did not know it was any harm to take the iron. A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of A. D. Roberts, who was tried for attempting to assault Mrs. Sarah Cross, of Throop. The costs were placed on the county.

Mrs. Carrie Sayers, of Ditty street, was tried before Judge McClure on a charge of being a common scold. Marie tin Dechmiller, a Newcomb, charged the prosecutor. A number of witnesses testified to Mrs. Sayers' scolding propensities. The defense alleges that no fault was found with Mrs. Sayers until her husband went to work in the mines during the strike.

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