HOME MATTERS.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.—A man named James Curran, was accidentally drowned in the Allegheny river, about twelve miles from the city, on last Friday. His body was washed on shore on Monday by the action of the waves, caused by a passing steamboat, where it was recognized by the neighbors. The deceased was a man of probably forty-five years of age. An inquest was held upon the body by a neighboring alderman.

O. & P. R. R.—A very heavy business was done on this road during the last week in September. Up to Saturday night, the number of passengers for the week reached 11,146.

COL. SAM. MEDARY.—This distinguished gentleman was in the city yesterday.

SERIOUS CONFLAGRATION.—The cotton batting factory, of Messrs. Grier & Monaghan, on Rebecca street, Allegheny, was entirely destroyed by fire, on Tuesday morning, about two o'clock. The building was quite a large one, of brick, and the machinery very valuable. The loss is estimated at $20,000, on which there is $12,000 insurance, in the Western Delaware, and Etna Insurance Offices. As there had been no fire in the building for some time previously, and their the building for the work of an incendiary. The fire was not discovered until the building was in a blaze, and then there was but one engine on the ground—the Shiffler.

A NEW LOCOMOTIVE.—A very superior Locomotive; the *Jefferson*, has been placed on the Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad, from the Locomotive Manufactory at Zanesville.

TRESPASS.—A man named Charles Graff, was committed to jail yesterday, on a capis issued out of the District Court, charged with trespass.

There were only four commitments for drunkenness, yesterday.

SUPREME COURT.—*Before a full Bench*—Collins vs. McNamara, *et al*; No. 5, 1853, Butler County: Argued by Mr. Purviance, for Plaintiff, and Court declined hearing further.

Patterson vs Nesbitt; No 6, 1853, Lawrence County: Argued by Mr. Taylor, for Plaintiff, and Court declined hearing further.

Camp and Patterson vs. Evans, No. 7, 1853, Beaver County: Judgement of *non pros*.

Patterson vs. Ross, *et al*; No 8, 1853, Beaver County: Argued by Messrs. Cunningham and Fetterman, for Plaintiff, and by Messrs. Purviance and Sullivan, for defence.

Com vs. Walford; No 18, 1853, Butler County: Argued by Messrs Graham and Smith, for Plaintiff, and by Mr. Sullivan, for defence.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—Before Judge M'Clure, President, and Associates, Adams and Borgas.

Com vs. Thomas Sweeny; Information Surety of the Peace, on oath of Marian Williams. The Court ordered the defendant to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. William Connelly; Information Surety of the Peace, on oath of Isaac Broadwell. The charge not being sustained, the case was dismissed, at the cost of the prosecutor.

Commonwealth vs. Bridget Keogh; Information Surety of the Peace, on oath of Ann James. The Posecutrix was sentenced to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Sedgwick Wells; Information, Surety of the Peace, on oath of Joseph F. M'Intyre. Found guilty, and sentenced to pay costs.

A similar suit was entered by Taomas McQairk, in which the defendant was sentenced to pay the costs, and enter into bonds to keep the peace.

Commonwealth vs. Lewis Edwards; indictment, larceny, on oath of Peter Shouse. The offence consisted in stealing a pair of slippers. He plead guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of 6¼ cents, and undergo an imprisonment of three months in jail.

Commonwealth vs. John Thompson; indictment, assault and battery, on oath of a man named Stewart. The prisoner committed the offence by interfering in a quarrel, between the prosecutor, and a man named Wise. The defendant was found guilty, and sentenced to pay five dollars and costs.

Commonwealth vs. Jas. McQairk, indictment, assault and battery, on oath of S. Wells. On trial.

Catharine Pendergrass was sentenced to pay the costs in an assault and battery case, of which she was convicted last term. In default she was committed to jail.

FIRE.—A fire broke out among some oven wood in the back part of the dwelling of Mr. J. D McCord, on Penn street, below Pitt, yesterday, about noon, which threatened to prove serious, owing to the difficulty in reaching it with water. It was finally subdued without doing much damage.

Considerable excitement sprung up between the different fire companies, which resulted in the Allegheny engine men throwing their pipe up on the American company, drenching the latter completely, and forcing them to abandon their machine.

ANOTHER FIRE.—The alarm of fire about three o'clock yesterday afternoon was caused by the discovery of a blaze in Young's Furniture warerooms, Smithfield street, near Second. The flames were soon extinguished, without doing much damage.

In our paper of Monday, it was stated that a person named McClure, had been arrested, and held to bail for passing counterfeit money. On subsequent examination it was shown that he passed but a small amount of counterfeit money, and that he had not endeavored to pass any, and he was honorably discharged.

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SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the subscribers, at the Chief Engineer's office, in Kittanning, Armstrong county, Pa., until sunset of Tuesday, October 18th, for doing the grading and masonry of the Kittanning Branch, for a distance of 10 miles, and Kittanning Branch, for a distance of 10 miles, and the grubbing, masonry, and tunneling on all the heavy sections between the south line of Kittanning and the 25 mile between the south line of Kittanning and the 25 mile between the south line of Kittanning and the 25 mile