

## HOME MATTERS.

**MARRIAGES.**—The elegant Chippewa Chief gave another, and possibly his last, of his saline lectures, at Masonic Hall the evening, at half-past seven o'clock. His lectures on Monday evening in Quincy Hall, Allentown.

### DISTRICT COURT.

Before the Hon. Wm. M. Parker, *Important Testimonies.*

The case of E. S. Smith vs. John Forsyth, sheriff of Allegheny county, No. 1 January term, 1851, was decided yesterday, and as the principles involved in a rather novel one, and highly interesting to our merchants, we give a transcript of the account of it, than is usual on such occasions.

This was an action of *Tresor.* brought to recover the value of some goods, taken by the sheriff on a writ of foreign attachment, at the suit of Sheldan et al. of New York, as the goods of Jesse Rhodes of Ohio, to whom they had been sold, by E. S. Smith, the plaintiff in 1847. They were attached here, in the hands of D. Leech, at their arrival, on their way to Ohio. At the time of their seizure, D. Leech, it is said, he was innocent, and that innocence became known by the attachment.

The plaintiff claimed the right to stop goods, and demand them of the Sheriff, who refused to deliver them, under the instructions, and bond of indemnity of Sheldan et al.

The goods were sold under the foreign attachment, and the proceeds paid over to the court attaches creditors. The jury, under the charge of the Court, rendered a verdict for the plaintiff, of seven hundred and twenty three dollars and thirty four cents, being the full amount of the claim, with interest from the time, the demand had been made for the goods.

The cause of Magraw and Shaler for plaintiff. The trial was for defendant.

The case will, we understand, be carried to the Supreme Court.

**COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.** December 12th. Before the Honorable Wm. B. McClure, President, George W. McMillen and William Boggs, Associate Judges.

The trial of the rascist case, the commencement of which was reported yesterday, was resumed this morning, when several witnesses were examined. The defense, in its evidence, stated that those who had preceded him, in the guilt of the only defendant on trial, Thomas Alcock, had no influence on the opinion of the jury, made manifest. They also stated that the trial was of "quality," and the prisoner was remanded for the present.

The trial of the Commonwealth vs. James Mulligan, Indictment assault and battery with intent to kill, and the Commonwealth vs. William Kelly and Matthew Kinneally, Indictment assault and battery with intent to kill, for a larceny, were then taken up. Messrs. Kuhn and Irwin appeared for Mulligan, S. Black for Kelly, and C. C. Kinneally for Kinneally.

Mulligan is a toll keeper, and watched at the aqueduct, and the dispute arose, out of a quarrel, started from some words relative to the aqueduct. The Commonwealth, it is said, when the Court adjourned, Hancey and Kinneally, were beaten with maces in a manner which showed an attempt at murder, and justify, and their eyes were swollen, just before they were marched off to the watch-house where they were confined in a single cell.

A young and modest-looking woman, was left to find her way home, but she might, so far as we know, be the party in fault, but so far as we do know, the parties were not so severe, even if, according to the evidence, there had been fault on both sides.

They are, however, frequently in the habit of using their maces. They should remember that the weapon is a fearful one, and to use it on the head, if violent ones, will probably result in death.

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